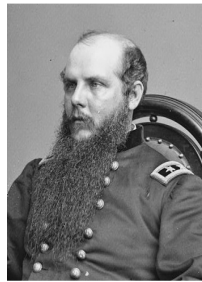


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The Battle of Spring Hill

Spring Hill was the prelude to the Battle of Franklin. On the morning of 29 November 1864, Confederate General John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee marched from Columbia toward Spring Hill to isolate major portions of Union forces from each other, hoping to defeat each in turn before they could unite and overwhelm him. Union Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas's Army of the Cumberland was north of Spring Hill in Nashville. Maj. Gen. John Schofield's Army of the Ohio was south in Columbia



Hood sent the corps of Lt. Gen. John Schofield, Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham and Lt. Gen. Alexander Stewart on a flanking march north. Cavalry skirmishing between Brig. Gen. James H. Wilson's Union cavalry and Maj. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's Confederate troopers continued throughout the day as the Confederates advanced. Wilson did warn Schofield of Hood's advance and the Union trains—800 wagons—were sent north in the direction of Franklin.

While Hood's infantry crossed the Duck River and converged on Spring Hill, Schofield sent troops to hold the crossroads there: Maj. Gen. David S. Stanley, commander of the IV Corps, with two divisions under Maj. Gen. George D. Wagner and Maj. Gen. Nathan Kimball. Starting at 4 p.m., close to sunset, the Federals repulsed infantry attacks launched by Cheatham's corps.

By nightfall, the Confederates had finally positioned their corps where they could attack and severely damage Schofield's force, but they erred by allowing the Union army to

maintain possession of the road and keep a route open for withdrawal. Believing the battle largely finished, Hood left command of the field to his most capable commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne (the "Stonewall of the West"), after sending the order to attack Schofield. However, due to a communications failure of unknown cause, Cleburne never received the message, and never attacked. When Stewart arrived, his corps merely went into bivouac next to Cheatham and the soldiers of both corps cooked their supper and went to bed.

The result of miscommunication and simply bad military management was that during the night, all of Schofield's command, including Cox, passed from Columbia through Spring Hill while the Confederate commanders slept. The passage of the army did not go unnoticed, but



no effort was made to block the pike. By 6 a.m. on 30 Nov., all of Schofield's army was well north of Spring Hill and its vanguard had reached Franklin where it began to build breastworks. In the morning Hood discovered Schofield's escape, and after an angry conference with his subordinate commanders in which he blamed all but himself for the failure, ordered his army to resume its pursuit, setting up the Battle of Franklin that afternoon.

From Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Spring_Hill

Remember!
Fort Donelson Camp # 62 Meeting
18 October 2008, at Murfreesboro

CAMP COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

For the success of the Brownlow/Grummond Dedication Ceremony, I wish to thank each FDC62 member who took part, Rick Warwick for information about the two Union officers, Mindy Tate for the *Williamson Herald* article, the guests from the community, and the FDC62 brothers and their families who attended. The rain became a test of endurance.

The next FDC62 meeting will be held at the City Café, Murfreesboro, 18 October. Brother David DuBrucq has arranged for the meeting and the opportunity to attend a demonstration and a Ranger tour at Fortress Rosecrans, Stones River National Battlefield Park.

After the third time that Brother DuBrucq stated it, I finally see that each FDC62 brother needs to join the SVR to support our SVR honor guard brothers in Blue. Brother DuBrucq has just received the sixth SVR recruit and plans the organizational meeting for 18 Oct.

The FDC62 web site, with Brother George A. Huttick as webmaster, contains excellent information about the Camp, members, activities, etc., but it needs additional info on the Camp's early history. If you have information on earlier activities of the Camp, please send it to Brother Huttick (GAHuttick@aol.com). The web site also has been the apparent source of at least one inquiry about joining the Camp.

Brother Huttick, the Camp Graves Registry Officer, has received few applications from Camp members to register ancestors in the SUVCW Graves Registry. It is our goal to have a CW ancestor of every FDC62 brother honored by having his CW record and grave site published in this Registry. If you have not yet done so, please submit your ancestor's info.

