

Colonial National Historical Park



Isaac J. Wistar



Brig. Gen. Isaac Jones Wistar

Born: November 14, 1827 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Died: September 18, 1905 in Claymont, Delaware

After the Peninsula Campaign, the Union army viewed Yorktown as strategically valuable and too important to the nation's history to allow the Confederates to reoccupy, so they remained in the town for the remainder of the war. General Isaac Wistar was commander of "Fort Yorktown" and the surrounding area from July 1863 through April 1864.