



SALEM: THEN AND NOW

Ribbons

If you were a girl/women in Old Salem you would have to wear a bonnet and on your bonnet you would have a ribbon. Depending on if you were a child, graduated school, 18, married, or your husband died you would have a different colored ribbon.

The first ribbon you would get is the red ribbon which means you are a student. The second ribbon you would get is a pink ribbon which means you live in the single sisters house. Next you get a dark pink ribbon which is given to you when you turn 18. You may not get a blue ribbon but if you get married the blue ribbon is the ribbon you will receive. If your husband dies you will get a white ribbon, if you remarry you will go back to a blue ribbon. Ribbons are important to a girl/woman in Old Salem. by Ali



Being a Child in Salem

Do you know what it would be like to live in the 1770s in Old Salem as a child? It was very different than in our days. Back in their days when you were a child 5 and under you would stay home with our mama. Chores that they did are very different, like when you are a boy or a girl. When you are a boy you scoop out the necessary { The necessary is the toilet}. They scoop it out every day. There is many more chores like helping your dad chop wood for the fire. When you are 5 you go to school, if you are a girl you to the sisters school and if you are a boy you go to the brothers school. When you go to the sisters house or the brothers house you learn stuff that was important like taking care of family members and stuff like that for the sisters. For the brothers you would most likely learn things outside like cutting wood. I hope you have learned something about being a child in Old Salem in 1778. by Nora



Our class crossing the bridge and going back in time 200 years

GOD'S ACRE

God's Acre is more than a acre, God's Acre is about 20 acres! We found The first gravestone put in God's Acre EVER!!!!!! His name was Johan Birkhead, he died June 5th 1771 he was 31 when he passed away. The gravestones are organized by when they died and when they were born. God's Acre is separated, one part is girls and the other part is boys. In Gods Acre there are more than 1,000 graves!!! The graves are 246 years old, maybe even more! Sukey was buried in God's Acre and we found her!!! Out of all the graves! Like we found Sukey, You can find your name!! f you want to know more about Sukey look in page 8

