



# *Savannah Under Fire*

Tracing the Footsteps  
of the Revolution  
in Savannah,  
Georgia

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# Tracing the footsteps of the Revolution

On Oct. 9, 1779, American and French forces mounted an unsuccessful attack on British-held Savannah resulting in massive Patriot casualties. Coastal Heritage Society archaeologists, supported by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, revealed Revolutionary War archaeological sites throughout downtown Savannah.

## through archaeology

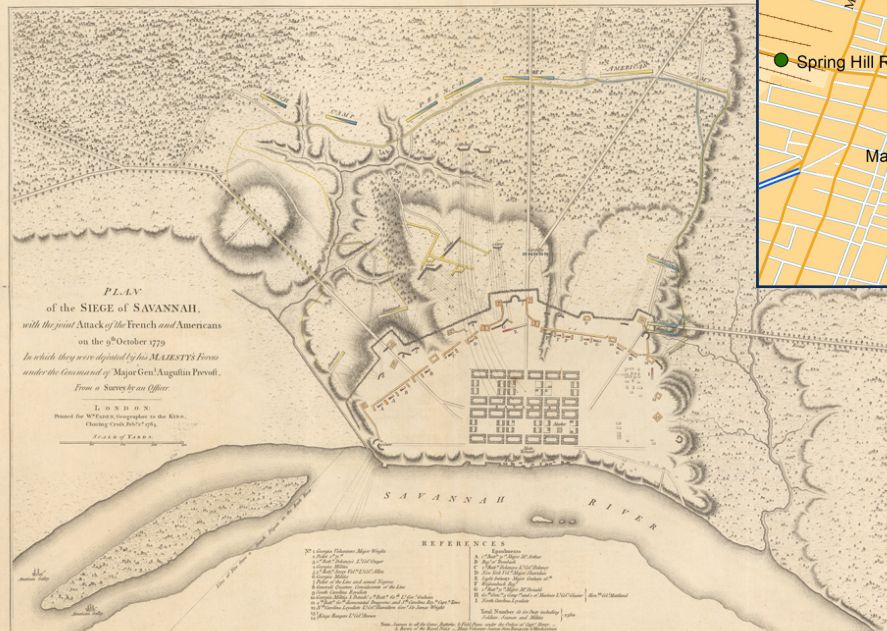
Right: Map showing locations containing Revolutionary War archaeology sites.



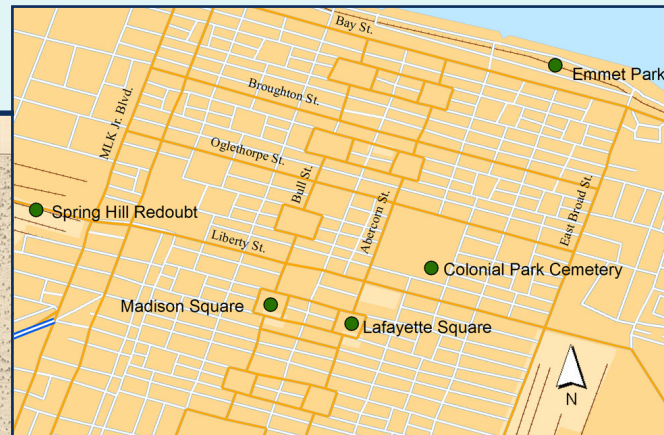
Archaeologists work in Madison Square while tourists and locals observe.

### Our Discoveries:

- **Madison Square:** a 5 1/2 foot deep ditch dug and defended by the British in 1779. American troops filled the ditch in 1782.
- **Lafayette Square:** dishes and other artifacts used by British soldiers in 1779.
- **Emmet Park:** a deep feature that may be related to the gun battery or to Fort Prevost.
- **Colonial Park Cemetery:** Using ground penetrating radar, we identified a large anomaly that may be part of Revolutionary War defenses.



Top: 1784 map of defenses and military camps in Savannah. Note: north is at the bottom of this map.



Below: Gun cock from a British Brown Bess musket.



Above: Gunflint.

