**Battle of Brown’s Mill Research Module**

**Definition**: Engagement between U.S. and Confederate cavalry during the siege of Atlanta in 1864.

**NOTE**: The references below provide information relevant to this engagement. Use these references and supplement with your own research. The correspondence and reports are taken from The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. Some pages may contain material unrelated to your project—pay attention to dates and content.

**HINT:** Your analysis should include coverage of the purpose and commander’s concept of the raid, key events during the raid, and related command decisions by both Union and Confederate leaders that ultimately result in the engagement at Brown’s Mill. Remember that the raid was not supposed to culminate in this battle, but it did. Why? To resolve differences among the primary sources, make use of the secondary sources focused on cavalry operations and the raid.

**Electronic References listed by file name:**

Brown’s Mill report [1]

* Plan for the development and interpretation of the Brown’s Mill Battlefield Historic Site. Includes coverage of the battle and related operations.

CS Correspondence

* Confederate correspondence from the Atlanta campaign related to McCook’s raid

CS Reports

* Reports of Confederate officers who participated in the defeat of McCook’s raid and the battle of Brown’s Mill

US Cavalry in the Atlanta Campaign CGSC paper

* Overview of US cavalry operations in the Atlanta campaign, including background information regarding equipment, logistics, and overall status. Includes overviews of major operations, including those of McCook’s cavalry division.

US Correspondence

* US correspondence related to the planning and outcome of McCook’s raid and the fight at Brown’s Mill

US Reports

* Reports of US commanders who participated in McCook’s raid and the battle at Brown’s Mill

***Recommended Websites:***

<http://www.benning.army.mil/Library/>

* This is the website of the Donovan Research Library, which features an online catalogue and a host of different services, including JSTOR, through which to conduct research and access source material

***Suggested secondary sources:***

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15.

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interlibrary loan.

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Ohio: Press of Morningside Bookshops, 1980). Available in the Donovan

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Starr, Stephen Z., The Union Cavalry in the Civil War, Volume 3: The War in the West

1861-1865 (Batan Rouge, Louisiana: Louisiana State University Press, 1985).

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XVIII.

Wheeler, Joseph, Campaigns of Wheeler and his Cavalry, 1862-1865 (Camden, SC:

J.J. Fox, 1997). Available in the Donovan Research Library. E547. W5D4 1997.

***Related Search Subjects (online and library shelves):***

BG Edward M. McCook

MG Joseph Wheeler

BG Philip D. Roddey

BG William H. Jackson

8th Indiana Cavalry

COL Henry M. Ashby

COL John T. Croxton

BG Robert H. Anderson

1st Tennessee Cavalry (US)

8th Iowa Cavalry

Confederate cavalry, Army of Tennessee

U.S. Cavalry, Army of the Cumberland

McCook’s Raid