Our goals this season were to investigate the GPR anomalies found by Shippensburg University and explore a 4-acre area of the Rowe lower field. 55 volunteers excavated 1,625 square feet of trenches and units over 5 weeks. That’s approximately 32.5 tons or 5 full grown T-Rexes worth of moved dirt! Thanks to this monumental effort, we’ve learned more about the property’s prehistoric landscape and the effectiveness of GPR methodology.
Our surface and metal detecting surveys revealed prehistoric quartz debris concentrated along the creek immediately west of the project area. This is likely an extension of the native site identified in the Wiest lower field. Historic artifacts are comparatively low and decrease in numbers as we move north towards the Shultz House. Most are concentrated along a natural “shelf” that intersect several GPR anomalies. 18th century artifacts include westerwald stoneware, English white salt-glazed stoneware, creamware, and a button with an “alpha” shaped shank. Most surface artifacts are 19th century cut nails, pearlware, and un-dateable redwares.

We placed a trench to intersect the GPR anomalies marked by Shippensburg University. Unfortunately, no cultural features were identified. This was further proven with the addition of 10 test units, all of which yielded a similar result. We placed a second trench, finding more 18th century material and a historic posthole. The posthole was found on the last day of excavation, so we couldn’t expand on the discovery.
I’d like to thank everyone for their support and efforts this year. While we didn’t confirm the location of the Camp Security stockade, we’ve gained valuable knowledge that’ll aid us in future seasons!

Click Below to see the Site Drone Videos. Because of the size of the videos, they are best viewed on a computer.

Drone Videos Link

Thank You!

FOCS would like to thank our knowledgeable, dedicated, and enthusiastic archaeologists for another productive season.

John Crawmer, Principal Archaeologist
And last, but certainly not least, FOCS would like to thank our dedicated, hardworking volunteers. You are the heart of Friends of Camp Security, and without you none of this important work would be possible. Thank you, Volunteers!