'Brown County War' was a short-lived fray

"There was not a county in the State that did not have bitter disloyalty displayed within its limits during 1863, and Brown County was no exception to the rule." — *History of Brown County.*

As the Civil War progressed, strong partisan feelings erupted in many public meetings. In Monroe County, an army recruiter was roughed up in the southern part of the county, and it took a troop of soldiers sent by the state adjutant general's office to remind Southern sympathizers that Indiana was part of the Union.

On May 4, 1863, the Goshen *Democrat* reported that 16 people were under "military arrest," charged with "cheering for Jeff Davis."

Brown County also had its "but-

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ternuts," as the people who supported the Confederate States of America were called. That county's history reveals that in January of 1863 at a mass meeting a resolution was passed which read in part:

"Our interests and inclinations will demand of us a withdrawal from the political association in a common government with the New England States."