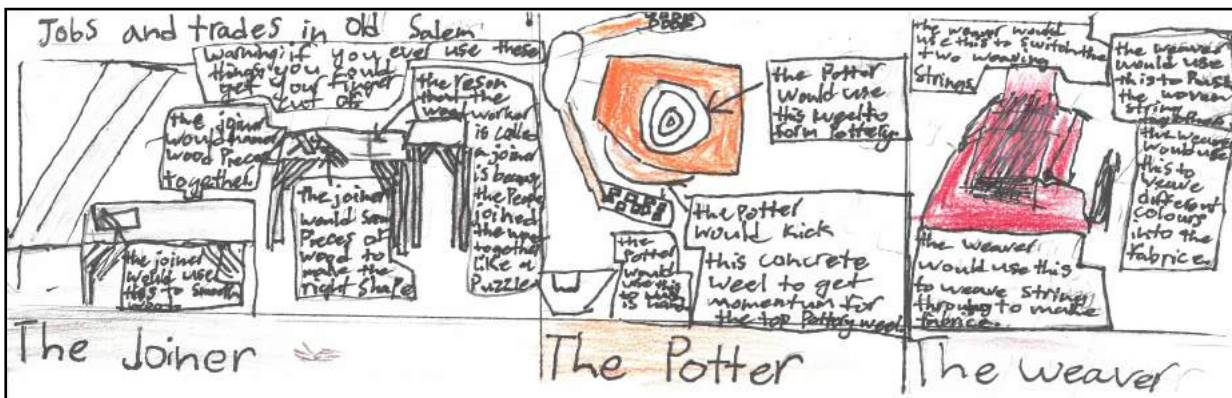
By Bea

Pottery at Old Salem by Walker

Pottery. The toil of many a person in old Salem. These notes describe the endless work of those tired souls. The wheel is a small metal disc ~a foot wide and ~a foot tall on a metal pole that holds a big metal disc at the bottom. You need hunk of clay, a sharp wire, and a sponge and bucket of water. Stick the hunk on the wheel(the small one.), and push the big one with your foot 10 times. Get your hands wet and put them around it with your thumbs on top and push the top down with your thumbs. Leave a half inch of clay at the bottom. By now the wheel has slowed down to a slow jog. Push it again. Clasp your hands one on one side of the wall of the bowl one on the other and slowly pull towards your chest. This will widen the bowl. Then, slowly pull upward on the sides of the bowl. This makes it higher. Take the wire and wrap it around your fingers and press it to the small wheel with your thumb. Slowly pull toward you. You are now done with your pot. In my opinion, this is incorrect. You would have to center it more.

A Day Back Then in Old Salem by Miley

A day back then in old salem is much different than a day now. You wouldn't believe how they did stuff in and outside the house. In bedroom you would not have as much stuff as you would have now. They had the most useful stuff, like a desk, clothes, a bed, one wash bowl, (a bowl with water in it so you can wash because you don't really have baths). You would usually have only one bed in the whole house which meant you would only have one bedroom. Either the kids would sleep with a matt on the floor, or they all could cuddle up in their one bed together. Beds would be stuffed with hay most of the time, but if a you had a family that had a lot of money, they might have more than one bed and could have them stuffed with corn husk which is more comfortable than hay, and people were shorter back then, so the size of kids beds now were the size of grown-ups' bed! In a kitchen there would usually be things like a little table and a shelf, cupboard, hearth, towel, and drawers. Since they didn't have refrigerators back then, they had to preserve things differently. With things like peppers and fruits (pears, apples, things like that .) With meat, one of the ways to preserve it was to keep it in salt for as long as you needed. Another way you could keep things fresh was to put it in a closed jar with white vinegar. And just think about having to cook breakfast every morning in a hearth(a hearth is like a fireplace inside, but bigger and it runs on coal and ashes, plus you cook over it.) Everything in your kitchen you would have would be made by somebody who worked hard and detailed at one at a time. You're shelves and you're other things made of wood would be constructed by a Joiner (what we now call a carpenter) and you're glass jars and bowls would be made by a glass blower, you're pottery by a potter, and all your metal things like utensils were made by a blacksmith. And, a lot of the time things you owned were made by you. A day back then was fully packed



Trades in Salem

Old Salem was made to be a trades town and I will tell you the trades that they did for a living. Most of the time they spent the day on making things they made. The trades were like the things that we do but they didn't have electricity so they had to do their jobs a different way. Some of the trades were the gunsmith, the joiner, the doctor and many other things that were pretty useful. The joiner worked with most of the wood. He would make the benches and also made some wooden tables and other things too. The gunsmith made all the guns in Old Salem and the gunsmith's name was Timothy Vogler he made a lot of guns and they were made for hunting, not killing other people but some people used them for that. The other trade was a doctor. He used some of the plants from his garden to make some of his medicine. But the doctor was also the vet so that made his job a lot harder. Other people were maids and some of them just cooked for the people they worked for. Other people made the watches and the clocks and most of the silver ware. The people of Old Salem had a lot of trades and they didn't have all the things we do but they were really resourceful. They might have done things differently but they were just like us in many ways. By Luke Parker

Horoscopes by Walker

January: you will have a leg amputated soon!

February: you will get a 50% discount on hamster socks!

March: the meaning of life is-ooohh! Shiny rock!! Annd I forgot.

April: soon, you will visit god's acre for a while. For a loong lonnnng while.

May: your destiny is... a shoemaker!!! A trade worthy of kings.

June: the sun gods are mad at you. REALLY mad. Good luck with life. toodaloo!!

July: you will be injured if you don't *OOWW!!!* hit my head. Now, what was I saying again?

