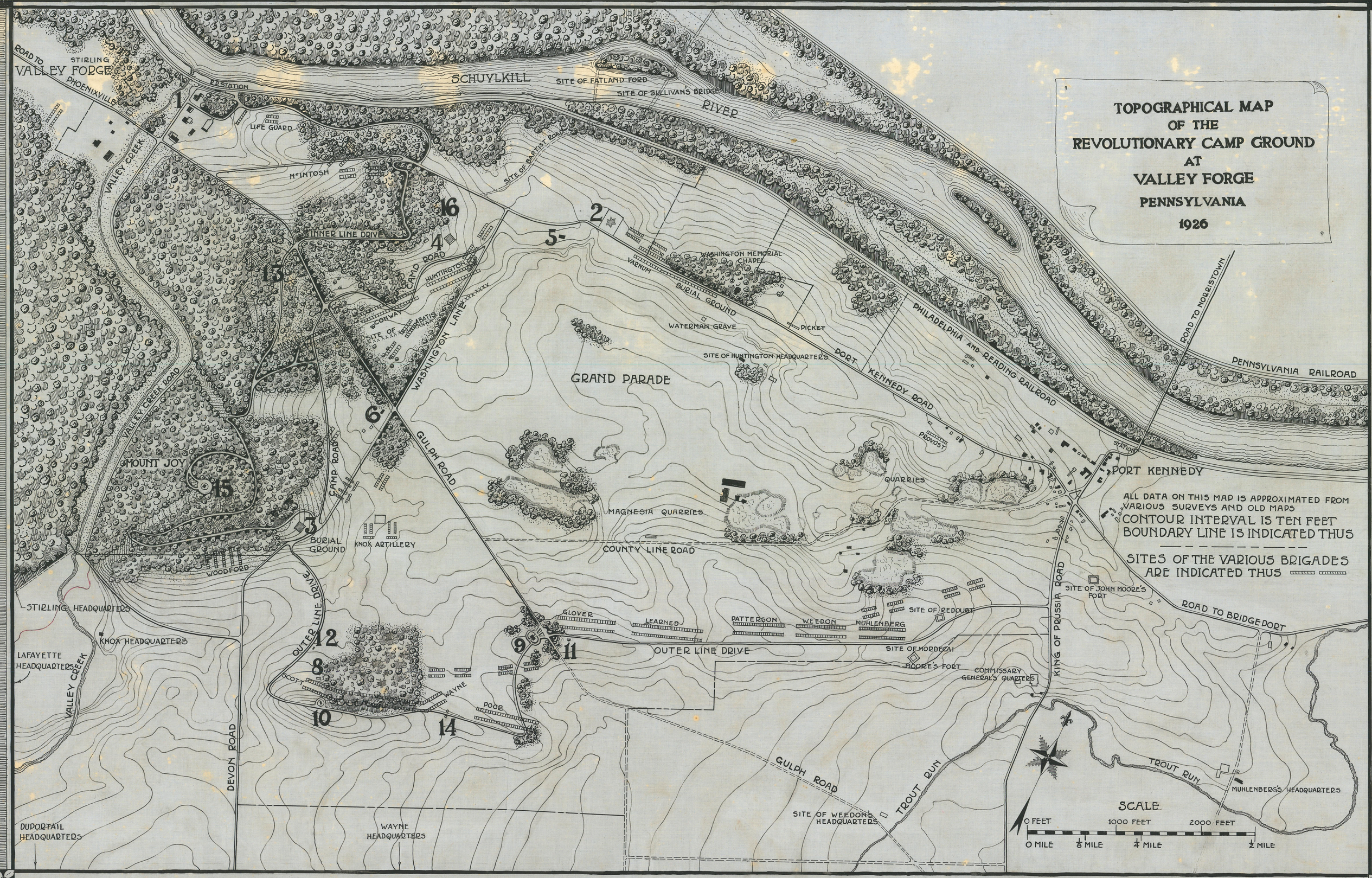
KEY TO MAP

1	WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS
2	STAR REDOUBT
3	FORT WASHINGTON
4	FORT HUNTINGTON
5	VARNUM'S HEADQUARTERS
6	OLD CAMP SCHOOLHOUSE
7	ENTRENCHMENTS
8	HOSPITAL HUT



KEY TO MAP

9	NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARCH
10	WAYNE STATUE
11	MASSACHUSETTS MEMORIAL
12	BARON VON STEUBEN STATUE
13	NEW JERSEY MONUMENT
14	PENNSYLVANIA COLUMNS
15	OBSERVATORY
16	PICNIC GROVE

VALLEY FORGE PARK.

HISTORY

THIS SITE WAS THE WINTER QUARTERS OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY FROM DECEMBER 19TH 1777 TO JUNE 19TH 1778, COVERING THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

DURING THESE MONTHS THE "CONWAY CABAL" WAS FORMED TO SUPPLANT GEORGE WASHINGTON AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

NEWS OF THE ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE WAS RECEIVED AND CELEBRATED DURING THE ENCAMPMENT.

WHILE THE BRITISH SOLDIERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL HOWE OCCUPIED PHILADELPHIA AND ENJOYED FEASTING AND REVELRY, APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND CONTINENTAL SOLDIERS AT VALLEY FORGE PERISHED FROM COLD, HUNGER, AND DISEASE.

CONGRESS HAD FLED TO YORK AND, IN THEIR DISORGANIZED AND DIVIDED CONDITION, WERE UNABLE TO EFFECTIVELY ASSIST WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMY. NEARLY THREE THOUSAND MEN WERE UNFIT FOR DUTY BECAUSE BAREFOOT OR OTHERWISE UNCLOTHED.

THE COMMON NODES AND THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE CENTERED ON WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE.

ADMINISTRATION

IN 1878 THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE WAS FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE ORIGINAL SITE OF THE ENCAMPMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY. THIS WAS THE FIRST ORGANIZED EFFORT TO RESTORE AND TO PRESERVE THIS HISTORIC SPOT.

IN 1893 AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES OF THE SITE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS. THE ACT REQUIRED THAT THE LAND BE LAID OUT, PRESERVED, AND MAINTAINED FOREVER, AS A PUBLIC PLACE AND PARK BY THE NAME OF VALLEY FORGE, SO THAT SAME AND THE FORTIFICATIONS THEREON MAY BE MAINTAINED AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION AS A MILITARY CAMP AND MAY BE PRESERVED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SAID STATE.

VALLEY FORGE PARK IS NOW ADMINISTERED BY AN UNPAID COMMISSION OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND WATERS OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT ACRES OF THE CAMP SITE HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED, LAID OUT, AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

PENNSYLVANIA.