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A Guide to Historical Resources



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Introduction

Early Guilford Days is an annual event for all fourth graders in the Guilford Public School system. Students study Guilford townspeople who lived in the 18th century and then, for one day, reenact their lives, dressing appropriately and performing the required daily tasks. As many as 120 children participate, and learn about colonial life.

These events take place at two historic house museums in Guilford, the Hyland House (maintained by the Dorothy Whitfield Historic Society) and the Griswold House (maintained by the Guilford Keeping Society).

Research is essential in preparation for this program. The Guilford Free Library supports this research, and has used Partnership Grant funds to expand and update the materials it provides, in both print and electronic form. Selection of materials has been made in partnership with the Dorothy Whitfield Historic Society and the Guilford Keeping Society.

The materials are housed at the Guilford Free Library. Following is a detailed list of these materials, with locations and call numbers, for use by students and teachers in preparation for Early Guilford Days.

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Guilford Free Library

Children's Fiction

Blos, Joan W. A Gathering of Days. Scribner, 1979.

A thirteen-year-old New England girl's journal from 1830 to 1832 presents a picture of simple homespun farm life in this year of change (1830) **j Blos**

Bradbury, Bianca. Sam and the Colonels. Macrae Smith, 1966.

The story of thirteen-year-old Sam's part in the conspiracy to hide two of the Regicides, the English judges who convicted King Charles I. (c.1661) **j Bradbury**

Bradley, Kimberly. Weaver's Daughter. Delacorte Press, 2000.

After her family's journey from Pennsylvania ten-year-old Lizzie suffers from asthma in her new home in the Southwest Territory (present day Tennessee). (1791) **j Bradley**

Burchard, Peter. Whaleboat Raid. Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1977.

The 1777 adventure of revolutionaries rowing and sailing from Guilford across the Sound to raid the British at Sag Harbor, as seen through the eyes of a young boy. (1777) **j Burchard**

Clapp, Patricia. Constance. Beech Tree Books, 1991.

A young girl's diary reflects life in Plymouth Colony. (1620) **j Clapp**

Collier, James and Christopher. Bloody Country. Four Winds Press, 1976.

In the mid-18th century a family moves from Connecticut to Pennsylvania and becomes involved in the property conflict between the two states. (c.1750) **j Collier**

Collier, James and Christopher. My Brother Sam is Dead. Collier Macmillan, 1985.

A story about the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town in Connecticut. (c.1777) **j Collier**

Crandell, Myra Clarke. Enoch and the Brave Un. David McKay Co., 1966.

A lonely Guilford boy plots to keep a puppy, but in a moment of courage, the dog earns his right to stay. (1661) **j Crandell**

Crandell, Myra Clarke. Molly and the Regicides. Simon and Schuster, 1968.

When two of the Englishmen accused of regicide for their part in the condemnation of King Charles I appear in New Haven Colony, a young tomboy finds herself able to aid them in their fight (c.1661). Of particular interest in Guilford, where the "Regicide Cellar," hiding place of these men is still preserved. **j Crandell**

- Cross, Genevieve. Little Heroes of Hartford. Cross, Publications, 1947.
The fictional story of Betsy is woven into a true picture of Hartford in 1780, and tells of her meeting with George Washington and General Rochambeau. (1780) **j Cross**
- Curtis, Alice Turner. A Little Maid of Old Connecticut. Applewood Books, 1996.
A young Connecticut girl, unaware that her hatbox contains a mysterious package from a Tory prisoner, travels by stagecoach to visit her grandmother. (1776) **j Curtis**
- Dagliesh, Alice. The Courage of Sarah Noble. Scribners, 1954.
Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness [New Milford] and to stay there with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family. (c. 1707) **j Dagliesh**
- Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain. Houghton Mifflin, 1962
The beginnings of the revolution in the American Colonies, as seen through the eyes of a fourteen-year-old silversmith's apprentice. The character of Johnny Tremain is so well-developed that critics place this young hero alongside Huck Finn and Jim Hawkins. (1776) 1944 Newbery Medal winner. **j Forbes**
- Fritz, Jean. And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? Coward-McCann, 1973.
One of a series of short, funny and historically accurate depictions of incidents in Paul Revere's life. (1776) **j Fritz**
- Fritz, Jean. Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? Coward-McCann, 1977.
A biography of King George III, King of Britain at the time of the American Revolution. (1776) **j Fritz**
- Fritz, Jean. Early Thunder. Coward-McCann, 1967.
Fourteen-year-old Daniel begins to reexamine his loyalty to the King, as conflicts between Tories and patriots divide the townspeople. (1776) **j Fritz**
- Fritz, Jean. I, Adam. Coward-McCann, 1963.
A boy finishing school in the 1800s plans to be a farmer, but is surprised to discover the role he really wants to play in a growing America. (c.1800) **j Fritz**
- Gauch, Patricia Lee. This Time, Tempe Wick? Putnam's, 1992.
Everyone knows Tempe is a most surprising girl, but she exceeds even her own reputation when two mutinous Revolutionary soldiers try to steal her favorite horse. (1776) **j Gauch**
- Hurst, Carol Otis. Through the Lock. Houghton Mifflin, 2001.
Etta, a twelve-year-old orphan in 19th century Connecticut, meets a boy living in an abandoned cabin on the New Haven and Northhampton Canal, and has adventures with him while trying to be reunited with her siblings. (1840) **j Hurst**

Kay, Verla. Homespun Sarah. Putnam's Sons, 2003.

