

# ***Charlestown Historical Society Special Presentation***

***Dr. Laura Sherrod, Professor of Geology at Kutztown University will present the results of a Ground-Penetrating Radar Study at Charlestown Presbyterian Cemetery.***

Dr. Sherrod and some of her students undertook a survey of the Cemetery in the fall and winter of 2017 in order to locate unmarked graves, a possible mass burial pit, and the location of the 1742 Presbyterian Church originally on the site.

The scans were done using ground penetrating radar and magnetometer equipment, which can locate some long-buried items and anomalies below ground level.

It is thought that some 150 or more Revolutionary War soldiers are buried there, victims of disease and hunger during the War encampment at Valley Forge.

A map found long ago in the walls of the Yellow Springs Hospital shows the location of individual graves, plus a burial pit thought to hold 50 or more bodies.



The cemetery is now owned by Charlestown Township, and the Board of Supervisors approved the study and invites you to attend the presentation.

The Cemetery is just north of the Charlestown Mill and across from the Charlestown Playhouse.

*At right: The Charlestown Presbyterian Cemetery, located at 2475 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville.*

***Please join us: Charlestown Elementary School Cafeteria, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Park on the right side of the building and enter Door #5***