

Estate Inventory of John Stephenson
Filed in Court for Isle of Wight County Virginia
25 July 1737

“The Inventory of John Stephensons Estate taken without appraisment
To? twenty nine head of Cattle, nine head of sheep, four Chests and a box, three
Beds and furnitude, three bedsteads, four chairs & two frames, two broad Cloth
coats, and two kersey coats, one druggit Jackitt,
one Virginia Di?, one Cheredery Jackett, two pair leather breeches, two pair linnen
Breeches, three Shirts and two hatts, two pair of Stockings, one silk handkerchief &
Band. One pair of leather gloves, one pair mittens, two pair of shoos, four glass
bottles & stone jug, two stone butter pots, two looking glasses, two Candlesticks,
two Earthen plates, one form table and form, two frying pans & fire tongs, three Iron
pots and Iron Skillitt, one Spice mortar and pestle, one pair of flesh? forks, One old
Gun, one razor and hone, One tobacco box and Cutting knife, One Cabinet, two
bibles and one testament, one pair of Stillyards?, one Grind stone and Inkhorn, three
fish hooks, two Combs, one pair of button molds, One Iron pestle and Mortar, two
meal sifters and four stools, two spinning wheels, two washing tubs and two pails,
three piggans, one earthen Jarr, one two Gallon Rundlet, two Iron hooks, and old
brass Kettle, Eighteen Sider cask, four cask with one head out of each one,
smoothing Iron and heaters, one brod ax, three narrow axes, one crosscut Saw and
handsaw, two files and rest, one ads & squares, one Wimble & playing, three
augurs and two Gouges & pierser, four chisels & two Gimblats, two drawing knives,
one pair of Nippers, eight awls and six tacks, four knives and Well buckett, two
Salters and primmer, one pair spectacles and case, forty head of hogs, Eleven
hundred and fifty four pounds of tobacco, One harrow and three Harrow hows
(hoes), One plow How and four Weeding hows, one grubing how, twenty three
pound of old Iron, seven shoe lasts, one pewter tumbler, thirty seven pounds of
Cotten, fourteen pound and half of wool, four pounds of picked Cotten, two Iron
Wedges, one sider press and baskett, four pound of yarn, seventy nine pound and
three Quarters of pewter, One horse bridle and saddle, one pair of Wheels and cart,
two horse collars and a pair of hams, fourteen sides of tand? leather, one homminy
sifter, one bread tray, three pair of Wool Cards, one froe, one stock lock, One doz.
and half of buttons and a hank of thread, two ounces of shott, one wimble bitt, one
pair nitting needles, one tobacco hogshead, one side of leather, five pound and half
of tallow, one Mill bag, two bushels of Salt, one Chest lock, one door lock, one
pound of hackled flax, one parrish book, one Cow batt, one pair of Silver buttons,
Seven pound eight shillings and eight 1? cash.

Catherine (+ her mark) Stevenson

At a Court held for Isle Wight County
July 25th 1737

The Inventory of the Estate of John Stephenson Dec'sed was

returned by the Executrix and Admitted to Cuord.

Test. James Baker (Clerk of Court)"

Transcription from a copy of the original made by Elizabeth "Lesa" Muir Pringle. I have tried to render the capitalization and spelling as it was in the original. Almost no punctuation was added to the original so commas were added for ease of reading. Definitions of some of the less frequently used words are listed below:

Kersey- a twilled woolen fabric, sometimes with a cotton warp.

Drugget- a fabric woven wholly or partly of wool.

Mortar- a vessel in which substances are crushed or ground with a pestle.

Pestle- a club shaped hand tool for grinding or mashing substances in a mortar.

Piggin- a small wooden bucket with one stave projecting above the rim for use as a handle.

Cask- a barrel of any size.

Wimble- any of numerous hand tools for boring holes.

Gimlet- a small hand tool for boring holes, having a spiraled shank, a screw tip, and a cross handle.

Hominy- hulled and dried kernels of corn, prepared as a food by boiling or ground into a coarse white meal.

Froe- a cleaving tool having a heavy blade set at right angles to the handle.

Hogshead- any of various units of volume or capacity ranging from 62.5 to 140 gallons, especially a unit of capacity used in liquid measure in the United States equal to 63 gallons. A large barrel or cask with the capacity to hold a hogshead.

Tallow- a mixture of whitish, tasteless solid or hard fat obtained from parts of the bodies of cattle, sheep, or horses, and used in edibles or to make candles, leather dressing, soap and lubricants.

Hackle- to chop roughly.

Definitions taken from The American Heritage Dictionary, Second College Edition, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. 1982.