

Small Historic Towns across America.

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Gettysburg, PA

A journey back in time

Brief History of Gettysburg, PA.

The borough of Gettysburg is located on the site of the former farmstead owned by Samuel Gettys. This property was part of the Marsh Creek Settlement, an area that was developed between 1736 and 1760 by Scottish and Irish families in the northern part of Adams County and by Germans in the southern part of Adams County.

After the American Revolution, Gettys' son, James, purchased a 116-acre piece of his father's 381-acre farmstead. By 1786, James Gettys began laying out the design for a town that included 120 lots around a square, today's Lincoln Square. Gettysburg's location proved advantageous for growth and development. Located at the crossroads of several major transportation routes, the town eventually became the seat of power in Adams County in 1800.

Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport.

FROM BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT : BWI

- Exit airport and follow Interstate 195 North to Baltimore Washington Parkway North, Exit #2
- Follow Baltimore Washington Parkway North to Interstate 695 North (Baltimore Beltway)
- Follow Interstate 695 North and signs for Towson to Interstate 795 North

Take At Westminster, pick up MD Route 97/PA Route 97 and follow to Gettysburg.



Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.

Gettysburg was founded in 1786, three years before George Washington was elected. At the time the town was established the colonies were still under the control of the king of England.

Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.

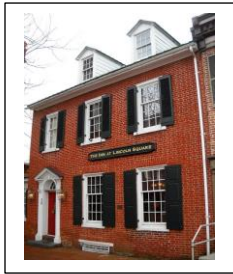
The Dobbin House and Tavern is an old home turned into a restaurant. They serve lunch and dinner daily in an old 18th century dining experience.



Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

There are many things to do in Gettysburg. You could go to many different museums. Take a tour of the battlefields and even go on a hunt looking for ghosts.

The Gettysburg Borough is governed by nine locally elected, council members. The borough is divided into three electoral wards. Three members of Council are elected from each Ward. The Borough Council has multiple committees including: College/Community, Ordinance, Public Safety, Public Works, Legislative, Human Resources, and Finance. Three council members serve on each committee, but the powerful chairs are held by just five members with several council members chairing more than one committee. There is an elected mayor and tax collector. The borough operates a police department.



Where can we stay if we visit Gettysburg?

Inn at Lincoln Square

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Why would I want to visit this historic small town.

I would like to visit because of the historic significance of this area. I would really like to see the battlefields and the museums.

Links you may wish to visit.

<http://www.gettysburg.com/>

<http://www.destinationgettysburg.com/>

<http://www.gettysburg-pa.gov/>