

Fort Donelson National Battlefield



Building and Losing Fort Donelson

Using axes and shovels to make a wall of logs and earth 10 feet high, Confederate soldiers and slaves built Fort Donelson along the Cumberland River over a period of seven months. The fort fell into Union hands after the legendary Battle of Fort Donelson, February 13-16, 1862, which led to the fall of Nashville, Tennessee.

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