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Sommario/riassunto	Enslaved Africans and their descendants comprised a significant portion of colonial Virginia populations, with most living on rural slave quarters adjacent to the agricultural fields in which they labored. Archaeological excavations into these home sites have provided unique windows into the daily lifeways and culture of these early inhabitants. A common characteristic of Virginia slave quarters is the presence of

subfloor pits beneath the houses. The most common explanations of the functions of these pits are as storage places for personal belongings or root vege
