

Fort Monroe National Monument



Robert E. Lee

Young US Army Engineer

Born: January 19, 1807

Died: October 12, 1870

As a 24 year-old West Point-trained engineer, Robert E. Lee was posted to Fort Monroe (1831-34) to help complete construction of the fort. Ironically, years later, as a Confederate general during the Civil War, Lee had to contend with the fact that the fort he helped to build remained in Union control throughout the war.

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