



SELECTED PRICES 1600-1749

Item	Data Source	Description	Price
Alcohol			
Ale	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Dozen bottles of ale in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	2 shillings
Bottles	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Empty Qt Bottles in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	2 shillings
Brandy	Inventory of A. Pearce (1690)	Quart of Brandy in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 1690	2 shillings 3 pence
Cask	Inventory of Henry Fitzhugh (1742)	Old Cyder Cask in Stafford County, Virginia, 1742	2 shillings 4 pence
Cider	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Gallon of Cyder in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	4 pence
Rum	Inventory of Samuel Hanson (1741)	Gallon of rum in Charles County, Maryland, 1741	5 shillings
Spirits	Inventory of A. Pearce (1690)	Gallon of Spirits in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 1690	3 shillings
Still	Inventory of Henry Fitzhugh (1742)	Copper still in Stafford County, Virginia, 1742	30 pounds 10 shillings
Wine	Inventory of Nicholas Mardin (1696)	Pipe of madera wine in Charles Town, 1696	20 pounds
Wine	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Dozen bottles of wine in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	1 pound
Apparel - Children			
Cap	Inventory of Johnathan Newell (1672)	Childs sattin capp in York County, Virginia, 1672	6 pence
Coat	Inventory of Johnathan Newell (1672)	Small wast coat for children in York County, Virginia, 1672	10 pence
Gloves	Inventory of Johnathan Newell (1672)	Pair of Children yarne Gloves in York County, Virginia, 1672	3 pence
Hat	Inventory of Josias Du Pre (1692)	Childrens hatt in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	5 shillings
Shoes	Inventory of Johnathan Newell (1672)	Pair of Chidrens shooes in York County, Virginia, 1672	1 pound 4 pence
Stockings	Inventory of Johnathan Newell (1672)	Pair of Boys Stockens in York County, Virginia, 1672	10 pence
Apparel - Men			
Boots	Cressy, Coming Over (1987)	A pair of boots in New England during 1630	9 shillings
Boots	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Pair Old Boots in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	10 shillings
Britches	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Pair of Leather Breeches in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	13 shillings
Britches	Inventory of Roger Annadowne (1673)	A paire of Cloth breiches in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1673	12 shillings
Buckle	Inventory of Zephaniah Wade (1746)	Silver Stock buckle in Fairfax, Virginia, 1746	5 shillings
Buckles	Inventory of Peter Perdriau (1692)	Payre Silver Shoes buckles in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	2 shillings 6 pence
Buttons	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Pair Gold Buttons in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	7 pounds 2 shillings 6 pence
Buttons	Inventory of Zephaniah Wade (1746)	Pair Silver Sleeve buttons in Fairfax, Virginia, 1746	1 shilling 6 pence
Cap	Billings, The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century (1975)	Manmouth Cap in Virginia, 1611	1 shilling 10 pence

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Cap	Inventory of John Jay (1678)	Satin cap in Suffolk, Massachusetts, 1678	3 shillings 6 pence
Clasps	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Pair of Silver Neck Clasps in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	2 shillings 5 pence
Cloak	Inventory of James Lindale (1652)	A stufte cloake in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1652	10 shillings
Cloak	Inventory of John Vansusteren (1694)	Camlett Cloake in Charles Towne, South Carolina, 1694	2 pounds
Coat	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Lapell Bever Coat in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	13 pounds 10 shillings
Doublet	Inventory of William Kemp (1641)	A leather Dublet wth silvr buttons in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1641	1 pound
Drawers	Inventory of John Jay (1678)	Paire Red cotten drawers in Suffolk, Massachusetts, 1678	3 shillings 9 pence
Falling bands	Cressy, Coming Over (1987)	Three falling bands in New England during 1630	1 shilling 3 pence
Garters	Billings, The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century (1975)	Paire of garters in Virginia, 1611	10 pence
Gloves	Inventory of Josias Du Pre (1692)	Pair of perfund mans gloves in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	5 shillings
Gloves	Inventory of Henry Fitzhugh (1742)	Pair of kid skin Gloves in Stafford County, Virginia, 1742	1 shilling 6 pence
Handkerchief	Inventory of William Kemp (1641)	Holland handkerchiefs in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1641	1 shilling
Handkerchief	Inventory of Samuel Hanson (1741)	Silk Handerchief in Charles County, Maryland, 1741	3 shillings 6 pence
Hat	Inventory of Josias Du Pre (1692)	Felte hatt in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	15 shillings
Hat	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Man's fine hat in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	18 shillings 2 pence
Hat band	Inventory of Josias Du Pre (1692)	Silver twisted hatt band in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	1 shilling 3 pence
Hose	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Pair New Worsted Hose in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	18 shillings

Based Upon the British Currency System

Year	Pound in 2002 US Dollars	Shilling in 2002 US Dollars	Pence in 2002 US Dollars
1650	\$120.00	\$6.00	\$0.50
1660	\$144.00	\$7.20	\$0.60
1670	\$120.00	\$6.00	\$0.70
1680	\$120.00	\$6.00	\$0.70
1690	\$120.00	\$6.00	\$0.80
1700	\$168.00	\$8.40	\$0.70
1710	\$144.00	\$7.20	\$0.60
1720	\$168.00	\$8.40	\$0.70
1730	\$192.00	\$9.60	\$0.80
1740	\$144.00	\$7.20	\$0.60
1749	\$192.00	\$9.60	\$0.80

