

## Glossary of Terms

**Bay:** A compartment in a barn, used for storing hay or grain.

**Britches or Breeches:** Short trousers, especially fastened below the knee. Breeches were originally made of leather, but were made of various materials.

**Buckskin:** Leather made from a buck's skin, could also refer to a thick smooth cotton or woolen cloth.

**Coating:** A cloth used for making coats.

**Drab coloured:** A dull brownish yellow or dull gray color.

**Felt:** A fabric made of wool and hair.

**Fife:** A small high-pitched flute without keys, often used in military and marching bands.

**Fustian:** A coarse sturdy cloth of a cotton-linen blend; any durable fabric with a raised nap made mainly from cotton, for example, corduroy or moleskin.

**Gaol:** is an early Modern English spelling for jail, with the same pronunciation and meaning of a place of legal detention.

**Grogram:** A rough fabric of silk and wool with a diagonal weave.

**High Dutch:** An eighteenth century term for German.

**Homespun:** Spun or woven in the home; a plain coarse woolen cloth made of homespun yarn.

**Instant (inst.):** The current calendar month.

**Inventory:** a detailed list of things in one's view or possession; especially, a regular survey of all goods and materials in stock.

**Linsey Woolsey:** A coarse fabric of cotton or linen woven with wool.

**Low Dutch:** used to signify those persons of Netherlandish descent.

**Manchester velvet:** A fine cotton used in making dresses.

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**Nanekeen:** A sturdy yellow or buff cotton cloth.

**N.B.** The abbreviation for nota bene, which means to pay particular attention to what follows.

**Rorum hat:** Wool or felt, with a facing of long beaver fur felted in.

**Sagathee:** a durable woolen stuff.

**Snuff coloured:** Brown or brownish. It can be described as the color of cinnamon, which is a yellowish brown.

**Sundry:** various, several, miscellaneous.

**Surtout (sartout):** A man's greatcoat or overcoat.

**Swanskin:** A fine type of flannel, thick and warm.

**Thickset:** A material possessing a close grained nap; Short, heavy, and solidly built.

**Tow cloth:** A coarse heavy linen; the short fibers of flax or hemp, which are separated from the longer ones by heckling.

**Trousers:** An outer garment for covering the body from the waist to the ankles, divided into sections to fit each leg separately, worn especially by men and boys.

**Vendue:** A public sale or auction.

**Visage:** The face or facial expression of a person.

**Waistcoat:** An under jacket or a vest.

**Wench:** A young woman or girl; especially a peasant girl; a servant girl.

**Worsted:** A woolen cloth first made at Worestead England.

