

# Panther Springs

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## **NARRATIVE**

On March 5, 1864 the Third East Tennessee Infantry (Union) was attacked by Confederate cavalry while on reconnaissance to Panther Springs. The Third lost 3 killed, 1 wounded and 20 taken prisoner.

## **HISTORICAL THEMES**

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

Maps and reports from Official Records

## **LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

N/A

## **COUNTY:**

Hamblen

## **DATE:**

3/5/1864

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

36.1873° N,  
83.3813° W

## **PRESERVATION**

### **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

LOW

## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

N/A

## **UNION UNITS:**

3<sup>rd</sup> East Tennessee  
Volunteer Infantry



REPORTS.

No. 1.-Brig. Gen. Jacob D. Cox, U. S. Army.

No. 2.-Col. William Cross, Third Tennessee Infantry.

No. 1.

Report of Brig. Gen. Jacob D. Cox, U. S. Army.

NEW MARKET, TENN., March 6, 1864.

GEN.:

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In the skirmish yesterday the rebels lost 9 killed, including a major. We lost 3 killed, 1 badly wounded, and nearly 20 prisoners. We have 2 rebel prisoners. No further news from the front.

J. D. COX, Brig.-Gen.

No. 2.

Report of Col. William Cross, Third Tennessee Infantry.

HDQRS. THIRD Regiment, EAST TENN. VOL. INFANTRY, Mossy Creek, Tenn., March 25, 1864.

SIR: In obedience to the requirements of existing orders, I herewith report that on the 5th day of March, 1864, Capt. John H. Cross, of Company C, and his

command of Second Lieut. L. B. Gamble, Company G; First Lieut. Jasper P. Buckellew, Company K, and First Lieut. Edward C. Roberts, Company H, and 100 enlisted men of Companies C, G, H, and K, while on a reconnoissance to Panther Springs, Tenn., were attacked by a cavalry force of the enemy, greatly superior in numbers, and had a sharp engagement for three or four hours, finally repulsing the enemy, killing and wounding several. . .

All which is respectfully submitted.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. CROSS, Col., Cmdg. Third Regiment, East Tenn. Vol. Infantry.

OR, Ser. I, Vol. 32, pt. I, pp. 490-491.

HDQRS. NINTH ARMY CORPS, Mossy Creek, March 5, 1864—5.45 p. m.

Brig. Gen. J. D. COX, Acting Chief of Staff, &c.:

GEN.: A force of the enemy's cavalry appeared in our front this evening, following a detachment of the Twenty-third Corps of about 90 men from Panther Springs. The captain of this detachment has come in, and his report will doubtless be sent you from the headquarters of Twenty-third Corps. They fired on our pickets. Two regiments were sent out to support the line. Gen. Ferrerro has just come in and reports seeing about 400 or 500 of the enemy, and that on pressing them they retired. We have 1 prisoner who says that he belongs to Giltner's brigade. No infantry with them; that Longstreet is at Bull's Gap, or from Bull's Gap to Greeneville. We have 1 man wounded slightly.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. G. PARKE, Maj.-Gen.

OR, Ser. I, Vol. 32, pt. III, p. 21

## 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).

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Thank you!

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