

Probing Probates

When someone died in the 18th century, a court often appointed appraisers to create a probate inventory, a list of the person's "goods" (including slaves) and the estimated value of each item. The items below come from the 1759 probate of Sarah Green (York County, VA).

Number the items below, from those considered most expensive (1) to least expensive (4).

___ Nicholas Water['s] Mortgage

___ 1 large Silver Mugg 2 small Silver Muggs \ 60 oz 17dwt at

1 large Silver Tea pot 6 Silver Tea Spoons/ 6/8 per oz. & pr. Tongs.

___ 12 Leather bottom walnut Chairs

___ Sam a Boy

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