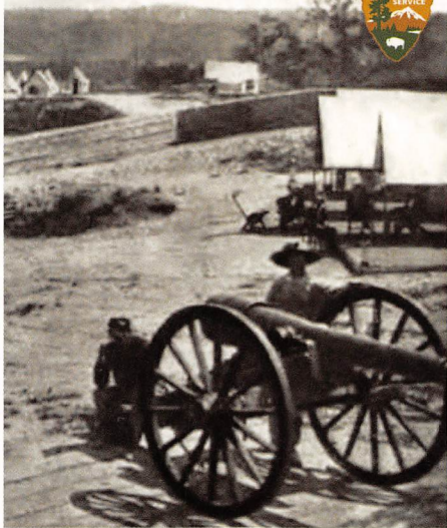


George Washington Memorial Parkway



Fort Marcy



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Fact: Fort Marcy is named for Randolph B. Marcy, father-in-law of Union General George McClellan.

Built in 1861, Fort Marcy and its counterpart, Fort Ethan Allen, protected the Chain Bridge, which connected Washington with northern Virginia during the Civil War. Although no hostile shots were fired at Fort Marcy during the war, the earthenwork fort was part of a larger defensive ring of forts surrounding Washington, D.C. that deterred attacks on the capital.