

# A SESQUICENTENNIAL ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ MOMENT

**SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1861**

During the fall of 1861, Confederate forces led by Gen. John Floyd threatened Union control of the Kanawha Valley.

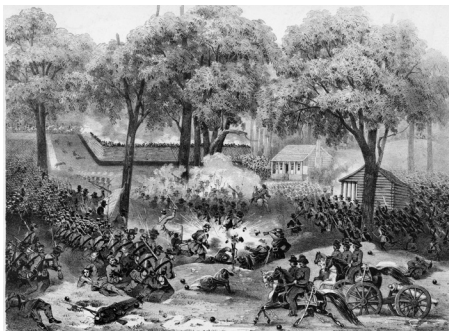
Confederate soldiers had set up camp near Carnifex Ferry after routing Union forces at Kessler's Cross Lanes in late August.

Concerned about the Union forces' ability to stave off the Confederates, Union Gen. William Rosecrans came down from Clarksburg

to assist, sending small groups to attack the encamped Confederates.

Though heavily outnumbered, General Floyd held his ground for some five hours before eventually ordering his troops to retreat.

It was the Union forces' success in the Sept. 10 battle of Carnifex Ferry that contributed to the eventual withdrawal of Confederate forces from western Virginia.



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