

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park



Lewis Douglass



Sgt. Maj. Lewis H. Douglass

54th Massachusetts Infantry

Born: Oct. 9, 1840

Died: Sept. 19, 1908

Lewis H. Douglass was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1840, the son of famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass and his wife Anna Murray Douglass. Douglas was a member of Company F of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, and was promoted to Sergeant Major on March 25, 1863. He participated in the assault on Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863 and was wounded during the battle.

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