



*"Okay, everybody look busy. But don't move, we're going to take a photograph now."*

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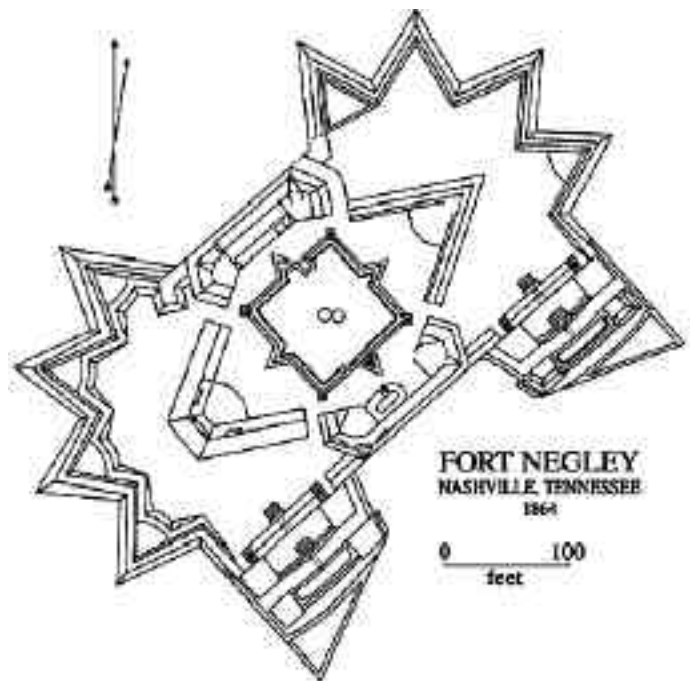
The picture is of Fort Negley here in Nashville, as it was being restored by the WPA in the 30's (then closed in the mid 40's and left to decay).

It is from the Civil War period and was the only inland stone fort built for that conflict. Many coastal stone forts, but they were all built earlier and reused. Nashville was part of the confederacy and was eventually taken and occupied by Union troops who soon after, constructed the fort.

It is very unique design and shows a strong connection to European fortifications. The designer/builder was a Capt. Morton who studied the topic at West Point under professors well trained in the works of 17th century "genius" French engineer Sebastien le Prestre de Vauban.

The city is working to reopen the site and allow it to be interpreted as a ruin. There have been attempts to restore the stonework in the recent past, but they did not work out so well. Still a lot of standing stone left to give people the idea.

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footnote:

The fort was built in 1862. Construction required three months for 13,000 Union soldiers and "many" blacks to complete. The fort is 600 feet long, 300 feet wide, and covers four acres. It used 62,500 cubic feet of stone and 18,000 cubic feet of earth and cost 130,000 Yankee dollars.

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