

Glossary

Adobe. Sturdy walls made with clay and straw.

Camaraderie. A feeling of friendliness.

Catastrophe. A terrible event.

Corset. Stiff hourglass-shaped fabric with wire or bone sewn in that was worn by women to shape their torsos.

Dooryard. The part of the yard closest to the front door of a house.

Emigrants. Those who move to a new country.

Gigot sleeves. Long sleeves that were very full, puffed at the shoulders, and narrow at the wrist.

Graniteware. Speckled, enamel-coated metal cookware.

Hoop iron. Long strips of iron used in barrel making.

Hoops. Also called hoop skirts, they were big round pieces of wire stitched into a slip and worn under a dress to make a woman's skirt bell-shaped.

Lay-abed. One who lies in bed too long.

Linch pins. Metal rods that fit into the axle to keep the wheel in place.

Mary Stuart cap. Small heart-shaped hat.

Mercantile. General store for groceries and other supplies.

Pemmican. Dried seasoned beef and berries pounded together.

Pinafore. A type of apron worn over a younger girl's dress.

Ruff. A large, round collar of pleated muslin or linen.

Skeins. Wound yarn or thread.

Slops bucket. Used as a nighttime toilet.

Stones. Refers to what Brewster called his "seer stones," used by him for fortune-telling and decision making.

Tableau. A scene that has been painted or represented using actors and props.

Theology. The study of God.

Toilette. Bathing, dressing, and grooming.

Wanderlust. A desire to travel to new places.

Watered silk. Silk cloth with a wavy pattern.