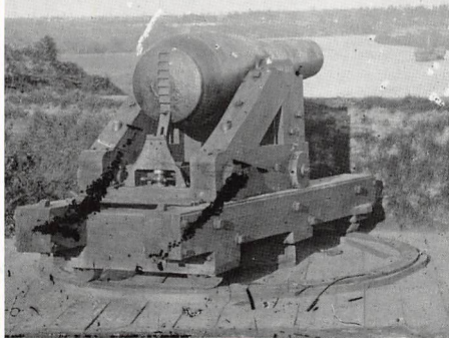


Richmond National Battlefield Park



Drewry's Bluff



Drewry's Bluff (Fort Darling)

Fact: From 1862-1864, Drewry's Bluff was commanded by Smith Lee, brother of Robert E. Lee.

The key to Richmond's James River defenses lay in this small fort only seven miles south of the capital. Known throughout the south as Drewry's Bluff, northern troops referred to it as Fort Darling. A Union fleet, including the *Monitor*, was turned back by fire from Drewry's Bluff on May 15, 1862, and Union forces advanced to within less than two miles of the fort again in 1864.