Battle of Germantown's history

Author: Anonymous

Publication info: Philadelphia Tribune [Philadelphia, Pa] 27 Sep 2009: T3.
ProQuest document link

Abstract (Abstract): General George Washington's daring campaign to liberate the occupied capital city, Philadelphia, came to an abrupt end on the Germantown Road oil Oct. 4, 1777. Washington planned a pre-dawn attack on Germantown, where thousands of British soldiers were camped in the fields, living off the crops and livestock of the local residents. Homes were commandeered as headquarters for the British officers, including General William Howe at Stenton.

Links: Linking Service

Full text: Oct. 4, 1777
The Battle of Germantown during the War for Independence is crucial to this neighborhood's importance to American history.
General George Washington's daring campaign to liberate the occupied capital city, Philadelphia, came to an abrupt end on the Germantown Road oil Oct. 4, 1777. Washington planned a pre-dawn attack on Germantown, where thousands of British soldiers were camped in the fields, living off the crops and livestock of the local residents. Homes were commandeered as headquarters for the British officers, including General William Howe at Stenton.
Nearly 12,000 Continental troops were marshaled for the attack, yet 120 British infantrymen proved unbeatable as they barricaded themselves inside the thick stone walls of Cliveden, the summer house of the wealthy Loyalist Benjamin Chew.
Fierce fighting raged for several hours throughout the area, but Washington's troops were eventually forced to retreat back into Montgomery County and the British tightened their hold on the town. After the battle, local teenagers helped to bury the dead in mass graves. More than 150 American soldiers were killed about half of them on the grounds of Cliveden - and 70 British. Hundreds more on both sides were wounded. The battle left indelible scars on the community.
Sidebar
The Battle of Germantown Reenactment will take place on Oct. 3 on the grounds of Cliveden. In addition to a battle reenactment by professional reenactors, a full day of activities is planned. Schedule of the day's events is on page 12.

Subject: Historic preservation; Historic buildings & sites; Tourism; Tourist attractions; History;

Location: Germantown Pennsylvania

Ethnicity: African American, Caribbean, African

Publication title: Philadelphia Tribune

Volume: 8

Issue: 45

Pages: T3

Number of pages: 1

Publication year: 2009

Publication date: Sep 27, 2009

Year: 2009

Publisher: Philadelphia Tribune

Place of publication: Philadelphia, Pa.

Country of publication: United States

Publication subject: African American/Caribbean/African, Ethnic Interests

ISSN: 0746956X

Source type: Newspapers

Language of publication: English

Document type: Feature

Document feature: Photographs

ProQuest document ID: 337841057

Document URL: http://search.proquest.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/docview/337841057?accountid=11311

Copyright: Copyright Philadelphia Tribune Sep 27, 2009

Last updated: 2010-06-20

Database: Ethnic NewsWatch

Contact ProQuest

Copyright © 2013 ProQuest LLC. All rights reserved. - Terms and Conditions