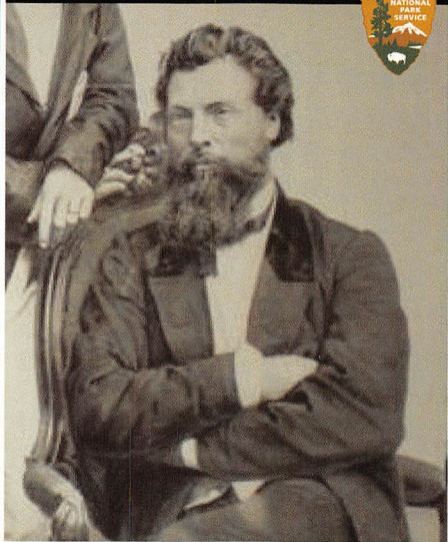


Boston Harbor Islands



Sgt. John Brown



Sergeant John Brown

Born: Unrecorded

Died: June 6, 1862 near Fredericksburg, Virginia

The lyrics of the famous wartime song *John Brown's Body* were originally written at Fort Warren by men of the Boston Light Artillery about a comrade who shared a name with the fiery abolitionist. When Massachusetts troops marched through New York City singing *John Brown's Body*, the song spread and came to the attention of Julia Ward Howe, who penned "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to the tune.

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