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 types 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*

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 is 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?

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### Explore the Farm and Historic Area

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

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<th>A. Foodways of the Enslaved</th>
<th>B. Bake Oven</th>
<th>C. Fisheries</th>
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<td>How did enslaved families preserve their food in the winter?</td>
<td>What kinds of bread did people eat in the 18th century?</td>
<td>How did they preserve fish at Mount Vernon? Why was it important to do so?</td>
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<td><strong>D. Composting</strong></td>
<td><strong>E. Textiles</strong></td>
<td><strong>F. 16-Sided Barn</strong></td>
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<td>What type of organic material did George Washington use as compost and why?</td>
<td>Name two types of cloth made at Mount Vernon. Why do you think people wore different types of cloth in colder weather?</td>
<td>Why did George Washington switch from tobacco to wheat farming?</td>
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<td>What can archaeology tell us about the enslaved people who lived at Mount Vernon?</td>
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<td>Why do you think ice was an important part of life at Mount Vernon?</td>
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*Hint: If you can’t find an answer, be sure to ask a member of the Mount Vernon staff!*

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