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Sully's 18th Century Adventures Highlight Revolutionary War

On Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site hosts Colonial Day highlighting the Revolutionary War years, 1775 and 1783. At this family-friendly event leave the 21st century behind and return to a time when western Fairfax County was the frontier.

Through living history and hands-on activities, experience a day along Cain's Branch before Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee, made Sully his home. Learn about a Revolutionary War soldier's life and work as they march, drill and fire their muskets. In the afternoon the Continentals engage the Crown Forces in a tactical demonstration of military skills.

Richard Bland Lee had one of the first herds of Merino sheep in northern Virginia. Help card sheep's wool and see how it gets spun and woven into wool cloth. Talk with our cooks and learn how we make stew over an open fire. Try your hand at woodworking with tools used to build houses, barns and fences. A day was filled with work in the 18th century but people still took time for leisure. Have fun rolling hoops, tossing beanbags and walking on stilts. Learn the latest dance steps and make a craft to take home.

The woman of the house was the most common source of medical care in the 18th century. Find out about herbs and potions used to cure ague (a fever) and the grippe. At this time of year, a bleeding or purging is just the thing to get you ready for winter!

Tour the house to hear stories of Sully's early history – did you know that Richard Bland Lee's brother was cavalry hero Light Horse Harry Lee? The cost is \$8 per adult and \$6 per child.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly, Va. Please call 703-437-1794 for more information or visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully/.

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