Weeping Heart Brooch

One of the logos that many of you see associated with the Friends of Camp Security is the weeping heart brooch. But what is the significance of this brooch?

In 1979, the first official archaeological dig was performed on the Camp Indulgence section of the Camp Security Site. Of the thousands of artifacts found, one was the weeping heart brooch. “One unique item is a silver brooch in the shape of a heart. This is a distinctly Scottish piece of jewelry, and members of at least one Scottish regiment of Highlanders are known to have been present at Camp Security. This brooch signifies a weeping heart and was given as a farewell token and hopefully, brought protection to a loved one who had been sent to the war in America.” *Mark Shaffer, (See Below *)
Because of its distinctiveness, it has become a symbol of FOCS. That is why it appears on our website, our pins, and our brochures.

Links:
- 1979 Artifact Samples: [http://www.campsecurity.org/archaeology](http://www.campsecurity.org/archaeology)

*Archaeologist, Mark Shaffer*

Mark Shaffer has worked as an Historic Preservation Specialist in the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office since February of 1991. Previous to that, he considers it his extreme good fortune to do a 12 week internship with Barry Kent, Kurt Carr, and our own Steve Warfel, archaeologists with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 1982. Also in 1982, he obtained his first “paying job” in archaeology. Mark worked on the French and Indian War-period Fort Loudon site under the direction of Steve Warfel, who he feels taught him most of what he knows about the archaeology of historic sites.
In this 1982 photo, Mark Shaffer is in the green shorts. Standing opposite Mark is our Camp Security archaeologist, Steve Warfel.

**When Is Our Next Dig?**

FOCS has an ambitious goal for 2018. As part of our continuing archaeological research, we would like to have Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scanning performed in certain fields of interest. Many of you have suggested we take this step in the hope of more accurately pinpointing the site of the stockade. The cost of this imaging is in the range of $27,000. Therefore, we will be taking the next year to raise money for this endeavor. Your membership dues contribution is the initial step in helping us pursue this important objective. In the coming year, we will be focusing on an awareness of our accomplishments, and we will not be performing an archaeological dig.

Please help us reach the goal even faster by donating at [www.campsecurity.org](http://www.campsecurity.org) or [https://www.gofundme.com/finding-camp-security](https://www.gofundme.com/finding-camp-security).