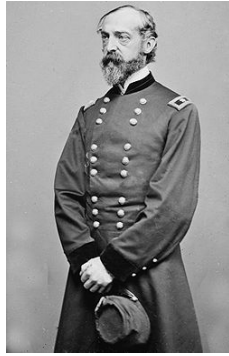


Meet Lieutenant George Gordon Meade



At the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, General Meade, surveyor of Frostproof's Ft. Clinch, was the commander of the Union forces. He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. His photo was on the 1891 \$1000 bill. Not bad for a Frostproof boy!¹⁷

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Meade's mission to choose the site for Fort Clinch began at 7:55 A.M. on December 22, 1849, starting "from the edge of hammock on E side of Peas Creek at Ft. Meade." They arrived at the site for Fort Clinch at 3:20 P.M. the next day. Meade described the area as "another large lake where the trail turned into a hammock and on the border of a small slough found an Indian settlement." They camped there that night, and the next day continued east to choose the site for Fort Arbuckle.¹⁸

Meade made a second visit to the future site of Fort Clinch on January 9, describing the site as "on a high hill on the Lake edge—fine approach to the water."¹⁹

On January 11, 1850, a second command of about 50 men began their march to the territory sixteen miles east of Fort