

Hagley Field Trip From Home

Laundry in the 1800s

Welcome to Hagley Museum and Library, the site of the original Du Pont Company powder yards! Today is laundry day at the Gibbons House. Follow along with our tour guide, Ann, as she washes, dries, and irons clothes as they would have done in the 1800s. While watching the video please answer these questions.

(Video link: hagley.org/field-trip-laundry) **MAKE THIS LINK**



1. Match the following 1800s laundry equipment with its purpose listed on the right.



1. ____

Washboard

A Dry Clothes



2. ____

Wringer

B Scrub dirt out of clothes



3. ____

Clothesline

C Press wrinkles out of clothes



4. ____

Sad Iron

D Squeeze water out of clothes



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2. Why did Ann have to get water from an outdoor spigot?

3. In what order did Ann do the laundry? Place a number, 1-7, beside each step.

_____ Hanging the laundry on the clothesline to dry

_____ Rinsing the laundry

_____ Scrubbing on the washboard

_____ Adding soap to the water in the basin

_____ Fetching water from the spigot

_____ Squeezing the water out with a wringer

_____ Ironing the laundry

4. How did Ann get the irons hot?

5. What did Ann do when the iron got cool?

Answer Key

1. 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C.
2. The Gibbons House does not have running water or indoor plumbing.
3. Order: 6, 3, 1, 7, 4, 2, 5.
4. Ann got the irons hot by putting them on a hot wood-burning stove.
5. When the iron got cool, Ann put the cool iron back on the hot stove and picked up another hot iron.



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