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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
**BARCLAY HOUSE**  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
**230 Juliana Street** -- NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CITY, TOWN **Bedford** VICINITY OF **9th** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE **Pennsylvania** CODE **42** COUNTY **Bedford** CODE **009**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
**Bedford County c/o County Commissioners**  
STREET & NUMBER  
**203 South Juliana Street**  
CITY, TOWN **Bedford** VICINITY OF STATE **Pennsylvania**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
**Bedford County Courthouse**  
STREET & NUMBER  
**Public Square**  
CITY, TOWN **Bedford** STATE **Pennsylvania**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
**Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places**  
DATE  
**10/19/77** -- FEDERAL  STATE -- COUNTY -- LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
**Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places**  
CITY, TOWN **Harrisburg** STATE **Pennsylvania**

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barclay Mansion is of the late Victorian period (built in 1889) with some Italianate style details. The house is two and one half stories high and is built of brick. The main core of the house has twelve large rooms, two deep in double bays about the central hall and stairway on three floors. The rear wing has six smaller rooms on two floors, serving as servant-butler quarters, pantry and kitchen. A two bay full basement has a base of course stone, topped with brick perimeter walls. The house has central support from two rows of three brick archways. The low central tower, with its curved and stilted segmented arch work above the triple and double windows, creates a distinctive front to the house. The brick work has pilaster like detail on the central tower. The brick pilasters rise to the roof-line and are topped with heavy scroll-like bracketing. This late Victorian period style bracketing is repeated in the porch roof detail and around the structure's eaves.

The roof has jerkin-head gable (partially hipped) on the ends and a jerkin-head gable on the low central tower. Chimneys are incorporated into the end gables with distinctive flare and taper in brick work detail. Two additional similarly detailed chimneys rise from the rear wing. Six fireplaces remain in the house. They have slate hearths with marble mantels and trim. Crafted brass trim and metal liners to the hearths are distinctly Victorian. The large kitchen hearth has been closed over with shelving.

The windows are double large pane lights on the front of the house; triple in the tower. Single windows are elsewhere. The windows have large white wooden lintels; square arching over the lights; and massive wooden sills beneath. The southeast end of the house has carved wooden floral motif in the lintels. There are fluted pilasters in the double window sets. The double doors of the main entrance have no transom, but they have large square, frosted etched panes at the top. Interior doors of the front foyer are of similar design. Also, the carved wooden floral motif is found on the doors and in the trim detail. The rear wing entrance is a single door and has a three light transom. The central hall has massive walnut stairway railings and trim detail abounds in every room. Craftsmanship in details and trim work is found throughout this mansion.

The structure is in very good condition and has found an adoptive use as a library. It has had few alterations since it was built; only modern florescent ceiling lighting, library shelving and paneling have altered the original Victorian home interior of the mansion. Landscaped grounds and continual maintenance have perserved the beauty of this architectural specimen.

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE  | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART          | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES      1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

