

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park



Charles Douglass



Charles R. Douglass

54th Massachusetts Infantry

Born: Oct. 21, 1844

Died: Nov. 23, 1920

Son of famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass and his wife Anna Murray Douglass, Charles R. Douglass was born in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1844. Originally a member of Company F of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, he never took the field due to a lung problem. Douglass was honorably discharged by a Special Order on September 15, 1864 to become 1st Sergeant in the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry.

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