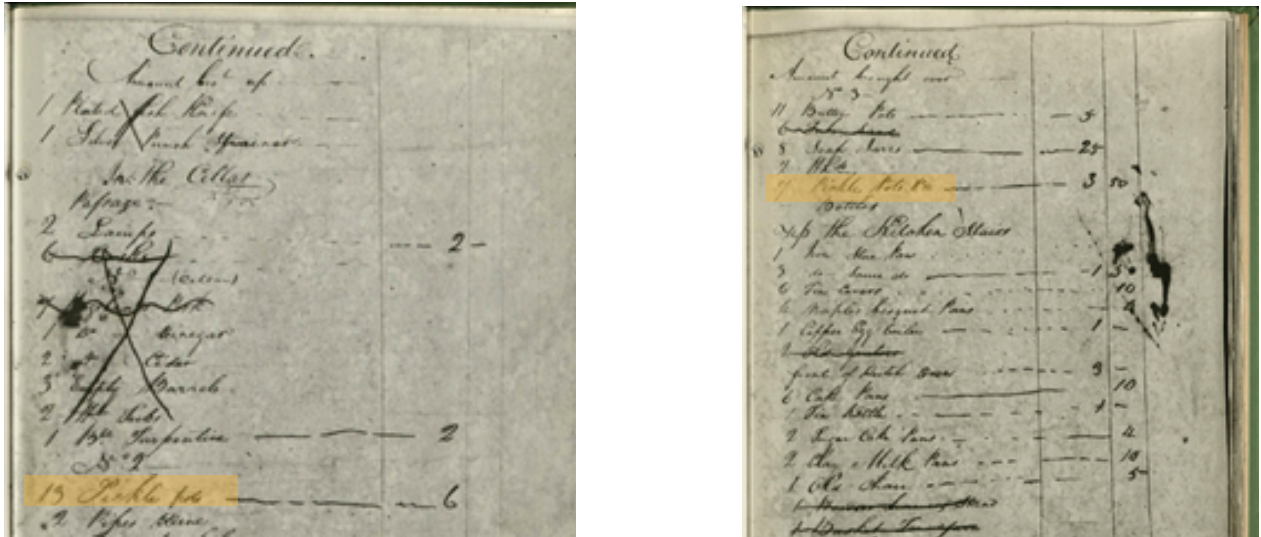


## Explore a Primary Source!

Below is a picture of an inventory of the cellar created by Martha Washington in 1800. It lists twenty pickle pots. Pickle pots were specific type of container used for pickling food. It is likely that these pots were made out of stoneware, as the vinegar used in pickling would eat through most other types of pottery, and glass was often too brittle.



Visit the Family Hub on the North Lane to learn more about pickling and pickle pots!

## Make Your Own Spice Map

Spices are an important part of food preparation and preservation. The spices used for food preservation at Mount Vernon came from all over the world! Where are your spices coming from?

Using spices that you have at home or spices you can find in the grocery store, color in where all of your spices are coming from:



## Homeschool Day Kid's Guide

### Locations & Schedules of Events

★ Mansion Tour Entry

- 1 Texas Gate/Main Entrance
- 2 Ford Orientation Center
- 3 Bowling Green Gate
- 4 Bowling Green
- 5 Upper Garden
- 6 Greenhouse
- 7 Slave Quarters: Women
- 8 Shoemaker's Shop
- 9 Stove Room
- 10 Slave Quarters: Men
- 11 **North Lane\***
- 12 Blacksmith Shop
- 13 **Spinning House\***
- 14 Botanical Garden
- 15 Salt House
- 16 Servants' Hall
- 17 Mansion Circle/Specialty Tours
- 18 Mansion
- 19 Kitchen
- 20 Storehouse & Clerk's Quarters
- 21 Necessary
- 22 Smokehouse
- 23 Wash House

- 24 Coach House
- 25 Stable
- 26 Dung Repository
- 27 Ice House
- 28 Lower Garden
- 29 Paddock
- 30 Fruit Garden and Nursery
- 31 Old Tomb
- 32 Washington Tomb
- 33 Slave Memorial & Cemetery
- 34 Wharf
- 35 Forest Trail
- 36 12-Acre Field
- 37 Donald W. Reynolds Museum & Education Center
- 38 **Pole Shelter\***
- 39 Boat Shed
- 40 **Slave Cabin\***
- 41 **16-Sided Barn\***

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S  
**MOUNT ★ VERNON**

THE MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION

**Be sure to check out:**  
**Music of the Revolution**

Bowling Green  
10:30 and 2:30

**Farmer George Plants a Nation**

Bowling Green  
11:00 and 2:00

**Family Hub**

North Lane  
9:00 - 3:30

**Farm Demonstrations**

Farm Site  
9:30 - 4:00

**Spinning Demonstration**

Spinning House  
9:30 - 12:00; 1:00 - 4:00

**Treading Demonstration**

16-Sided Barn  
11:00 and 3:00

**Please note:**

**Gold\*** refers to a staffed demonstration



# Explore the Family Hub

**What is food preservation?**  
Food preservation of the process of using various methods to prevent food spoilage.

**Answer these questions as you visit the stops at the Family Hub.**

**What are some ways that food was being preserved at Mount Vernon?**

**Why was food preservation necessary?**

**How do people preserve food today?**



This is an example of how food could be stored in the kitchen at Mount Vernon.

*Hint: If you can't find an answer, be sure to ask a member of the Mount Vernon staff!*

# Explore the Farm and Historic Area

**Answer these questions as you visit the stops at the Farm and Historic Area:**

## A. Foodways of the Enslaved

How did enslaved families preserve their food in the winter?

## B. Bake Oven

What kinds of bread did people eat in the 18th century?

## C. Fisheries

How did they preserve fish at Mount Vernon? Why was it important to do so?

## D. Composting

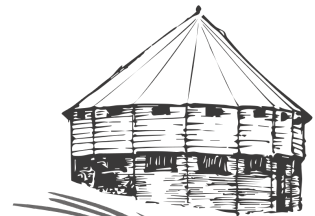
What type of organic material did George Washington use as compost and why?

## E. Textiles

Name two types of cloth made at Mount Vernon. Why do you think people wore different types of cloth in colder weather?

## F. 16-Sided Barn

Why did George Washington switch from tobacco to wheat farming?



## G. Archaeology Activity

What can archaeology tell us about the enslaved people who lived at Mount Vernon?

## H. Slave Cabin

Why did Silla's husband Joe have to walk to see his family?



## I. Ice House

Why do you think ice was an important part of life at Mount Vernon?