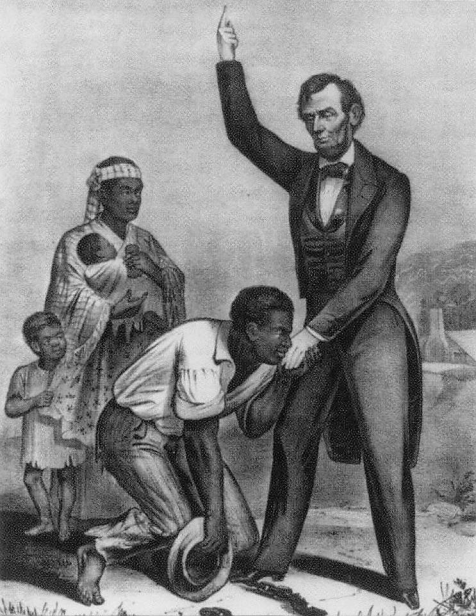


Stones River National Battlefield



Forever Free Emancipation Proclamation

On January 1, 1863, the opposing armies outside Murfreesboro spent the day reorganizing and tending to the dead and wounded. The same day, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The Union victory at Stones River supported the proclamation and changed the war into a conflict not just to preserve the Union, but also to end slavery.

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