

NJS Presents**Research Notes*****Investigating the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield*****By Geoffrey Fouad, Jonathan Mercantini, Richard Veit, and Melissa Ziobro****DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14713/njs.v9i1.314>**

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As we approach the 250th anniversary of the American War for Independence, an interdisciplinary team of faculty and students from Kean University and Monmouth University have embarked on a project to investigate the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield, the last major military confrontations in New Jersey during that war. This research is supported by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. The team is investigating the conflict holistically, employing documentary, cartographic, and archaeological techniques in order to better understand this significant but understudied campaign. We plan to share the results of our research with the widest possible public audience, to make these scholarly investigations relevant to the current population of the region and beyond—so in addition to academic publications, we hope to create pop-up exhibits, public presentations, accessible physical signage, a website, and more.

This study is envisioned as a multiyear project. We have begun by assessing the existing secondary-source literature, with a focus on (re)interpreting the battle through the lens of “new” military history. As we move into historical and cartographic investigations, we reach out to you,

the readers of *NJ Studies*, for advice on primary sources that might be hidden in archival and museum collections throughout the state and beyond: postwar damage claims; the diaries and letters of participants in and witnesses to the battles; military pension records; battlefield artifacts; and more. If you have a lead for us, please contact the project head, Dr. Jonathan Mercantini, at jmercant@kean.edu.