

# Duvall's Ford

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## **NARRATIVE**

On September 30, 1864 a Union force including the 15<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Cavalry attacked a Confederate line along the Watauga River at Duvall's Ford. Later in the day, the 15<sup>th</sup> Kentucky fell back towards Carter's Station having lost 12 missing in action and 1 wounded.

## **HISTORICAL THEMES**

Guerilla Warfare

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

Maps and reports from Official Records

## **LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

N/A

## **COUNTY:**

Washington

## **DATE:**

9/30/1864

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

36.393439° N,  
82.352361° W

## **PRESERVATION**

### **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

LOW

## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

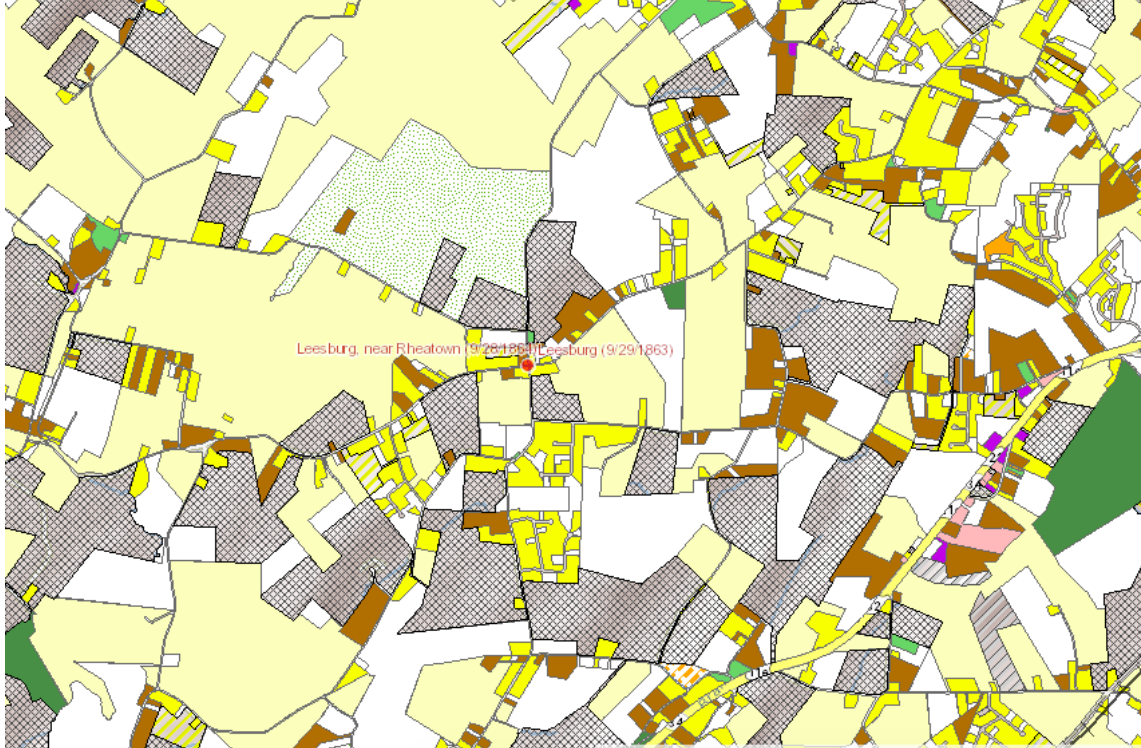
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## **UNION UNITS:**

N/A







SEPTEMBER 10-OCTOBER 13, 1864.-Operations in East Tennessee, including skirmishes (September 28) at Leesburg and (September 30) at Duvall's Ford.

Report of Maj. George F. Barnes, Sixteenth Kentucky Cavalry. Note 1 HDQRS. SIXTEENTH KENTUCKY CAVALRY VOLUNTEERS, Strawberry Plains, East Tenn., October 17, 1864.

GEN.: I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the operations of this battalion during its temporary attachment with the East Tennessee expedition, Brig. Gen. A. C. Gillem commanding:

My command left this place September 10, 1864, by order Gen. Tillson. Reported to Gen. Gillem September 11, 1864, at Bull's Gap, East Tenn., went into camps, remained at the gap doing picket duty and scouting to Greeneville and Rogersville until the morning of September 27, when the expedition moved toward the enemy's lines. On the 28th, our battalion being in the advance, found the enemy's scouts near Leesburg, charged upon them, severely wounding 1 and taking 5 prisoners. Arrived at Jonesborough on the 29th; went into camp for the night. On the morning of the 30th Gen. Gillem ordered my battalion to proceed to Duvall's Ford, on the Watauga River. Arrived at the ford at 11 a. m.; found the enemy strongly posted on the opposite shore; attacked them at once; remained at this ford until 1 p. m., when I received orders to move to Carter's Station, where the

main forces then were. Had proceeded but half a mile when I was suddenly attacked in the front and rear. I fell back, cutting our way through the enemy that was in our rear until I reached the Johnston Station road; formed my command in an open field; made a charge upon the advancing enemy and drove them back to where the attack commenced; there found the enemy too strong for me; I retired in good order to the rear of the command. Our casualties during this day's operations I have to report as 12 missing in action, 1 slightly wounded. Remained in line of battle at Carter's Station until the evening of the 3d of October, when I was ordered to Duvall's Ford as pickets. Left the ford at 8 a. m. 4th instant and joined the forces under Gen. Gillem, near Leesburg, same day. The whole command then moved rapidly toward Bull's Gap, where we arrived on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant. Left Bull's Gap on the 12th and arrived here on the 13th.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. F. BARNES, Maj., Cmdg. Sixteenth Kentucky Cavalry Volunteers.  
OR, Ser. I, Vol. 39, pt. I, p. 502.

Note 1: It is difficult to determine if there were two or three or four, etc., skirmishes. Not referenced in Dyer's Battle Index for Tennessee.

## 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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