

Huff's Ferry

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NARRATIVE

On November 14–15, 1863 Confederate forces of Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet crossed the Tennessee River at Huff's Ferry. The Union Army of the Ohio (Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside) skirmished with the Confederate advance until ultimately engaging them at Campbell's Station on the 16th.

HISTORICAL THEMES

Controlling Resources, Crucible for Leadership, Guerilla Warfare, Transformation in Warfare, Influence on Campaign

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Maps and reports from Official Records

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

COUNTY:

Loudon

DATE:

11/15/1863

GEO COORDINATES:

35.743764° N,
84.337089° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

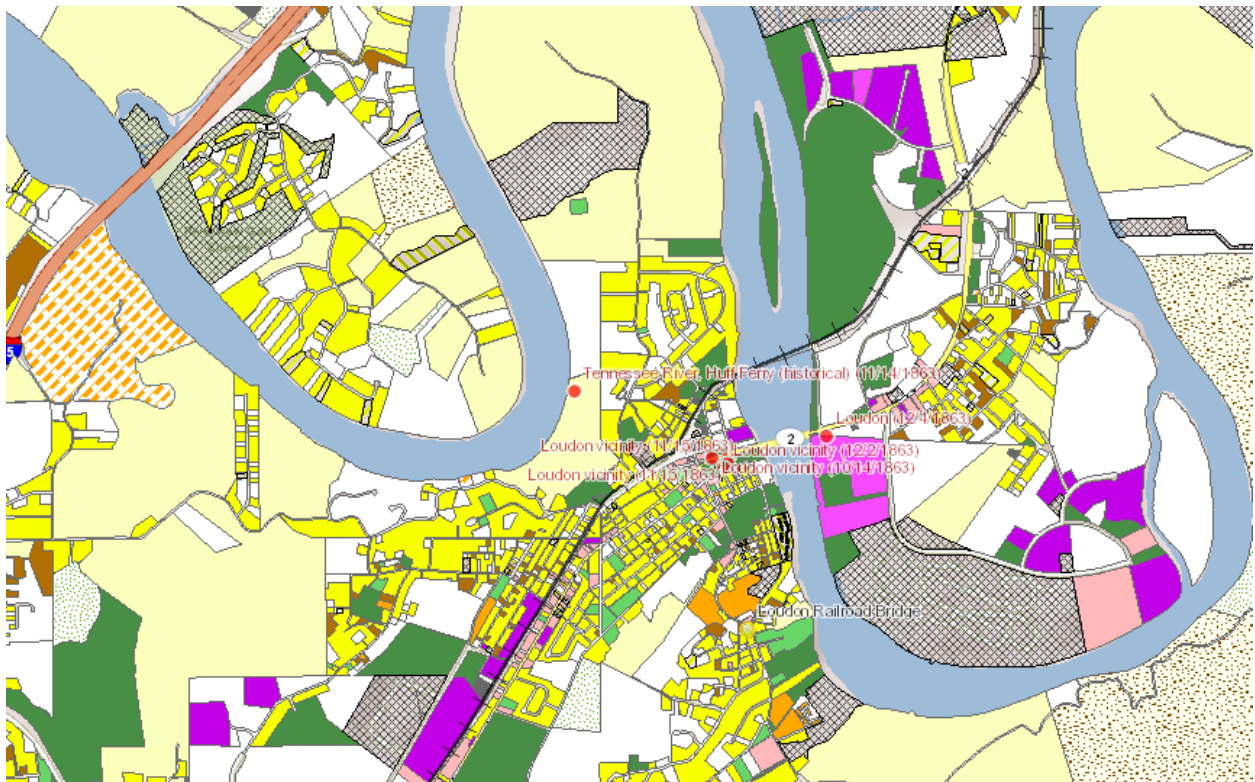
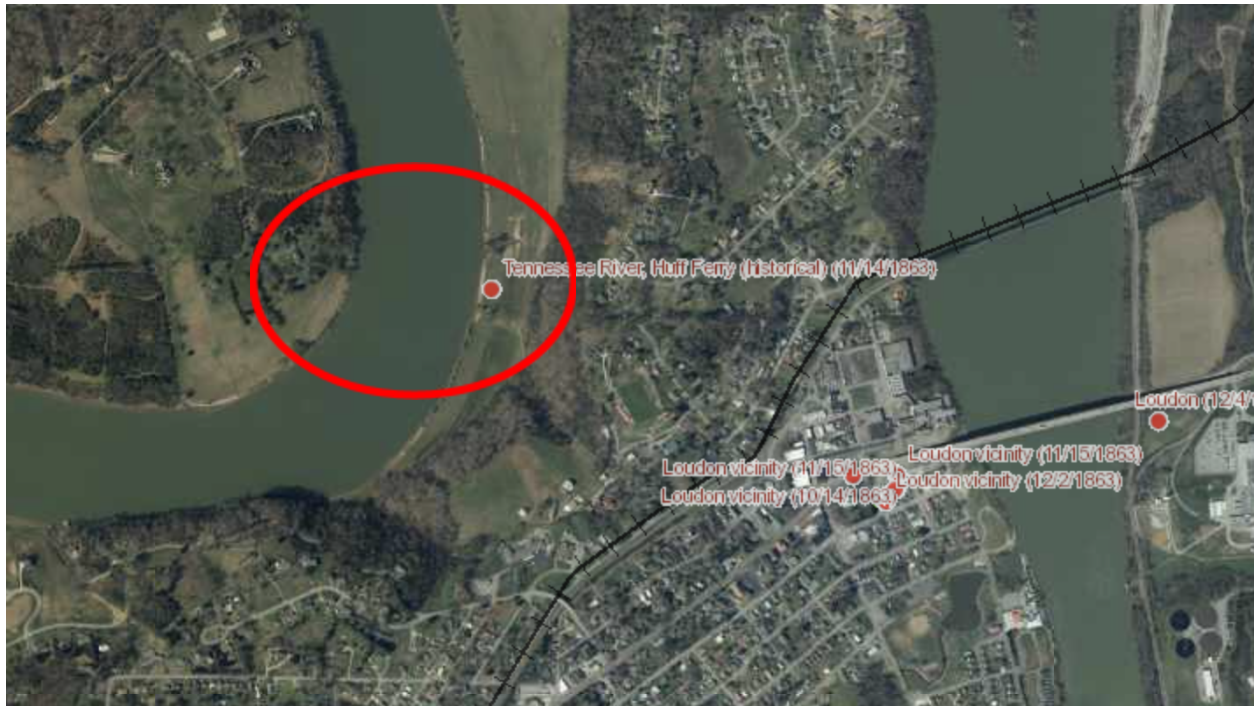
MEDIUM

