

## Abraham Strickler's Estate

First version is from From Waddell's 1902 Second Edition of the Annals of Augusta County, Virginia, from 1726 to 1871  
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With the view of ascertaining something about the family life and domestic economy of the people up to the time to which these annals have arrived, we have examined the inventories and appraisements of the personal estates of deceased persons, from 1745 to 1752. These inventories include every article of personal property, from horses and cattle to old clothes and glass bottles. The values are stated in pounds, shilling and pence, but we give them here in dollars and cents, estimated one pound Virginia currency as \$3.33 1/3.

The first inventory on record, after the County Court was opened, in 1745, is that of Joseph Martin. Amongst other property he owned a mare, saddle and bridle, appraised at \$12.50; "bed and bedclothing and crosscut saw." worth \$10.83; and two pocketknives and a glass bottle, put as 25 cents.

For many years after the first settlement there were apparently no feather beds; but pillows, bolsters and bedticking were appraised, the last-mentioned no doubt filled with straw or chaff.

The next decedent was Abraham Strickler, whose estate was appraised April 19, 1746. He was a rich man for the time and country, the total valuation being \$722.00. He left 20 cows and calves, appraised at \$3.33 1/3 each; 7 cattle three years old, worth \$3.80 each; 11 hogs, \$1.16 2/3 each; 2 stills and implements, \$110;

60 gallons of liquor, 42 cents per gallon; 4 cart wheels with tire, \$13.33 1/3; wash tub, 50 cents; 25 deer skins, \$11.50; 66 pounds of old brass, \$5.50; best bed and furniture, \$6.66 2/3; rifle and smoothbore gun and moulds, \$11.66 2/3; “all Abraham’s wearing clothes,” \$6.66 2/3.

The inventory embraces plows, hoes, axes, hay-forks, scythes, sickles, augurs, turner’s tools, and implements of rope-making. As far as appears, the deceased owned no tables, chairs, table-knives and forks, spoons, or glass or chinaware.

The mention of “cart-wheels with tires” is the first intimation of a wheel vehicle in the settlement. This decedent and another are the only persons who left stills. No loom is mentioned in any inventory of this period, although coarse cloth was no doubt woven at an early day. But the looms were probably regarded as fixtures, and not a part of the personal property. Many persons had wool-cards and spinning-wheels. There were no pictures, musical instruments or cups and saucers during this period. Nearly everybody owned horses, cattle and Bibles. In 1746, four horses were appraised at \$33.33 1/3, an average of \$8.33 1/3; and in the same year “a great Bible” was appraised at \$2.91.

Another version of his estate from Brunk's History of the Mennonites  
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THIS IS WELL ILLUSTRATED BY THE LISTS OF ARTICLES OWNED BY  
THE ABRAHAM STRICKLER IN 1746, THE YEAR OF HIS DEATH.  
THERE WERE EIGHTY-ONE SEPARATE ITEMS OF PERSONAL  
PROPERTY OR COMBINATIONS OF THEM. HAVING A TOTAL VALUE

OF 218 POUNDS, 17 SHILLINGS AND 3 PENCE. THE LIST INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING LIVESTOCK, SIXTEEN HORSES AND ONE COLT VALUED AT 63 POUNDS, TWENTY COWS AT 20 POUNDS, ONE BULL, TWELVE HEIFERS, AND TEN STEERS AT 19 POUNDS, AND FORTY-TWO HOGS AND PIGS VALUED AT 6 POUNDS AND 3 SHILLINGS. THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF OTHER ARTICLES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: TWO STILLS AND "PROPER IMPLEMENTS BELONGING, BATH TUB AND RUNLETS" 33 POUNDS, FOUR CAST WHEELS WITH TIRE BELONGING 4 POUNDS, TWO SAWS, ONE WHIP SAW, ONE CROSSCUT SAW AND FIVE FILES 2 POUNDS, 3 SHILLINGS, OXCHAIN, WEDGES, ONE IRON DOG 1 POUND, 11 SHILLINGS, 4 PENCE, OLD STOVE 3 SHILLINGS, A SPADE SHOVEL AND CUTTING IRON 7 SHILLINGS, THREE HAMMERS AND SMALL HOE 5 SHILLINGS, 6 PENCE, SIX OLD AXES AND ONE HATCHET 1 POUND, ONE HAY FORK 1 SHILLING, 6 PENCE, FIVE SICKLES 9 SHILLINGS, TWO BRANDING IRONS 4 SHILLINGS, TWO CHISELS AND FOUR PLAIN IRONS 4 SHILLINGS,, TWO AUGERS AND A RASP 10 SHILLINGS, TURNER TOOLS 18 SHILLINGS A PAIR OF SPOON MOLES 5 SHILLINGS, A PAIR OF OLD SCALES AND WEIGHTS 6 SHILLINGS, A PAIR OF PISTOLS AND HOLSTERS 18 SHILLINGS, RAW HIDES AND TWO CALF SKINS 12 SHILLINGS, TWO PAIRS OF STEELYARDS 18 SHILLINGS, AND DUNGHOOK, ONE AX AND BROAD AX 8 SHILLINGS, TWO PLOWS, HOOK AND SHOVEL PLOWS 12 SHILLINGS, TWO ENGLISH PLOWS WITH ALL THE TACKLING BELONGING 3 POUNDS, THREE SADDLES AND PAD, TWO COLLARS AND QUILLERS 1 POUND, ALL THE IMPLEMENTS FOR ROPE MAKING 10 SHILLINGS, A JOINTER, BOX FOUR PLAIN AND SAW 6 SHILLINGS, TWO FLAX HACKLES 10 SHILLINGS, TWENTY-FIVE DEER SKINS 3 POUNDS, 15 SHILLINGS, LEATHER SOLE, UPPER LEATHER AND NEW BOOTS 1 POUND, 13 SHILLINGS, THREE HIVES OF BEES 15 SHILLINGS, ONE HEMP BRAKE 2 SHILLINGS, SIX GALLONS OF "LICKQUER" AT 2 SHILLINGS, 6 PENCE PER GALLON 7 POUNDS, 10 SHILLINGS, ALL THE DISHES,

PLATES, BASINS AND A PEWTER QUART POT 1 POUND 10  
SHILLINGS, ALL THE IRON POTS, BASINS. TWO FRYING PANS,  
SKIMMER 1 POUND, ALL ABRAHAM'S WEARING CLOTHES 2  
POUNDS, LARGE CHEST 5 SHILLINGS, SAFE 5 SHILLINGS, ONE  
HUNDRED FOURTY-NINE "tt" OF LINEN YARN 7 POUNDS, 9  
SHILLINGS, A STRAW KNIFE AND BOX 15 SHILLINGS, ONE BED IN  
STILLHOUSE LOFT AND FURNITURE IN THE OLD HOUSE 2 POUNDS,  
EIGHT SMALL DUTCH BOOKS, A LARGE DUTCH BIBLE AND SOME  
OLD BOOKS 2 POUNDS, 2 SHILLINGS, PAIR OF NEW AND ONE PAIR  
OF OLD MONEY SCALES 5 SHILLINGS, TWO STONE GALLON JUGS 2  
SHILLINGS, ONE LIFTER AND TWO "KIDLES": 4 SHILLINGS, TWO  
LINEN WHEELS 5 SHILLINGS, ONE BRASS COCK AND TWO OLD  
RAZORS 2, SHILLINGS 6 PENCE, AND ONE HONE 1 SHILLING, SIX  
PENCE.