

Pumps That Were All the Rage!

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- When pumps were purchased at Glassford and Henderson's Colchester store (1760-1761), buckles or ribbon were usually purchased at the same time.

- Three main components went into making pumps: Silk, glass and metal.

- Usually more decorated pumps the more wealthy the woman was.

- Pumps at the time were definitely a thing for women to wear when going out and socializing.



- Pumps in the 18th century held the same purpose as heels do today! The images displayed are just different forms of pumps they were made.

- They were worn by women to be able to dress up and show off on a night on the town.

- Pumps were usually custom made to order so they were not sold in large quantities.

- Women loved to have floral patterns on their pumps.



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