Visit Sarah in her everyday life on a Colonial farm. (c.1700) **jj Kay**

Lasky, Kathryn. A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple. Scholastic, 1996.

Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the New World. (1620) **j Lasky**

Lawrence, Mildred. Touchmark. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1975.

An orphaned girl living in pre-Revolutionary Boston longs to be apprenticed to a pewterer. (1773) **j Lawrence**

Lenski, Lois. Blueberry Corners. Frederick A. Stokes, 1940.

The story of Becky portrays life in Harwinton, a small Connecticut town, in the early 19th century. It includes the coming of the first train to the valley as described by a ninety-six-year-old woman who witnessed it.(1840s) **j Lenski**

Levy, Mimi Cooper. Whaleboat Warriors. Viking, 1963.

The story, set during the Revolution, of a brave group of men on Long Island and in Connecticut, who use whaleboats as a mode of operation in a series of daring escapades thwarting the British. (c.1777) **j Levy**

Monjo, F.N. The Secret of the Sachem's Tree. Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1972.

In Hartford, the Wadsworth children must abandon their plans for Halloween mischief to help prevent the King's representative from taking away the Connecticut Colony's charter. (1687) **j Monjo**

Moss, Marissa. Emma's Journal, the Story of a Colonial Girl. Harcourt Brace, 1999.

From 1774 to 1776, Emma describes her stay in Boston where she witnesses the Boston Blockade and spies for the American Militia. (1770s) **j Moss**

Myers, Anna. The Keeping Room. Walker, 1997.

Left in charge of the family by his father, who joins the Revolutionary War effort, thirteen-year-old Joey undergoes such great changes that he fears that he may be betraying his beloved parents. (1770s) **j Myers**

O'Dell, Scott. Sarah Bishop. Houghton Mifflin, 1980.

Left alone after the deaths of her brother and father who had taken opposite sides in the Revolutionary War, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness. (1780s) **j O'Dell**

Peck. Robert Newton. Rabbits and Redcoats. Walker, 1976.

Two boys secretly join Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys on their assault of the British fort at Ticonderoga. (1777) **j Peck**

Rinaldi, Ann. The Fifth of March: A Story of the Boston Massacre. Harcourt Brace, 1993.

Fourteen-year-old Rachel Marsh, an indentured servant in the Boston household of John and Abigail Adams, is caught up in the colonists' unrest that eventually escalates into the massacre of March 5, 1770. (1770) **j Rinaldi**

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Rinaldi, Ann. The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce, A Pilgrim Boy. Scholastic, 2000.

A fourteen-year-old indentured boy keeps a journal of his experiences on the Mayflower and during the building of Plymouth.(1620) **j Rinaldi**

Roche, A.K. Onion Maidens. Prentice-Hall, 1968.

Based on an anecdote from the General History of Connecticut by Reverend Samuel Peters, this is the story of young maidens of Colonial Wethersfield who "weeded and wept" in the town's famous onion fields, but who became the best-known cooks of the region. (1700s) **j Roche**

Schurfranz, Vivian. A Message for General Washington. Silvermoon Press, 1998.

Twelve-year-old Hannah accepts the challenge of sneaking behind enemy lines to deliver a message to General Washington, which will result in the British surrender at Yorktown. (1776) **j Schurfranz**

Shub, Elizabeth. Cutlass In the Snow. Greenwillow, 1986.

Sam and his grandfather explore the wild and uninhabited Fire Island, just missing a band of pirates, and finding a cutlass and buried treasure. (1797) **j Shub**

Speare, Elizabeth George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond. Houghton Mifflin, 1958.

In 1687, an orphaned girl raised in Barbados comes to Wethersfield, where she flouts local people and customs and makes friends with an old Quaker woman, who is a suspected witch. She is arrested, imprisoned and tried for witchcraft and comes to realize the importance of friends and family. (1687) *This is a Newbury Award winner.*
j Speare

Tripp, Valerie. American Girl Series: Meet Felicity, Felicity Learns a Lesson, Changes for Felicity. Pleasant Co., 1991.

Stories of a girl in Williamsburg, Virginia. (1774) **j Tripp**

Turner, Ann. Katie's Trunk. Macmillan, 1992.

Katie, whose family is not sympathetic to the rebel soldiers during the American Revolution, hides under the clothes in her mother's wedding trunk when they invade her home. (c1776) **jj Turner**

Van Leeuwen, Jean. Hannah of Fairfield. Dial Books, 1999.

For nine-year-old Hannah Perley of Fairfield, Connecticut, growing up means facing new challenges, from saving the life of a baby lamb, to watching her brother to join the Colonial soldiers in the Revolutionary War. (1777) **j Van Leeuwen**

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Children's Non-Fiction

General History

Alderman, Clifford Lindsey. The Story of the Thirteen Colonies. Random House, 1966.
With illustrations by Leonard Everett Fisher, this book written for elementary school students has information spanning settlement to the coming of the American Revolution. **j973.2 A**

Burgan, Michael. Colonial and Revolutionary Times. Franklin Watts, 2003.
Meet the people of colonial and revolutionary times. Although it may be difficult to imagine what their daily lives were like, they left many buildings and documents that we can see today. The battlefields, farms, streets, and courthouses of colonial America show us much about how the early settlers of this nation lived. **j973.2 K**

Coleman, Brooke and Whitehurst, Susan. The Library of the Thirteen Colonies and the Lost Colony series. Power Kids Press, 2000.

The legacy of the 13 colonies is an essential building block for elementary social studies students as they develop an understanding of their civic heritage. Here are fact-filled, visually compelling histories of the 13 colonies and the mysterious disappearance of the Roanoke settlers.

