

The final account is dated eight years later, and shows the conscientious care shown by the administrators. 'Thomas Middleton for five weeks bord at 18d. per week, 7s.6d. ... to John Walker, butcher, for keeping him, £3.6s. Goodwife Foster for healing a skalt head, 2s.2d., and for two sherts and two bands, 2s.; Maudline Wyse for five weeks diet and lodging at 16d per week, 6s.8d.; and for a pair of hose and a pair of shooes, 2s.4d.; for canvas for a dublet, a paire of breeches, 3s.6d., for making his dublet and breeches, 12d.; and for points, girdle and garters, 6d., in all 5s.' Next he went to Goodwife Elkenton, where his diet for 21 weeks costs 28s. She was given an extra 12d. because John was 'syke'.

A further vivid description of his clothes is given: 'For a hatt and two capps for his forehead, for points, 21d.; for dressing the long cotes for him, 14d.; and for a yd. and half of fustian for a dublett, 2s.6d., in all 5s.5d. For fower oyled skins for to lyne two pr. of breeches, 2s.8d.; for lyninge button and thred for two dubletts, 17d.; and for making a dublett and jerkin and two pr. of breeches, 2s.6d., in all 6s.7d.'

In due course he was apprenticed. 'For a fries jerkin at his going to London, 2s.8d.; for three shirts, 4s.6d.; for three plaine bands, 14d.; and two pr. of hose at 2s.2d., in all 10s.6d.; for a hatt, 21d.; for a pr. of shooes, 13d.; for a girdle, points and garters, 13d., in all 3s.11d.

'For bynding of John Hewes an apprentice at London to one Mr William Allostronge, £10; whereof received again when he runned away from his M[aste]r, £4; in all £6.0s.0d.

'For new clothes in fustian and linings, 9s.9d.; and for 16 weeks dyet when he came again from his Mr to me at 16d a week, 21s.4d., in all £1.11s.1d. For three new shirts at his coming home at 16d. a shirt, 4s.; for a pr. of shooes and a pr. of stockings, 3s.4d.; and for a frise jerkin, linings for a dublet and a paire of breeches and buttons for his clothes, 5s.4d.; for making of these garments, 3s.4d.; in all 16s.

'For making of his Indentures to Mr [William] Knight [a lawyer], 2s.; and to one Henry Evans to place John Hewes as his apprentice, £5; whereof received again, £4; £1.2s.

'Drawing and fair writing of this Account, £1.8s.9d.'

A John Hughes of Neithrop married Anne Wrighton on 20 June 1641, so perhaps it all ended happily.

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Note. No attempt has been made to standardise personal names.