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“License Plates Fall in Line for Camp”
Camp Myers - A Confederate Training Camp in Overton County



After Tennessee seceded from the Union in June, 1861, Confederates established Camp Myers on a farm owned by Calvin Myers, a Mexican War veteran. Enlistees from the local area trained here. Camp Myers later served as a permanent military post to help secure the border against Federal raids from Kentucky and to suppress the activities of Unionist residents in Overton and Fentress counties. Among the companies formed here, the 25th Tennessee Infantry went on to fight in northern Mississippi, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and in 1864 went east to join the Army of Northern Virginia. The site is located on Highway 111 near Monroe, TN.

The **first military action in Tennessee** during the Civil War occurred in Pickett County. On September 29, 1861, Kentucky's 1st Cavalry and the Home Guards of Hustonville, KY attacked a Confederate encampment near the Travisville cemetery. Refusing to surrender and after losing four men, the Confederate troops retreated into the surrounding hills. The site is located along Caney Creek Road in Pall Mall, TN. *TCWPA's Three-Star Tour participants visited the site in early September.*



The **Cumberland Plateau** encompasses several counties between east and middle Tennessee and is isolated by steep escarpment walls on the east and west. During the Civil War, neither army effectively maintained control, and this area experienced some of the most bitter guerrilla warfare outside of Missouri. People living in the Cumberland Plateau communities situated along the fault line between mostly Unionist East Tennessee and Confederate Middle Tennessee struggled to endure and survive. Well-known local guerrilla leaders “Tinker” Dave Beaty, a Unionist and Confederate Champ Ferguson maintained a violently intense rivalry throughout the war.

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