The Colony of Connecticut by S. Whitehurst. **j974.6 W**

The Colony of Delaware by S. Whitehurst. **j975.1 W**

The Colony of Georgia by B. Coleman. **j975.8 C**

The Colony of Maryland by B. Coleman. **j975.2 C**

The Colony of Massachusetts by S. Whitehurst. **j974.4 W**

The Colony of New Hampshire by S. Whitehurst. **j974.2 W**

The Colony of New Jersey by S. Whitehurst. **j974.9 W**

The Colony of New York by S. Whitehurst. **j974.7 W**

The Colony of North Carolina by S. Whitehurst. **j975.6 W**

The Colony of Pennsylvania by S. Whitehurst. **j974.8 W**

The Colony of Rhode Island by S. Whitehurst. **j974.5 W**

The Colony of South Carolina by S. Whitehurst. **j975.7 W**

The Colony of Virginia by B. Coleman. **j975.5 C**

Roanoke: The Lost Colony by B. Coleman. **j975.6 C**

Collier, Christopher. The American Revolution. Benchmark, 1998.

This book examines the people and events that led up to the American Revolution. **j973.3 C**

Collier, Christopher. Creating the Constitution, 1787. Benchmark, 1999.
Learn the events and personalities involved in creating the Constitution of the United States in 1787. **j973.3 C**

Collier, Christopher. Building a New Nation, 1789-1803. Benchmark, 1998.
Discover what was involved in the political development of the early United States.
j973.4 C

Colonial America: an Encyclopedia of the American Revolution. Grolier, 1998.
A 10 volume set that's alphabetically arranged with articles covering every event, person, and way of life in the 13 Colonies. **Ref. j973.2 C**

Dambrosio, Monica. The Americans in the Colonial Era. Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers, 1993.
A survey of the history of North and South America that contains material from the pre-Columbian civilizations' encounter with European explorers through the American Revolution. **j973.2 D**

Draper, Allison Stark. Headlines from History: The American Revolution. Power Kids Press, 2001.

A series using newspaper-style headlines and reporting to draw students into events in American history.

America's First Traitor: Benedict Arnold Betrays the Colonies.

What would it take to make a patriot such as Benedict Arnold betray his country? **j973.3 D**

The Boston Massacre: Five Colonists Killed by British Soldiers.

This important time in American history is brought to life step-by-step in this look at a headline that changed the course of history. **j973.3 D**

The Boston Tea Party: Angry Colonists Dump British Tea.

Readers will learn the vital facts of the Boston Tea Party. **j973.3 D**

The Start of the American Revolutionary War: Paul Revere Rides at Midnight.

Students can get the full story of Paul Revere's ride, as well as the events that preceded and followed one of the most important nights in our country's history. **j973.3 D**

Early Guilford Days Teacher's Guide. Early Guilford Days Committee. Guilford, CT, 2004.
A complete reference guide for teacher's and students participating in Early Guilford Days. **Ref j973.2 E**

Fradin, Dennis. The New Hampshire Colony. Children's Press, 1988.
One of a series of books discussing the American Colonies (including New York, Pennsylvania and South Carolina), this book traces the history of the New England colony of New Hampshire from the time of the Indian settlements, through arrival of the first colonists, to ratification of the constitution. **j974.2 F**

Fradin, Dennis. The Thirteen Colonies. Children's Press, 1988.

The events that led to the founding of the Thirteen Colonies, spanning the period 1600-1775. **j973.2 F**

Fritz, Jean. The Lost Colony of Roanoke. Putnam's Sons, 2004.

Life in the English Colony of Roanoke, founded in 1585, is explained and clues as to its mysterious disappearance are explored. **j975.6 F**

Hakim, Joy. Making Thirteen Colonies. (A History of Us series). Oxford University Press, 1993.

This volume is part of one of the best series for children with up-to-date interpretations of American history. The book presents the history of the United States from the colonization of the New World through the middle of the eighteenth century. **j973 H**

Herbert, Janis. The American Revolution for Kids: A History with 21 Activities.

Chicago Review Press, 2002.

Heroes and traitors come to life in this book that tells the story of the Revolution. **j973.3 H**

Maestro, Betsy. The New Americans: Colonial Times – 1620-1689. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1996.

An illustrated history that traces the competition among the American Indians, French, English, Spanish, and Dutch for land, furs, timber, and other resources of North America. **j973.2 M**

Millard, Anne. A Street Through Time – A 1200 Year Walk Through Time. DK, 1998.

See the development of one street from earliest days to the present, and how people lived and what they did all day. **j936 M**

Tunis, Edwin. The Young United States, 1783 –1830. World, 1969.

Explore the United States in the early days of its history. **j973.4 T**

Social Life and Customs

Brenner, Barbara. If You Lived in Williamsburg in Colonial Days. Scholastic, 2000.

More than two hundred years ago, 2000 people lived in the town of Williamsburg, Virginia. Learn what it was like to grow up in colonial days. **j973.2 B**

Collier, James Lincoln. The Clara Barton You Never Knew. Children's Press, 2003.

Learn many facts about Clara Barton, including her childhood, the experiences that led her to make a difference, and her achievements. **j92 Barton**

Draper, Allison Stark. What People Wore series. Power Kids Press, 2001.

Includes clothing, costumes and uniforms throughout American History.

