

Fort Smith National Historic Site



Confederates Capture Fort Smith

On April 23, 1861, the Confederate flag was raised over Fort Smith without a single shot being fired. The citizens, however, were anything but united in war sentiment. Pro-Union supporters faced public opposition, discrimination, and threats. Many felt forced to remain silent or leave town in order to protect their families.

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