

The Probate Record of Moore Fautleroy

1. What is the date of this record? (1791)
2. Looking at the list of slaves, why do you think that they are divided into groups by lines? (Possibly by family?)
3. Why do you think that some of the slaves were worth more than others? (Job skills or age?)
4. Why do you think that several of the slaves were only worth 8 pounds? (Children?)
5. From what we have learned about the economy of the Southern colonies, what crops would you expect to have been grown on this plantation? (Cotton and tobacco)
6. Take a look at the contents of the store house and the barn. What was being grown or raised on this plantation? (Various livestock were raised. There are bags of corn and the farm tools- plows and scythes- for possibly wheat)
7. Is there any way to prove whether or not he had any young children? (Not really. There are no cribs etc listed.)
8. Why were there shovels and tongs located in several rooms? (Fireplaces)
9. What is the most interesting or bizarre item on the list?
10. What did people during this time period consider to be valuable? What items were not considered valuable?
11. What items today would you list among your most valuable possessions?