What People Wore in Colonial America. **j391 D**
What People Wore During the American Revolution. **j391 D**
What People Wore in Early America. **j391 D**
What People Wore On Southern Plantations. **j391 D**

Earle, Alice Morse. Home and Child Life in Colonial Days. Macmillan, 1960. (Edited by Shirley Glubok.)

An abridged version of Alice Morse Earle's classic studies, Home Life in Colonial Days and Child Life in Colonial Days that were written at the turn of the century. This is an invaluable source of information on all aspects of daily life in the Colonial period. **j973.2 E**

Fashion, Costume, and Culture: Clothing, Headwear, Body Decorations, and Footwear Through the Ages. Thomson/Gale, 2004.

Look at fashion details from the colonial period. **j391 F v.3**

Fisher, Leonard Everett . The Schoolmasters. David R. Godine, 1967.

The role of schoolmasters in Colonial America is described in this "Colonial American Craftsmen" book written and illustrated by Fisher. **j371.1 F**

Howarth, Sarah. Colonial People. Millbrook Press, 1994.

A description of the everyday lives of thirteen colonial era people is structured through the use of well-researched quotations and illustrations of the time. Among those discussed are the goodwife, apprentice, Puritan, and patriot. **j973.2 H**

Howarth, Sarah. Colonial Places. The Millbrook Press, 1994.

A description of thirteen places around which life in America revolved provides a view of how they fit into society before 1775. The author uses prints and period depictions to discuss the variety of buildings, barns, halls, and homes that were used during the early days of European settlement in North America throughout the colonies. Events, people and places are brought to life through the use of quotations and case studies. **j973.2 H**

January, Brendan. Colonial Life. True Books: American History. Children's Press, 2000.

Everyday life in the colonial period is described and various aspects of life in colonial America is covered - including farming, housing, food, medicine, slavery, and recreational activities. **j973.2 J**

Kalman, Bobbie. Colonial Times From A to Z. Crabtree, 1998.

The Colonial Period is explained in an alphabetical listing of words. **j973.2 K**

Kalman, Bobbie. Crossing the Delaware: a History in Many Voices. Atheneum, 1998.

Learn the events leading up to the Battle of Trenton, the battle itself, and the aftermath. **j973.3 P**

Kalman, Bobbie and Gunby, Lise. The Early Settler Life Series. Crabtree, 1981-83.

This series explores the daily life in the family home in town or on the farm, and the schools, stores and other aspects of those times in the early years of the United States.

Early Family Home. **j640 K**

Early Farm Life. **j630 G**

Early Health and Medicine. **j610 K**

Early Schools. **j371.1 K**

Early Stores and Markets. **j381 K**

Early Village Life. **j971 K**

Kalman, Bobbie. Early Village Life. Crabtree Publishing, Co., 1981.

Part of the "Early Settler Life" series, this discussion of village life describes the important services and craftsmen, as well as social customs when all the work was done. **j971 K**

Kalman, Bobbie. Historic Communities Series. Crabtree, 1990 – 2003.

This series includes aspects of everyday life and times in the early days of the United States.

A Child's Day. **j973 K**

Children's Clothing of the 1800s. **j391 S**

Classroom Games. **j973.2 K**

Colonial Crafts. **j690 K**

Colonial Home. **j973.2 K**

Colonial Life. **j973.2 K**

A Colonial Town: Williamsburg. **j975.5 K**

18th Century Clothing. **j391 K**

Games From Long Ago. **j790.1 K**

The General Store. **j973.2 K**

The Gristmill. **j621.7 K**

Home Crafts. **j745.5K**

In The Barn. **j973.2 K**

The Kitchen. **j643 K**

Life On A Plantation. **j973.2 K**

Old Time Toys. **j745.59 K**

Pioneer Projects. **j973.2 K**

Pioneer Recipes. **j973.2 K**

Schoolyard Games. **j973.2 K**

Tools and Gadgets. **j690 K**

Travel in the Early Days. **j973.2 K**

Visiting a Village. **j971 K**

Kalman, Bobbie. Pioneer Dictionary. Crabtree. 2000.

The Pioneer Period is detailed through words in this dictionary. **j973.2 K**

Kalman, Bobbie. Pioneer Life from A to Z. Crabtree, 1998.

This is an alphabetical introduction to the various aspects of the pioneer lifestyle in America. **j973.2 K**

Kalman, Bobbie. Visiting a Village. Crabtree Publishing Co., 1993.

This volume in the "Historic Communities" series describes and provides photographic recreations to show the components of a typical early American village including a gristmill, sawmill, general store, church, school and homes. Also identified are important early craftsmen: woodworkers, carpenters, coopers, wheelwrights, metalworkers and blacksmiths. **j971 K**

Loeper, John J. Going to School in 1776. Atheneum, 1973.

Written by an author/educator, this book describes the life of school children c.1775, with information on their dress, teachers, books, lessons, discipline, and pastimes. **j371.1 L**

Loeper, John J. Meet the Drakes on the Kentucky Frontier. Benchmark, 1999.

The Drake family sets out for the Kentucky frontier and discover a new life.(1789). **j976.9 L**

Loeper, John J. Meet the Dudleys in Colonial Times. Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark Books, 1999.

Describes what life was like for a typical Connecticut family in 1750, including details about home, family, clothing, food, chores and entertainment. Photographs used in this book were taken at Guilford's Hyland House. **j974.6 L**

Loeper, John J. Meet the Webbers of Philadelphia. Benchmark, 1999.

Life in Philadelphia in the late 1800s was similar to life in larger towns and cities all over the country during the 1990's. **j974.8 L**

McGovern, Ann. If You Lived in Colonial Times. Sagebrush, 1999.

