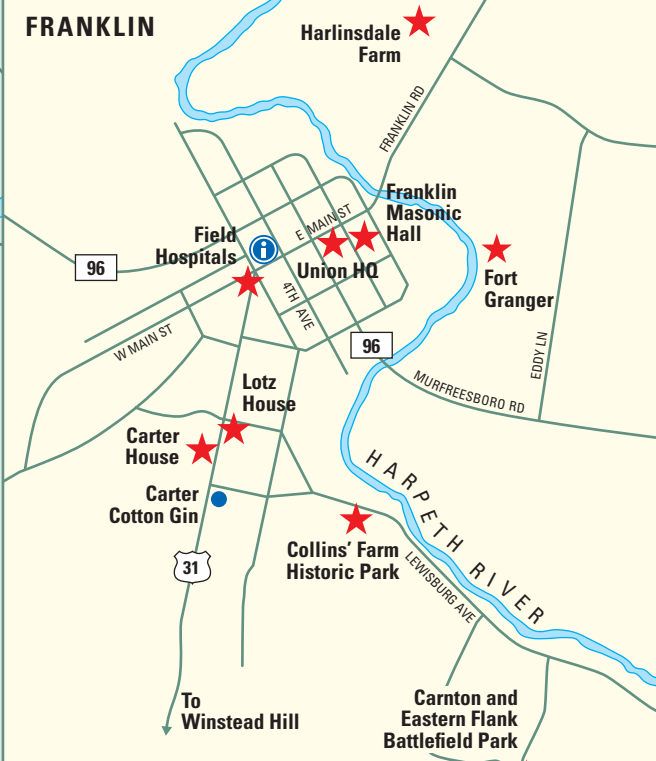
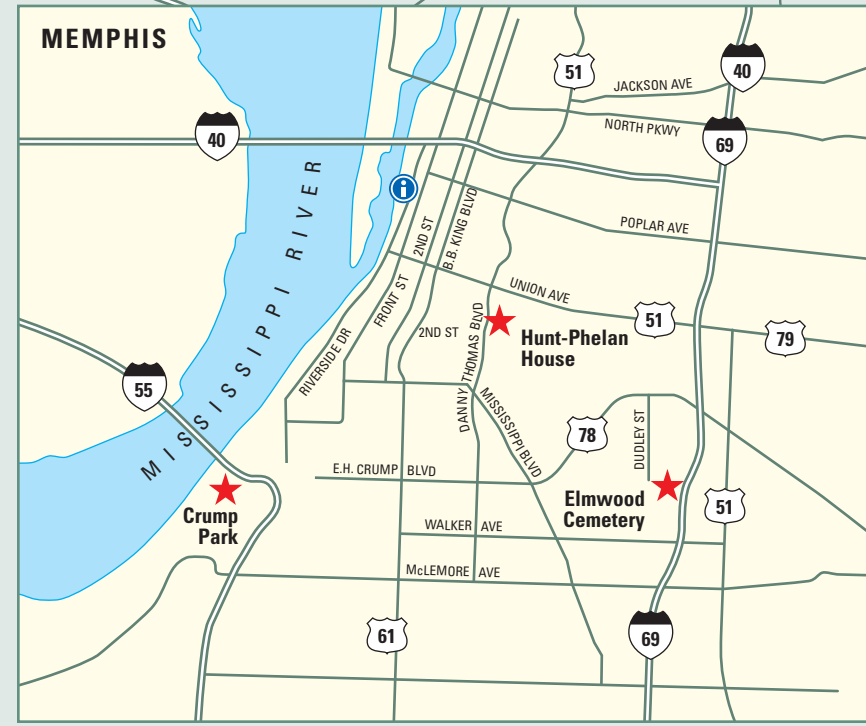
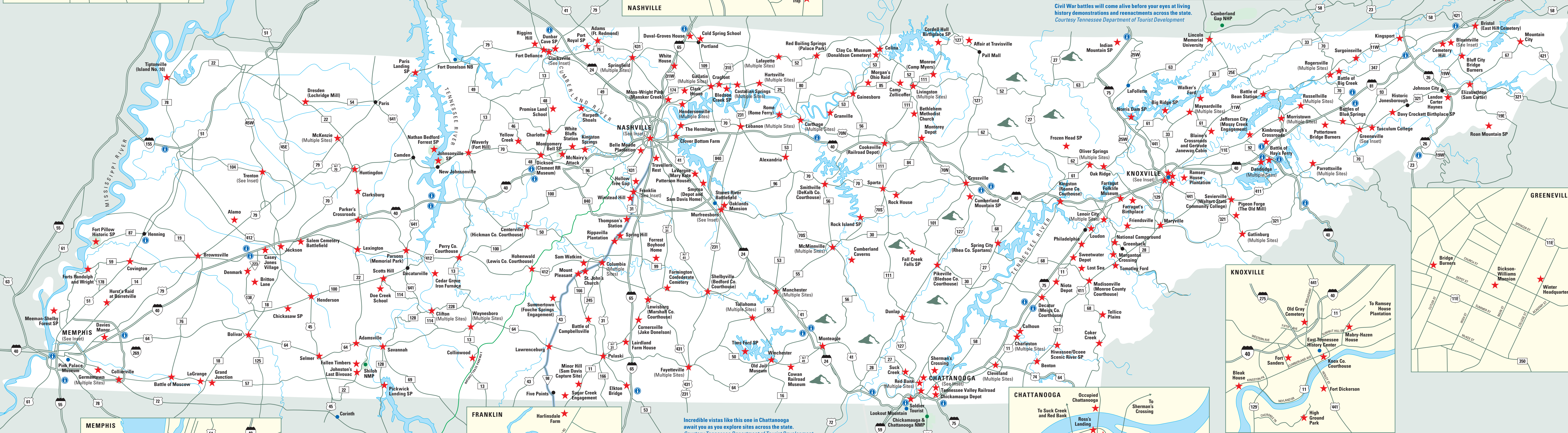
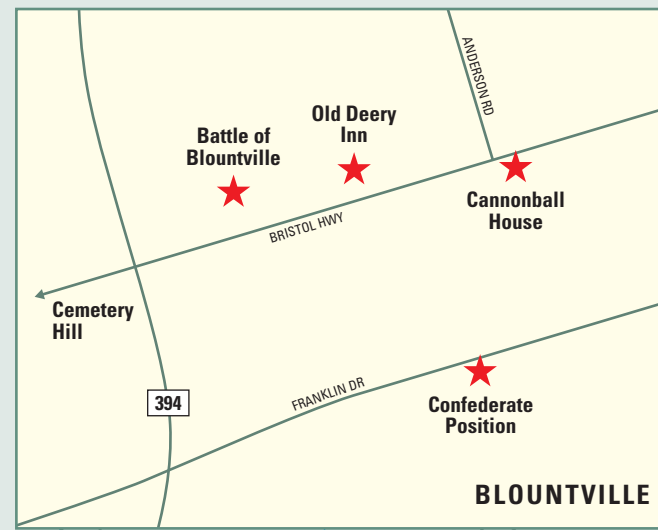


