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diversity, however, as to supply most of its own basic needs. It was characteristic of most farming in Franklin County and elsewhere in the upper Piedmont, which is hilly but not mountainous country, with most landholdings about the size of the Burroughses' or smaller, and with fewer slaves than in the lower Piedmont and coastal regions. During most of their lives the Burroughs couple must have had about as many of their own children as they had slaves on the farm. Most of the crops and livestock needed for subsistence can be found in the census report.

An Inventory of the Estate of James Burroughs

[Rocky Mount, Va., Dec. 2, 1861]

Inventory & appraisement of the estate personal
of James Burroughs Decd. taken the 23d Day of November 1861.¹

Articles	Value
1 Lot Scantling & plank	1.50
Shovel Digger & 3 forks	1.00
5 Turning plows & 3 double trees	10.00
7 Hilling hoes 3 grubbing hoes	2.50
6 plows (Shovel)	3.00
3 Coulters & Stocks	.75
1 Lot single trees & double trees	1.75
3 wedges & frow	1.00
1 Lot of old irons	.50
1 Jack screw, ox yoke & jointer	.50
1 Lot Barrels	.50
3 plough points	1.50
2 Scythes & cradles	2.50
1 Jack screw & Bolt pin & tar bucket	2.00
1 Lot flax	1.00
2 hides	7.50
1 harrow	3.00
1 Bell cow & calf	12.00
1 Muly cow whitish	10.00
4 yearlings 5\$	20.00
3 Cows & calves 12\$	36.00
1 Sow & 8 shoats	15.00
16 fat hogs	128.00
1 Top stack & shucks	10.00