



The American Civil War and Cumberland County

Learning Objectives

- Identify a key historical site and the impact it had in the area in the 1800s
- Learn about actions that were taken in Cumberland County during the Civil War
- Learn why Union General Sherman viewed Fayetteville as an important target when he was in the area.

Discussion Questions

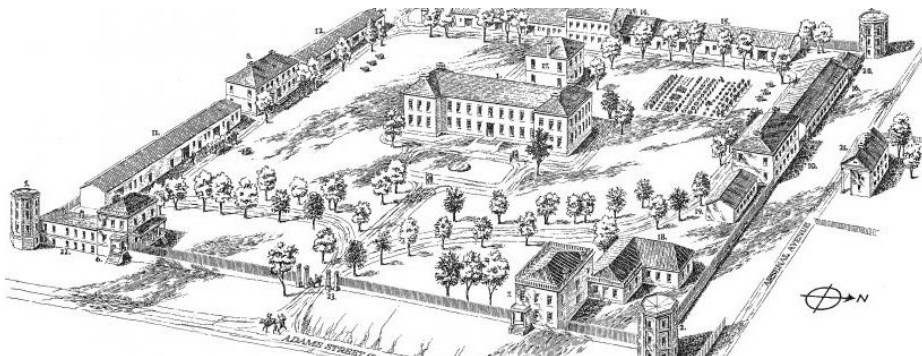
- Compare and contrast the transfer of the Arsenal to the Confederate Fayetteville Light Infantry in 1861 and General Sherman's action in 1865. Why do you think each event happened the way it did?
- How did Sherman's campaign affect Fayetteville? What was the result?

Dig Deeper

- Arrange a visit to the Museum of the Cape Fear and see where the Arsenal was located. They have a structure representing where the Northwest "ghost" tower was.
- Research what was in each building at the Arsenal and what work was performed there.

Resources

- Belton, Thomas Wilson. "A history of the Fayetteville Arsenal and Armory," NC State Univ Thesis, 1979
- *The North Carolina Arsenal, Fayetteville, North Carolina: historical and salvage archaeological study*. 2 vols. CAI Preservation Consultants, 1973
- "[A Tour of The United States Arsenal at Fayetteville North Carolina](#)," posted on February 7, 2023, by NC History Center on the Civil War, Emancipation, and Reconstruction on YouTube.



(Photo from the Museum of the Cape Fear website)