

# Dandridge

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## **NARRATIVE**

Federal troops, commanded by Maj. Gen. John Parke, moved toward Dandridge on January 14. Confederate Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet ordered two divisions of infantry to head toward Dandridge and his remaining two divisions to march along the railroad toward Mossy Creek in case the Federal movement towards Dandridge was a feint. Longstreet ordered his cavalry, commanded by William Martin, to also head for Dandridge. Federal cavalry, commanded by Brig. Gen. Samuel Sturgis (Army of the Ohio), reached Dandridge on January 15 before Martin's cavalry arrived. Sturgis planned to ambush Martin the next day and destroy his force with a double envelopment, but this planned failed. In the morning, Longstreet delayed his attack until noon because he did not have an accurate information about Federal strength. When the Confederates finally attacked, the Union divisions put up a strong defense but were ultimately forced to retreat. The Federal army retreated in good order; Longstreet's troops, many without shoes, could not effectively pursue in the frigid winter weather. Confederate casualties totaled about 150 men, Union losses about 100.

## **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

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

## **LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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

**COUNTY:** Jefferson

**DATE:**  
1/17/1864

**GEO COORDINATES:**  
36.0154° N,  
83.4149° W

**PRESERVATION  
OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

**CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

**UNION UNITS:**

## 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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