

18th century brewery remains found at Va. college

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College students have always had a taste for beer, and archaeologists have uncovered new evidence at the College of William and Mary to prove it.

The remains of what is likely an 18th century on-campus brewery were discovered just outside of the nation's oldest college building when campus officials were looking to widen a sidewalk.

School officials say the discovery near the Wren Building will allow them to tell a broader story about campus life in the Colonial era that involved the interaction of slaves, Native Americans, faculty and students.

Major excavation of the site wrapped up on Friday, and archaeologists now plan to perform a detailed lab analysis on some of what they've found. That includes searching for pollen in hopes that would've been used to make beer.

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