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## *License Plate Treks to West Tennessee Camp*



*At the intersection of Hwy 45 W and the Old Dyersburg Road, about 4 miles north of Trenton, this battlefield preservation supporter finds the location of CSA Camp Trenton. The Camp extended from the agricultural fields behind the marker south to Trenton.*

**Camp Trenton**, a Confederate enlistment and training camp, was established during the summer of 1861. Camp Trenton was a pre-secession "Provisional Army of Tennessee" training camp, where units occupied and were drilled until trained. Colonel R.M. Russell commanded the camp and enlisted large numbers before Tennessee seceded. The camp was active until late spring 1862, after Island #10 and Tiptonville fell to Union forces. The Camp was one of the three largest enlistment camps in west Tennessee.

Strategically located along the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, the Camp enlisted and provided thousands of troops to different locations. Nearly one quarter of the Confederates who fought at Shiloh came through Camp Trenton and the only Confederate reinforcements sent to Shiloh during the battle were from Camp Trenton.

After Camp Trenton was abandoned Union forces occupied the site and used it as a railroad hub for deployment of thousands of troops. The railroad, one of Grant's main supply lines, remained a strategic factor in the western theater of the War.



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