

Stones River

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NARRATIVE

In the last days of December, 1862 the Union Army of the Cumberland (Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans) advanced south from Nashville to engage the Confederate Army of Tennessee (Gen. Braxton Bragg) at Murfreesboro. On December 31 a successful attack by Confederate forces drove back the Union right flank threatening to cut off Rosecrans' line of supply and retreat to Nashville. Expecting the Federal army to withdraw, Bragg did not renew his attack until January 2, 1863 giving Rosecrans time to reconfigure and strengthen his lines. The Confederate attack was repulsed and followed by a Union counter attack that forced the Army of Tennessee to ultimately withdraw to Tullahoma.

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:

Davidson

DATE:

12/31/1862-01/02/1863

GEO COORDINATES:

35.8748° N
86.4339° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Army of Tennessee
(Gen. Braxton Bragg)

UNION UNITS:

Army of the
Cumberland (Maj.
Gen. William
Rosecrans)

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.

If you are interested in helping, please contact TCWPA at 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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