We had hoped that the 7-8 Dec. Civil War Show would provide both PR and recruiting. However, the Camp must pay full table rental, so, since the cost far exceeds the treasury, we must give up that opportunity.

If an FDC62 member wishes to have a replacement Member Certificate, please send me your initiation date and ancestor info. You may pick it up at the Murfreesboro meeting.

I wish for each of you a pleasant Fall and hope to see you at Murfreesboro.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Sam C. Gant

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

James William "Bill" Heard
6625 Spring Creek Rd.
Cookeville, TN 38506

Ancestor: G-G-Grandfather,
James Henry McCulley, Sgt.,
Co. K, 13th TN Cav, US



William Dale Winders
3911 Dodson Chapel Rd.
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Ancestor: G-G-Grandfather,
James K. Polk Heflin, Cpl.,
Co. D, 9th KY Inf, US

**Fort Donelson Camp # 62 Meeting,
Saturday, 12:00 n., at the City Café,
133 E. Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN**

12:00 noon – Luncheon Meeting

Welcome, Prayer, Introductions
Presentation of new members
SVR organizational meeting,
FDC62 business meeting

1:15 – Adjourn to Fortress Rosecrans for Stones River Battlefield Park programs:

1:30 & 3:00 - *Fighting For Their Freedom:*
Watch the 13th U.S.C.T. drill as one of them describes his remarkable transformation from owned property to a United States soldier.

1:30 & 3:00 – *Rising from the Ashes: The Cemetery Community* – Walk with a ranger through a once-thriving Black community and learn about men and women who founded it.

Caps & badges okay - uniforms discouraged.

Information on entire day's program available:
www.nps.gov/stri/planyourvisit/legacycurrent.htm



***FDC62 Brothers
Join the SVR!***

**Wear the Blue or support our
brothers who will form the
FDC62 Honor Guard**

Contact: David DuBrucq
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SUVCW NATIONAL GRAVE REGISTRATION



Sgt. James Henry McCulley

Great-Great-Grandfather
of Bill Heard

James H. McCulley, b: 1829,
d: 11 Nov. 1881, 1st Sgt, Co. K, 13th
TN Cav. US; Enlisted: 19 August
1863; Discharged: 16 Sept. 1865.
Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery,
Cookeville, TN.

Civil War Service

During the War, Sgt. McCulley saw action at Cumberland Gap; Greeneville, TN; when Morgan was killed; Bulls Gap, TN; Rheatown, TN; Jonesborough, TN; and Carters Station. He was engaged at Elbertson and Washington, GA, when Confederate president Jefferson Davis was captured. The regiment was mustered out 5 Sept. 1865 at Sweetwater, TN.

Sgt. William Hurst

Great-Grandfather of Jim Hurst

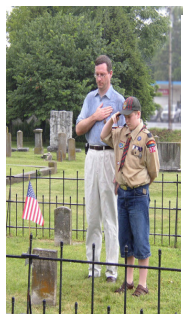
William Hurst, b: 1841, d. 10 March 1919.
Quarter-Master Sgt., Co. E, 11th OH Cav.
Enlisted: 23 June 1863; Discharged: 14 July
1866. Buried: Taylor-Martin Cem., El Dara, IL.

11th OH Cav – Rocky Mountain Cavalry

The 2nd Battalion was organized at Camp Dennison and Camp Chase, Ohio, 26 June to 31 July 1863, assigned and designation changed to 11th Regiment Cavalry, The Battalion served in the pursuit of John Hunt Morgan in Ohio, and then joined the 1st at Fort Laramie. It was the only Ohio unit in the Territories and had 1,000 miles of country to picket covering Nebraska, Dakota, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. It engaged the Snakes, Sioux, Cheyennes and other tribes. The regiment mustered out 14 July 1866.

