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Artifacts of Slave Life

What are they?

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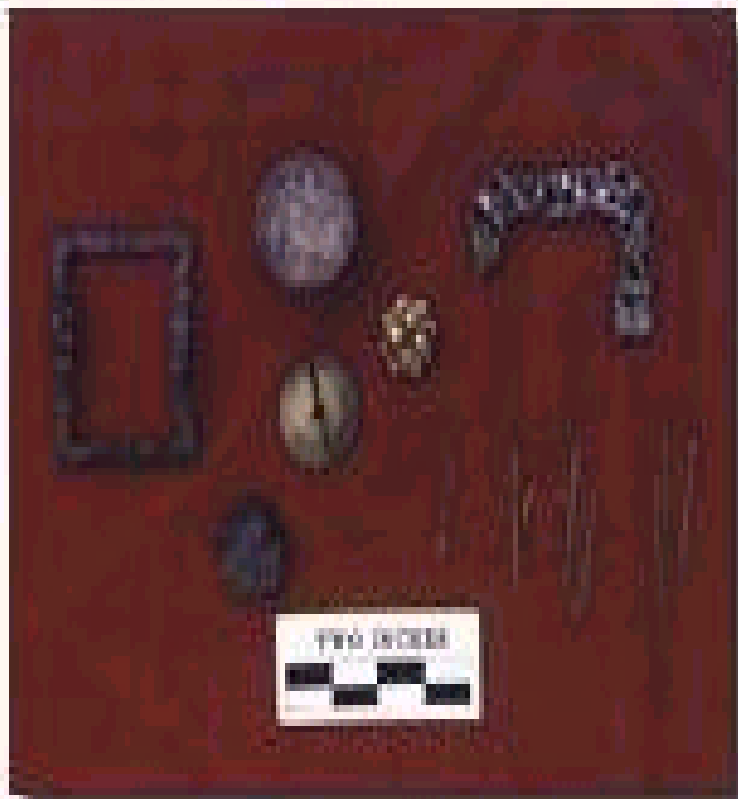
What do they tell us?

Bones

- Tell a great deal about the diet of the slaves
- Beef, pork, and mutton were the domesticated meats eaten by the slaves while many species of fish, fowl and wild animals like deer, rabbit and opossum rounded out their diet.



Clothing Artifacts



<http://www.mountvernon.org/education/slavery/buttons.asp>

- Left to Right:
 - brass shoe buckle
 - buttons: brass, white metal with gilt, bone and fabric covered bone
 - brass shoe buckle covered with silver wash
 - brass straight pins

- reveal information about the clothing worn by the slaves living in the quarter

Personal Items

- Clockwise from top:
 - clay tobacco pipes
 - gun flint
 - lead gun shot (reveals that slaves hunted to supplement their diet)
 - jaw harp fragment
 - clay marbles



<http://www.mountvernon.org/education/slavery/personal.asp>

- These items reflect the leisure activities of the

Pottery



- Clockwise from upper left:
 - English slipware platter
 - colonoware bowl
 - white salt glaze stoneware plate with "dot, diaper, basket" decoration
 - Chinese export porcelain plate

<http://www.mountvernon.org/education/slavery/pottery.asp>

Pipes



<http://www.history.org/History/argy/MHPPage/CG10Artifacts.htm>

Beads



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Common Artifacts



- ❑ Remains of pewter spoons, clay tobacco pipes, and a shell, all with holes drilled into them for some purpose.
- ❑ Such artifacts are relatively common on African-American sites.