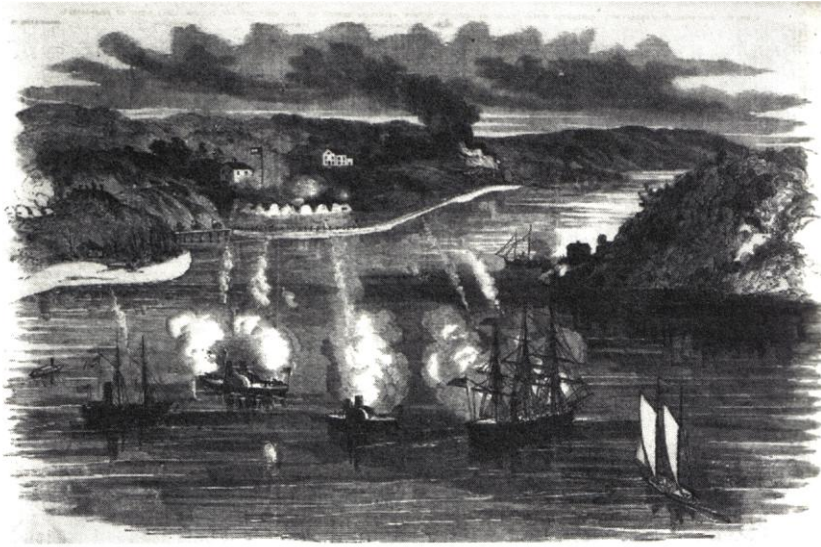


Make certain that you first read “**Transportation – Aquia Landing**” and “**Civil War – Union Occupation – Trail to Freedom**” to get the full history of the area before you visit this historic site.

### **TOURISM – Aquia Landing**

**Check with Stafford’s Tourism department of Economic Development at 658-8681 to see when Aquia Landing is open for your class to visit.**



### **Aquia Creek Battlefield**

From May 29 - Jun 1, 1861, Union Navy vessels bombarded Confederate batteries in the area of Aquia Landing in Stafford County, Virginia - one of the first naval engagements of the Civil War.

In July 2010, a grant from the National Park Service's "American Battlefield Protection Program" was awarded to Stafford County to survey the Aquia Creek Battlefield. Work on this project will begin in early 2011.

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