Dedication Ceremony

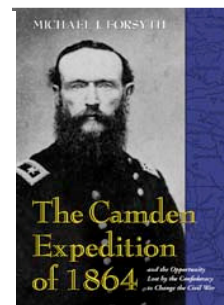
Members of FDC62 and guests took part in a Dedication Ceremony on 21 June at Rest Haven Cem., Franklin, TN. The ceremony honored Brig. Gen. James P. Brownlow and Lt. Col. Geo. Grummond by placing G.A.R. flag holders and American flags on their graves



George A. and
George M. Huttick

Civil War Books by Michael Forsyth

Col. Forsyth, a charter member of FDC62, is the author of two books on the Civil War: *The Camden Expedition of 1864* and *The Red River Campaign of 1864*. In *The Camden Expedition*, Forsyth contends that the Confederacy had a great



opportunity to turn the Civil War in its favor in 1864, but squandered this chance. In *The Red River Campaign*, he sees that the South had—and lost—an excellent opportunity to inflict a decisive defeat that might have changed the course of history.

COME ONE! COME ALL! Our Country Needs Us!

Union Reenactors

**for the 144th Anniversary, Battle of Franklin
Contact David Dubrucq Ph: 615-896-6388**

144th Anniversary Battle of Franklin

On 30 November 1864, at Franklin, Tennessee, the Confederate forces of Gen. John Bell Hood clashed with the entrenched Union army of Gen. John Schofield resulting in the bloodiest five hours of the Civil War.

The 144th anniversary of this horrendous battle will be commemorated on Sunday, 30 November 2008, with a 4 p.m., 2-mile march from Winstead Hill, the staging point for the Confederate army, to the Carter Cotton Gin site where the most intense fighting took place.

Union reenactors and Confederate reenactors will march together from Winstead Hill to a short distance from the Carter House where the two armies will spilt with the Union army entering the event site from one direction and the Confederate army arriving from another. A band will be marching with the reenactors into the event site. There they will play Civil War-period music from both the North and the South, then music for America re-united. A brief ceremony will commemorate the unified country.



**Check out the
FDC62 Web Site
tnsuvcw.org**

CIVIL WAR ACTION

5 Oct 1862 — Fighting at Fort Riley, Nashville
7 Oct 1862 — Federals rout CS near LaVergne
8 Oct 1863 — Battle of Farmington, TN
25 Oct 1862 — Grant takes command Dept of TN
4 Nov 1864 — Forrest destroys US gunboats at Johnsonville
23 Nov 1863 — Battle of Lookout Mountain
25 Nov 1863 — Battle of Missionary Ridge
29 Nov 1864 — Battle of Spring Hill
30 Nov 1864 — Battle of Franklin
5 Dec 1864 — Forrest attacks and occupies Murfreesboro for 3 days
7 Dec 1864 — "Battle of the Cedars," Murfreesboro
12 Dec 1862 — Federal attack in Franklin
15 Dec 1864 — Battle of Nashville begins
16 Dec 1864 — CS lines break and begin Retreat
17-25 1864 — Hood's Retreat to Tenn. River
30 Dec 1860 — SC troops seize Federal arsenal at Charleston, SC
31 Dec 1862– 2 Jan 1863 — Battle of Stones River

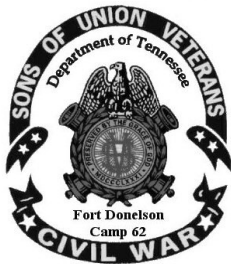
Upcoming Events: Fort Donelson Camp # 62

General Meeting, Stones River Battlefield Park, 18 October 2008 –
SUVCW Department of Tennessee Annual Encampment, Spring Hill, TN, 31 January 2009
FlagDay Ceremony – Honoring 5th TN Vol Cav US (Tentative) W'mson County, TN, 13 June 2009

For Upcoming Battlefield Events, contact :

Fort Donelson National Battlefield (931-232-5706)
www.nps.gov/fodo
Stones River National Battlefield (615-893-950)
www.nps.gov/stri
Shiloh National Military Park (731-689-5696)
www.nps.gov/shil
Parkers Crossroads Battlefield (731-986-5572)
www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/tn011.htm
Carter House Franklin, TN: (615-791-1861)
www.carter-house.org
Carnton Plantation, Franklin, TN (615-794-0903)
www.carnton.org

Battle of Franklin 144th Anniversary Event,
Columbia Ave., Franklin, TN, 4 p.m., 30 Nov. 2008



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