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## *License Plate Finds Battlefield in Plain View Battle of Vaught's Hill (Milton)*



*This battlefield preservation supporter visited the largely intact battlefield of the **Battle of Vaught's Hill/Milton**. The agricultural fields in the distance, along TN Highway 96, were the setting for the March 20, 1863 battle near Milton, TN.*

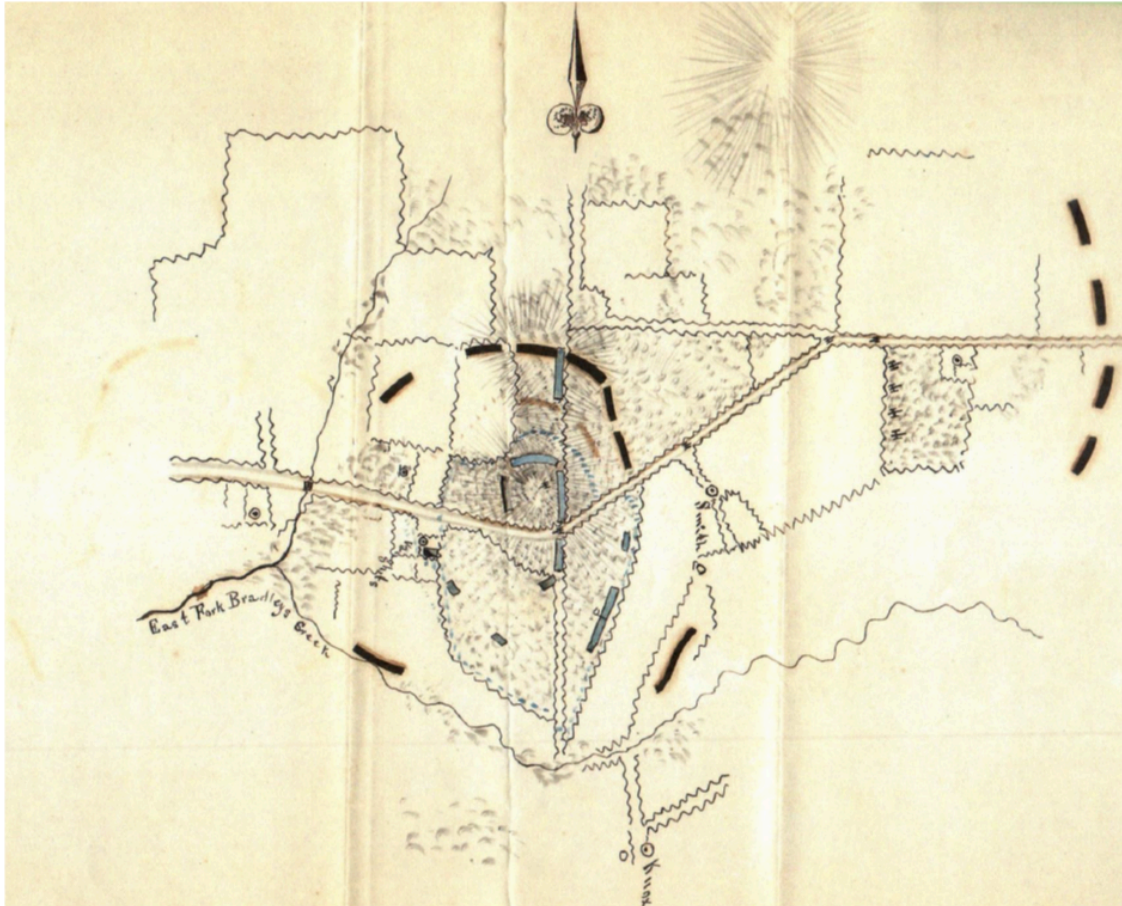


*Less than a half mile west along highway 96, an historical marker describes the battle and marks the site, Vaught's Hill, where the final hours of the battle were fought. After obtaining landowner permission, Three-Star tour participants ascended "Vaught's Hill" during a tour several years ago.*

## ***The Battle***

Following the Battle of Stones River, The Union and Confederate armies settled into a game of cat and mouse probing each other's lines for a sign of weakness. On March 18, 1863, a Union brigade, under Col. Albert S. Hall left Murfreesboro headed east/northeast. They encountered Gen. John Hunt Morgan's cavalry and fell back towards the small town of Milton, Tennessee. On March 20th, Hall's men took up positions on Vaught's Hill. Morgan's dismounted troopers struck at both Union flanks and encircled Hall's hilltop position. Hall's men held their ground against repeated attacks until Morgan broke off the fight upon learning that Union reinforcements were enroute from Murfreesboro.

The Battle of Vaught's Hill/Milton coupled with other engagements in this sector led Gen. William S. Rosecrans to choose the Confederate right flank as his target for the upcoming **Tullahoma Campaign**.



Sgt. J.A. Campbell's map (105th Ohio Infantry) depicts the core battlefield, with Vaught's Hill in the center. Today's highway 96 closely follows the original road; the surrounding agricultural fields are much as they are today. The privately owned battlefield is owned today by direct descendants of the 1863 landowners.

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