

Illustrated excerpts from  
John Whitman Account Book  
1739-1746

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The prices in this account book are shown in the British currency used at the time: pounds–shillings–pence.

1 pound = 20 shillings

1 shilling = 12 pence

In 1739, £ 1 (1 pound) would have about the same value as \$267 in 2022.

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Ann 39. Ann Squaw bought  
 Sep 24 Korsy one yard quarter  
 Calico 2 yards half  
 Ribbon 2 yard 5 shillings yard  
 something more. quality binding 2 yards one shilling  
 3 rings 3 shilling - allspice an ounce 5 pence  
 promised to pay in brooms & Indian corn in 2 months.

1739. Joseph woodford lost powder 3 pound.

1739. Wampe or his Squaw 3 and chew & a cup of the Lost sort & a half pink bottle  
 lost a pawn. Korsy a yard & quarter.

Sep 5. Neemoushqua red end cloth 2 shillings 2 yard half ribbon 2-6 allspice 3-1  
 quality binding 2 yds 1. a fan 3-5

1-5-0  
 1-5-0  
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 0-19-6  
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 3-9-6  
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 01-X1-0  
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 17-6  
 11-6  
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 5-1-5  
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 15-8

Ann 39 Ann Squaw bought

Sep 24 Korsy one yard quarter 1-5-0  
 Calico 2 yards half 1-5-0  
 Ribbon 2 yard 5 shillings/yard  
 Broadcloth red a nail\* and something more  
 quality binding 2 yards one shilling  
 3 rings 3 shillings  
 allspice in an ounce 6 pence 0-19-6  
 total 3-9-6  
 Promised to pay in brooms and Indian corn in 2 months

1739

Sep 4 Joseph Woodford  
 gunpowder 3 pound 1-1-0

Sep ? Wampe or his Squaw  
 ? and a cup of the Lost? sort and a half pink bottle 0-17-6  
 Lost a pawn? 0-11-6  
 Korsy a yard and quarter 1-0-5

Sep 5 Neemoush Squa  
 red broadcloth 0-2-0  
 2 yard half ribbon 0-12-6  
 quality binding 2 yards 0-1-0  
 a fan 0-3-6

Korsy/Kersey: coarse, thick, and sturdy woolen cloth



Calico: cotton fabric



Broadcloth: cloth made of a finer wool than Kersey



\*A nail is a 2 1/4 inch measure for cloth

130 *Jm*

Esther Squaw now Married to  
Stephen Quaho

1744  
Nov<sup>ber</sup> 30

Brought from Ledger No. 1 - page 104		£	5	2
To Sundries - E Fall 14	1		17	10
To Sundries - E Fall 18			4	
To Sundries - E Fall 23			6	
To Ipececuana - E Fall 37			5	6
To Pill Rudy - B Fall 70	1		6	
To Burgundy Pitch B B Fall 83	1		6	
To Philoneum B Fall 88			1	6
To Ipececuana - B Fall 89			1	
To Sundries B Fall 106			1	6
To Sundries B Fall 108			3	6
To Pill Rudy B Fall 111	2			
To Rhubarb B Fall 113			10	
To Sundries B Fall 29			2	
Carried to Ledger No. 3:	3		17	10

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1744	Brought from Ledger no.1 - page 104	1-17-10
Nov <sup>ber</sup> 30	To Sundries*	0-4-0
	To Sundries	0-6-0
	To Sundries	0-5-6
	To Ipececuana	0-1-6
	To pill Rudy	0-1-6
	To burgundy pitch	0-0-6
	To Philoneum	0-1-0
	To Ipececuana	0-1-0
	To Sundries	0-1-6
	To Sundries	0-3-6
	To pill Rudy	0-2-0
	To rhubarb	0-10-0
	To Sundries	0-2-0
	Carried to Ledger no. 3 page 1	3-17-10

\*Sundries = various items

The uses of the herbal medicines listed here include:

