

Murfreesboro First Battle

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NARRATIVE

On July 13, 1862 Confederate cavalry of Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest conducted a surprise attack on the Union garrison at Murfreesboro commanded by Brig. Gen. Thomas Crittenden. After surprising the Union pickets on the Woodbury Pike, Forrest overran the Federal hospital, troops at the jail and courthouse as well as the camp of a detachment from the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry. By late afternoon all of the Union units had surrendered. Forrest's raid had the effect of diverting Union forces from an advance on Chattanooga.

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>

[Forrest's Raid, The First Battle Of Murfreesboro 1862 | American Civil War Forum](#)

COUNTY:

Rutherford

DATE:

7/13/1862

GEO COORDINATES:

35.8456° N,
86.3903° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Forrest's Cavalry
Brigade

UNION UNITS:

Murfreesboro
garrison- Brig. Gen.
Thomas Crittenden
9th Pennsylvania
Cavalry
9th Michigan Infantry
3rd Minnesota
Infantry

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 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.

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Thank you!



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