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From 1995 through 1997 archeological investigations at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, Missouri have been conducted under a joint research project of the National Park Service's Midwest Archeology Center and the University of Missouri's Southeastern Archaeological Center.

Excavations have concentrated in refuse disposal areas, a slave kitchen, and a period roadway. The most significant aspect of the investigation has been the discovery of intact midden deposits under the floor of the slave kitchen dating between 1838 and 1860. A large variety of cultural material, ethnobotanical remains, as well as zooarcheological specimens, were recovered reflecting day-to-day activities associated with food preparation. A cache of artifacts suggesting a votive or "white magic" offering was also recovered. It included large glass drawer pulls, prehistoric artifacts, brass door knobs, and spoon bowls as well as clay marbles and buttons.

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