

## Burnside Marches Through No Business

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“An important artery of travel between East Tennessee and Central Kentucky traversed the No Business valley. This road ran between Huntsville, Tennessee and Monticello, Kentucky, and saw much traffic.... When the Civil War erupted, traffic on the Huntsville-Monticello Road picked up. In August, 1863, the citizens of the No Business valley watched from the windows of their cabins for two days as the Federal column of infantry, artillery, and cavalry, under the command of Major-General Burnside, passed along the road, on its way to occupy Knoxville....(Francis M. Miller was a small boy when he stood on the porch of his parents’ house in No Business and watched Burnside’s army trudge through his community. As Will J. Miller recall(ed) hearing his father tell about it, “All the horses were matched pairs. All blazed faces were paired together, all sorrels, all blacks, all browns were together. There were no mixed colors. The army passed by for two days pulling wagons and cannons.”)