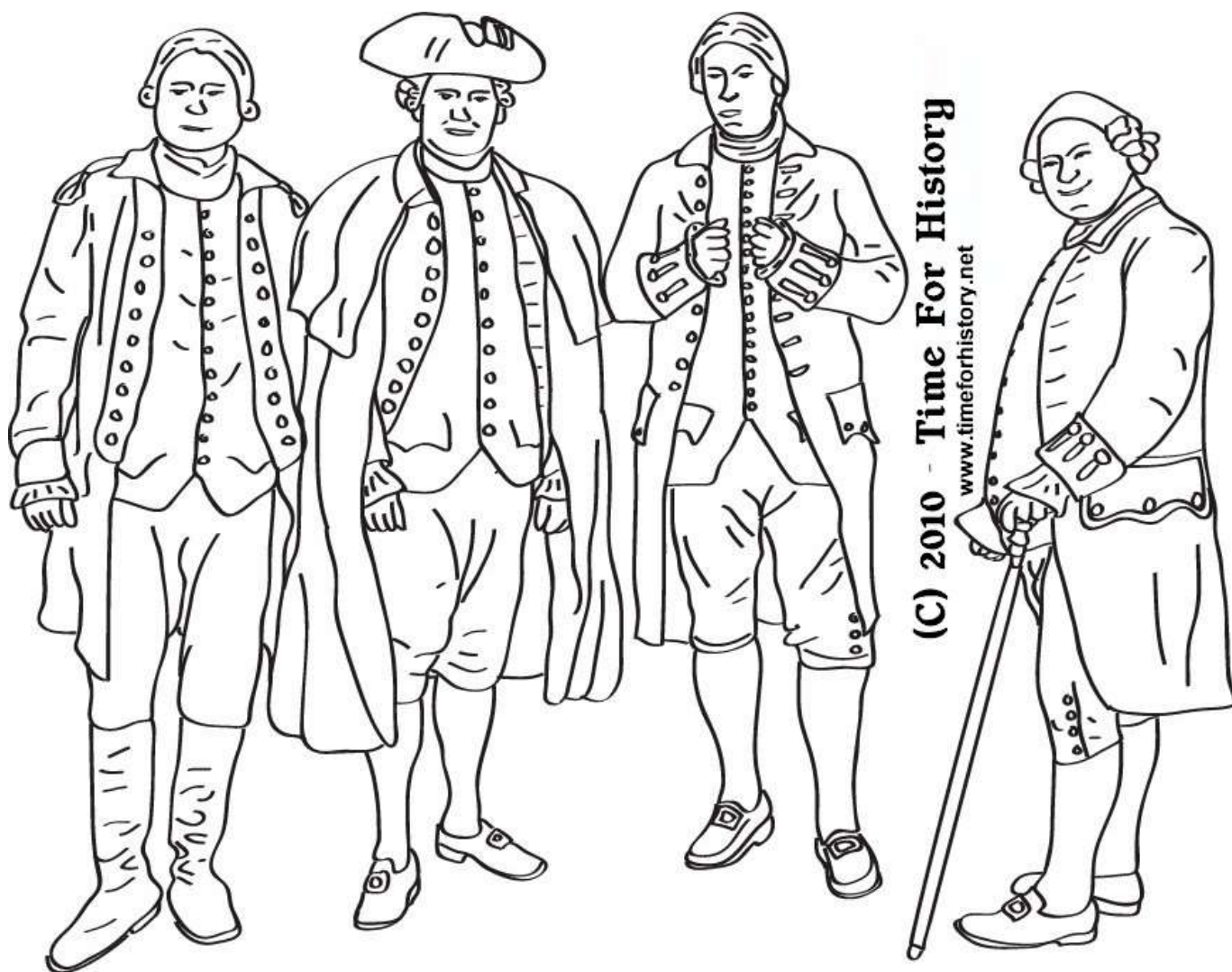






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John and Abigail Adams. Active in colonial politics in his native Massachusetts, John Adams (1735–1826) was an early advocate of American independence. With a background in law, he served in both Continental Congresses, helped compose the Declaration of Independence, and collaborated on terms of peace with Great Britain to end the Revolutionary War. Adams was the first Vice

President of the United States, and its second president. His wife, Abigail (1744–1818), was a prolific correspondent whose letters to her husband offer insight into life in the colonial era, both as a woman and as a Patriot. Their son, John Quincy Adams, became the sixth president of the United States.



