TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

# Chattanooga- Second Battle

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#### **NARRATIVE**

As part of the Chickamauga Campaign, Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans (Army of the Cumberland) ordered a brigade to shell Chattanooga from the western side of the Tennessee River and skirmish with the main Confederate force in the city to divert attention away from the flanking column sent southwest of the city. Other Union units were deployed along the river to the east. The diversion was successful, with Gen. Braxton Bragg (Army of Tennessee) concentrating his army east of Chattanooga. After concluding that his position was untenable, Bragg abandoned the city on September 6 and retreated into northern Georgia. (Cozzens, Peter. *This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga*. Urbanna, Illinois: University of Illinois Press, 1992)

#### **HISTORICAL THEMES**

This engagement is one of 38 sites evaluated by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and not subject to a TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

**COUNTY:** Hamilton

DATE:

8/21/1863

**GEO COORDINATES:** 

35.0458° N, 85.3094° W

PRESERVATION
OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

**CONFEDERATE UNITS:** 

**UNION UNITS:** 

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

#### LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

http://npshistory.com/publications/battlefield/cwsac/updates/tn.pdf

#### **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 <a href="mailto:info@tcwpa.org">info@tcwpa.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:info@tcwpa.org">info@tcwpa.org</a>.

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

Thank you!

