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*Stringing Together Ethnicity
along the colonial frontier*



Venetian glass bead
Drawn

Faceted glass bead
Wound and pressed

Venetian "green heart" glass bead
Wound

Muslim charm with Arabic inscription "No God but Allah"
Copper from Cornwall, England

Venetian glass bead
Wound

Mid-continental U.S. triangular bead
Red pipestone

Atlantic coast wampum head
Channeled whelk shell

Artifacts of early globalization, items of personal adornment provide clues to ethnic diversity at the Fort Shirley Site (36HU94), Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. Prior to the palisade fort's construction in 1755 by George Croghan, the location served as his fallback trading post at the advent of the French and Indian War. Among its inhabitants were Irish traders, African slaves, Mingo-Seneca refugees, and Native American and Colonial emissaries.

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