



FORT MASSACHUSETTS IS A FORT ON SHIP ISLAND THAT WAS BUILT FOLLOWING THE WAR OF 1812 (AND WITH BRICK WALLS DURING 1859-1866.) IT REMAINED IN USE UNTIL 1903. IT WAS OCCUPIED BY BOTH SIDES DURING THE CIVIL WAR AND WAS THE STAGING AREA FOR 18,000 UNION TROOPS WHO TOOK NEW ORLEANS IN 1862. IT HAS SURVIVED MANY HURRICANES, INCLUDING KATRINA IN 2005.

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