



Defend Wall Street Draft Riots of 1863

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The New York City Draft Riots, which erupted in July 1863, are among the worst riots in United States history, occurring at a crisis point in the American Civil War. In 1863, Federal Hall served as the U.S. Sub-Treasury for New York City. Defense of the building was entrusted to New York Metropolitan Police and the United States Army, Navy and Marines.

During the riots, citizens from all walks of life and all social classes united against the lawless elements in the city. The riots were eventually quelled, but the loss of human life and property was enormous. Despite the chaos that had roiled in its streets, the city remained united and supportive of the Union cause the remainder of the Civil War.

On July 12, join the staff of Federal Hall National Memorial in period clothing for interpretive talks. The official commemoration will commence at Noon with a moment of silence followed by a presentation by representative of the New York Police Department. Additional participation by the U.S. Marine Corps and the N.Y.P.D. is anticipated.

Plan Your Visit

Federal Hall National Memorial is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday year round and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 4 through August 27.

Ranger-guided tours are offered at 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. daily.

There are numerous ways to get to Federal Hall using public transportation. Please visit www.mta.info for more information and maps.

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