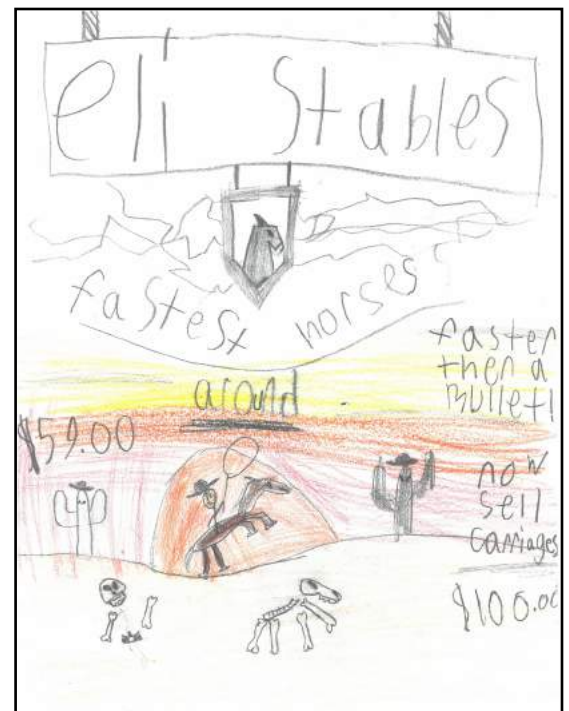
August: that wasn't the right medicine you took this morning...

September: big changes will head into your life soon. Not necessarily good ones...

October: lots of annoying kids in cheap costumes will terrorize you soon. Resist the urge to scream "shut up and go away, you wretched kids!"

November: a save the turkeys!! Group will run through town. You should join and then sit back, relax, and enjoy the mystery meat.

December: you may feel a strong urge to nail socks to a wall. Strange impulses go away quickest if you follow them. Nail the socks and then go lay down.



Water Pump by Jalon

In Old Salem in the middle of the square there is a useful water pump. It has been there a long time. It has gotten redesigned many times. They use the water cleaning their dishes and also to wash their face. How did they get water? Where the pump goes there's a pipe on there that pump it takes it takes water from a place and then they go home. They use a bucket they pump water into their bucket and then go home and use it. I wish I had a pump just like it. this is just great cuz it's good for drinking out of.

Poems from Salem

Ruth Jones, 1782 In the fall the leaves of smooth life fall down and down to the puddle of water in the rain. Whispering the ways of peace joining every satisfied face drawn to its silent whispers. As the leaves of red no orange no green fall down no one notices how different they all are. The winter comes the fierce wind of anger blows out the warmth of every candle. Water turns into ice trades people busier than ever to make clothing to keep everyone warm. Mama's cooking up a fire and warm soup everyone in a rush in the snowy rage. The snow white and clear as glass none known what it was made of. Blankets stocked from every closet to set up for winter. Pink, red, blue, green, yellow and all the other colors you could imagine over every cold body restless in the night of the cold blurriness. In the spring flowers bloom their buds of every color the corn. Fruits and the herbs in the doctors yard start growing again. The kids play in the warmth as if the snowstorms never happened but it will happen soon. The summer comes over the land again all the trades working delightfully at the slow turtle pace. If you want to know the next season take the poem from the start.- Susannah Scheidt

Daily Life of a Woman by Chiara

250 years ago in Old Salem life was very different for a woman than it is now. Every day woman would not go to work like they do now. They would stay at home and do crafts like sewing and making baskets. Other times they would get prepared for winter. If it is summer what they would do to get ready is go buy some wool from farmers that just sheared their sheep.

Then they would make some coats and other warm clothes then put them up until winter. When they ran out of food they would make more for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They would probably make food to last for a couple of days so they would not have to make more. They were very resourceful with their food so they would eat every little bit of their food. If they had a garden then they would work in their garden. I would enjoy being a woman back then. Would you after reading this?



Drinking from the town water pump

Salem Home Church News

Don't forget We will be celebrating the love feast on Christmas eve that's in **51** days!

If you could please donate flour and yeast for the love feast buns.

Everyone is invited to Annie & John's Wedding on November 27 at the church.

Do you think you have a nice voice when it comes to singing? Sign up today to be in the church's singing choir!

These gravestones are getting dirty we need someone to clean them.