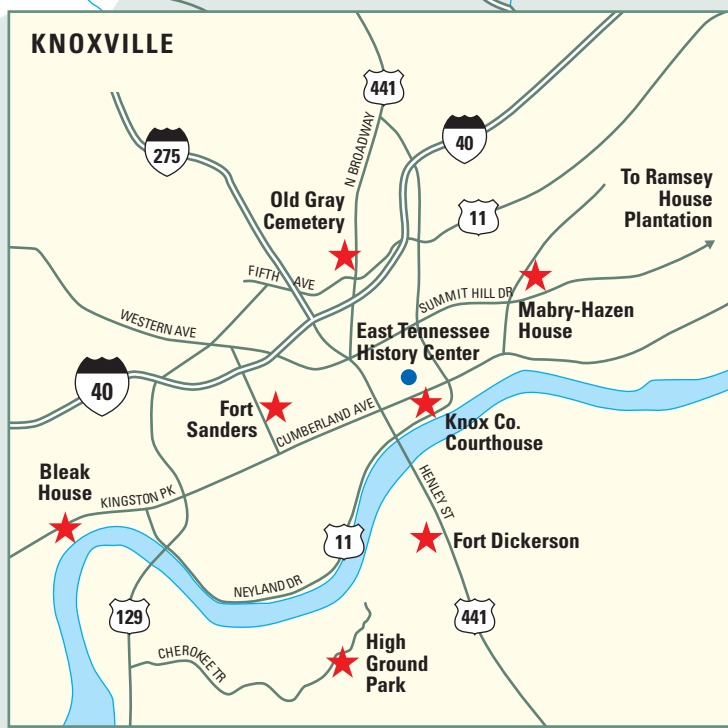
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Follow the bugle to places like downtown Dandridge.
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Follow these signs to more than 1,500 Civil War sites.

