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ATTENTION: SEEKING NEW SCHOLARSHIP ON THE MIDDLEBROOK CANTONMENT, the ENCAMPMENT of 1777 AND/OR THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR IN SOMERSET COUNTY

Please circulate this information as widely as possible.

Thank you!

The Heritage Trail Association in collaboration with the sites of the Middlebrook Consortium has been sponsoring a series of symposia leading up to our nation's 250th anniversary of independence. In March 2025, the third symposium will focus on the Forage War and how the British lost New Jersey while the Continental Army encamped in Bridgewater's Washington Valley in their 1777 encampment in Somerset County. A fourth symposium will be held in March, 2026.

In conjunction with the symposium series, the sponsors are offering a **\$5000 prize** for **original research** on the Middlebrook Spring Encampment, the Middlebrook Cantonment, or other aspects of the war in the Somerset County or central New Jersey. The prize is funded by the generous support of the Heritage Trail and anonymous donors.

Entries will be accepted from now through December 31, 2025 and will be judged by professional **scholars of the American Revolution**. The winner will be invited to present a summary of his/her research at the 2026 symposium.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- **Original research** based on **primary resources** to the extent possible on any topic related to the 1777 Encampment or the 1778-79 Cantonment or another aspect of the war in Somerset County, including, but not limited to, archaeology, geography, and archival research.
- Up to 25-30 pages of content, plus a bibliography, footnotes, illustrations, and/or maps. Include a cover/title page, saved as a separate document.
- Format: 8.5" x 11" double-spaced digital file with 1" margins, 12 pt font. The document should be submitted as an emailed pdf.
- The cover sheet must include the author(s) name, address, organizational affiliation (if any) and telephone and email contact information.
- Entries due should be emailed to Linda Barth, barthlinda123@aol.com by **December 31, 2025**. The submitter will receive an email receipt. n email receipt and **will be notified by February 15, 2026**. **The winner will be asked to provide a hard copy of the manuscript** and to allow their work to be included in any Symposium proceedings subsequently published by HTA. Non-winning entries will remain the sole property of the submitter.