Single Sisters choir meeting on Monday, November 15

By: Liza

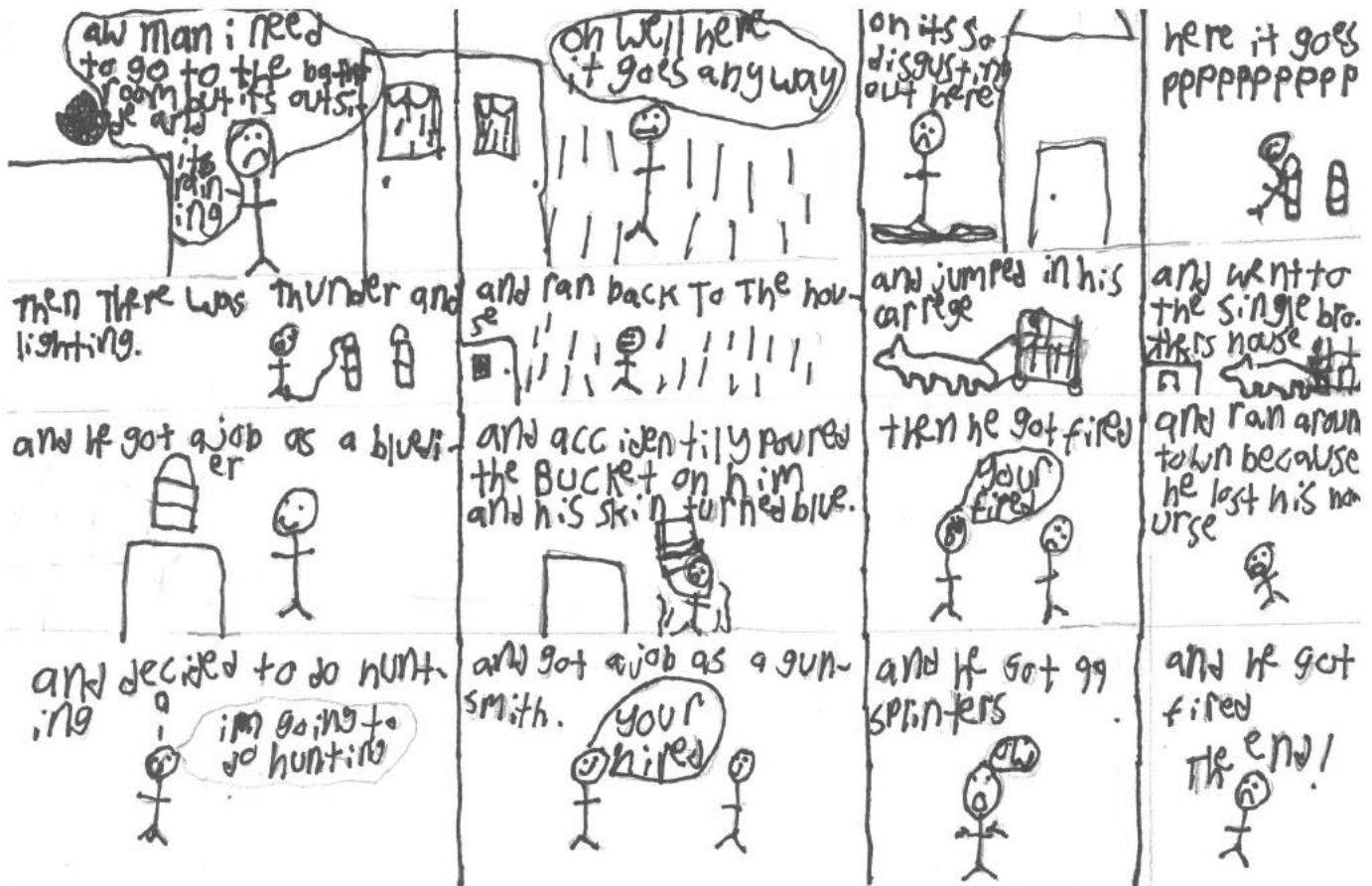
History and Culture

There are some amazing historical and cultural moments in Salem North Carolina. The Moravians (that made Old Salem) came from Germany and migrated to North Carolina. The Moravians were Christian and believed in family, meaning that everybody called each other brother or sister. The Emancipation Proclamation was announced in Salem church african american church in 1865. Old Salem had there first Independence day celebration in 1783. The first man buried in God's Acre ("the town church cemetery") was named Johann Burkhead. He was born 1750 and died in 1771. The first enslaved person that was buried in God's Acre together to to make one big was named Sukey, you will find her as Catherina. She was born in 1763 and died 1777, could you guess how old she was when she died. Salem means peace in German and that is what the Moravian people believed. it's fascinating to compare the Moravian culture and history to other cultures and history's and if you possibly go to Old Salem, you could experience it to. by Sonjae



Loom by Zoe

