

## GLAMPING WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON!



During encampments, soldiers stayed in small tents. General Washington (and important commanders) stayed in field tents called marquees...

★ The marquee is a set of many tents that come together to make one big tent. George Washington's marquee served as his headquarters, bedroom and dining room. The dining tent could hold up to fifty people!



- ★ Marquees were made of duck canvas with red scalloped edges and had wooden floors. They were like portable houses and filled with regular furniture and rugs.
- ★ At least one of George Washington's marquees survived the war, but it was broken up into pieces. You can see Washington's Headquarters Tent at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

*Somerset County's annual Weekend Journey Through The Past is an initiative of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission in collaboration with many county-wide local historical organizations and commissions, and other county organizations.*

## EARTHWORKS

An earthen redoubt (thick, temporary wall) from the encampment still exists in the Spring Run section of Martinsville. From this part of the Watchung Mountains (Washington Rock Park!), George Washington could see the British army in New Brunswick!



## THE PLUCKEMIN ENCAMPMENT

Move over, West Point! Overseen by General Henry Knox during The Middlebrook Cantonment, this camp also served as the first artillery and officer academy in the country. Visit the Jacobus Vanderveer House in Bedminster to learn more.



*Jacobus Vanderveer House*



*A drawing of the Pluckemin Encampment, currently in the possession of the Morristown National Historical Park, was created by Captain John Lillie in late 1778 or early 1779.*



**FIVE GENERALS**

The commanders of the Continental Army stayed in houses that you can still visit today. In fact, there is a special 5 Generals Bus Tour that will take you from house to house:



**General Washington** and his aides lived in the **Wallace House** in Somerville.



*Wallace House*



**General Henry Knox** stayed at the **Jacobus Vanderveer House** in Bedminster and created an artillery academy in nearby Pluckemin.



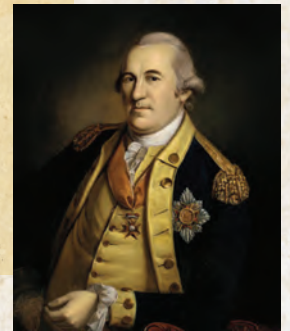
*Jacobus Vanderveer House*



**General Baron von Steuben**, reviewed his troops for George Washington followed by a "Banquet Under the Trees" at the **Abraham Staats House** in South Bound Brook.



*Abraham Staats House*



**Quartermaster General Nathanael Greene** stayed at the **Van Veghten House** in Bridgewater. His wife Kitty danced with George Washington at this house for three hours straight!



*Van Veghten House*



**William Alexander (Lord Stirling)** was headquartered at the **Van Horne House** in Bridgewater.



*Van Horne House*