

Report of the Commissioners of the Estate of Edward Kellum

McLennan Co., Texas, December 1864

The State of Texas, County of McLennan
To the Honorable John A. Cobb, Chief Justice

The commissioner who was appointed at the Dec. Term 1864 to the distribution of the shares of the estate of **Edward Kellum**, deceased, makes this their report of the same.

Mrs. Carry Kellum, the wife of the deceased Edward Kellum, being entitled to her choice, made the following selection of property of said estate:

The homestead, consisting of two hundred and forty acres (240) bounded as follows: commencing at the N.W. corner of J. H. Davis's survey; thence N 60 E one and a half miles (1 1/2); thence N 30 W one fourth of a mile (1/4); thence S 30 W to the Brazos River; thence down the river to the place of beginning. Said land was valued at twenty dollars (\$20) per acre, making the amount of four thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$4,800).

30 head of stock cattle at four dollars (\$4.00) per head, making the amount one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120).

Fifty head of stock hogs at two dollars (\$2.00) per head, making the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100).

Household and kitchen furniture, writing desk and bookcase, fifteen dollars.

One bed and stead, fifty dollars.

One clock, five dollars.

Two trunks, ten dollars.

Looking glass, decanter and candle sticks, ten dollars.

One pair of (crossed out) and shovel, four dollars.

Clock peal, three dollars and fifty cents.

One small table, two dollars.

One cottage bedstead and bed, thirty dollars.

One lounge and cover, six dollars.

One chest, one dollar and fifty cents.

One bed stead, five dollars.

One bed and stead, thirty dollars.

One box bed clothing, seventy-five dollars.

One folding leaf table, two dollars.

One washbowl, pitcher and jar, five dollars.

Eighteen chairs, twenty-seven dollars.

One safe and crockery (unreadable), fifty dollars.

Two tables and five jars, ten dollars.

Two spinning wheels, eight dollars.

One wagon and (unreadable), one hundred dollars.

Two yoke of work oxen, sixty dollars.

One Barouche¹, seventy-five dollars.

One sausage cattes, three dollars.

One brass kettle, two dollars.

One lot of cooking utensils, twenty dollars.

Three smoothing irons, one dollar and fifty cents.

Two wash pots, eighteen dollars.
 One grind stone, two dollars.
 Four weeding hoes, four dollars.
 Three axes, six dollars.
 One iron wedge, one dollar and fifty cents.
 Thirty head of sheep, two dollars per head, sixty dollars.
 One brace and bits, six dollars.
 One box of tools, five dollars.
 One crop cat saw, three dollars.
 Plows, sweep, swingletrees², cleavers and spade, fifty dollars.
 Three log chains, twelve dollars.
 One hand ax, two dollars.
 One silo of corn suffose (?), one thousand bushels at fifty cents per bus., five hundred dollars.
 Three sacks of fodder, thirty-six dollars.
 One mule, one hundred and fifty dollars.
 One mule, one hundred dollars.
 One mule, seventy-five dollars.
 One gray pony, forty dollars.
 Three cradles, nine dollars.
 Three pair of gears, fifteen dollars.
 Fifty bushels of wheat, fifty dollars.
 Two hundred and fifty pounds of sugar at twenty cents per lb., fifty dollars.
 Twenty-five hundred pounds of salt pork at sixty cents per pound, one hundred fifty dollars.
 Ten gallons molassas, ten dollars.
 Twelve boxes at twenty-four dollars.
 One pair of balances, half interest, two dollars and fifty cents.

The above amount makes the sum of	\$7011.50
The following negros were chosen by Mrs. Kellum	
Grunle, negro man age 46 years	600.00
Mack, negro man age 32 years appraised	500.00
Mariah, a woman 37 years & 2 children appraised	700.00
Josephine, a girl 13 years appraised	450.00
Delia, a girl 10 years appraised	300.00

	\$2550.00
	\$7011.50

Her portion making the amount of	\$9561.50

The following named negros was appraised as follows and divided amongst the heirs

1. Bill, a negro man age 53 years appraised	225.00
2. Ben, a negro man age 51 years appraised	250.00
3. George, a negro man age 35 years appraised	500.00
4. Cicero, a negro man age 20 years appraised	700.00
5. Yeak, a negro man age 18 years appraised	600.00
6. Dick, a negro man age 19 years appraised	600.00
7. Sam, a negro boy age 15 years appraised	600.00
8. Silas, a negro boy age 12 years appraised	375.00
9. Jonas, a negro boy, unsound, age 10 years appraised	150.00

10. Josephus, a negro boy age 8 years appraised	250.00
11. Thomas, a negro boy age 6 years appraised	200.00
12. Paul, a negro boy age 3 years appraised	150.00
13. Dock, a negro boy 18 months old appraised	100.00

The value of men and boys	\$4700.00
Negro girls appraised	
1. Julia, negro girl appraised at 16 years old	500.00
2. Harriett, a negro girl 13 years old appraised	500.00
3. Molly, a negro girl 12 years appraised	400.00
4. Amanda, a negro girl 8 years appraised	250.00
5. Alice, a negro girl 6 years appraised	200.00

Making the amount of	\$1850.00
Men and boys appraised at	\$4700.00

18 negros in all amounting to	\$4550.00

There being nine heirs to the said estate each distribution shares would be \$727.77 $\frac{9}{7}$. The above named negros were placed in lots in the following order and were drawn by the following named heirs:

Lot No. 1 Cicero drawn by Mrs. Emily Puckett	700.00
Lot No. 2 Yeak and Jonas drawn by Nancy M. Rhesun	750.00
Lot No. 3 Dick and Alice drawn by Edward Kellum	800.00
Lot No. 4 George and Ben drawn by T. S. Kellum	750.00
Lot No. 5 Bill, Dock and Silas drawn by Elizabeth Umberson	700.00
Lot No. 6 Sam and Paul drawn by Mariah Brown	750.00
Lot No. 7 Josephus and Harriett drawn by Polly A. Kirkland	750.00
Lot No. 8 Julia and Thomas drawn by Sam Williams	700.00
Lot No. 9 Molly and Amanda drawn by W. R. Kellum	650.00

Making the amount of	\$6550.00

(misc. bookkeeping omitted)

Fee for report \$5.00. All of which is respectfully submitted (unreadable) to be approved and adopted. J. F. Davis, W. M. Hood, R. S. Lyon, commissioners. Sworn and subscribed before me this Jan. 30, 1865.

R. B. Smith, Court Clerk

Transcribed by Susan Rainwater from photocopies of the original documents.

¹ DeJean Miller Melton points out that a barouche was a very popular type of carriage.

² A swingletree is, according to the dictionary, "the pivoted swinging bar to which the traces of a harness are fastened and by which a vehicle or implement is drawn". Also called a wiffletree. The whole description sounds like parts of a plow or carriage assembly.