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Get a Glimpse of Security in a Bygone Era on artiFACTS

Long before computer passwords, fingerprint identification, and retinal scanners, Americans turned to more low-tech ways of protecting their homes and their possessions. In artiFACTS this month, you'll get a glimpse of one way 18th-century residents of Fairfax County sought security.

This discovery was made in a layer of cellar fill at Old Colchester Park and Preserve. Never heard of cellar fill? Click on [artiFACTS](#) to learn why this can be a rich source for archaeological finds.

The Fairfax County Park Authority preserves a treasure trove of history. Its collections include more than 5,000 historic objects, such as quilts, chairs, baskets, machines, and clothing; thousands of archival items, such as photographs, letters, maps, and other documents; and upwards of three million artifacts that include archaeological finds, such as spear points and pottery. In artiFACTS, we showcase a sampling of these treasures to educate, enlighten and entertain. Scroll through the site to learn tidbits about old-time fashion, furnishings and trends in wine.

For more information about the Park Authority's Museum Collections, contact Heritage Resource Specialist Megan Leining at 703-631-1429 or at megan.leining@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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