

Boston Harbor Islands



Thomas Cass



Col. Thomas Cass

Born: 1822 in Queen's County, Ireland

Died: July 12, 1862 in Boston, Massachusetts

Col. Thomas Cass commanded the predominantly Irish 9th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Cass, himself an Irish immigrant, trained the regiment at Camp Wightman on Long Island in Boston Harbor. The "Fighting 9th" carried an Irish flag alongside state and national colors. Cass was mortally wounded at the Battle of Malvern Hill, the last of the Seven Days' Battles fought near Richmond, Virginia.