

Philip Pry ~~House~~ **FARM**  
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Location: Antietam National Battlefield Park, North of Boonsboro Pike, Sharpsburg Vicinity, Washington County, Maryland

Significance: The Pry House derives its significance from both the historical implications of its role in the Civil War Battle of Antietam, and from the architectural significance of its mid nineteenth century Greek Revival style. It represents one of the more elaborate homes in the area.

Description: The Pry House is a two-story, L-shaped, five-bay structure on a stone foundation. Like several other more elaborate homes in the region, the Pry house is constructed with Flemish bond on its front elevation only. Common bond construction is used on the side and rear portions of the building. The main block of the house has a steeply pitched hipped roof with two single chimneys at the ridge. Lighting the upper story are five large six-over-six-light sash windows which extend from the roof eave to the porch roof. The first story has a central double entrance door with two windows on each side, a six-light transom, and a small Greek Revival porch. The ell, is a continuation of the west wall. Constructed on its east side is a two-story porch with simple supports and a second story balustrade. There are entrances to this porch on each floor. This ell section has a gable roof with two small windows in the north gable end.

The barn is situated to the north of the house. Like many barns in the region, it is constructed of stone on the first level. Vertical boarding above overhangs the stone level on the south. A shed addition has been added on the eastern end. The tin plated side-gabled roof has two ventilators along its ridge.

History: According to the date noted on a brick beside the front door, the Pry House was built in July, 1844. Constructed by Philip Pry and his brother Samuel, the house sits on high ground west of Keedysville, Maryland. The Pry House has been owned by numerous people since Philip Pry sold it in 1874. In 1974, the federal government bought the property under the Public Law Act of 1960 which authorized the Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands and interests in lands to preserve, protect and improve the Antietam National Battlefield Site.

Under the auspices of the National Park Service, a restoration of the house was completed in 1977-78. Among the projects was the reconstruction of the small Greek Revival porch which had been replaced by a larger structure in the late-nineteenth-century.

During the Battle of Antietam, the Pry House was used by General George B. McClellan as his headquarters. He chose the spot due in part to its panoramic view of almost the entire Antietam Valley around Sharpsburg. During the battle, the barn was used as a hospital. Wounded soldiers were boarded in the house after the end of the fighting. Among the soldiers treated on the property was General Israel B. Richardson, Union hero of Bloody Lane. Richardson died in the Pry House on November 3, 1862.

Sources:

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Philip Pry House, Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, June, 1978

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