



Table 1. Percentage of Kent pauper inventories which record furniture, c. 1679-1834

	<b>c.1679-1769</b>	<b>1770-c.1834</b>	<b>All years</b>
<b>Bed (any type/unspecified)</b>	97	100	98
<b>Feather bed</b>	32	41	35
<b>Flock bed</b>	29	23	27
<b>Straw/chaff bed</b>	5	0	3
<b>Bed hangings</b>	26	50	35
<b>Box (any type)</b>	92	91	92
<b>Chest of drawers</b>	13	41	23
<b>Cupboard (any type)</b>	66	73	68
<b>Dresser</b>	18	55	32
<b>Seating (any type)</b>	95	100	97
<b>Seating (upholstered)</b>	5	0	3
<b>Chair</b>	84	100	90
<b>Table</b>	84	100	90
<b>Sample size</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>

Source: See figure 1.

Table 2. Percentage of Kent pauper inventories which record luxury goods, c. 1679-1834

	<b>c.1679-1769</b>	<b>1770-c.1834</b>	<b>All years</b>
<b>Book</b>	3	18	8
<b>Clock/watch</b>	11	50	25
<b>Coffee items (any type)</b>	5	14	8
<b>Gold/silver items</b>	3	5	3
<b>Knives and forks</b>	3	18	7
<b>Looking glass</b>	13	45	25
<b>Picture</b>	5	18	10
<b>Tea items (any type)</b>	8	73	32
<b>Window curtains</b>	0	23	8
<b>Sample size</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>

Source: See figure 1.

Table 3. Percentage of Dorset, Essex and Kent pauper inventories which record select goods,  
c. 1770-1834

	<b>Dorset</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>Kent</b>
<b>Book</b>	14	0	18
<b>Chest of drawers</b>	0	38	41
<b>Clock/watch</b>	9	38	50
<b>Knives and forks</b>	23	0	18
<b>Looking glass</b>	32	43	45
<b>Picture</b>	5	19	18
<b>Tea items (any type)</b>	59	71	73
<b>Sample size</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>

Source: See figure 1; Harley, 'Material lives of the poor and their strategic use of the  
workhouse', *op. cit.*, 83-4; P. King, *op. cit.*, 179.

Table 4. Percentage of Kent pauper inventories and probate inventories which record select items, 1700-49

	Kent pauper inventories 1700-49	Probate inventories		
		Labourers 1700-49	Middling sort 1720-49	Middling sort 1700-49
Animals (any type)	8	51	-	-
Chest of drawers	8	53	59	-
Clock/watch	4	22	54	49
Feather bed	20	49	51	-
Gold/silver items	0	14	-	-
Jack	4	20	49	46
Knives and forks	0	0	13	-
Looking glass	16	39	52	44
Saucepan	0	10	33	-
Tea-related items	4	2	27*	-
Upholstered seating	4	4	74	77
Sample size	25	49	252	663

Source: See figure 1; Overton et al., *op. cit.*, 87-120, 190-4.

\* - includes coffee/chocolate items