

# Hartsville

## **NARRATIVE**

On December 7, 1862 Confederate cavalry commanded by Col. John Hunt Morgan conducted a surprise attack on the Union garrison at Hartsville and captured the entire brigade of Col. Absalom Moore. Before Union reinforcements could arrive, Morgan withdrew across the Cumberland River with 1844 prisoners including Col. Moore, captured wagons and supplies. Union casualties included 1844 prisoners. Following the battle, Morgan was subsequently commissioned the rank of brigadier general.

## **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:**

Trousdale

**DATE:** 12/7/1862

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

36.378419° N,  
86.172914° W

## **PRESERVATION**

## **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

Morgan's  
Cavalry-Col. John  
Hunt Morgan

## **UNION UNITS:**

39<sup>th</sup> Brigade-XIV Corps  
(Col. Absalom  
Moore)----  
106<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry  
108<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry  
104<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry  
2<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Cavalry

## 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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