

FORT FREDERICK Washington County

Constructed in 1756 during the French and Indian War, Fort Frederick is the only stone fort built by a British colony during that conflict and served an important role through subsequent historic periods, including the American Revolution and Civil War. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1973, the fort remains one of the most intact examples of mid-18th-century military architecture in the country.

1756



Amid the turmoil of the French and Indian War, Fort Frederick was constructed in 1756 to protect the western frontier.

1715-1783



During the Revolution, the fort became a prison for captured British and German soldiers.

1860



After the war, the fort was sold, and, for a time, it was owned by a free Black man, Nathan Williams...an extraordinary and little-known chapter!

1930s



In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps brought new life to the fort, carefully restoring the structure.



Today



Today, Fort Frederick is owned by the Maryland Department Natural Resources. Preservation Maryland is working alongside the state on further preservation and restoration of the fort's walls and gate.



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