

Mine Creek battle site, Linn County, Kansas

Four photographs of Samuel Tucker showing points of interest at the Mine Creek battlefield in Linn County, Kansas. On October 25, 1864, on the banks of Mine Creek, two Union brigades of approximately 2,500 troops defeated approximately 7,000 Confederates from General Sterling Price's Army of Missouri. Federal Colonels Frederick W. Benteen and John H. Philips led the attack in one of the largest cavalry battles of the Civil War and a major battle fought in Kansas. After this battle, Union forces continued their pursuit of Price's army into Missouri, Arkansas, and Indian Territory (Oklahoma) ending the Confederate threat to Kansas. In 1974 the Kansas legislature approved acquisition of a 120-acre parcel of the battlefield site. An additional 160 acres was purchased in 1970. The site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. A visitor center opened at the site Saturday, October 24, 1998, the 134th anniversary of the battle.

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