WOMEN AT WAR

During the Civil War, women in Tennessee served as spies, scouts, soldiers, nurses, volunteers, laborers, protectors of the home front—and chroniclers of the time when life was cheap but the cost of living was dear. These women included spies such as Mary Kate Patterson and Pauline Cushman, who risked their lives to smuggle information across enemy lines; the Rhea County Spartans, a female cavalry company that carried supplies to Confederate soldiers; Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the first female U.S. Army surgeon, who later received the Medal of Honor; diarist Lucy Virginia French, who left an evocative record of the anxiety and hardships that filled life in wartime Tennessee; and countless other free and enslaved women whose stories have been lost to time.

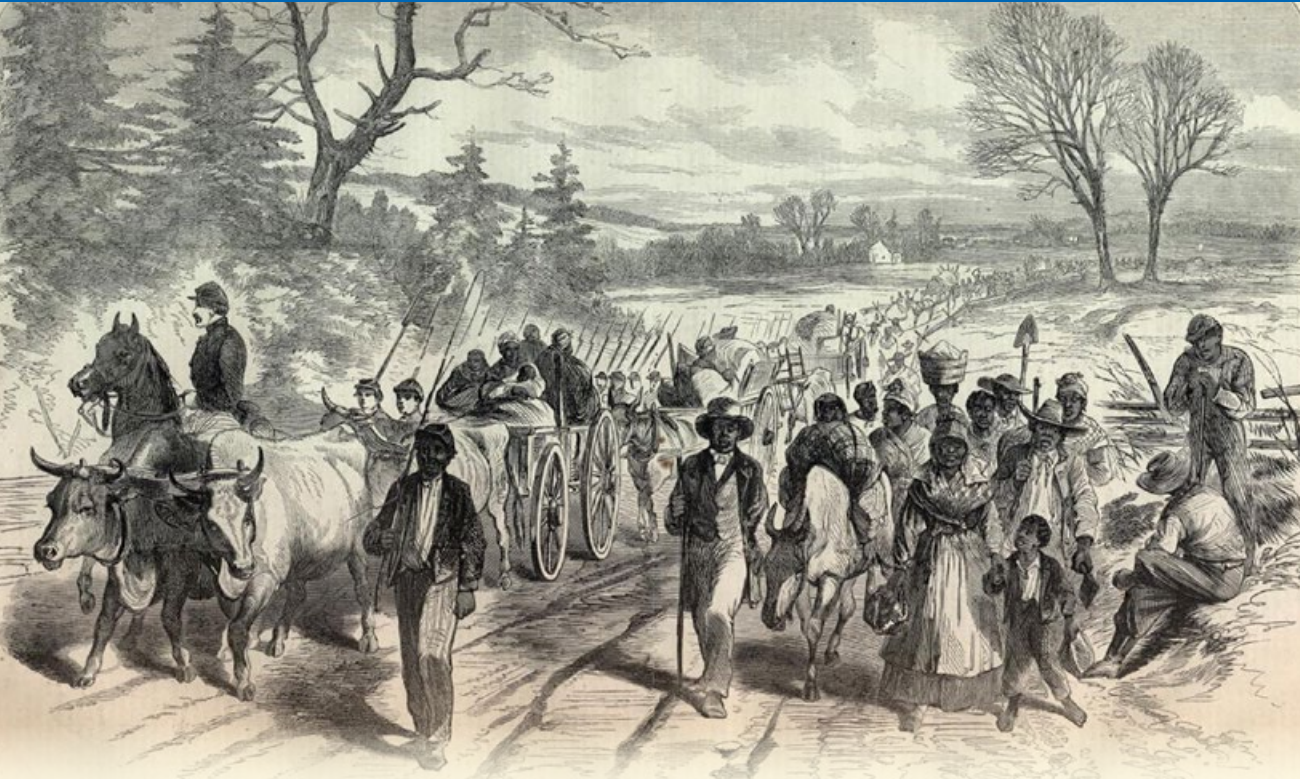


Making Clothes for the Boys in the Army. Etching by Adalbert J. Volck.



Confederate spy Mary Kate Patterson (1838–1931) smuggled information and supplies to the Coleman's Scouts, a Confederate cavalry and spy unit in the Nashville area.

