On August 2nd, 1781, Colonel James Wood stated: “I have fixed the British troops on good ground, the property of a non-juror, between York and the Susquehanna, so as to be convenient to throw them across the river in any emergency.”
Almost 240 years ago, these words signaled the beginning of Camp Security. Today, the mission of the Friends of Camp Security is to preserve, interpret, and commemorate this last undeveloped American Revolutionary War Prison Camp.

2020 Archaeological Findings

In the past year, we embarked on our most ambitious archaeological project to date. During the 2020 season, we performed surface collection and metal detecting on over 26 acres of the site. Using the information obtained from these surveys, trenches and pits were dug to investigate artifact clusters.

Numerous archaeological discoveries were ascertained as a result of this aggressive research. We recovered over 900 artifacts including buttons, coins, shoe buckles, musketballs, pottery, and glass belonging to the camp's prisoners and guards. Our excavation also found a large posthole, representing the first structural evidence of Camp Security. Future work will focus on revealing adjoining posts to determine the structure’s shape, size, and function.

Giving Tuesday

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