



Reliving History, Inc.

*Supporting the ca. 1751 Peter Burr House
The oldest wood frame house in West Virginia*

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Colonial Fun Facts

In colonial days:

- Children who misbehave in school had to put a split end of a branch on their nose. Ouch!
- Six or more children in one family was not unusual. Wow! One family that we know has 30 children.
- Young boys wore loose fitting dresses until they were the age of five or six.
- Colonial settlers made fences like we make baskets by alternating wood into a woven pattern.
- Slumps and grunts are really desserts. Yuck!
- Some colonial settlers used wild daisies mixed with animal fur to heal a cut.
- Some colonists didn't eat on plates. The whole family ate right out of the cooking pot!
- The children of wealthy families have imported toys.
- Many colonists believed tomatoes were poison and would not eat them,
- When young children were about 10-12 years old, they were often sent to other people's home to live and work and to learn new skills.

Visit the Peter Burr House

170 E. Burr Blvd., Kearneysville, WV 25430
(at Burr Industrial Park in the far right back corner)
See website for directions.