

Kilpatrick's Raid Nash Farm Battlefield



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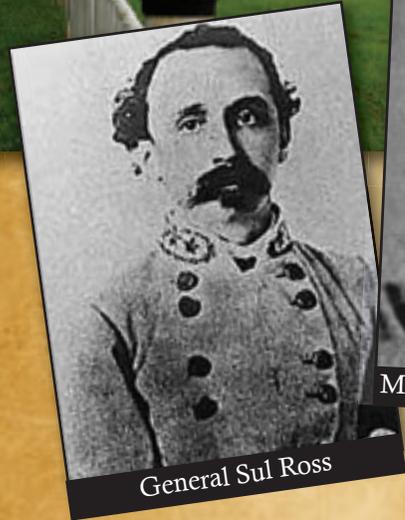
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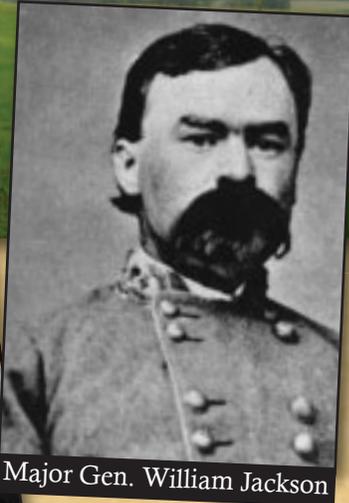
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These Lush, Rolling Hills of Nash Farm Played Host to the Largest Cavalry Saber Charge in the Atlanta Campaign...



General Sul Ross



Major Gen. William Jackson

General Daniel Reynolds Arkansas infantry brigade and Major General William H. "Red" Jackson's cavalry division caught up to General Kilpatrick at Lovejoy's Station as he was tearing up the railroad tracks. Finding himself precariously sandwiched by Confederate infantry in front and

Confederate cavalry on his flanks, his only route of escape was to retreat on the McDonough Road towards McDonough. But first, he would have to cut his way through Sul Ross's Texas Cavalry Brigade which was spread out near Nash Farm.

A Desperate Saber Charge Would Save the Day

On a high ridge on the west side of Nash Farm, General Kilpatrick formed his troops for a massive cavalry saber charge, with the Chicago Board of Trade Artillery Battery providing artillery support. Canister was

loaded by both artillery forces to inflict maximum casualties. The ensuing spectacular cavalry saber charge was over within minutes, leaving several hundred killed, wounded and captured.



General Judson Kilpatrick

Kilpatrick Ends Up Right Back Where He Started

Having succeeded in breaking through the line, General Kilpatrick proceeded east toward McDonough. But it was all for naught. By the time he reached General Sherman's lines on August 22, the trains were heard running back into Atlanta again. Come visit Nash Farm and find out why Dr. David Evans, renowned historian and author of "Sherman's Horsemen", called the battle at Nash Farm "the most desperate, most dramatic cavalry charge of America's Civil War." Learn how this pivotal struggle changed the way the Atlanta Campaign was fought, ultimately helping to decide the outcome of a war that redefined America's destiny. Walk the winding trails and see for yourself this hallowed ground.



General William T. Sherman

Come Visit This Hallowed Ground and See for Yourself the Battlefield that Changed the Atlanta Campaign

The 204-acre Nash Farm Battlefield is the only segment of the fractured 1,179.98 acre Lovejoy Station core battlefield area that is preserved. It was given a Tier 2 designation as one of eight important battlefields in Georgia that are in "relatively good condition" and "present some of the best possibilities for Civil War landscape preservation in Georgia." Additionally, a 75-acre segment adjacent to Nash Farm Battlefield site has been designated by the National Park Service as one of the top 15 most endangered battlefield sites in the United States.



Destroying the Railroads was Job One.

During the War Between the States, Atlanta served as a major railroad center and supply depot for the Confederate Army. One of General William Sherman's main strategies was to use his Cavalry forces to destroy the railroads leading into Atlanta.

Brigadier General Judson Kilpatrick was placed in command of the Federal Cavalry Forces to break up the railroad lines south of Atlanta. On August 18, 1864, Kilpatrick, along with 4,500 Federal horsemen, headed south through East Point, Fairburn, Jonesboro and Lovejoy taking up rails along the way (Unbeknownst to them, Confederate troops were following behind, replacing the rails as fast as they were taking them up). On August 20, 1864, Confederates under CS Brigadier