

Manassas National Battlefield Park



Irvin McDowell



Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell

Born: October 15, 1818, in Columbus, Ohio

Died: May 4, 1885 in San Francisco, California

Irvin McDowell was a Union general from Ohio who led the Union army at the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run). The Union defeat there damaged his reputation and led to his replacement by General George McClellan. He was eventually promoted to Major General and led a Union corps during the Second Battle of Manassas, where he again shared blame for the Union loss.