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Creative innovation invaded East Sussex Record Office and libraries in Folkestone and Worthing for most of October and November 2004. Nine commissions were on show at the three venues, together with talks and temporary exhibitions. All took their themes from the collections and resulted in 'narratives from the unexpected to the peculiar, the tragic to

the wondrous'. One of the artists, Claudia Schenk, took her inspiration from 18th century inventories and invited people in Lewes to compile contemporary inventories of their homes and to choose one item which was precious to them. A free booklet based on her work has been published. For more information contact Proboscis, 2 Ormonde Mansions, 100A Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BJ, tel: 020 7209 4042, www.navigating-history.net.

OFFICE

Edward Beesbock
1st Sep 1719
92:09:06

An Inventory of all and singular The Goods and Chattells of Edward Beesbeck late of Salhurst in the County of Sussex Warrisminor, Son of Eaton and Appoynted by John Warham of Salhurst and John Saunders of Etchingham Treasurers both of and in the County of Sussex as follows this thirteenth Day of April 1720.

Imprim is the Deceaseds purse and pards and
ready Money } 01:00:00
Item the Deceaseds Wearing Apparell Linnen and
Woollen } 02:10:00

In the Kitchen

Item One Cork and Case, a Table and Horns, Three
Spits, Sixteen pewter Dishes, Three Dozen of plates,
Two Warming pans, Eight Chairs, One pair of
Tudor and Sungs and ffire pan, a Sort of Shelves,
and some small Earthen Ware } 09:00:00

In the Buttery In the Kitchen.

Item Eight Bannocks, Three Stalldoges, one Strippan } 01:05:00

In the Brewhouse.

Item One Furnace, one Still, one Table, six Eubs, ffive
Droppers, ffour pails, an Seaffe Bushell, ffive skillets,
Three ffurnes, Three pewter Dishes, Three Woodden
Bottles, a Biddion, two Stools } 07:07:06

In the Shop

Item a Stool-Mill, one Setle, Wrights and Seales, Two
Saddles, and some Linnen } 05:10:00

In the Kitchen Chamber.

Item One Bed all as it stands, Three Chairs, six and
Eight pair of Sheets, ffour Dozen of capskins, and
ffive Eable Cells, ffour Cross, one Eable, Tudor,
ffire pan and Sungs } 15:05:00

In the Brewhouse Chamber.

Item Two Beds, one Eable, Tudor and Sungs, ffive
Linnen and woollen ffour Chairs, One ffire Saddle and } 05:07:06

A page from the 1719 inventory which inspired author Claudia Schenk's contribution to the 'Navigating History' artworks and talks in East Sussex.