

EARLY AMERICAN SCAVENGER HUNT: COLLECTION REVIEW AT HARRITON HOUSE

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WHAT IS HARRITON HOUSE?

- A historic home constructed in 1704, by Welsh Quaker Rolland Ellis. The site is currently owned by the Lower Merion Township and managed by the Harriton Association as a public park.
- Notable occupants include Charles Thompson, Secretary to the Continental Congresses
- Site served as a tobacco plantation and dairy farm.
- Hosts a wealth of early American material culture including plates, furniture, accessories, and more.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Match object locations to their respective rooms and ensure that the metadata is clear and concise.
- Assist Harriton House with their long-term reinterpretation mission.
- Help set up Spring Break programming.
- Watch the executive director work her administrative magic!



GENERAL WORKFLOW

- 1 - Identify room...
- 2 - Check contents against the paper collections catalogue...
- 3 - Take note of any absences, irregularities, or any extra condition notes...
- 4 - Update information in digital PastPerfect database and clean up metadata for future use!



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Meaningful curation and interpretation requires a solid foundation to work with.
- Archives are the product of more than a single individual.
- Historic houses offer a wealth of interpretative possibilities and help to immerse people of all backgrounds in the past.