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ENCAMPMENT OF GENERAL GEORGE MEADE (Site) June 30 - July 1, 1863

Francis Scott Key Highway (Route 194) private

Taneytown vicinity

The Union army's battle plan just preceding the Battle of Gettysburg was a line of defense along the Big Pipe Creek as described in detail in the book Just South of Gettysburg by Frederick Shriver Klein. in Carroll County, General George Meade established his headquarters on a farm one-mile north of Taneytown ~~[illegible]~~ ~~then~~ owned at that time by Benjamin Shunk. Meade's headquarter's tent was pitched under a large sycamore tree on the Shunk farm. Meade formulated his new battle plans at Taneytown during this encampment and left Taneytown on the evening of July 1 to command his troops at the Battle of Gettysburg. A State Roads Historical Marker designates the site of this encampment.