7. This SERVANT GIRL wears a scarf knotted about her head, a long checked kerchief over her shoulders (usually tucked into her apron) and a

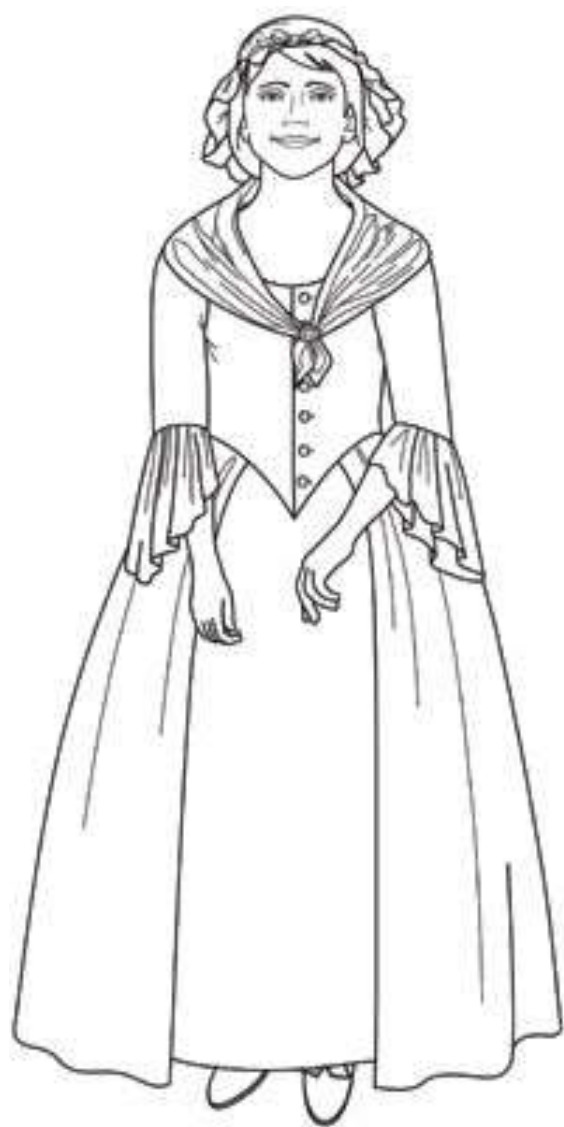
white linen or cotton apron over her dress. The dress, like that of most working women, is without hoops.



Doctor Marcus Whitman and his wife are remembered as great pioneers of the Northwest.







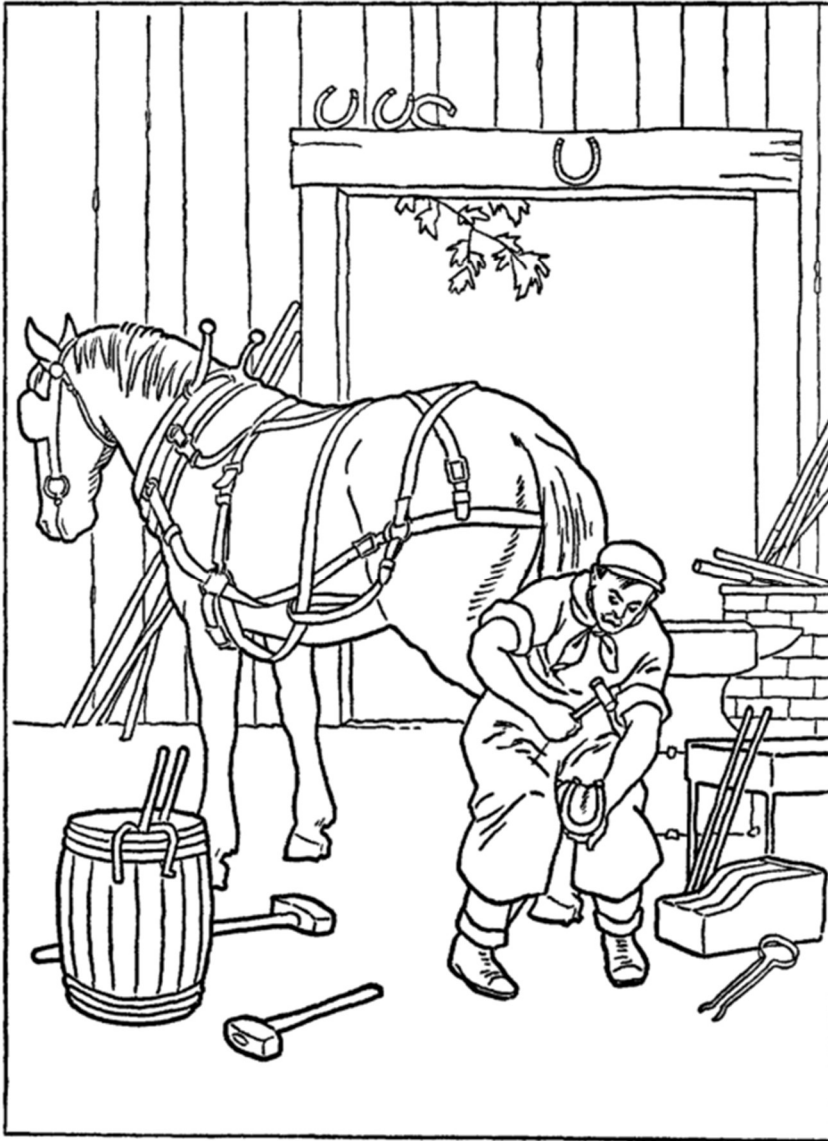


In early America clothes were washed in nearby streams.

Colonial Farmer



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Colonial Recruit Ready for Action



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Spring means preparing the kitchen garden at Firestone Farm. Nineteenth-century farm families often sought to be as self-sufficient as possible. With the exception of such imported foodstuffs as sugar, coffee, and tea, everything the family ate was raised on the farm.