The fighting on January 2, 1863, took place in the area around McFadden's Ford as Breckinridge's brigades tried unsuccessfully to clear Federal troops from the east side of Stones River.

This portion of Stones River National Battlefield and the areas south and west of it were scenes of intense fighting on the first day of the battle when Confederate troops overwhelmed and drove back the right flank of Rosecrans's army. The Confederate onslaught was finally halted when Union troops made a determined stand along the Nashville Pike (now the Old Nashville Highway).

The area surrounding the Harding house and brick kiln was the scene of heavy fighting during the Confederate assault on December 31, 1862.

The battle started near the intersection of Franklin Road and Gresham Lane when Hardee's troops attacked McCook's right flank early on the morning of December 31, 1862.