Explore the social customs and lifestyle of the Colonial people during the late 1990's. **j973.2 M**

Samuel, Charlie. Primary Sources of Everyday Life in Colonial America Series. Power Kids Press, 2003.

A six book series describing the way of life in Colonial America.

Entertainment in Colonial America.

Playbills and theater notices, as well as sports, games, and festivals, give an authentic look at how early Americans spent their leisure times. **j973.2 S**

Government and Politics in Colonial America.

The rivalries among European nations for the control of land and wealth in America is brought to light, as well as how framing the laws for the new land came about. **j973.2 S**

Home Life in Colonial America.

Geography and natural resources helped shape many aspects of a people's lifestyle and culture in Colonial America. **j973.2 S**

Inventors and Inventions In Colonial America.

New inventions were needed to make life more comfortable and profitable in a new land. Features are inventors: Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Banneker, and Sybilla Master. **j973.2 S**

Medicine in Colonial America.

From smallpox and unsanitary conditions, see how far medicine has come since colonial times. **j973.2 S**

Money and Finance in Colonial America.

This volume covers the development of currency to the foundation of trade, commerce and banking in the Colonies. **j973.2 S**

Schimpky, David. Children's Clothing of the 1800s. Crabtree, 1995.

See how and why children's clothing of the 1800s was different from today's. **j391 S**

Thomas, Eric. A Farm Through Time. DK, 2001.

Observe how a farm changes from its earliest days to the present. **j630 W**

Thomas, Mark. Colonial America. Children's Press, 2002.

In this six-volume set of Welcome Book Colonial Series you can find out what life was like in Colonial America - from clothing and food to games and school.

Clothes in Colonial America. **j973.3 T**

Food in Colonial America. **j973.3 T**

Fun and Games in Colonial America. **j973.3 T**

Homes in Colonial America. **j973.3 T**

School in Colonial America. **j973.3 T**

Work in Colonial America. **j973.3 T**

Tunis, Edwin. Colonial Living. World, 1957.

A complete guide to everyday life and crafts during the Colonial period. **j973.2 T** and **Ref j973.2 T**

Tunis, Edward. Colonial Living. The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999.

Written and illustrated by the author, this book was originally published in 1957 by the World Publishing Company in Cleveland. **j973.2 T**

Tunis, Edwin. Frontier Living. World, 1961.

A concise history of everything needed for life on the frontier during this time period. **j973 T**

Tunis, Edwin. Oars, Sails, and Steam: a picture book of ships. World, 1952.

Explore all types of ships used during the early days of the United States. **j623.8 T**

Tunis, Edwin. The Tavern at the Ferry. Crowell, 1973.

Learn what tavern life was like at a busy ferry crossing during colonial days. **j917.49 T**

Warner, John F. Colonial American Home Life. Franklin Watts, 1993.

This volume discusses why people settled in the American colonies and describes aspects of their daily lives, including homes, clothing, food, work, school, and amusements. **j973.2 W**

Walsh, Kieran. Discover the Life of a Colonial American. Rourke Publishing, 2005.
This is a new series of biographies of people who came to America in the 1600s and 1700s not as explorers but as settlers, seeking a land free from religious and social persecution. As early colonists, they helped found a new country that eventually became the United States. Titles include:
Anne Hutchinson **j92 Hutchinson**
James Oglethorpe **j92 Oglethorpe**
Roger Williams **j92 Williams**
Samuel Adams **j92 Adams**
William Bradford **j92 Bradford**
William Penn **j92 Penn**

Waters, Kate. Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy. Scholastic Inc., 1989.
Using photographs recreating the time period, the author tells the story of an average boy at Plymouth Colony. **j974.4 W**

Waters, Kate. Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl. Scholastic Inc., 1989.
The author uses a photographic essay from set at Plimoth Plantation to depict daily life of a Pilgrim girl in the early 17th century. **j974.4 W**

Woods, Selina. A Farm Through Time. DK, 2000.
Observe the history of a farm from medieval times to the present day and see how it changes. **j630 W**

Wright, Louis B. Everyday Life in Colonial America. Putnam's Sons, 1966.
An illustrated history of social life and customs in America during the Colonial period, this book was written by an authority in the field. (Mr. Wright also wrote the narrative for The American Heritage History of the Thirteen Colonies (1967), which is available in the adult section, 973.2 A) **j973.2 W**

Wroble, Lisa A. Kids Throughout History Series. Power Kids Press, 1997.
Learn how a child lived including what chores they had to do, what they wore, ate and played, as well as learning about their religion and education.
Kids in Colonial Times. **j973.2 W**
Kids in Pioneer Times. **j973.2 W**

Yolen, Jane. House, House. Marshall Cavendish, 1998.
See how houses have changed over the years from the 1880s to the present. Look at photographs from the past and present. **j974.4Y**

Foodways

Barchers, Suzanne I. Cooking Up U.S. History. Recipes and Research to Share with Children. Teacher Ideas Press, 1991.
A compilation of recipes, research, and readings linked to the history of the United States. This also includes recipes for soap, candles, and ink. **j641.5 B**

Erdosh, G. Food and Recipes series. Power Kids Press, 1997.

Food and Recipes of the Pilgrims. (1620).

This covers the kinds of foods grown and prepared by the Pilgrims during their first years in America, and their dependence upon Native people to ward off starvation. Includes recipes such as Butternut Squash. **j641.5 E**

Food and Recipes of the Revolutionary War. (1775 – 1783).

