

## Jefferson's Upbringing in Central Virginia Source Packet 'Dreams of the Future'

Sources A-D come from primary documents of the Shadwell farm plantation, where Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 a few miles east of Monticello. All tables are from Kern, Susan. *The Jeffersons At Shadwell*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.

### Document A-Shadwell Kitchen Inventory

Table 8. Kitchen inventory from 1757 probate record  
(spelling as written)

	s.	d.
1 old Oznaburg tablecloth	1	6
3 Large & 2 small Pewter Dishes	15	9
1 P <sup>r</sup> Large Kitchen HandIrons	30	7
1 old D: Oven, Pewter dish, Pat: pans &c @	6	0
4 Tubs & 4 Pails	16	0
two copper Kettles	6	10
2 Iron spits	9	0
2 frying pans & Grid Iron	4	6
2 Iron pot racks	22	6
4 pots & 3 p <sup>r</sup> pot Hooks	55	0
1 bed & Covering	45	0
2 old Tables	3	6
2 brushes	1	0
2 old chairs & 1 p <sup>r</sup> scissors	2	0
A meal bag, 2 bedsteads & 2 barrels	11	6
1 Cleaver	1	6
10 light cask	25	0
old Lumber	2	6
1 cask	5	0
4 meal bags	11	6

Source: A1CWB, 2:43.

## Document B-Shadwell Book Inventory

Table 2. Inventory of books in Peter Jefferson's library, 1757, by category  
(spelling and titles as written)

	pages	size	£	s.	d.
<i>Legal (5 titles, 11 volumes)</i>					
Solomons state trials	6v <sup>a</sup>	f	1	6	0
Nelsons office of a Justice	619	8vo		15	0
Scriveners guide 2 vols	432	8vo		8	0
Virginia Justice	364	8vo		3	6
Laws of Virga.	184 <sup>b</sup>	6 11/16		7	6
<i>History (5 titles, 9 volumes)</i>					
Rapins Hist. of England 2v & 2v Cont.	5 v	f	6	0	0
Oglvies Discription of America	674	f		15	0
The present state of great Britain	274 <sup>c</sup>	8vo		3	0
a secret History of Queen Annes Ministers	71	7 1/16		1	8
Ansons Voyage round the World	356	8vo		4	0
<i>Natural Philosophy (1 title, 1 volume)</i>					
Trents Astronomy	d			5	0
<i>Practical (2 titles, 3 volumes)</i>					
the London & Country brewer	332	8vo		3	0
Switzers husbander, 2 vols.	363	8vo		2	6
<i>Religious (3 titles, 3 volumes)</i>					
1 Quarto bible w <sup>t</sup> Book of Common Prayer		4to	1	5	0
a Large Prayer book		4to <sup>c</sup>		8	1
Bishop of sodor & mans Instructions for indians	271	6 11/16		2	0
<i>Popular culture/literature (4 periodicals, 19 volumes)</i>					
		4to	4	5	6
Spect <sup>r</sup> 9V					
Tattler 5V					
Gaurd <sup>n</sup> 2V					

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Table 2. (continued)

	pages	size	£	s.	d.
Addis <sup>a</sup> Work 3 V					
Three old Books	d			3	0

*Notes:*

<sup>a</sup>The 1730 publication of Salmon's State Trials had 6 volumes, it is unclear how many of these PJ owned. This column has number of text pages or volumes.

<sup>b</sup>Robert Beverley's 1722 *Laws of Virginia* had 184 pages. It is possible this could also be the collection of British laws for the colonies printed by John Nicholson in 1704.

<sup>c</sup>Various editions have from 274 to 529 pages.

<sup>d</sup>Unknown, see text.

<sup>e</sup>I have assumed that large here means quarto.

Source: AICWB, 2:41.



