

§ 426g. Occupation of lands by former owners

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into agreements, upon such nominal terms as he may prescribe, with such present owners of the land as may desire to remain upon it, to occupy and cultivate their present holdings, upon condition that they will preserve the present buildings and roads, and the present outlines of field and forest, and that they will only cut trees or underbrush under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, and that they will assist in caring for and protecting all tablets, monuments, or such other artificial works as may from time to time be erected by proper authority.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §8, 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.

§ 426h. Ascertaining and marking lines of battle

It shall be lawful for the authorities of any State having troops engaged in the battle of Stones River to enter upon the lands and approaches of the Stones River National Battlefield for the purpose of ascertaining and marking the lines of battle of troops engaged therein: *Provided*, That before any such lines are permanently designated, the position of the lines and the proposed methods of marking them by monuments, tablets, or otherwise shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, and shall first receive the written approval of the Secretary.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §9, 44 Stat. 1401; 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.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Stones River National Battlefield” substituted in text for “Stones River National Park” 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.

§ 426i. Protection of monuments, etc.

If any person shall willfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any monument, column, statue, memorial structure, or work of art that shall be erected or placed upon the grounds of the battlefield by lawful authority, or shall willfully destroy or remove any fence, railing, inclosure, or other work for the protection or ornament of said battlefield, or any portion thereof; or shall willfully destroy, cut, hack, bark, break down, or otherwise injure any tree, bush, or shrubbery that may be growing upon said battlefield, or shall cut down or fell or remove any timber, battle relic, tree, or trees growing or being upon such battlefield, except by permission of the Secretary of the Interior, or shall willfully remove or destroy any breastworks,

earthworks, walls, or other defenses or shelter, or any part thereof, constructed by the armies formerly engaged in the battle on the lands or approaches to the battlefield, any person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall for each and every such offense be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §10, 44 Stat. 1401; 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.)

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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§ 426j. Authorization of appropriation; fixing of boundaries as condition to purchase of lands

The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended for the purposes of sections 426 to 426j of this title: *Provided*, That no obligation for the purchase of lands shall be incurred until the commission has fixed the boundaries of said battlefield.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 374, §11, 44 Stat. 1401; Pub. L. 86-443, §2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

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§ 426k. Acquisition of additional lands

In furtherance of the purposes of sections 426 to 426j of this title, authorizing establishment of the Stones River National Battlefield, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire by such means as he may deem to be in the public interest, for inclusion in the Stones River National Battlefield, such additional lands and interests in lands, not to exceed seven acres, as in the discretion of the Secretary are necessary for the preservation and interpretation of the battlefield of Stones River, Tennessee.

(Pub. L. 86-443, §§1, 2, Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 82.)

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§ 426l. Redesignation; availability of appropriations

Stones River National Military Park is redesignated as the Stones River National Battlefield, and any remaining balance of funds appropriated for the purpose of the Stones River Na-