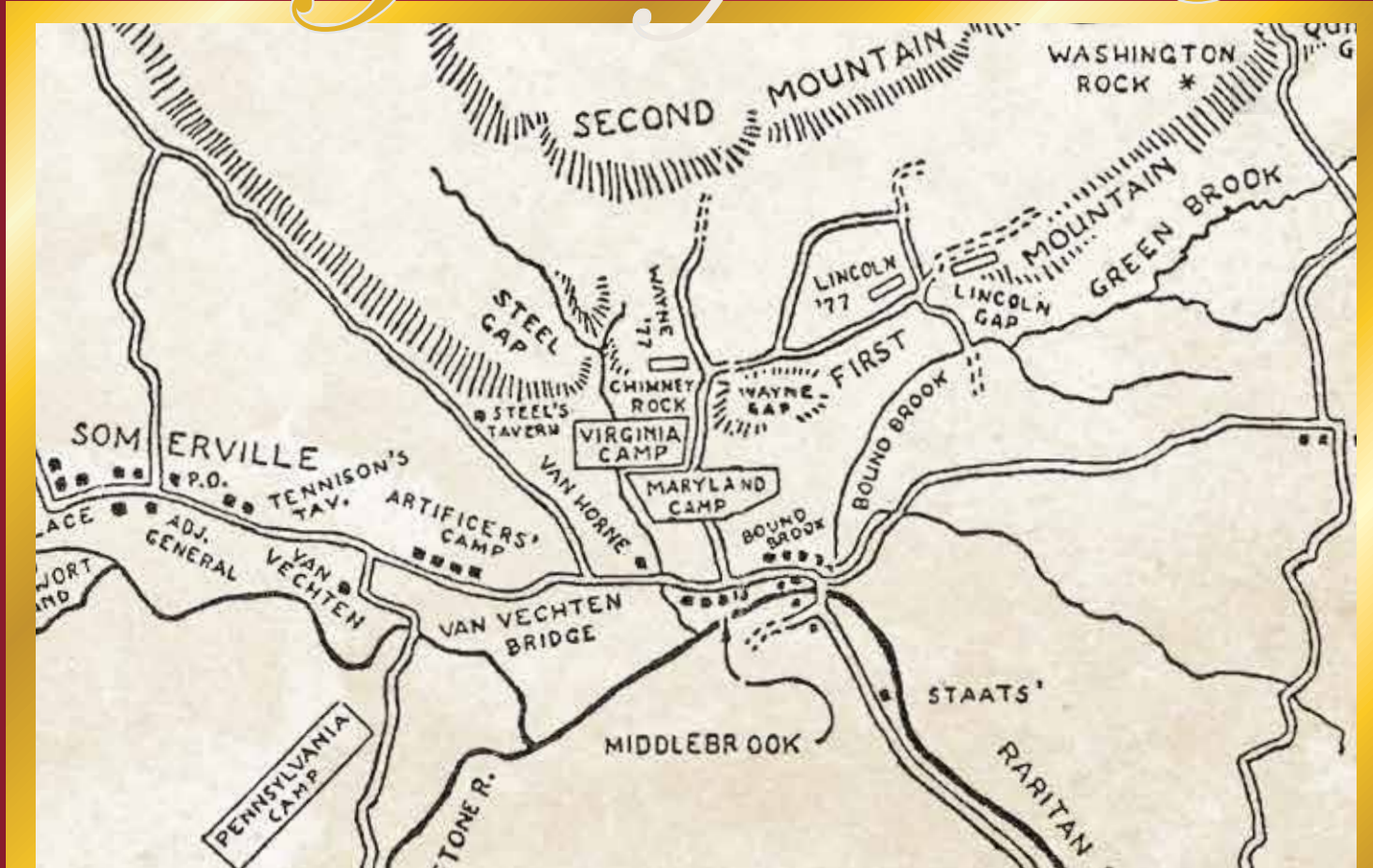


Somerset County's

# Weekend Journey through the Past



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- ★ In 1777, 1778 and 1779 the patriots had an encampment and a cantonment at Middlebrook in Bridgewater. An encampment isn't permanent; soldiers stay in tents for a few days or weeks and then move on. In cantonments, soldiers build and live in huts which can be in place for months at a time. The Middlebrook Encampment lasted about 6 weeks, the Cantonment, 7 months!
- ★ *Field Trip!* It's believed that the first American flag was flown over the American Army at the Middlebrook Encampment. Today, a 13-star flag is flown 24 hours a day at Bridgewater's Washington Camp Ground and is changed in a ceremony every July 4th – a tradition since 1889!

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