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

First Corps detached
from Army of
Tennessee

UNION UNITS:

Department of the
Ohio



Report of Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, U. S. Army, commanding
 Department of the Ohio
 KNOXVILLE, TENN., November 17, 1863—1.30 a. m.

Longstreet crossed the Tennessee River on Saturday [14th], at Huff's Ferry, 6 miles below Loudon, with about 15,000 men. We have resisted his advance steadily, repulsing every attack, holding on till our position was turned by superior numbers, and then retiring in good order.

He attacked us yesterday about 11 o'clock at Campbell's Station, and heavy fighting has been going on all day, in which we have held our own and inflicted serious loss on the enemy. No fighting since dark. We commenced retiring, and the most of the command is now within the lines of Knoxville. At the same time that Longstreet crossed the riverNote 2 a heavy cavalry force crossed the Little Tennessee, and advanced on this place by way of Maryville. Our cavalry force at Rockford was slowly pressed back by superior numbers, and at sundown Sunday [15th] night had fallen back to the infantry support on the first ridge from the river. They did not attack yesterday morning, but in the course of the day disappeared from our front. I shall make every exertion to hold this place, and trust we shall be able to do so. The men are in good spirits and are behaving splendidly.

A. E. BURNSIDE, Maj.-Gen.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

OR, Ser. I, Vol. 31, pt. I, p. 268.

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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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.

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Thank you!



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