

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site



The Bridge Burners

Led by Capt. David Fry, Union supporters in East Tennessee burned bridges in the region to help free it from Confederate control. In November 1861, though they successfully burned some bridges, five men from Greene County, including some locally celebrated potters, were hanged for their deeds. This painting by Dr. George Blanks recreates the scene.

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