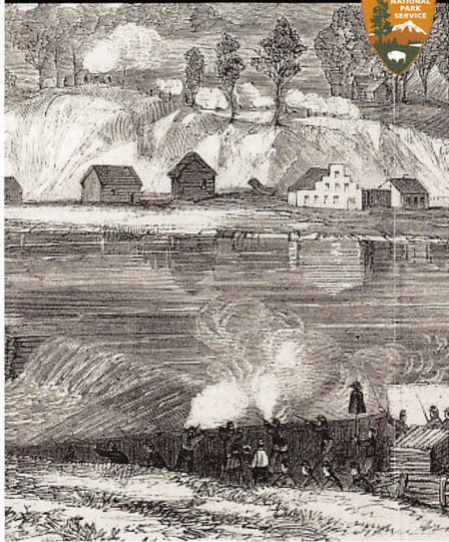


# C&O Canal National Historical Park



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*Clear Spring, Maryland*

In December 1861, Confederate General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson’s forces attacked C&O Canal Dam #5. For four days Confederate troops, under fire from Union artillery on the Maryland shore, tried to tear apart the dam while standing waist deep in freezing water. Dam #5 remained standing despite Jackson’s efforts.