“The troops arrived at York and were confined in a prison similar to the one at Rutland, Massachusetts, where Burgoyne's prisoners were held in 1778. A great number of trees were ordered to be cut down in the woods; these were sharpened at each end and driven firmly into the earth very close together, enclosing a space of about two to three acres.”

Roger Lamb

Sergeant in the Royal Welch Fusiliers

Much of what we know of Camp Security is based on the writings of the captured prisoner, Sergeant Roger Lamb. Over two hundred years he wrote of his experiences, and his words are still helping us uncover the mysteries of Camp Security. Today, the mission of the FOCS is to preserve, interpret, and commemorate this last undeveloped American Revolutionary War Prison Camp.

There were many promising discoveries during this year's archaeological excavation. The dig was performed in the field below the Camp Indulgence site. Surface collection and metal detecting yielded artifacts such as King George II coins, buttons, musketballs, and Westerwald pottery. Following the mapped artifact clusters, a trash pit, well, and nine post holes were unearthed at various points throughout the project area. Future work will focus on revealing adjoining features to determine a pattern.

FOCS is committed to the goal of determining what happened here, in York County, two hundred and forty years ago. Please join us. Your membership dues contribution is the initial step in helping us pursue this important archaeological project. You can support us by renewing your membership online, at www.campsecurity.org. Any additional contributions are always welcome.

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2021 Dig Report

Lead Camp Security Archaeologist, John Crawmer, is diligently working on cleaning and cataloging the dig artifacts. He is also in the process of writing the detailed, comprehensive report of the 2021 Archaeological Dig Findings. Look for the full report in early 2022.

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