

James S Battle's "will" 1845

" Already given to Wm.S.Battle and therefore to be taken into account when the estate is divided:

50 slaves \$14750

Household furniture \$340

30 cattle \$ 150

42 sheep \$42

19 horses and mules \$ 1,000

128 hogs \$ 200

Cash to buy carriage \$ 1,000

Farming equipment \$ 200

Then follows a father's instructions as to how to divide what he has left after his just debts are paid.... They are to be brothers and sisters indeed, and divide equally among them without the least disputing or murmuring among themselves,.. to pay earnest and strict attention to this my wish: I wish you all to do well both in time and eternity; be industrious, economically attend in proper manner to your temporal needs but not to attach your affections too much on them, knowing that time is short and your sojourn here will soon be over "