

River National Battlefield assigned to Department of the Interior by section 3 of Pub. L. 86-443, set out as section 426m of this title.

National Park Service substituted for Office of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations referred to in Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, by act Mar. 2, 1934, ch. 38, §1, 48 Stat. 389.

§ 426a. Qualifications of members of commission

In appointing the members of the commission created by section 426 of this title the Secretary of the Interior shall, as far as practicable, select persons familiar with the terrain of the battlefield of Stones River, Tennessee, and the historical events associated therewith.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §2, 44 Stat. 1399; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426b. Duties of commission

It shall be the duty of the commission, acting under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to inspect the battlefield of Stones River, Tennessee, and to carefully study the available records and historical data with respect to the location and movement of all troops which engaged in the battle of Stones River, and the important events connected therewith, with a view of preserving and marking such field for historical and professional military study.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §3, 44 Stat. 1399; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933.)

CODIFICATION

A provision of act Mar. 3, 1927, authorizing the submission of a report by the commission to the Secretary of War not later than Dec. 1, 1927, and describing the contents of such report was omitted as executed.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426c. Assistants to commission; expenses of commission

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to assign any officials of the Interior Department to the assistance of the commission if he deems it advisable. He is authorized to pay the reasonable expenses of the commission and their assistants incurred in the actual performance of the duties imposed upon them by sections 426 to 426j of this title.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §4, 44 Stat. 1400; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426d. Receipt of report of commission by Secretary of the Interior; acquisition of land for battlefield; other duties of Secretary

Upon receipt of the report of said commission, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and

directed to acquire, by purchase, when purchasable at prices deemed by him reasonable, otherwise by condemnation, such tract or tracts of lands as are recommended by the commission as necessary and desirable for a national battlefield; to establish and substantially mark the boundaries of the said battlefield; to definitely mark all lines of battle and locations of troops within the boundaries of the battlefield and erect substantial historical tablets at such points within the battlefield and in the vicinity of the battlefield and its approaches as are recommended by the commission, together with such other points as the Secretary of the Interior may deem appropriate; to construct the necessary roads and walks, plant trees and shrubs, restore and care for the grounds, including the Hazen Monument: *Provided*, That the entire cost of acquiring said land, including cost of condemnation proceedings, if any, ascertainment of title, surveys, and compensation for the land, the cost of marking the battlefield, the expenses of the commission, and the establishment of the national military battlefield, shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §5, 44 Stat. 1400; Apr. 15, 1930, ch. 167, 46 Stat. 167; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

AMENDMENTS

1930—Act Apr. 15, 1930, inserted “military” between “national” and “park”, authorized construction of roads and walks, planting of trees and shrubs, restoration and care of grounds, including the Hazen Monument, and inserted “and the establishment of the national military park” in proviso.

CHANGE OF NAME

“National battlefield” and “battlefield” substituted in text for “national military park” and “park”, respectively, in view of redesignation of Stones River National Military Park as Stones River National Battlefield by Pub. L. 86-443. See section 426l of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 426 of this title.

§ 426e. Lands acquired declared national battlefield; name

Upon the ceding of jurisdiction by the legislature of the State of Tennessee and the report of the Attorney General of the United States that a perfect title has been acquired, the lands acquired under the provisions of sections 426 to 426j of this title, together with the area already inclosed within the national cemetery at the battlefield of Stones River and the Government reservation in said battlefield upon which is erected a large monument to the memory of the officers and soldiers of General Hazen’s brigade who fell on the spot, are declared to be a national battlefield, to be known as the Stones River National Battlefield.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §6, 44 Stat. 1400; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Stones River National Battlefield” and “national battlefield” substituted in text for “Stones River Na-