

PLACE: Camp Fairfield

LOCATION: Henrico County. Approximately one mile northeast of Richmond on the road later known as New Bridge Road (25th Street) near the site of the old race track. Race track was probably located near the junction of Nine Mile Road and I-64.

SIGNIFICANCE: From August to October 1814, nearly seven thousand Virginia militia camped in this vicinity. Called there to defend a possible attack on Richmond, Governor James Barbour assumed the rank of commander-in-chief and established his headquarters here. From the men assembled here, four brigades under the commands of Generals Cocke, Breckenridge, Chamberlayne, and Leftwich, were formed. Cocke's and Chamberlayne's brigades were sent to Camps Carter and Bottoms Bridge ten miles to the east, and Breckenridge's and Leftwich's brigades were dispatched to the general defense of Washington and Baltimore on 6 October 1814. The camp was essentially abandoned by the end of October 1814. [Sources, Order Book of William Clark, Accession 19961, LVA; Cocke's Order Book, in Louisa County Records, Reel 44, LVA; Chamberlayne's Order Book, at Duke University Library; James Barbour Executive letters sent and received, LVA.; Murphy's Diary, for distance of camp to Richmond, entry 9/10/14]

POSSIBLE LOCATION OF MARKERS: Along Nine Mile Road, between 25th Street and the junction of Interstate 64.