

Where did General Washington make his Headquarters on the Evening of 15 September 1777?

One of the tasks posted in the 2013 “Battle of the Clouds” ABPP project (GA-2255-12-005) was to investigate where General Washington made his headquarters on the evening of 15 September 1777. The answer to Question 5 in the 2013 “Technical Report” indicates that Malin Hall, Washington’s Headquarters, is no longer standing. That is incorrect.

The 2013 “Technical Report” states on page 2:

“Washington made his headquarters at Randal [sic] Malin’s house at the fork of Lancaster and Swedesford Roads in East Whiteland which was located just east of Malin Hall, but is no longer standing.”

FN 17, which accompanies this statement, reads: *“Selig, Question 5. This refutes the claim from Leasa, T/E History, p. 58, which states that the headquarters was at the Brackbill-Haldemen-Malin house.”*

The answer to Question 5 repeats this incorrect statement and reads in part as follows:

Question 05, Return:

Did Washington make his headquarters at Malin Hall or the Brackbill-Haldeman-Malin House on the evening of 15 September 1777?

Answer:

On the evening of 15 September 1777, George Washington made his headquarters at Randall Malin’s house, which presumable stood east of Malin Hall but is no longer standing.

Malin Hall is still standing at 74 Malin Road in Malvern, and as of October 2019 owned by Dr. Thomas Miles, who kindly pointed out the error to me. The correct answer reads:

Answer:

On the evening of 15 September 1777, George Washington made his headquarters at Malin Hall, the home of Randall Malin.

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