

# Calhoun

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## **NARRATIVE**

On September 25, 1863 the First Brigade of Col. R.K. Byrd (Fourth Division, 23<sup>rd</sup> Corps) was attacked by Confederate forces at Calhoun, Tennessee. After a two-hour engagement Foster retreated to within 2 miles of Athens where he was joined by the First Kentucky Cavalry commanded by Col. Frank Wolford. Foster and Wolford attacked the Confederates the next day and later fell back to Philadelphia

## **COUNTY:**

McMinn

## **DATE:**

19/25-26/1863

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

35.2965° N,  
84.7480° W

## **HISTORICAL THEMES**

Controlling Resources, Guerilla Warfare, Influence on Campaign

## **PRESERVATION**

### **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

LOW

## **EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:**

Maps and reports from Official Records

## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

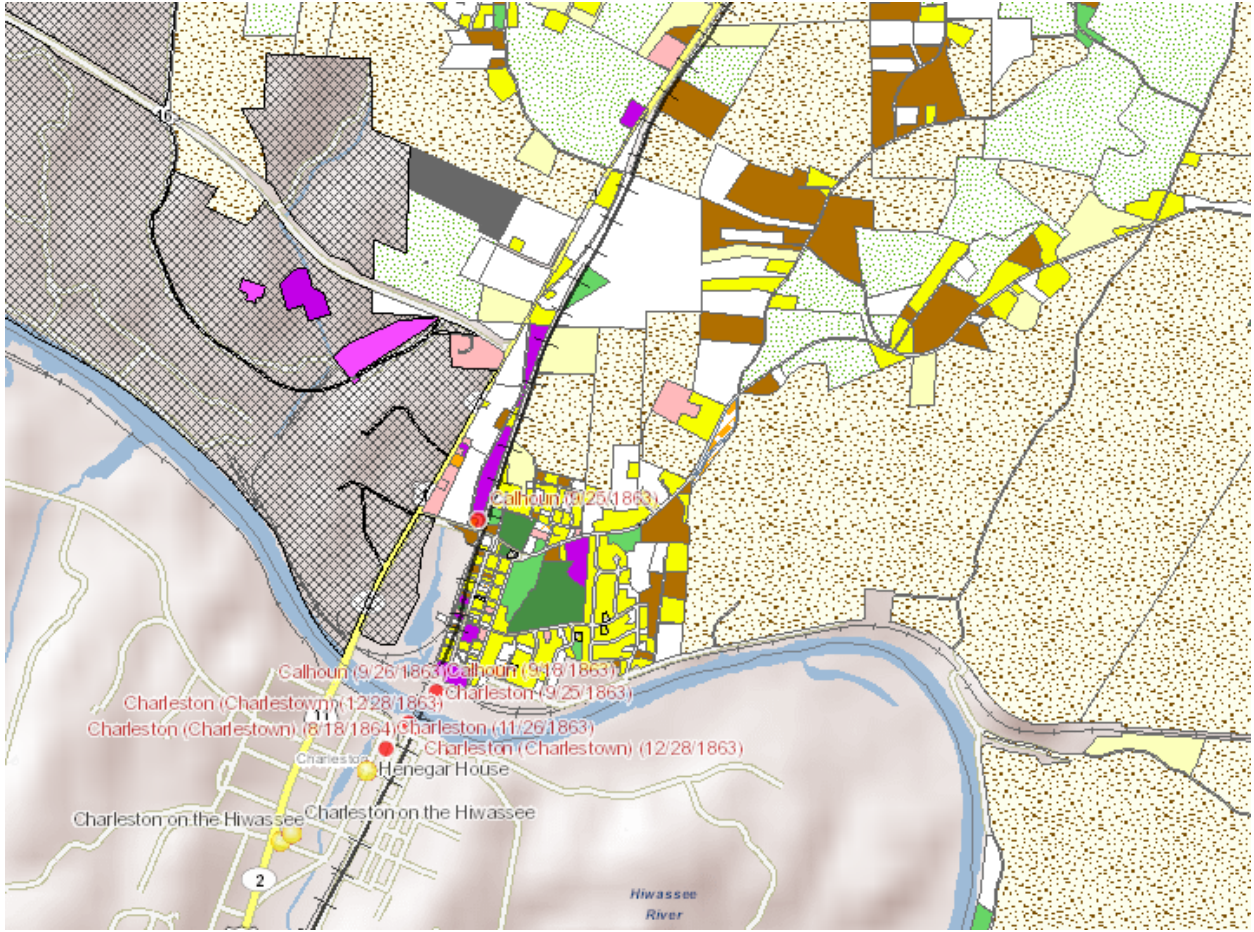
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## **LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

N/A

## **UNION UNITS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Fourth  
Division, 23<sup>rd</sup> Corps  
1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Cavalry





September 25, 1863 -  
Skirmish at Calhoun, Confederates retreat  
No circumstantial reports filed.  
Excerpt from Itinerary of the Twenty-third Army Corps, August  
1-September  
30, 1863.

September 25.- . . Byrd, at Calhoun, attacked by large force of the enemy.  
Fought two hours, and retired to within 2 miles of Athens; joined by Col.  
Wolford. The enemy shortly appeared, when we attacked him and drove him  
back. Fell back during the night to the conjunction of several roads at  
Philadelphia.

OR Ser. I, Vol. 30, pt. II, p. 579



## 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

## DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A BATTLE SITE?

Please email us at [info@tcwpa.org](mailto:info@tcwpa.org) and we will reach out to you soon. If you have copies of documents or photos to share, you can include those. If you want to discuss by phone, we will schedule that too.

## HELP US COLLECT INFORMATION TO PRESERVE THESE BATTLEFIELDS

TCWPA's Statewide Preservation Plan team captains are recruiting volunteers to help gather information about many of the lesser-known sites with hopes of verifying the condition of each site and identifying opportunities for preservation and interpretation.

If you are interested in helping, please contact TCWPA at [info@tcwpa.org](mailto:info@tcwpa.org).

TCWPA will not publish nor release any confidential information, or the name of the contributor, unless you request to be recognized.

Thank you!

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