

Union Station

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NARRATIVE

On November 1, 1864 a patrol of the 10th Missouri Cavalry Regiment (Union) was dispatched from Memphis to scout for enemy forces in the area of the Union Station depot. After driving 3 Confederate scouts through Union Station, a detachment was left behind to guard the depot while the remainder of the patrol proceeded toward Somerville. About 11:30 a "band or company of Confederates attacked the depot capturing the detached Union forces and taking 23 prisoners, arms, equipment and horses. The Confederates escaped before the returning Union patrol could engage them.

HISTORICAL THEMES

Controlling Resources

EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

Maps and article

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

N/A

COUNTY:

Shelby

DATE:

11/1/1864

GEO COORDINATES:

35.221533° N,
89.908250° W

PRESERVATION

OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

LOW

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

UNION UNITS:

10th Missouri Cavalry
3rd Iowa Cavalry



Site of Union Station skirmish



Union Depot
by Jimmy Ogle



On the 1857 map of Shelby County, Union Depot appears about seven miles northeast of Raleigh on the Memphis & Ohio Railroad line, at the intersection of Stage Road. The Memphis & Ohio Railroad (M&O, also known as the Memphis, Clarksville & Louisville railroad – MC&L) was chartered in 1852 and opened in 1859. The M&O extended through Arlington, Brownsville, Humboldt, and Milan in West Tennessee up through north middle Tennessee (Clarksville) all the way to Louisville (Kentucky), and eventually Cincinnati (Ohio). Its line was heavily damaged during the Civil War, and in 1865, the MC&L went into receivership and was bought by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company (L&N).

The named Union Depot is derived from the “Union occupation” during the Civil War to protect its interests in keeping troop and supply movement lines open from the north to the steamboat port of Memphis. The Union had taken occupation of the Memphis on June 6, 1862, because its importance as a rail and river center, and eventually a hospital center for wounded soldiers. Memphis became instrumental in Gen. Sherman’s “March To The Sea” and Gen. Grant’s planning of the Battle of Vicksburg.

[Rural Heritage Trust - Union Depot](#)

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

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HELP US COLLECT INFORMATION TO PRESERVE THESE BATTLEFIELDS

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