

Historical Marker - S555C - Michigan at Perryville / Michigan at Perryville (Marker ID#:S555C)



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Michigan at Perryville

Among the 61,000 Union soldiers who at the Battle of Perryville ended Confederate attempts to gain control of Kentucky were six Michigan units. The most heavily engaged of these were Coldwater's Loomis Battery (Battery A of the First Michigan Light Artillery), the Second Michigan Cavalry and the Twenty-first Michigan Infantry. During the course of the battle Battery A, equipped with six ten-pounder Parrott guns, prevented the right flank of General Daniel McCook's corps from being turned and aided in the repulse of General Patrick Cleburne's Rebel brigade. At one point, Loomis was ordered to spike his guns and leave them. By refusing, he retained a key position. Battery A is reported to have fired the first and the last artillery rounds of the battle.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1983 **Erected Date:** 1983

Marker Location

Address: 1825 Battlefield Road

City: Perryville

State: KY **ZipCode:**

County:

Township:

Lat: 37.67505700 / **Long:** -84.97100800

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The units from Michigan that fought in the Battle of Perryville were: the Thirteenth Michigan Infantry, mustered at Kalamazoo and commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Frederick W. Worden; the Twenty-first Michigan Infantry, mustered at Ionia and commanded by Colonel Ambrose A. Stevens; the Second Michigan Cavalry, mustered at Grand Rapids and commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Archibald P. Campbell; Battery A, First Michigan Light Artillery, mustered at Coldwater and commanded by Captain Cyrus O. Loomis; Battery D, First Michigan Light Artillery, mustered at Coldwater and commanded by Captain Josiah W. Church; the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, mustered at Marshall and commanded by Colonel William P. Innes.