- Ipececuana—causes vomiting
- Burgundy Pitch—plaster to help irritated skin
- Philoneum—to control pain
- Rhubarb—cures diarrhea

Farmington  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> 1739 Sarah Squaw  
 For 2 yd of Broad Cloath @ 6/yd . . . . 0-6-0

Adams Squaw March 4 1739/40 a platter 2-3-4  
 April 1740 For 2 Kettles 12 Forty 3 the other Forty on 4-4

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 John Whitman

September 5<sup>th</sup> 1739 Hannah Squaw  
 For 3 yd of Chintze @ 17/yd . . . . 2-2-10  
 & For a Nail of Red Broad Cloath @ 6/yd 0-2-1

10/2/1739/1740  
 1739  
 1740

September 10<sup>th</sup> 1739 Mottossic Squaw For 3 yd cloth = 0-2-1  
 Received 8 shillings in a basket another basket 4 shillings  
 12 brooms.  
 Metossic 3 bottles  
 Mottossic a bottle



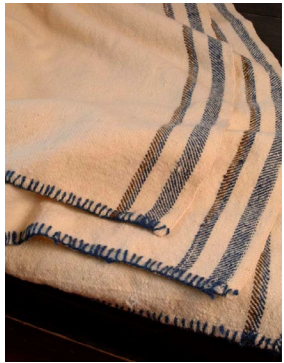
Farmington	September 5th, 1739	Sarah Squaw	For 2 yd of broad cloath @ 6 / yard	0-6-0
	March 4th 1739 / 40	Adams Squaw	A platter	0-3-4
	April 1740		For 2 kettles	0-12-3, 0-4-4
	September 5th 1739	Hannah Squaw	for 3 yd of chintce @ 17/yard	2-2-10
			For a nail of red broad cloath	0-2-1
	September 10th, 1739	Mottossic Squaw	For 3 yd cloth?	
			Received 8 Shillings in baskets, another basket 4 shillings, 12 brooms	
			Metossoc 3 bottles	
			Mettossuc a bottel	

1744  
 octob. Cornelius Indian  
 for 2 doz of pipes 29/-  
 for 2 doz of pipes

1744  
 August Wampe an Indian belonging to Farmington  
 for a blanket Suckhecon 2 8 0  
 for 2 yd of Quality binding 1 8  
 for a blanket small one 2 0 0  
 for a bottle 1 0  
 for 4 pipes 0 4  
 for a blanket Suckhecon 2 10 0  
 for 2 Knives Suckhecon 5 0  
 for 1 1/2 doz of pipes Suckhecon 1 6  
 for 4 pipes 5  
 for a blanket delivered to Suckhecon 2 0 0  
 1744  
 octob. Sarah Robin Squaw  
 1746  
 January  
 1746  
 November 6<sup>th</sup> Suckhecon

1744  
 August Sarah Robin Squaw  
 for a blanket 2 10 0

1744  
 March Motaris an Indian  
 for a Hat 15 0  
 for a Knife 3 0  
 for 2 doz of pipes 5 0  
 for a Knife 2 0



	Cornelius Indian	
1744 October	For 2 Doz of pipes	0-3-0
August 1744	Wampe an Indian belonging to Farmington debtor	
	for a blanket Suckhecon	2-8-0
	for two yards of quality binding	0-1-4
September 1744	For a blanket small one	2-0-0
	for a bottle	0-1-0
	For 4 pipes	0-0-4
	For a blanket Suckhecon	2-10-0
	For 2 knives Suckhecon	0-5-0
	For 1 1/2 dozen of pipes	0-1-6
October 1744	For 4 pipes	0-0-6
January 1745	for a blanket delivered to Suckhecon	2-0-0
	Sarah Robin Squaw	
September 1744	for a blanket	2-10-0
March 17th 44	Motaris an Indian	
	for a hat	0-15-0
	for a knife	0-3-0
	for 2 dozen of pipes	0-3-0
	for a knife	0-2-6