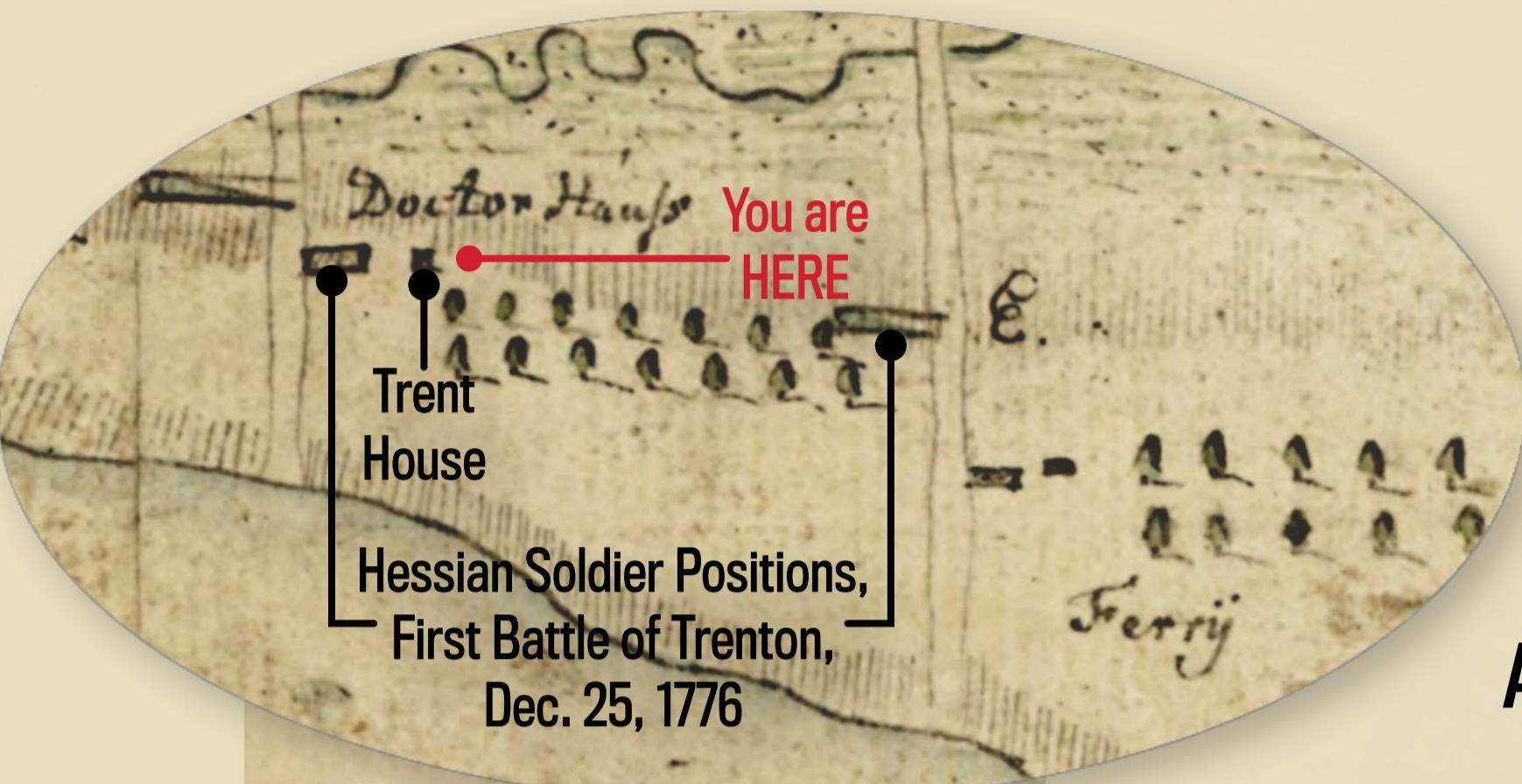


If you were here during the American Revolution



From map drawn by Hessian Cpt. Andreas Weiderhold, ca. 1777



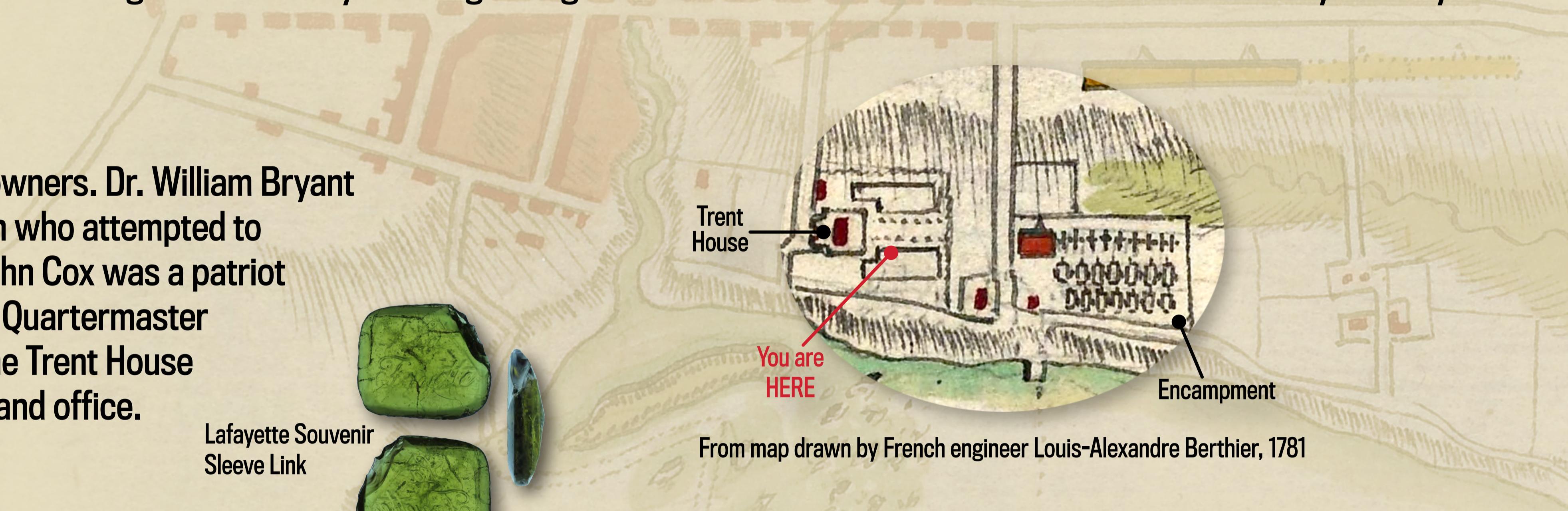
Colonel John Cox

The Trent House had two wartime owners. Dr. William Bryant was a retired British Army surgeon who attempted to remain neutral on the war. Col. John Cox was a patriot and a Continental Army Assistant Quartermaster General. In 1778, Cox purchased the Trent House from Bryant and made it his home and office.

Many prominent figures, among them Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette, and General Henry Knox, met with Cox to strategize over provisioning the army. Cox's wife Esther, assisted by her six daughters, entertained their distinguished guests. Archaeologists have found artifacts with Revolutionary War associations beneath your feet within the Trent House grounds.

At the Crossing