Have you ever woven on a loom before? I have. First put whatever color string through two sets of wires. Then you pull the string TIGHT! Then you would change the Knob. It would change the position of the set of wires. Then you would bat the string into the loom. You would grab the set of wires that's in the back and you would push the string into the loom. Then you would do the whole thing again. It's fun to do the loom because you get to add your part to other people's part of the Loom. It's basically everybody working together to to make one big scarf.



Beyond the Block with Eli

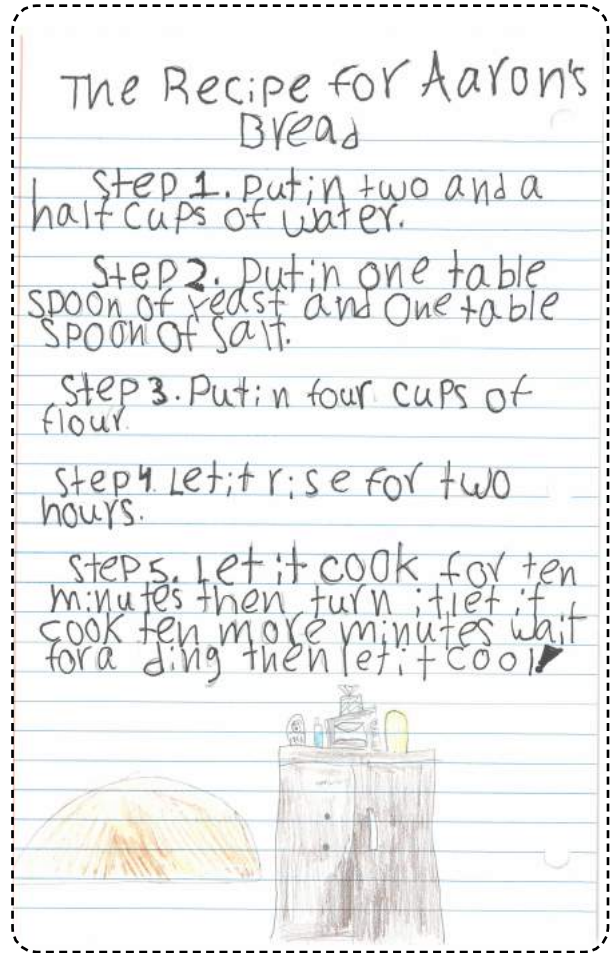
Volger have you heard that name before now? Well prepare for news that will take you **beyond the block**. The Volgers one of the many families in Old Salem they were pretty wealthy too. Their wealth put them in a sizeable house with the owner the town silversmith and clock maker. The Volgers also brought a door knob design to Salem it looks like this ----->



In the Vogler house there were steep stairs to save space. When I went to Old Salem the housekeeper asked me to hold the handrail. It was the most bent handrail that I have seen. but when Timothy Volger got old he could not get up the stairs Well that wraps it up. See you next time on **beyond the block**.

