TAILOR

John McCormick(p 57, 138) made clothing for thirty nine men ~~from~~ OUT OF the 272 separate accounts in Journal SM41 M. Making a single coat cost the buyers eight shillings, about $1.04. He probably traveled with a horse and buggy, (countered by a complete lack of any feed or shoeing charges) and may have received board and a bed on the floor ~~or in his wagon~~ by the fireplace. His steady meat purchases suggest that he lived nearby. His June potatoe purchase suggests the end of his own crop, or a payment of board to a neighbor. Since he sold 22 pounds of mutton to Hopewell at 3½ pence a pound, he may have raided a shhep, or may have tailored by barter.

He used tobacco and whiskey moderately, except for the purchase of 2½ gallon at the end of December at 4 S a gallon, about .52. This purchase may have been a bargain or he ~~was~~ MAY HAVE BEEN "stocking" for future needs.

He drew cash twice; on one occassion 4.10.0, about $12. He evidentily liked mackeral since he bought ten of 19 in less than a month. His eight beef purchases totalled 69½ pounds. He felt affluent enough to buy a half-price(defective in looks) Hopewell 10 plate stove for 3.10.0, about $9.30., and a Dutch Bake Oven for 18/9.,abt $2.43

If a man did not buy tailoring materials from the Hopewell store, or did NOT like the variety presented, McCormick probably supplied them from Reading merchant Dundass, or local merchant John Gray, spending over half 29.8.2 $78.20 out of his total earnings of 51.17.8½, (about $137.95).

Mark Bird had NO clothing tailored by Mc Cormick, but his son John paid(by charging) McCormick 15 S for his brother James' and 7.6.5.(about $19.45) for his own NEEDS. Purchased separately for McCormick's use by John was an air baloon waist coat pattern at 7/6(.91), shamery linen for britches, 9/7, abt$1.25, and two dozen buttons at 2/6, about .30.

At the Journal's end, McCormick had earned 51.17.8½ - about $137.95, but owed Mark Bird 11.8½ about $1.50. But recall the cash drawn as well as ~~the~~ his stove purchase.