

Monocacy National Battlefield



Major General Lew Wallace

**Born: April 10, 1827 in Brookville,
Indiana Died: February 15, 1905
in Crawfordsville, Indiana**

General Lew Wallace commanded the Union troops at the battle of Monocacy. Although his men lost the battle, they delayed the Confederates from reaching Washington, allowing Union reinforcements time to arrive and save the national capital. After the Civil War, Wallace became famous for writing *Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ*, which became the best selling American novel of the 19th century.

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