This includes the foods commonly used by colonists and soldiers during the time of the Revolutionary War. Includes recipes such as Boston Baked Beans. **j641.5 E**

Food and Recipes of the Thirteen Colonies (1600-1700s).

This discusses foods prepared in areas of what would become the U.S. during the colonial period. Includes recipes such as Hasty Pudding. **j641.5 E**

Food and Recipes of the Westward Expansion. (1850).

Combines the story of the pioneers with recipes and the history of food from the opening and development of the American West. Recipes include Skillet Bread. **j641.5 E**

Kalman, Bobbie. The Colonial Cook. (Colonial People Series) Crabtree, 2002.

Learn the foods, methods, and equipment used by cooks in the early days. **j641.5 K**

Larkin, Tanya. Cooking Throughout American History series. Power Kids Press, 2001.

What Was Cooking in Abigail Adam's White House?

Abigail Adams was the wife of the 2nd President of the United States; learn about her role as first lady, and some of the foods she served. **j641 L**

What Was Cooking in Martha Washington's Presidential Mansions?

What activities did Martha Washington partake in during the Revolutionary War and what were some of the food she served. **j641 L**

What Was Cooking in Dolley Madison's White House?

Learn Dolley Madison's role as first lady and some of the food that was popular at the time. **j641 L**

Perl, Lila. Slumps, Grunts, and Snickerdoodles: What Colonial America Ate and Why. Houghton Mifflin, 1975.

This examines the diets and culinary innovations of the American colonists and gives thirteen colonial recipes, including succotash, snickerdoodles, and spoon bread. **j641 P**

Reed, Ethel. Pioneer Kitchen: A Frontier Cookbook. Frontier Heritage Press, 1971.

A collection of recipes from the early days of American history, as well as some humorous collection of stories and home remedies. **j641.5 R**

Colonial Crafts, Craftsmen and Games

Branse, J. L.; Krebs, Laurie; Merrill, Amy; Wilmore, Kathy. The Library of Living and Working in Colonial Times series. Power Kids Press, 2000 – 2004.

Each title in this series explores the life of a particular colonial craftsman and his or her way of life.

- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Blacksmith. j973.2 W
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Cabinetmaker. j973.2 M
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Doctor. j973.2K
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Dressmaker. j973.2 M
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Glassblower. j973.2 B
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Indigo Planter. j973.2 K
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Innkeeper. j973.2W
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Lighthouse Keeper. j973.2 K
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Miller. j973.2 K
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Printer. j973.2 W
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Sailmaker. j973.2 K
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Sea Captain. j973.2 B
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Schoolteacher. j973.2 W
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Shipwright. j973.2 K
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Silversmith. j973.2 W
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Soldier. j973.2 B
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Surveyor. j973.2 M
- A Day in the Life of a Colonial Wigmaker. j973.2 W

Fisher, Leonard Everett. Colonial Craftsman series. Watts, Benchmark, 1964 – 2000.

Learn about colonial craftsmen, their life and work.

- The Architects. j720 F
- The Blacksmiths. j682 F
- The Cabinetmakers. j684 F
- The Doctors. j619 F
- The Glassmakers. j666.1 F
- The Hatters. j687.4 F
- The Homemakers. j640 F
- The Limners, America's Earliest Portrait Painters. j757 F
- The Papermakers. j676 F
- The Peddlers. j658 F
- The Potters. j738 F
- The Printers. j655 F
- The Schoolmasters. j371.1 F
- The Shipbuilders. j623.8 F
- The Shoemakers. j685.3 F
- The Silversmiths. j739.2 F
- The Tanners. j675 F
- The Weavers. j677 F
- The Wigmakers. j391.5 F

Kalman, Bobbie and Walker, Niki. Colonial People Series. Crabtree, 2002 – 2003.

This series, written alternatively by two authors, explores some of the crafts and ways of life during colonial times.

The Blacksmith. j682 K

Colonial Women. j973.2 W

The Milliner. j646.5 W

Pioneer Dictionary. j973.2 K

A Slave Family. j973.2 K

The Woodworkers. j684 K

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Children's Audio Visual

Videos

American Independence. Learn about events in America's history including the Boston Tea Party, the Declaration of Independence and the life of Thomas Jefferson. **j973 A**

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? Based on the story by Jean Fritz, Paul Revere comes to life is the story of what he did before, during and after his patriotic adventures. **j And**

Colonial Clothing, 1760-1770. Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1976.
Filmed at Colonial Williamsburg, this 17-minute instructional film shows the dress of upper-class men and women. Children's dress is accurately described as a smaller version of their parents' clothes. **j391 C**

Colonial Life for Children: The Dutch and New Amsterdam. Learn about the settlement of New Amsterdam and life in this area along the Hudson River in 1624. **j973 D**

Colonial Life for Children: Jamestown. A boy goes back in time to the Jamestown settlement in Virginia in 1607 and learns about the struggles the settlers faced. **j973 J**

Colonial Williamsburg. Explore the historic capital of colonial Virginia from the buildings, gardens, and also the activities of the people who lived and worked there. **j917.55 C**

The Cooper's Craft. Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1967.
Dressed in period clothes, a craftsman illustrates the ancient art of barrel making. **j674.1 C**

Early Settlers. Learn about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims, life in Colonial Williamsburg, and more. **j973 E**

George Washington's Mother. This video describes the life of the mother of our first president and her relationship with her children. **j92 Washington**

Harriet Tubman -Animated Hero Classic. From 1849 to 1860, in the Confederate South, Harriet Tubman helped more than 300 slaves escape to freedom in the North. **j92 Tubman.**