## Document C-Inventory of Enslaved Men and Women at Shadwell

Table 10. Slaves and their values (in pounds and shillings), 1757, as listed  
in Peter Jefferson's inventory (spelling as written)

Hercullus	35.	Sally	37.10.
Samson	45.	Flora her Child Agey	47.10.
Syphax	45.	Moll a Girl	27.10.
Sawney	57.10.	Ephey a Girl	17.10.
Phill	30.	Goliah	50.
Nimrod	45.	Tobey	25.
Jupiter	32.10.	Gill	45.
Cesar	30.	Toby a boy	18.
Squire a boy	27.10.	Orrange a boy	13.
J ammey	25.	Phillis	20.
Peter	17.10.	Juno	27.10.
Adam	15.	Fany	35.
Jesse	17.10.	Lucey	40.
Sall	40.	Nanney a Girl	15.
Hannah & her Child Fan	45.	Squir	50.
Cachina & her C Lydia	40.	Jack	45.
Myrtilla and her C Fany	47.10.	Harry	35.
Bellinda & her C Suckey	45.	Dinah	35.
Nan	35.	Jenny	30.
Cloe	15.	Eady	25.
Patt	30.	Billey	<u>25.</u>
Cate	27.10.	1 Negro Fellow Crummel	L50.
Eve	20.[?]	1 Negro Quash	55.
Sall a Girl	22.10.	1 Negro Sanco	50.
Leah	25.	1 Negro Wench betty	40.
Phebe	16.	1 Negro Bellow	40.
Rachel	<u>27.10.</u>	1 Negro Nell	40.
		1 Negro Child Bellow	8.

*Source:* AICWB, 2:45, 47.



Documents D-F are original artifacts and objects from Jefferson's youth in central Virginia. All photos are by Eric Schmalz, 2014, Courtesy of the Exhibit *To Try All Things*, Monticello Visitor Center/Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

