

WOODCUTTERS LIVED IN THE WOODS AS COLLIER DID

p 48 James Armstrong drew cash four times/over 3 L, nearly \$9, in the 135 days he cut wood for Mark Bird, 6L plus earning 27 pence a cord, 16 L plus. Seemingly he never collected the ~~xxxx 19-L~~ used tobacco heavily <sup>5 1/2</sup> pounds, two Bird owed him. He ~~smokes~~, bought linen twice, and a pair of shoes. He bought no food but did pay Thomas Hughs 95 pence for unstated reasons, hardly sufficient for boarding. He returned TWO blankets and one each malling and <sup>pitching</sup> axes to the Furnace.

COLLIER

July-August

p 105 William Richardson seemingly "batched" while working at Hopewell/1784 as a collier for Master Collier Thomas Sims. Colliers DID live in the woods, moving from and returned hearth site to site as wood near each set of pits <sup>was</sup> coaled. He "rented" both a ~~bla~~ one pound of blanket and a Pot( worth 10 shillings, 120 pence.) He used/tobacco ~~moderately~~ consumes in the two months on the Journal 72 pounds of flour, 13 of beef, 6 3/4 of pork and six mackerel. He earned by 24 days ~~xxxx~~ coaling 3.9.2, over 830 pence, or 34 pence a day. His monthly rate was 3<sup>L</sup> 15 sh. Richardson drew cash and added a pair of shoes to his wardrobe in the 24 days. He overspent his earnings by 2 ~~sh~~ shillings, about 29 pence.

~~Blankets~~

BLANKETS AT THE STORE

Blankets bought and returned to the store also are a factor in reflecting how woodcutters and at least one collier lived in the woods in 1784. On Jan 21, 1785, the store bought seven new blankets at 27 shillings each( p 106b) . Three days later, the Furnace received credit for 11 NEW and 7 OLD blankets worth 13/6 and nine shillings each. The seven old <sup>blankets</sup> possibly are those returned after use by the woodcutters and collier Richardson.