

GYSBERT'S INVENTORY:

Exhibit Scavenger Hunt



Gysbert Van Imbroch was the first resident of what is now known as the Matthewis Persen House Museum. An inventory listing Gysbert's possessions at the time of his death in 1665 is brought to life in this exhibit through illustrations of clothing, kitchen items, books, medical supplies and other articles used in his 17th century daily life.

Visit the exhibit on the second floor of the museum and use the information you learn to find all the items in the scavenger hunt.

Good Luck!

1. The Dutch colony of New Netherland covered land from Maryland in the south, to what U.S. state in the north?

2. In the video, Keeper of the Records, you learn about how the County Clerk's Office cares for historical records. Where are those records stored?

3. Whose handwriting is shown on the pages of the English translations?

4. What is special about all of the panel titles throughout the exhibit?

5. What type of large farm animal did Gysbert own two of?

6. What was a penknife used for?

7. Gysbert's book collection was very large. Of the books pictured, can you tell which one is a medical book? Who was the author?

8. What was the purpose of a shaving dish?

9. What is the difference between “sarcenet” and “serge” clothing?

10. Why were there women’s and children’s clothing listed in Gysbert’s inventory?

11. Look at all of the pictures on the **Then and Now** panel, don’t lift them yet! How many of the 20 items do you think are “Then” only?

12. After looking through the **Then and Now** answers, how many are actually “Then” only? Did you guess them all? Which ones surprised you? _____

BONUS QUESTION

What year did Gysbert Van Imbroch arrive in New Amsterdam (now New York City) from the Netherlands and how old was he?

Hint: The answer is on a panel that is in the oldest part of the house.

EXTRA CREDIT!

This section will put your super sleuthing skills to the test! Using the document wall, can you find these items from Gysbert's inventory?

- a. One piece of blue silk ribbon
- b. A woman's fan
- c. Two shaving towels.
- d. A barber's saw.
- e. A pot-hook
- f. Two gimlets.
- g. An East India bed spread.
- h. Medicine book of Johannes De Viga.
- i. German song book.
- j. A little glass with juniper oil.
- k. A church pew.
- l. A small keg with some hops.
- m. A barber's chair.
- n. Some chickens.

Hint: These items are in order from the beginning of the inventory to the end. There is at least one item on each page of the English Translations.