

Exploring Maryland's Roots



Adding It Up Vocabulary List

Please note: the spellings below (and used in the activity) are old English.

Students are linked to an outside dictionary website for words below noted with an *asterisk. Most other words are clearly defined (often with pictures) within the activity.

*Victualls (Victuals): food

Bushell (bushel): a unit of measure equal to 8 gallons or 32 pints.

*Aquavitae: a strong drink with alcohol (like brandy).

Scurvy: a disease caused by the lack of Vitamin C.

apparrell (apparel): clothing.

Munmoth Cap: small knitted cap.

Wastcoat: a garment that's similar to a vest.

Frieze: a type of coarse wool fabric.

Points: laces for fastening clothing.

*Falling Band: neckband with fell on the chest.

Armes: weapons.

Bandoleer: a belt worn over the shoulder and across the chest to support something, for instance a water container.

Flaske (flask): a small flat container used to hold something liquid, usually alcohol. A flask was often carried in the pocket.

Whip-saw: a narrow saw.

Howes: an alternative spelling of "hoes," cultivating tools used to break up the soil.

Awgur (auger): a tool used to bore holes.

Piercer: a woodworking tool used to piece holes in leather or wood.

Awl: a woodworking tool used to piece holes in leather or wood.

Gimlet,: a small tool for boring holes.

Frow: a wedge-shaped tool for splitting rails.

Handbills: curved knives used for many things including woodworking.

Grid ron (gridiron): a grate for broiling food.

Spit: slender pointed rod for holding meat over the fire.

Skillet: a pot with 3 or 4 long feet used for cooking over a hearth. Today we call a frying pan a skillet.