

Colonial National Historical Park



John B. Magruder



Maj. Gen. John B. Magruder

Born: May 1, 1807 in Port Royal, Virginia

Died: February 19, 1871 in Houston, Texas

An 1830 graduate of West Point, Magruder left the U.S. Army in 1861 to assume command of the Confederate Army of the Peninsula where he reinforced and extended Yorktown's Revolutionary War earthworks for the area's defense. Encouraging his men to re-enlist in 1862, he wrote that *"These frowning battlements...of York are turned in this second war of liberty against the enemies of our country."*