

VOCABULARY WORDS FOR COLONIAL AMERICA

Clothing (pictures used to show both men and women dressed)

breeches—trousers slightly below knee-length

doublet—jacket of cloth or leather, usually with sleeves and open down the front

jerkin—jacket of cloth or leather, open at the neck, but without sleeves

woad—an herb grown for the blue dye stuff that was yielded by its leaves

Irish trousers—long, tight fitting pants

cassock—cape; both men and women had hoods on these for protection

petticoat—women's skirts, often worn several at a time, sometimes the top one was pinned up at intervals showing the one under

slip time—house slippers

patters—worn over regular shoes, but elevated an inch or two above with a flat iron ring that touched the ground, women who wore these walked very slowly

FOOD AND COOKING

boulter—sifter

broach—to put on the spit for cooking purposes

lug pole—long pole the width of a chimney made of green wood or iron, from which pots and kettles hung

pipkins—saucepans of various shapes and sizes

pot hooks and trammels—devices that hung from lug pole and supported pots and kettles

spit—a long rod to stick through a piece of meat in order to cook it

peel—wide wooden shovel used to push bread and pies into the oven, also used in removing them from the oven

trencher—a piece of wood, hollowed out, for holding food

FOOD NAMES

cheate bread—good bread, but not the best

cow cumber pickle—cucumber pickle

forced eggs—scrambled eggs, often used at breakfast after eggs were collected

light beer—a beer drunk in the colonies instead of polluted water

pompions—pumpkins

pottage—salad

sallats—spinach

vergi—vinegar

whortleberries—blueberries

flummery—fruit pudding, some were thin like soup while others were quite thick. Some were simply cooked fruit thickened with cornstarch, while others included ingredients such as lemons, sugar, milk, eggs and issinglass.

issinglass—gelatin for thickening

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