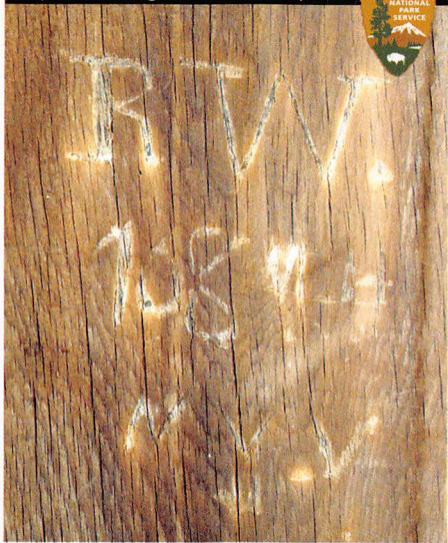


Fredericksburg National Military Park



**Chatham Graffiti**



# Civil War Graffiti

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Graffiti is nothing new. As long as man has been able to write, he has felt the need to leave his mark. At Chatham, dozens of Union soldiers scrawled or carved their names on the walls of the house. These initials belong to 18-year-old Private Richard Wells of the 108th New York Volunteers.