

# A DAY AT MOUNT VERNON

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Good Morning! As the work day starts to close in the UK, things in Virginia are just getting started! We are archaeologists working at the home of our first president, George Washington, who owned a large plantation in Virginia in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Our job, as part of the permanent Archaeology Department, is to protect and research the valuable below-ground resources that inform us about plantation life and labor. Historic Mount Vernon is a private, non-profit organization owned and maintained by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association since 1853.



With the temperature outside approaching 100 degrees it's nice to be working in the lab today. The archaeology lab is currently focusing its energy on two main projects. The first project is the re-analysis of the South Grove midden site, a trash deposit that spans the occupation of several Washington households. The second project is the analysis of the George Washington Presidential Library site. This site was excavated last year in preparation of a huge library complex which is slated to begin construction later this summer.



Throughout the afternoon our staff and interns will be posting about their Day of Archaeology at Mount Vernon!