

Fort Donelson National Battlefield



Fort Heiman

Losing the High Ground

As the Confederates were building Fort Henry on the Tennessee River, many recognized the location was less than perfect. Across the river on a high bluff in neutral Kentucky, they built Fort Heiman using mostly enslaved labor. It was unfinished at the time of the February 1862 campaign and fell into Union hands.

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