Jean Fritz: Six Revolutionary Figures. This production weaves together the lives of Ben Franklin, Patrick Henry, Sam Adams, Paul Revere, John Hancock and King George, and describes their important roles towards the formation of the United States as a nation. **j 973.3 J**

Journey to the New World. The story of Remember Patience Whipple. (A Dear America Video.). Learn how a twelve-year-old copes with life in her new home of Plymouth, despite harsh conditions. **j Journey**

Mystic Seaport. Take this video tour of the Mystic Seaport Museum and observe nineteenth century maritime crafts, industries and lifestyles. **j917.46 M**

National Observances. This video includes the following: Independence Day, Veteran's Day, etc. **j973 N**

Old Salem. This video tour of Old Salem in North Carolina highlights a town where one of America's earliest communities has stood for more than 200 years. **j917.56 O**

Old Sturbridge Village. Eastman Kodak VideoTours, 1989.

An introduction to the living history museum Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts, this film provides a view of rural New England during the early 19th century. Life in a small agricultural village is explained, including crafts such as blacksmithing, pottery-making, printing, and shoemaking. **j917.4 O**

Plimoth Plantation. Go back in time in this video to the place where the pilgrims came to stay and learn about their way of life in the new world in 1620. **j973 P & 973 P** (also adult GFL collection)

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution. Learn how the Constitution came to be written and ratified at the Constitutional Convention of 1787. **j Shh**

So Far From Home: The Story of Mary Driscoll, an Irish Mill Girl.(A Dear America Video). With the potato famine devastating her home in Ireland, Mary must leave with her parents for a better life in America. They move to Lowell, Mass. in 1847. She finds work in the mill, where working conditions are dreadful and is asked to join the new labor union. **j So**

Standing in the Light: The Captive Story of Catharine Carey Logan.(A Dear America Video) A Quaker girl's diary reflects her experiences growing up in the Delaware River Valley, and her capture by Lanape Indians in 1763. **j Standing**

United States Constitution. This video discusses the writing and impact of the United States Constitution. **j973 U**

United States Flag. Learn about the story of the flag, the Star Spangled Banner, the Pledge of Allegiance, and also the care of the flag. **j929.9 U**

What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?. This is a biography of Franklin's busy life as a printer, inventor, and statesman and the role he played in the early history of the United States. **j92 Franklin**

The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart. (A Dear American Video). When Washington's troops set up camp near Abigail's home, she believes this is exciting. She works at Washington's headquarters, where she finds a special friend in Martha Washington. But during the long winter Abby sees the hardships of war and must summon strength to help the soldiers. **j Winter**

Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock?. In this video based on the book by Jean Fritz, you will learn about the Pilgrims and the unique story of Plymouth Rock. **j Who's**

Why Don't You Get A Horse, Sam Adams. This video highlights the life of Sam Adams and his activities that stirred up the revolt against the British and how he was finally persuaded to learn how to ride a horse. **j Why**

Sound Recordings

Fritz, Jean. And Then What Happened Paul Revere? Read by Jean Fritz. Audiocassette. Weston Woods, 1977.

The author reads her charming account of Paul Revere and his famous ride. **j Fritz**

Book-On-CD

Collier, James and Christopher. My Brother Sam is Dead. Read by John C. Brown. Book-on-CD. Audio Bookshelf, 1996.

A story about the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town in Connecticut. **JDVD j Collier**

Websites

Historic New England

<http://www.historicnewengland.org>

The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

This comprehensive website offers links to Historic Properties, Collections, Archives and Publications, Education Programs and Preservation Services throughout New England.

National Historic Landmarks

<http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/>

National Park Service.

This website includes distance learning programs, lesson plans, case studies and other material useful for teachers in preparing classroom projects. The instruction is targeted for middle school students, but easily adaptable to upper elementary grades

Old Sturbridge Village

<http://www.osv.org/>

Old Sturbridge Village is the largest history museum in the Northeast. This massive Website functions as a guide for visiting the recreated village and a source of historical information on the period.

Philadelphia

<http://nps.gov/inde/liberty-bell.html>

National Park Service.

This website provides information on colonial Philadelphia, with places of interest for visitors, historical background information, and links to other related sites.

Plimoth Plantation

<http://www.plimoth.org/>

Plimoth Plantation: the Museum.

An overview of the museum, describing life on the Pilgrim village in Massachusetts circa 1627. Links discuss the Interpretive Artisan programs, such as the potters who recreate ceramics typical of the early 17th century on site.

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Materials in the Edith B. Nettleton Historical Room

The Edith B. Nettleton Historical Room (located on the second floor of the Guilford Free Library) holds materials documenting Guilford's history and genealogy, past and present. This includes books, diaries, letters, maps, photographs, scrapbooks, high school yearbooks, and early tax lists. Also included are microfilm reels of the federal census for New Haven and Middlesex counties from 1800 to 1920, the *Shore Line Times* newspaper from 1877 to date, and the *Guilford Courier* newspaper from 1998 to date.

Selected materials found in the Historical Room collection that might be useful to teachers when preparing an American Colonial period unit:

Bloomer, Nona. [A Guilford Bibliography](#). Guilford Free Library, 1990. (The Guilford Papers, no. 2)

Compiled by the Historical Room Librarian, this pamphlet is an important guide to unpublished papers, oral history transcripts, and chapters on Guilford from other publications. It supplements [Connecticut, a Bibliography of Its History](#) published in 1986 by The Committee for a New England Bibliography with its listing of all historical works or books having an historical dimension about our region. [A Guilford Bibliography](#) provides the Historical Room call numbers for all citations. **HR G-B-47**

Bloomer, Nona. [The Guilford Green](#). Guilford Free library, 1996. (The Guilford Papers, no.3)

This elegantly-written short history of the green provides an overview of the town from settlement to the present. With its footnoted commentary and well-chosen illustrations, the essay describes the evolution of the green and its importance to Guilford from land-use and social perspectives as well as placing it in the context of regional patterns. Reading this summation of Guilford history will provide educators with a foundation of knowledge on significant aspects of the town and its people.