### Document D-Sundial Ring





Document E-Fork, Handle, Teaspoon, and Teawares from Shadwell

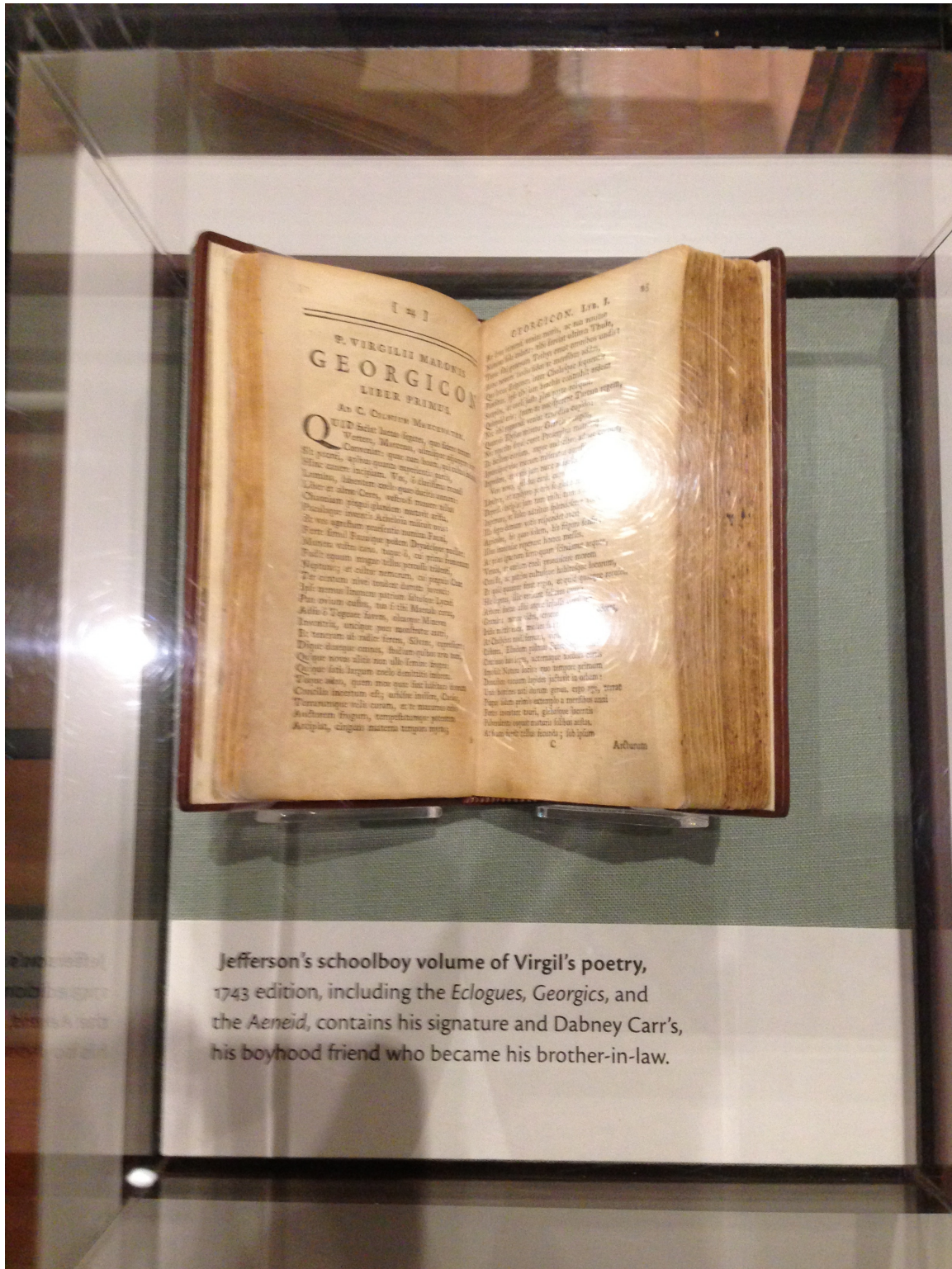


**Fork**, iron, without handle.  
**Handle**, bone, for an eating utensil.  
**Teaspoon**, silver, English.

**Teawares**, Chinese export porcelain. Archaeology and written documents suggest the Jeffersons had fashionable tea accessories, including popular blue and white ceramics made in China for the American market.



Document F-Jefferson's Schoolboy Volume of Virgil's poetry



Jefferson's schoolboy volume of Virgil's poetry, 1743 edition, including the Eclogues, Georgics, and the Aeneid, contains his signature and Dabney Carr's, his boyhood friend who became his brother-in-law.



Document G is an excerpt from Jon Meacham's 2012 biography *Thomas Jefferson: the Art of Power*. New York: Random House, 2012, p. 11. Jefferson's father, Peter Jefferson, died when Thomas was 14 years old, leaving Thomas as the unofficial head of the household. In his biography, Meacham tells of the impact Jefferson's mother may have had on his life from the time after Peter Jefferson's death.

Shadwell was to be dominated by Thomas's mother, Jane Randolph Jefferson, who almost certainly exerted as great an influence on her eldest son as the legend of Peter Jefferson did—but in subtler ways.

To all appearances, Jane ran things as she saw fit. Literature, social, fond of cultivated things—from fancy plate and crockery to well-made furniture to fine clothing—she was to endure the death of a husband, cope with the deaths of children, and remain in control to the end, immersed in the universe around her and in the lives of those she loved.

That her eldest son grew to become just such an unflinching, resilient aristocrat is no surprise. Thomas Jefferson's bravery in the face of domestic tragedy and his determination to have his own way on his own land among his own people could owe something to the example of a mother from whom he learned much about negotiating the storms of life.

Document H is a modern-day image of the Tuckahoe schoolhouse where Thomas Jefferson began his formal education as a young boy. The Jefferson family lived in Tuckahoe from 1746 and 1751. After his family moved back to Shadwell, Jefferson continued his education, boarding with rectors first in Goochland and then in Albemarle County.

Photo by Justine Sarafin, Thomas Jefferson Foundation Staff, Thomas Jefferson Foundation. <https://seaofliberty.org/print/143;>



Document I is a modern image of the foundation of the original Shadwell house, which archeologists excavated in 1991. The original house was a one-and-a-half story planation house with a brick cellar. The house burned on February 1, 1770. While the Jefferson family built another house after the original burned down, it was never as large.

Photo courtesy of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

<http://explorer.monticello.org/text/index.php?id=10239&type=11>

