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Sully History Site Examines Cures from the Quarter

Near the turn of the 19th century, there were between 30 and 40 enslaved people at Sully. While healthcare was a primary concern for those enslaved, as well as the gentry family, it was often a mystery. Theories about what made people ill and the treatments that healed them could be very different.

Families of European descent tended to prefer treatments that originated in their homeland. Enslaved people who were brought to the United States from various places, had their own knowledge and healing traditions that often differed greatly from European traditions. However, no matter their status, there were times when they would work together to heal a patient.

On Saturday, May 28, at 1, 2 or 3 p.m. join us at Sully Historic Site to get a glimpse of what life may have been like for the enslaved community when they were sick or injured.

Our story begins at the representative slave quarter where we will discuss diagnosis, treatments and medical theories. Learn how foods and herbs were used for medicinal purposes. Whether wild or cultivated, some of these food and herb remedies are still familiar to us today.

After visiting the quarter, take a guided tour through the original outbuildings. In the open hearth kitchen find out how tinctures were made. Discover what treatments were considered by the gentry family and physicians to be appropriate for the enslaved community. After the program visitors can return to the quarter for further discovery.

For more information, call Sully at 703-437-1794. The cost for this program is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and \$5 for seniors and children. Cures from the Quarter replaces the regular 2 p.m. outdoor Forgotten Road Tour and the regular 1, 2 and 3 p.m. house tours.

Sully, the home of northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee, is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151, off Rt. 28 (Sully Road) ¼ mile north of Rt. 50 and 5 miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>.

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