HR Ref 974.674 B (also regular GFL collection)

Collier, Christopher with Bonnie B. Collier. "The Literature of Connecticut History." [The Connecticut Scholar](#). (No. 6), 1983.

Prepared by University of Bridgeport history professor and author Christopher Collier with his wife, Bonnie B. Collier, head reference librarian at Yale's Sterling Library. Topics include Constitutional history to 1776, "The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut," the Regicides, colonial economy and town studies. This study and a preliminary effort, "An Essay Toward a Bibliography of Connecticut History for Teachers," privately published by the authors in 1980 [HR Ref 974.6 C], are invaluable reference guides to scholarly writing on state history with relevant notes to aid the user. **HR Ref 974.6 C**

Isham, Norman Morrison and Alfred F. Brown. Early Connecticut Houses; an Historical and Architectural Study. Dover, 1965. **HR Ref 728 I** (also regular GFL collection)

Kelly, J. Frederick. Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut. Published for the Tercentenary Commission by the Yale University Press, 1933.

This classic study of colonial period homes, written by a leading architectural historian, contains reference to several Guilford houses. The author was the architect who restored the Henry Whitfield House, the oldest house in Guilford and the oldest stone building in Connecticut. **HR Ref 976.6 T**

McCulloch, Sarah Brown. Guilford: A Walking Guide; the Green and Neighboring Streets. Guilford Preservation Alliance, Revised edition, 1998.

This incomparable documentation provides architectural descriptions, historical information and anecdotes on ownership, and photographs of the historical homes and commercial buildings located around the Guilford Green and nearby streets. **HR Ref 917.467 M** (also regular GFL collection)

Steiner, Bernard Christian. History of Guilford and Madison, CT. Baltimore, Md., 1897. Reissued by the Guilford Free Library, 1975.

An authoritative history of Guilford, it was written by a former resident in the late 19th century. This is a reprint of the edition published by the author under the title, A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck. **HR Ref 974.674 S** (also regular GFL collection)

Talcott, Alvan, comp. Families of Early Guilford, Connecticut. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984.

This book contains the genealogical records of many early Guilford families. The original manuscript was compiled as an avocation by Dr. Alvan Talcott of Guilford over a fifty year period and is in the hold of the New Haven Colony Historical Society. It was prepared for publication by the Connecticut Society of family genealogies and has served as an invaluable index to genealogies of many families living in Guilford between 1639 and 1888. **HR Ref 929 T**

Tercentenary Commission of the State of Connecticut Commission on Education in the Schools. Material suggested for Use in the Schools to Characterize the History of Connecticut. State Board of Education, 1933.

Although this is an old publication, it is a treasure of suggestions for school programs and topics for study to enrich social studies classes. Chapters pertinent to Early Guilford Days include those with information on early customs, houses, dress, games, schools, the Church and food. There is a section on colonial home life for grades one to four with related activities. **HR Ref 974.6 T Supp. 2**

Transcribed Guilford diaries are an important part of the Historical Room collection. These primary source materials were written by townspeople mainly during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Secondary source information on citizens of early Guilford is available in pamphlet and other holdings. These items do not have designated call numbers. Please ask a librarian for help in finding them.

Colonial era individuals covered in these diaries and files are:

William Leete (1616-1683) a skillful political leader whose “democratic” attitude supported the participation in politics of men who were not necessarily church freemen.

Samuel Johnson (1696-1772) a visionary who played an instrumental role in establishing the Episcopal Church in Guilford. He was the first president of Columbia University.

Jared Eliot (1685-1763) a clergyman and physician who wrote articles on agriculture, in which he argued for an “intensive form of cultivation.”

John Higginson (circa 1643) a school teacher, a religious leader and Henry Whitfield’s son-in-law.

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Adult Non-Fiction

Books

Earle, Alice Morse. Customs and Fashions in Old New England. Omnigraphics, 1990.
Originally printed New York: Scribners, 1893. **974.02 E**

Earle, Alice Morse. Home Life in Colonial Days. Macmillan, 1898.
Written in 1898, this book is a comprehensive and detailed account of how the colonists built their homes in the wilderness, procured their food, raised their families, worked and worshiped. This history of life and customs is complete with line drawings of the homes, tools, costumes, housewares and domestic artifacts of the colonial period. **973.2 E**

Isham, Norman Morrison. Early American Houses: and A Glossary of Colonial Architectural Terms. DaCapo Press, 1967.
Reprint of two works published originally by the Walpole Society: Early American Houses, in 1928, and A Glossary of Colonial Architectural Terms, in 1939. Several Guilford houses are discussed and architectural elements drawn in Early American Houses. Isham restored the Hyland House to its colonial appearance in the years 1916-1918. **728 I**

Video

Liberty! The American Revolution. PBS Home Video, 1997.
This three-part series is an excellent documentary treatment of the American Revolution, using a mix of reenactment, historical commentary and the words of ordinary soldiers. Paintings and prints from the time period effectively illustrate the narrative. **973.3 L**