A custom of a couple of centuries ago had brides and grooms presenting gifts to one another at their weddings.

“I fashioned this yoke for you,” William Wallace said as he revealed a handsome hunk of wood for his new wife, “made specially to fit your delicate shoulders, so that your work may be ever more easy.”

Mary Wallace, née Miller, promptly tried it on for size. Then she handed her husband his present.

“And for you, I have this hand-stitched wallet. It is empty now, but it is up to you to fill it.”

The exchange drew laughter and applause from guests visiting the Oliver Miller Homestead in South Park for Sunday’s presentation of “A Frontier Wedding (Or Two).” Lisa Schoon and Max Bader — he happens to be senior ranger of Allegheny County Parks’ South Region — had plenty of fun portraying Mary and William.

“About every five years, we have a re-enactment wedding here,” Mary Pat Swauger of the Oliver Miller Homestead Associates told the audience. “So this really is a special event, more special than our usual special-event days.”

The re-enactment always features the nuptials of the 22-year-old daughter of Oliver Miller, himself, and a gentleman from Cross Creek, who actually were married July 12, 1787. Lacking any other means of transportation, the groom’s party walked all the way from western Washington County for the ceremony.

The “Or Two” aspect of the event is what was known in the day as a “shift” wedding, with the reference to a chemise-type undergarment, which is what the bride often wore.