



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## Explore Fairfax County History with a Click on artiFACTS

The Fairfax County Park Authority is home to millions of historic artifacts that trace the county’s history through thousands of years. Take a peek at some of the items in our collection and learn about their importance to our past by exploring artiFACTS online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/artifacts.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/artifacts.htm).

This month, artiFACTS provides a glimpse into what long-distance learning was like in days past. Today, online schools are a popular means for people to advance their education without having to leave the comfort of their homes. But distance learning isn’t a new idea. See how a simple card gave a woman of the 1800s a way to pursue her dreams without downloading or logging in.

Other artiFACTS features have explored the purpose of fire screens, the significance of some broken glass, and a cryptic note that sent researchers back to the days of illegal moonshining.

The Park Authority’s 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. All come with their own stories to tell.

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](mailto:megan.leining@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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