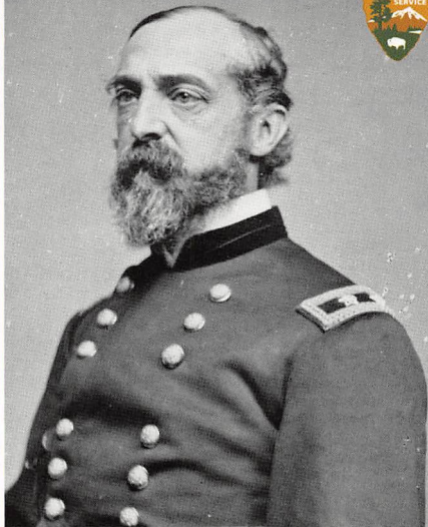


Gettysburg National Military Park



**George Meade**



## **Maj. Gen. George G. Meade**

Born: December 31, 1815 in Cadiz, Spain

Died: November 6, 1872 in Philadelphia, Pa.

George Gordon Meade assumed command of the Army of the Potomac three days before the battle of Gettysburg. President Abraham Lincoln appointed the native Pennsylvanian to defend his home state and lead the Union army to victory. The battle of Gettysburg became the army's first victory in many months, and Meade's leadership during the campaign and in the battle delivered the Union success.