

## **Probate Record Analysis Worksheet**

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1. Who owned the estate for which this probate record was created, and when was the record created? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Look at the items on the sales list and compare them to the inventory; check the spellings, descriptions, etc. Are the two lists consistent? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Answer the following questions using the probate record.
  - Can you identify this man's occupation? How? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Can you identify this man's social class? How? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Can you identify this man's marital status? How? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Can you identify this man's ethnicity? How? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Can you identify this man's religion? How? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How much of the man's estate did his wife receive? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why didn't she get his entire estate? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What items brought the highest prices? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Are there any items that you do not recognize? List them below and then look up the items in the Oxford English Dictionary and write down what they were used for in 1839.

Item	Definition

Are there any items on the list that seem strange or out of place? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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