

# Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



# Sinkhole

## Disposition of the Dead

Following a large battle, it was acceptable to bury soldiers in mass graves, very often in sinkholes or dry wells. Soldiers rarely had individual identification which often made it impossible to identify their bodies. More than 90% of the graves at the Springfield National Cemetery relating to the Battle of Wilson's Creek are marked "Unknown."

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