

Rock Springs

NARRATIVE

Confederate Major General Joseph Wheeler' Cavalry units attacked, captured and destroyed a wagon train of supplies and weapons at Rock Spring near La Vergne.

HISTORICAL THEMES

Guerilla Warfare

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Photo and report from Official Records

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

COUNTY:

Rutherford

DATE:

12/30/1862

GEO COORDINATES:

35.956164° N,
86.596064° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

LOW

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Maj. Gen. Joseph
Wheeler's Cavalry

UNION UNITS:

N/A



December 30, 1862 - Skirmish, Rock Spring No circumstantial reports filed. Excerpt from Wheeler's Report of January 29, 1863 on activities during the Stones River Campaign, relative to the skirmish at Rock Spring, December 30, 1862. ~ ~ ~ About noon we arrived in the vicinity of La Vergne and found it filled with soldiers and large trains parked in the fields surrounding the place. We immediately charged in three columns, completely surprising the guards, who made but slight resistance. We immediately paroled the prisoners, amounting to about 700, and destroyed immense trains and stores, amounting to many hundred thousands of dollars. We then proceeded to Rock Spring, attacked, captured, and destroyed another large train. We then marched on Nolensville without opposition, capturing large trains, stores, and arms, and about 300 prisoners. . . ~ ~ ~ OR, Ser. I, Vol. 20, pt. I, p. 959

LEGEND OF TERMS:

Historical themes: Topics and subject matter that characterize the battlefield including Control of Tennessee's Resources, Crucible for Leadership, Guerilla Warfare, Transformation in Warfare, Enslaved People, and Influence on Campaign. Sites are identified that exhibit themes at moderate to high levels, and some sites may contain one or more Historical Themes.

Preservation Opportunity Index (POI): A rating assigned for each battlefield to indicate relative opportunity and potential for successful site preservation. The Index is generated by a model that evaluates ratings assigned for site significance, condition, risk of loss, protection potential, and opportunities for interpretation. Based upon the POI values for each region in Tennessee (West, Middle, East), sites are indicated as having High, Medium, or Low opportunity.

Geo Coordinates: General/central location of the battlefield area per latitude and longitude coordinates utilized in Google Earth

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If you are interested in helping, please contact TCWPA at info@tcwpa.org.

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