Beginning in January of 2018 and continuing throughout the spring months, Shippensburg University's Department of Geography-Earth Science performed a
geophysical study, utilizing ground penetrating radar (GPR) and electromagnetic methods to investigate part of the area preserved as the site of Camp Security in Springettsbury Township, York County.

The research team consisted of Dr. Paul Marr, Professor of Geography, Dr. Sean Cornell, Associate Shippensburg Professor of Geography and Earth Science, and Dr. Joseph Zume, Associate Professor of Geography and Earth Science.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, Dr. Cornell presented the team's results of their extensive study. After reviewing the technology involved and employed, Dr. Cornell shared where anomalies were found at the Camp Security site. This is surely exciting news!

Anomalies were discovered in the Lower Wiest Field and the Schultz Field. For those familiar with the last two archaeological digs, the Wiest Field is the site of the 2015 Dig, and the Schultz Field is the site of the 2016 Dig. In both areas, the anomalies found were outside the areas where the digs were performed.

The Shippensburg professors have expressed their enthusiasm in extending our partnership as we continue to pursue the location of the stockade. FOCS is extremely grateful for the time and effort of the Shippensburg team!

Where Do We Go From Here?

With this new information in mind, FOCS would like to schedule our next archaeological dig for the spring of 2019. Thanks to the generosity of Springettsbury Township, we have a great start to meeting our dig financial goal. However, the township contribution will only meet half the funds needed to perform a dig. Our focus for the next few months will be on raising all of the funds necessary for such an undertaking. If anyone is familiar with grant writing, please let us know as that is an avenue we would like to investigate. We are always looking for fund-raising ideas, so please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas.

ABC27 News Video

OPENING OF CAMP SECURITY EXHIBIT
The Camp Security Exhibit is now open for the public to view. On display are artifacts on loan from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It features a variety of objects recovered, during a previous extensive archaeological dig, at the village of prisoner huts nicknamed “Camp Indulgence” outside the stockade. This exhibit can now be viewed in the lobby of the Springettsbury Township Municipal Building at 1501 Mount Zion Road, York, Pennsylvania (Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Township Holidays).

The exhibit was planned, organized, and designed by FOCS Board Members: June Burk Lloyd, Librarian Emerita of the York County Heritage Trust, and Jonathan Stayer, Supervisor for the Reference Services of the Pennsylvania State Archives. Thank you, Jonathan and June!
Jonathan Stayer and June Burk Lloyd

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