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License Plate Follows Tennesseans to Kentucky

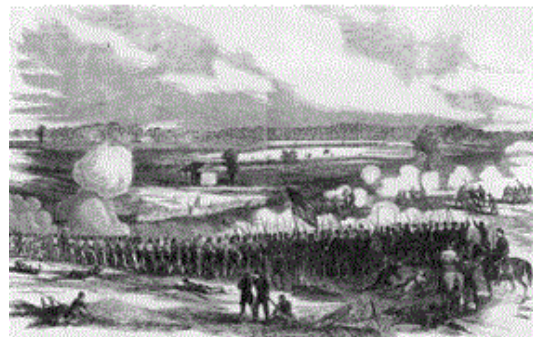


*Traveling in Kentucky, this battlefield preservation supporter visited the “high water mark” of the Confederacy in the West, the **Battle of Perryville**. This battle was the northernmost major battle in the western theater of the Civil War. Nearly 6,500 Tennesseans fought in the October 8th, 1862 battle, suffering 23% casualties in what was the largest battle fought in Kentucky and one of the bloodiest of the Civil War.*

“I was in every battle, skirmish and march that was made by the First Tennessee Regiment during the war, and I do not remember of a harder contest and more evenly fought battle than that of Perryville.”
Sam R. Watkins, Co. H, 1st Tennessee Infantry.

Braxton Bragg’s Confederate Army of Mississippi which included four brigades of almost all Tennesseans and General Don Carlos Buell’s Army of Ohio both left Tennessee in the summer of 1862 marching north to Louisville during a drought so severe men were both dehydrated and sick from

Today nearly half of the more than 2200-acre core battlefield is part of the Perryville State Historic Site. Preservation efforts began in the 1950s and by the 1990s it had grown to 98 acres. It was during this time that renewed efforts including public/private partnerships, federal funding, and private donations helped preserve this major Civil War battlefield.



Harper’s Weekly depiction of the October 8, 1862 battle. Today this site is preserved as part of the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. Photo by Joseph E. Brent.

drinking tainted water. These forces met near the small town of Perryville, Kentucky. In the ensuing **Battle of Perryville**, more than 36,000 soldiers fought in the most decisive battle in the state. Despite winning a tactical victory at Perryville, the Confederates were pushed back to Tennessee and abandoned their 1862 Heartland Campaign. The Union controlled the critical border state of Kentucky for the remainder of the War.

For more information about Perryville Battlefield, visit www.Perryvillebattlefield.org.

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