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The next incident of the Civil War occurred between August 11-25,1862. The supplies captured during the "Battle of Browning Springs" had been stored in Madisonville.

After the capture of Clarksville, Tennessee, General Johnson was considering attacking Ft Donaldson, Tennessee when he received a dispatch from Madisonville bringing news of the advance of the Federal Officer, Colonel John Foster, upon that town with a strong force. General Johnson rode through to Madisonville that night.

Captain Sam Taylor and Captain Al Fowler, two most gallant and reliable officers, were sent, with about one hundred men, to ambush Foster and delay the Federals until General Johnson could move the captured Federal supplies out of town.

This was accomplished. The cautious, dilatory, even-timed manner of Foster's approach upon Madisonville convinced Johnson that he had little to fear from the Yankee colonel; therefore, the supplies were moved only about six miles, to a rough little mountain, Barney Sisk Hill. (This area is shown on maps as the Bunt Sisk Hill.)

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Barney (Bunt) Sisk Hill Headquarters of 10th KY Partisan Rangers



U S Geological Survey map of Barney (Bunt) Sisk Hills

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