

MASTER COLLIER THOMAS SIMS (p/130, 143)

As the other Master Colliers, Sims bought the wood cut from Mark Bird's land(no indication where ^{cut} whatsoever) and paid for hauling every stick into the hearth for coaling. From 1652 cords, Sims and his helpers produced 719 wagon loads of coal, about 2.38 cords for a load of 24 baskets.(p 9) Since colliers had to work Sundays once a hearth was fired, this production was about 3.65 loads daily for 197 days. He also paid helpers Shuberd and Rice a Shilling a load for drawing 139 loads each of this coal. Whether these men worked singly or as partners is unknown; they did coal for other Master Colliers.

Sims costs were:	1652 cords	165.4.0	
	hauling	55.1.4	
			Total 220.5.4

His coaling costs were:

T Hughes	3m 11d as a collier	@ 5L 10 S a month	18.10.4
Chas Edwards	3m 15 1/4 d	@ 4L 5 S	15.19.2
D Meee	6 m 11d	@ 5L 10 S	29.16.8
J Shuberd DREW	139 loads	@ 1 S	6.19.0
J Rice, Jr	139 "	@ 1 S	6.19.0
S Torpintin	2m 6 d as a collier	@ 4L	8.15.5
Wm O Hay	6m 17d "	@ 4.17.6 m	56.14.5
		Total coaling costs	143.14.0
		Total Coaling & hauling costs	363.19.4

Sim's income was: "Cr from pigmettle for 719 loads coal @ 12S 431.8.0"

His net earnings from coaling WERE 67.8.8

abt \$179.42.

SIMS, Master Collier

No hint of family whatsoever; 322 pounds of flour and 14 of cornmeal, less the ^{BUT} than a pound-loaf a day, might have been consumed by a single man. His meat purchases, 245½ pork of which 193 was probably one WHOLE butchered pig ^{at home} and his mackerel purchases suggest salting of pork and mackerel. He bought 55 mackerel, several times ~~in~~ by the dozen. He then averaged a mackerel a week. Meat, adding 5½ of bacon and 197½ of beef, averaged almost a pound daily. He had a horse shod once. Used tobacco heavier than most workers, bought five qts of whiskey and two of rum (18 pence), ^{scattered} ~~not~~ sufficiently that he can't be termed a "drunk". ^{Not} He had no docking fines as Witherington.

Drew CASH twenty-three times totaling 114.4.5, abt \$303.24, twice in amounts EXCEEDING his final "Debt" to Mark Bird. 19.1.8, abt \$51.88.

Purchased no cloth, so his three Pound tailoring bill with McCormick, ^{probably} came from ~~xxxx~~ cloth purchases from John Gay and George Douglass.

^{HOT} His/skilled charcoalmaking is reflected by the purchase of seven pairs of shoes. Sole "extravagance" might have been the purchase of ¾ pound of candle tallow. ^{and the return} Purchase of a Hopewell cast skillet and pot also reflects on his occupation.

However, if his coaling required only six months, his use of meat and flour doubled: two pounds-loaves and nearly 2 pounds of meat daily.