

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Colonial Era: Circa 1750-1795



'Molly Pitcher' Dress

History

Who was 'Molly Pitcher'?

'Molly Pitcher' was a nickname given to Mary Ludwig Hays, a woman who lived during the Revolutionary war. Mary went with her husband when he fought for the Colonies, and assisted the soldiers during battle by bringing them pitchers of water to drink. It is said that during the Battle of Monmouth, Mary's husband fainted from the heat, so she took his place 'swabbing and loading' the cannon. A British cannonball flew between her legs, and she is supposed to have said "Well, that could have been worse," and went back to work.

Fashion

What is a 'Mob Cap'?

A mob cap was a round gathered or pleated cap worn daily by married women during the colonial period. The term 'mob cap' was invented by Charles Dickens and was used in his book 'A tale of two cities'.