

# Ransom & Sarah Williams Farmstead



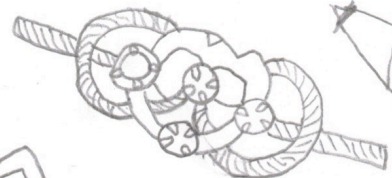
Floral~  
Print  
Dishes



1877 Dime



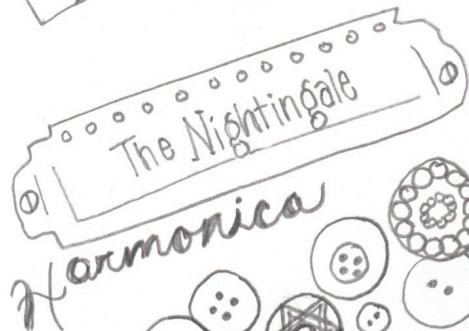
Locks & Keys



Jewelry



Fish Hooks



Harmonica



Buttons



Medicine



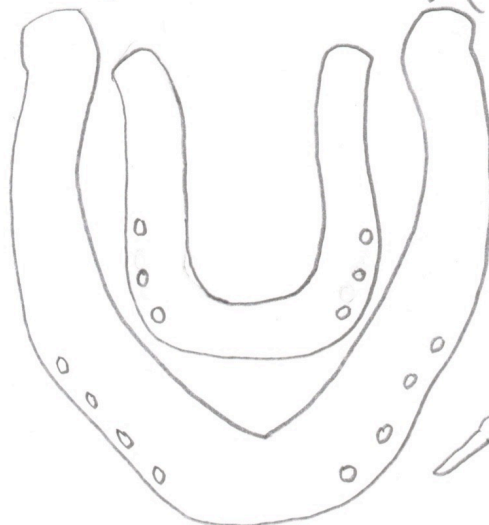
Branding Iron

The Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead just south of Austin was excavated in 2007-2009 prior to road construction nearby. This historic site was the home to the African-American Williams family during the Reconstruction and Jim Crow eras (1871-1905).

The investigation of this fascinating historic site included excavation, historical records research, and oral history interviews with the Williams' living descendants, some of whom still live in the Austin area. The excavations recovered more than 26,000 artifacts, which added rich details to the story of this family, who thrived as independent farmers after gaining their freedom from enslavement.

The artifacts paint a picture of a hardworking farm family who enjoyed the fruits of their labors. After-work hours were filled with education, games, and music, and the family was able to buy goods such as imported dishes and patent medicines from stores in the city.

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Horse Shoes



Marbles