

Sharpsburg. **ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD SITE**, N of Sharpsburg off MD 45, 1862. Site of one of Civil War's most crucial and costly battles (Sept. 17, 1862), in which nearly 5,000 were killed, and over 18,000 wounded; Lee withdrew, unsuccessful in his first attempt to invade Union territory, leaving McClellan with a technical but indecisive victory. Improvement in military fortunes for which President Lincoln had been waiting to issue Emancipation Proclamation, drew popular European sympathy from Confederacy to Union. *Federal/NPS/non-federal*: HABS.