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Dr. Gladys Marie Frye, English Dept., University of Maryland, is researching enslaved African adornments. She is searching for artifacts related to enslaved Africans' adornment in the African diaspora (to the Carib. and US) from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries, up to the end of the Civil War. She is most interested in: hairpins, combs, items related to hair preparation (such as straightening combs), buckles, belts, bangles, bracelets, neckbands, necklaces, earrings, nose rings, nose sticks, lip plugs, fingerrings, ankle rings, toe rings, ribbon and textile fragments, etc. She is also interested in locating photographs of enslaved Africans wearing items of adornment.

Ms. Leigh A. Rosborough, Anthropology Dept., University of West Florida, seeks information concerning slave presences in an industrial context for her thesis project. She is investigating a lumber mill in northwest Florida that was occupied from roughly 1763 until 1821, during the colonial occupation of Pensacola. The presence of slaves is documented on an 1816 map of the site. Survey and testing located what appears to be the overseer's residence and several associated slave cabins. She is looking for sources, either primary or secondary, historical or archaeological, books or articles, which relate to mills, mines, etc., particularly indicating the presence of both settlers and slaves. Email: Flwersun@aol.com.