The Trent House occupied a strategic military location at the head of navigation on the Delaware River. Here roads overland from across northern New Jersey converged on a ferry and wharves where the main routes - by land or river - continued on to Philadelphia, the seat of America's new government. Small detachments of Hessian and then American soldiers guarded this key crossing during the Battles of Trenton in late December 1776 and early January 1777.



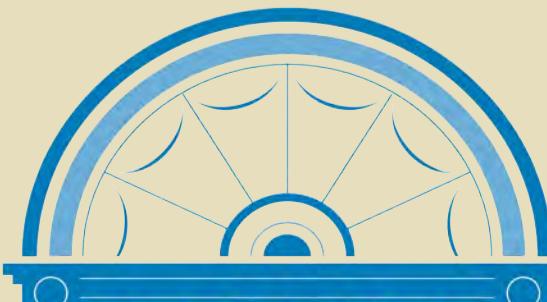
From map drawn by French engineer Louis-Alexandre Berthier, 1781



Lafayette Souvenir
Sleeve Link

Wax Seal with
Coat of Arms

The Trent House's role in the Revolution culminated with the French and American encampment in September 1781 on the march to the war-ending Battle of Yorktown and the return passage the following year. Imagine looking out from the house and seeing the farm fields filled with white tents, rows of artillery, horses tethered, and soldiers drilling.



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The 1719 William Trent House Museum respectfully acknowledges its location within the ancestral homeland of the Lenape, or Delaware as they are now commonly known, and their forebears.