PATHS TO LIBERTY



African Americans coming into Union lines after the Emancipation Proclamation. Harper's Weekly.

Amidst the chaos of the war, enslaved African Americans seized opportunities to claim their freedom. Some took the well-worn path of the Underground Railroad. Others sought safety with advancing Union armies, and many assisted Union forces by building military railroads, fortifications, and camps.

Thousands of self-emancipated African Americans lived at “contraband camps”—so called because escaped slaves were considered contraband of war—in towns such as Nashville, Chattanooga, Murfreesboro, Franklin, Grand Junction, and at the largest camp on President's Island in Memphis.

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM



More than 178,000 African American men, like this soldier wearing his winter overcoat, served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War.



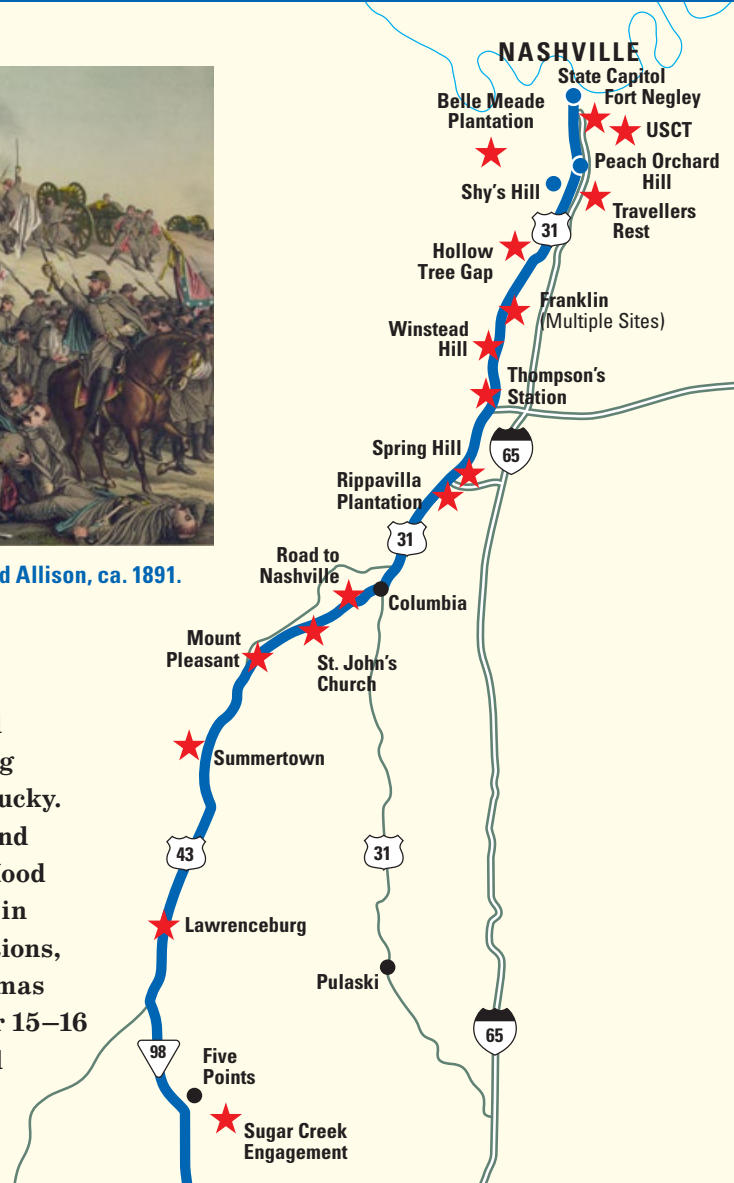
African American recruits boarding the train for Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to join the Union Army.

