

Fort Donelson National Battlefield



Simon Bolivar Buckner

Confederate Surrender at Fort Donelson

Brigadier General Simon Bolivar Buckner of Kentucky was third in command at Fort Donelson. It was he who offered the surrender of the Confederate fort to Ulysses Grant on February 16, 1862. Buckner was imprisoned, exchanged, and fought again, notably at the Battle of Chickamauga. He later became governor of Kentucky.

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