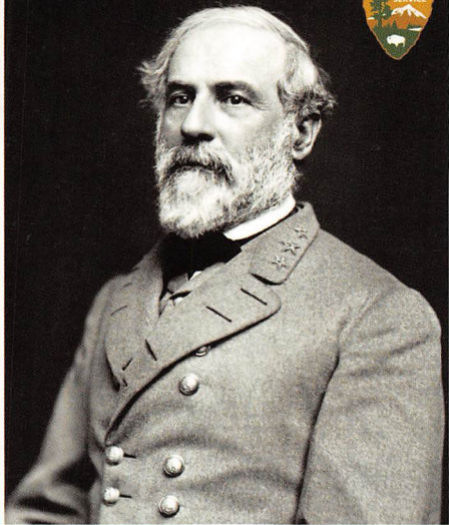


Gettysburg National Military Park



Robert E. Lee



General Robert E. Lee

Born: January 19, 1807, in Stratford, Virginia

Died: October 12, 1870 in Lexington, Virginia

Robert E. Lee, the Confederate commander at the battle of Gettysburg, graduated from West Point in 1829 and served in the U.S. Army until 1861. With the outbreak of the Civil War, Lee chose devotion to his Virginia over his commitment as an officer in the U.S. Army. As commander of the "Army of Northern Virginia," Lee became the Confederacy's greatest and most respected commander in victory and defeat.