

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Colonial Era: Circa 1750-1795



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'Betsy Ross' Dress

History

Who was Betsy Ross?

Betsy Ross was a well-bred Quaker woman who lived during the Revolutionary war. However, at the age of 21, she married John Ross, which caused her expulsion from the Quaker community. She and her husband went to church with General George Washington in Philadelphia. It is said that during the war, Washington commissioned her to make the first American flag and that she helped with the design, making a six-point star into a five-point. While we cannot truly know what role Betsy played in our nation's flag, she will always be remembered as a great Patriot lady every time the American flag is shown.

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'.