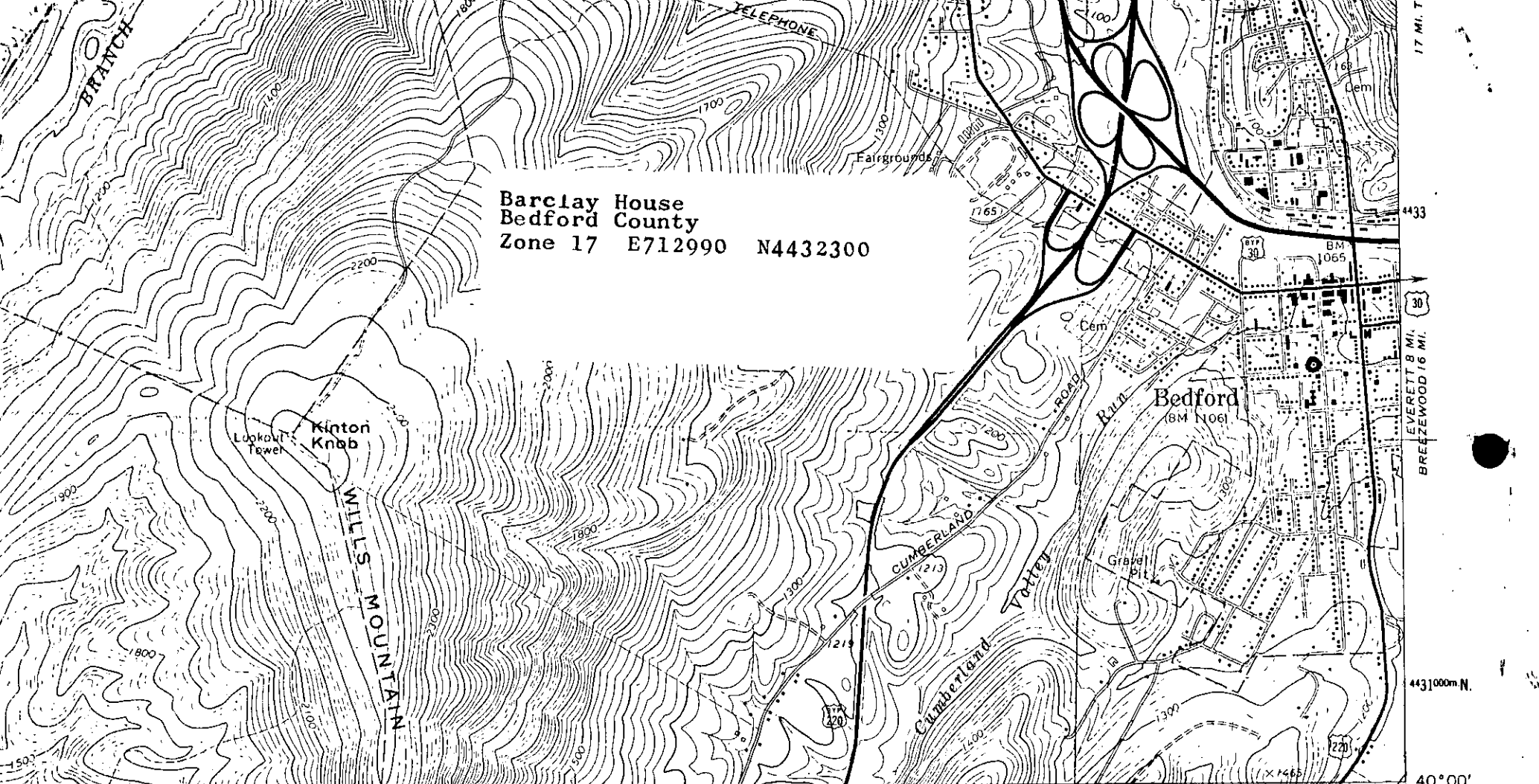
The Barclay House was built for John Jacob Barclay in 1889. It now houses the Bedford County Public Library and is a fine architectural example of the late Victorian period.

John Jacob Barclay, who died in 1908, was the son of Dr. Francis Barclay. He was a Lieutenant for the Union forces during the Civil War and was wounded at Reams Station in Virginia and imprisoned in Libbey Prison in Richmond. In 1889, after the sudden death of his wife, he retired from his law practice and moved from Newport, Pennsylvania, to Bedford and his new \$13,000.00 home.

In addition to being architecturally impressive, the Barclay house is note worthy because of its association with one of Bedfords most prominent families.

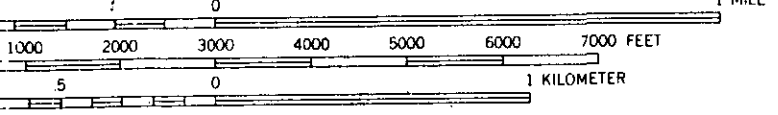
John Jacob Barclay served as Bedford's Board of Health Officer and while often misunderstood was well respected. He was a strong supporter of the vaccination program and had to fight much opposition to see it and other health measures established in Bedford.



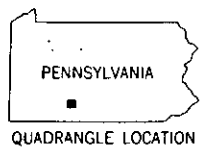


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