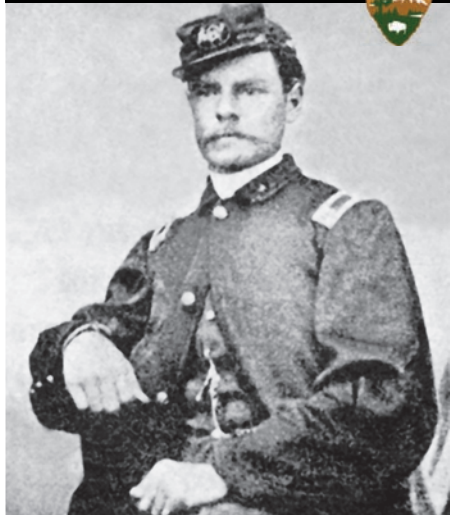


New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park



James Grace



Captain James W. Grace

54th Massachusetts Infantry

Born: Dec. 30, 1833

Died: Unknown

A New Bedford merchant prior to the Civil War, Grace was instrumental in the formation of the 54th Massachusetts. He started as 2nd Lieutenant of Co. C, enrolling soldiers at the Tobey & Coggeshall Building in New Bedford and was later promoted to Captain after the July 19, 1863 Battle of Fort Wagner. After Fort Wagner he served as Acting Engineer Officer and Ordnance Officer in South Carolina.

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