THE NASHVILLE CAMPAIGN



Battle of Nashville. Chromolithograph by Kurz and Allison, ca. 1891.

In late 1864, Gen. John Bell Hood led Confederate troops into central Tennessee with the aim of defeating Union armies and advancing into Kentucky. After being frustrated at Spring Hill and suffering a costly defeat at Franklin, Hood continued to Nashville and entrenched in front of the city. After careful preparations, Union commander Gen. George H. Thomas launched furious assaults on December 15–16 that largely destroyed Hood's army and ended major fighting in Tennessee.



TORN IN TWO



Co. D, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry (US).
Courtesy Tennessee State Library and Archives

Tennessee was torn apart by the Civil War. Divided internally, with strong Union sentiment in the eastern part of the state, it was also a pivotal, ferociously contested battleground for the competing armies—Abraham Lincoln called it the “keystone of the Southern arch.” More battles and engagements were fought in Tennessee than in any other state except Virginia, ranging from major clashes such as those at Shiloh, Stone's River, and Chattanooga, to small, vicious partisan struggles in the mountains. The state effectively fought a “war within a war,” leaving deep, lingering scars. Its people endured struggles on the hard-pressed home front and in the dramatic fight for freedom by the state's 275,000 enslaved men and women.



Post-war (ca. October 1865) image of the Fowles brothers. Edward, on the left, fought for the Union; Gabriel, on the right, fought for the Confederacy.

THE GREAT CAVALRY RAIDS

Cavalry raiders thundered across Tennessee throughout the war, attacking and destroying communication and supply lines. In late 1862, Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest raided Union army bases and forts guarding railroads in west Tennessee while, at the same time, Union Gen. Samuel P. Carter raided Confederate posts protecting railroads in east Tennessee. And in 1863, Confederate Gen. Joseph Wheeler's raiders sought to disrupt the vulnerable supply line for the besieged Union force in Chattanooga.



A colorized newspaper illustration of “General Forrest Driving the Federals out of Trenton, Tenn. General Forrest in the Foreground Giving Orders.”

THE KNOXVILLE CAMPAIGN

In late 1863, with the Confederate siege of Chattanooga stalemated and the Southern commanders squabbling, Confederate Gen. James Longstreet marched into pro-Union east Tennessee with orders to defeat Federal troops under Gen. Ambrose Burnside, capture Knoxville, and draw Union attention away from Chattanooga. The expedition was a disaster. Longstreet suffered a crushing defeat at Fort Sanders and failed to capture Knoxville. Moreover, the diversion of so many troops helped Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant break the siege at Chattanooga. East Tennessee would remain under Union control for the rest of the war.



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