

Clara Barton National Historic Site



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Fact: A doctor at the Battle of Cedar Mountain gave Clara Barton her nickname “Angel of the Battlefield.”

With no formal medical training, Clara Barton cared for the wounded on the front lines of more than a dozen of the bloodiest Civil War battles, including Chantilly, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Charleston, Petersburg and Cold Harbor. “I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them.”