Calculations are approximate values based upon economic historical data

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Hose	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Pair Silk Hose in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	1 pound 2 shillings 6 pence
Jacket	Inventory of John Vansusteren (1694)	Flanell Jackett in Charles Towne, South Carolina, 1694	10 shillings
Jacket	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Old Velvett Jackett in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	2 pounds 5 shillings
Jacket	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Black Sattin Jackett in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	5 pounds
Jerkin	Inventory of William Kemp (1641)	A frize jerkine in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1641	8 shillings
Leather	Cressy, Coming Over (1987)	Cost of one pound of leather to mend shoes in New England during 1630	1 shilling 3 pence
Mittens	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Pair Old Yarn Mittons in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	2 shillings 6 pence
Pants	Billings, The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century (1975)	Doozen of pants in Virginia, 1611	3 pence
Scarf	Inventory of Peter Perdriau (1692)	Old red Silck Scarffe in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	1 shilling
Sea Cape	Cressy, Coming Over (1987)	One sea cape or gown, of coarse cloth in New England during 1630	16 shillings
Shirt	Inventory of Captian Arthur Dunn (1724)	Check Shirts in Middlesex, Massachusetts, 1724	15 shillings
Shirt	Inventory of Henry Fitzhugh (1742)	Negro Shirt in Stafford County, Virginia, 1742	3 shillings 7 pence
Shoes	Billings, The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century (1975)	Paire of shooes in Virginia, 1611	2 shillings 2 pence
Shoes	Inventory of Henry Fitzhugh (1742)	Pair negro shoes in Stafford County, Virginia, 1742	3 shillings 6 pence
Silk Outfit	Inventory of Nicholas Mardin (1696)	Silk weascoate & britches in Charles Town, South Carolina, 1696	5 pounds
Stockings	Billings, The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century (1975)	Paire of Irish stockings in Virginia, 1611	1 shilling 4 pence
Stockings	Inventory of Peter Perdriau (1692)	Payre old Silck Stockins in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	5 shillings
Stockings	Inventory of John Vansusteren (1694)	Paire of Course Stockins in Charles Towne, South Carolina, 1694	3 shillings
Studs	Inventory of Henry Fitzhugh (1742)	Pair of gold studs in Stafford County, Virginia, 1742	1 pound
Suit	Billings, The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century (1975)	Sute of Cloth in Virginia, 1611	10 shillings
Suit	Inventory of Samuel Palmer (1676)	A serge suite in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1676	1 pound 10 shillings
Suit	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Best suit of Cloth in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	2 pounds
Waist	Cressy, Coming Over (1987)	A man's waist in New England during 1630	2 shillings 6 pence
Waistcoat	Inventory of John Jay (1678)	Tufted holand waistcoate in Suffolk, Massachusetts, 1678	6 shillings
Wig	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Wigg & puff in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	1 pound 10 shillings
Apparel - Women			
Apron	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	A black Say apron in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	7 shillings
Bodice	Inventory of Johnathan Newell (1672)	Womens Bodice in York County, Virginia, 1672	2 shillings 4 pence

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Cloak	Inventory of Godbert Godbertson & Zarah (1633)	Cloake in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1633	1 pound 10 shillings
Gloves	Inventory of Josias Du Pre (1692)	Pair of white womans gloves in Charleston, South Carolina, 1692	5 shillings
Gown	Inventory of Godbert Godbertson & Zarah (1633)	A Gowne in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1633	2 pounds
Gown	Inventory of Margaret Howland (1684)	A green Cloth Gowne in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1684	10 shillings
Handkerchief	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	A fine kerchief in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	2 shillings 8 pence
Handkerchief	Inventory of Martha Nelson (1684)	Necke handkerchife in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1684	12 shillings
Hat	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	Hatt in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	5 shillings
Hat	Inventory of Martha Nelson (1684)	A hatt in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1684	2 pounds 13 shillings
Petticoat	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	Red petticote in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	16 shillings
Petticoat	Inventory of Margaret Howland (1684)	A homspon petticoat in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1684	8 shillings
Shoes	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	Pair of Shoes in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	1 shilling
Shoes	Inventory of Jesse Ball (1742)	Pair of womens shoes in Lancaster, Virginia, 1747	10 shillings
Stockings	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	Pair white Irish stockings in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	1 shilling 6 pence
Stockings	Inventory of John Vansusteren (1694)	Pair of red silk stockings in Charles Towne, South Carolina, 1694	1 pound
Waistcoat	Inventory of Mary Ring (1631)	A violet coloured Wastcoate in Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1631	8 shillings
Wig	Inventory of Zephaniah Wade (1746)	Wigg in Fairfax, Virginia, 1746	10 shillings
Commodities			
Barley	University of Notre Dame Libraries (2004)	Bushel of barley in the Massachusetts colony, 1690	4 shillings
Beef	University of Notre Dame Libraries (2004)	Barrel of beef in the Massachusetts colony, 1690	1 pound 12 shillings 6 pence

