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# Hampton Plantation Dig 2013

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An archaeological dig at Hampton Plantation is into its third year revealing more aspects of the past. The dig near McClellanville began in 2010. It's continued each spring and fall with the help of volunteers. The plantation was once visited by George Washington and, before the Civil War, had 340 slaves. Researchers have dug hundreds of square feet finding foundation remains from two slave houses, a coin dating to the late 1700s and other artifacts.



**Bobby Lee** What part of the park did you dig?

at 23:41:24 on 3/11/2013 UTC



**Carrie Journell** That's so cool! I'd love to dig up my backyard, I know it was near a Civil War battlefield.

at 0:00:28 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**Carrie Journell** Does the coin have a bullet hole in it?

at 0:01:33 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**Clyde S. Gorsuch** That's something I've always wanted to do. I just don't know if I could do it now.

at 0:31:00 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**Amandine Le Gris** How can we help us and be volunteer?

at 0:46:08 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**Lee Elizabeth Mullin** This is a treasure, but the plantation is neglected by the ranger in charge. Bathrooms are unclean, with wasp nests everywhere and old old sinks with no soap and dirty!!!! My husband and I visit every few months to soak in the feeling of the property. Also, the Rutledges graves are poorly marked and always covered with plant debris! Time for a new manager!

at 2:03:15 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Lee Mullin - Thank you for sharing with us. We will forward your concerns to the appropriate personnel to address these issues.

at 12:46:38 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**Avis Havel Hutchinson** wonderful! love the thought of digging up history!

at 15:24:13 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Bobby Lee, the part of the park we are digging is due west of the parking area.

at 15:55:58 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Amandine Gresil, if you are interested in helping you may contact our staff archaeologist, David Jones at [djones@scprt.com](mailto:djones@scprt.com)

at 15:56:45 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**Linda Rogers Weiss** My husband and I planned a trip to Hampton in January. We went there on a very cold day, and not another soul was in the park. The Ranger was so helpful and nice and in spite of the bitter cold that day she asked if we would like to take the house tour. YES! We had a wonderful and informative tour of the house. The more we saw, the more we asked questions about. It is a wonderful architectural example. The Ranger was so informative, and so delightful, and she was a good representative for the Park Service. With budget cuts, and

little money in our state to maintain these old homes, I am thrilled that this park is still open. I am thrilled that the house is still standing for us to enjoy. I know, however, that it must be expensive to maintain. What can the public do to help?

at 16:07:38 on 3/12/2013 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Linda Rogers Weiss if you contact the park directly they can tell you some of their needs whether it be volunteers or whatever. The park manager is Amelia Millar. She may be contacted at 843-546-9361 or hampton@scprt.com Thanks for your kind words and willingness to help!

at 14:17:46 on 3/13/2013 UTC



**Bonnie Templeton** My husband and I as well as a young cousin visited the plantation in January. The tour given by the manager was extraordinary in its detail. She is very knowledgeable about this property and inspired quite a few questions from the large group of which we were a part. I did not notice wasp nests but I believe they are part of nature. The bathrooms were rustic and were not dirty to our observation. From what I had learned about the Rutledge graves, they are to be cared for by the nearby Rutledge family. I think the above comments are a bit harsh. I imagine the manager would welcome any volunteer assistance.

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