Cooking on the Hearth by Carly

Do you know what the hearth is? The hearth is the edge of the fireplace it's where colonial families did most of their cooking. The first step you do is you put some coal on the hearth to make a pile. And you take two sticks and rub them together till it starts burning and throw the two sticks into the coal till it starts to catch flame. And then you put a trivet over the fire. Then you make the batter it could be whatever you want to be but we made pumpkin pancakes and cooked it on the hearth but you can make whatever you want. The pumpkin pancakes were easy to make. This is how we made them: You probably need 3 empty bowls and 2 eggs then you want to separate the yolk and the egg white and stir them with a whisk and you need to pour flour and milk cinnamon ginger sugar pumpkin and corn meal then you stir them all together and the egg yolk and the egg white in. Then you pour pancake shapes into the pot on the trivet and you flip the pancakes and eat up!

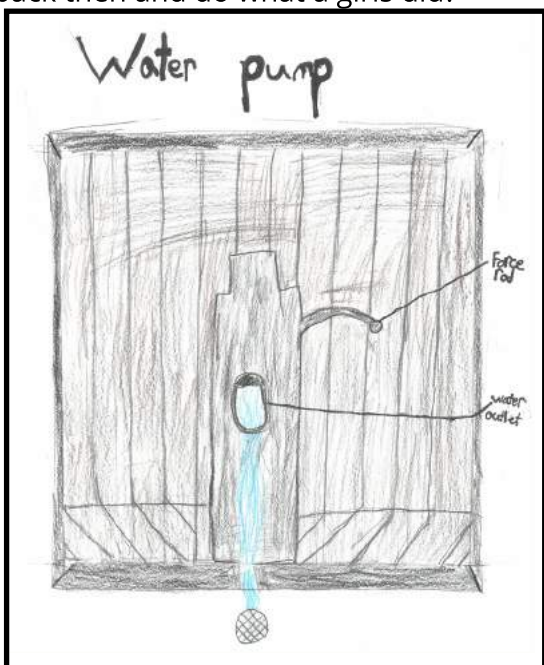


Doctor Vierling did not have the medicine that we have today so he had to find a way to make medicine. He planted medicine and put it in jars it took him a year to grow one stock of medicine. If you were getting a painful surgery he would try to give you numbing medicine but it was sort of hard to get. He had old fashioned tools on display. We could not touch them when we went to Old Salem but they were still really cool to see. The pharmacy back then were very small and they were filled with tiny jars and the jars were filled with lots of medicine. The doctor was not just the doctor he was also the vet and the dentist. Some things were good for the doctor in Old Salem back then but some things weren't. by Bailey

Life for Girls In Old Salem

Have you wondered life was for women 250 years ago? Well this article is about some women in a very special place... Old Salem. When a girl was 5 she had to go to school which you would live at. Imagine moving away from your family for 10 years! Though you didn't live with your family anymore they still lived in Old Salem so you didn't really move that far away. At school a girl learned about house skills: how to cook, bake, do laundry, clean and many more. After all those years of school you would move into the single sisters house where you would stay until you got married. You could either work and stay in the single sisters or work for someone who was married. When you got married you chose a person even if you did not know them! Then you would get a house and live there and there was your chance to do chores!!! In the house you would be expected to cook clean and do laundry for your family. Even when your family left the house you still would do chores. Sounds hard right? But you get used to doing things around the house. It's like your job but working in and around the house. Have you learned about a girl's and woman's life and their lifestyle 250 years ago? Would you want to live back then and do what a girls did?

By Liza



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**BAKERY, BLUEDYER, CHOIR, CHURCH, COOKING,
GARDEN, GODSACRE, GUNSMITH, HEARTH
,INDENTURED, LOOM, POTTERY, PUMP, RIBBON, SALEM,
SINGLEBROTHERS, SINGLESISTERS, TRADE, WAGON**

Sukey by Lila

Sukey was a young slave who made a difference for anybody who was enslaved that was to be buried in God's Acre. Born in 1763, Sukey and her mother were enslaved by the Meyer family, when she was older she worked at the Tavern serving the guests. Jacob Meyer changed Sukey's name to Catherina, though Jacob seemed to name every woman who worked at the Meyer house to Catherina. When Sukey was 10 she had begged to go to the lovefeast, but they refused to let her in because she was not part of the Moravian Church. In 1777 at age 14 Sukey died young, but one thing that made quite a difference



Sukey's gravestone