



FORT KOSHKONONG

"While being here we have thrown up a
sketches and plans for the fort which
for the purpose of our army in the
defence of the west" wrote General Henry
Johnson in a letter to the Secretary of
War on July 2, 1812.

Johnson with Major John Smith
Major John Johnson and Major John
Smith were the first to occupy the
fort and the first to be killed here.

The fort was built of red brick and
was completed in 1812. It was the last
of a series of forts built by the British
in the West Indies and the only one
which was ever used.

In 1812 the British held it for
several months. It was then captured
by the Americans. The fort was
destroyed in 1814 and the remains
were removed in 1815.



Fort Atkinson Wis Eli May house on the site of the original Fort Koshkonong c. 1972

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