



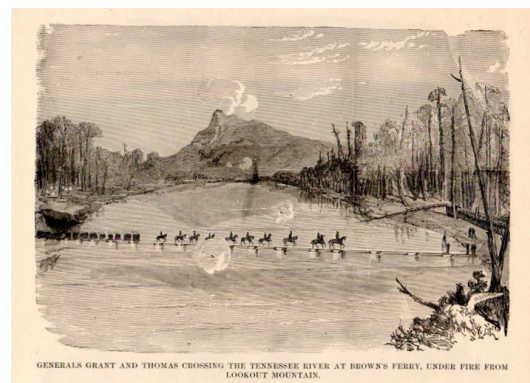
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License Plate Goes "Hands On" for Preservation at Brown's Ferry



This battlefield preservation supporter parked his vehicle at the Brown's Ferry site near Chattanooga. He joined the Civil War Trust and several local preservationists in volunteering many hours to help reclaim the recently acquired Civil War Trust's 11.2 acres. During the past few months, a brick home, trailers, sheds, and a large amount of trash have disappeared from the historic landing at Brown's Ferry.

In the pre-dawn hours of October 27, 1863, 1500 Union soldiers boarded pontoon boats at Chattanooga's waterfront and floated quietly down the river. Passing the heel of Moccasin Bend and Confederate pickets along the river bank, they landed at the site of Brown's old Ferry. Overwhelming the small Confederate picket post, they built breastworks and began to ferry troops across the river. After a brief successful counterattack by a nearby Confederate regiment, Union troops, which now numbered more than 5000, repulsed the Rebel forces who retreated to Lookout Mountain.



By daylight a pontoon bridge was operational and the "cracker line" was open. The resulting reinforcements, rations, supplies, and equipment that flowed to the besieged Union Army in Chattanooga guaranteed their ultimate victory in November. With the capture of Brown's Ferry, the pendulum had swung to the side of the Union.



The site was ready for the June national Civil War Trust Conference in Chattanooga when participants landed at Brown's Ferry, now looking much as it did in 1863.



TCWPA President Anthony Hodges, State Rep. Steve McDaniel, TCWPA Executive Director Mary Ann Peckham, and NPS historian Jim Ogden joined participants from across the United States in this first known large boat landing at Brown's Ferry since the Civil War.

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