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## *License Plate on Tour*

### *The Battle of Mossy Creek in Jefferson City*



*This Battlefield preservation supporter parked across the historic Morristown Road from where Capt. Eli Lilly's 18<sup>th</sup> Indiana Artillery held the Union line, saving the Union from Confederate defeat at the **Battle of Mossy Creek**. After the War, Eli Lilly went on to form the Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Corporation.*



*Participants at a recent "Three Star Tour" explored the Mossy Creek battlefield. While much of the battlefield is privately owned, a*

In December, 1863, more than 6000 Federals advanced in an east Tennessee campaign to pressure Lt. Gen'l. James Longstreet's Confederate Army after its loss at Knoxville. A report that the Confederate cavalry was in the Dandridge area prompted Union Gen'l. Samuel D. Sturgis to order his troops to engage the Confederates under the command of Major Gen'l. William T. Martin.

Thinking Martin had split his troops, Sturgis sent his troops along two roads to Dandridge. Martin, reunited his troops, advanced, and drove the Federals back along the Chucky Bend road at Mossy Creek. Only after Sturgis called for his remaining troops in Dandridge were the Confederates pushed back to their original position. Martin retreated from the area and both Union and Confederate lines held, buying time for both armies to resupply for the spring campaigns.



*Core battle action occurred near this section of Mossy Creek. Remnants of the historic Dandridge Road bridge site are visible in center of photo.*

*small section of core battlefield is protected.  
For more information about efforts to preserve  
additional core battlefield land contact the  
Lakeway Civil War Preservation Association.*

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