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## YORK COUNTY'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR CAMP EXPOSED

*York PA, April 10, 2010:* Explore the history of Camp Security at the York County Heritage Trust's April 10 installment of the Second Saturdays Lecture Series. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Historical Society Museum, 250 E. Market St. in Downtown York. Join Jonathan Stayer, head of the Reference Section at the Pennsylvania State Archives, as he examines the unique past of Camp Security.

Beginning with the construction of a stockade in the summer of 1781 during the last years of the American Revolution, Camp Security was established in York to hold British prisoners of war. Most of the prisoners housed at the camp were captured by American forces at the Battles of Saratoga, New York (1777) and Yorktown, Virginia (1781). Camp Security operated until the close of the war in 1783.

Stayer hopes to educate the community of York County about the significance of Camp Security and its historic importance to the Revolutionary War.

"Camp Security is the only remaining undeveloped site of a Revolutionary War prison camp in the United States," said Jonathan Stayer. "It is part of the story of how our nascent country, with little preparation and inadequate supplies, dealt with the thousands of British and German prisoners of war captured by its army."

Second Saturdays is a free program offered by the York County Heritage Trust, providing an entertaining yet educational Saturday afternoon for the community. Participants will enjoy a free program at a featured York County Heritage Trust site, and are then encouraged to enjoy the day in Downtown York, taking advantage of the culture, dining and shopping opportunities along the way. Coupons to local restaurants and shops are available at the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau, where visitors may also enter-to-win a basket filled to the brim with York County goodies.

The York County Heritage Trust is a not-for-profit educational institution that preserves and uses its collections, historic sites, and museums to inspire people to explore the history and culture of York County, Pennsylvania.

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