

# Butler County Estate Records

## Abstracts of Butler County, Alabama Estate Records

**Note: My original notes for Books 7-9 became separated and, as a result, a few of the items in that range may be assigned to the wrong book number.**

### Book B-1

- Pg. 204      29 Mar 1854 Final settlement of estate of Thomas Seale by Wilson Murphy, guardian of minor heirs William Seale, Thomas Seale and Wilson Seale.
- Pg. 366-7    1 Oct 1855   Bond of \$16,000 by Mary M. Watts, Thomas H. Watts and Philemon B. Waters (T. H. Watts resident of Montgomery, others Butler County) for appointment of Mary M. Watts administrator of estate of Wiley T. Watts, deceased.
- Pg. 582-3    22 Dec 1858 Wilson Murphy, Alfred Carter and Joseph Dunklin post bond of \$12,000 for appointment of Wilson Murphy as administrator of estate of Augustus C. Watts, deceased. Appraisal posted 5 Feb 1859:
- |         |                     |              |
|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| Estate: | 1 negro boy Sam     | \$1,000      |
|         | 1 negro boy Philip  | \$1,400      |
|         | 1 negro boy Willis  | \$1,300      |
|         | 1 negro woman Nancy | \$1,150      |
|         | 1 negro woman Reany |              |
|         | and 2 children      | \$1,400      |
|         | 1 blind mare        | \$ 15        |
|         | 1 horse             | <u>\$ 90</u> |
|         |                     | \$6,355      |
- pg. 583      22 Dec 1858 Wilson Murphy petitions court to allow him to sell the cotton, corn and fodder, 2 horses and a few head of hogs and hire out the slaves to pay debts against estate of A. C. Watts.

### Book 3

- Pg. 8          Nov 1855 Petition to sell at Monterey the personal property of estate of Wiley T. Watts by Mary M. Watts. Names children: Charles T. Watts, Prudence Watts, Martha Watts, Elizabeth Watts, Henry P. Watts, Walter B. Watts, all under 21.
- Pg. 10        Nov 1857 Mentions that Mary M. Watts is guardian for Henry Catherine Watts, minor heir of John Henry Watts.
- Pg. 105-6    14 Feb 1860 Ransom Seale and Anderson Seale (both appointed executors 12 Mar 1860) present will of James Seale, who died 4 Feb 1860. Will attested by Thomas Williams of Montgomery County, Alabama and Wilson Murphy and Alfred Carter. Decedent left no widow. Next of kin are children:
- Ransom Seale
  - Anderson Seale
  - William Seale, all of age, in Butler County,
  - James H. Seale,
  - Thomas Jefferson Seale,
  - Clarinda Ham, wife of Wm. Ham, all of age, reside in Louisiana,
  - and the children of Cynthia Ward, deceased, names not known,
  - and 2 children of Elvira Cooper, deceased, names not known,
  - Mary Bates, widow of Balam Bates,
  - Matilda Grant, wife of William Grant, of age, reside in Lowndes County, Alabama,
  - And children of Elizabeth Kelly, deceased
  - Elisha, Alfred and John Kelly, all of full age, residence unknown

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Pg. 355 16 May 1859 Bond by Richard H. Williams, F. G. Crockeson? And H. Herbert of Lowndes County for appointment of R. H. Williams as administrator of estate of Hannah Seales.

Presents document made by Hannah Seale, late of Butler County, dated 26 Oct 1857. She died 14 Feb 1859. Richard H. Williams has since married Mrs. Elizabeth L. Roberts, only legatee named in Will. Hannah Seale left no children, but her heirs-at-law are:

Dempsey Elliott, over 21 years, Bastrop Morhouse Parish, La  
Foster Elliott, over 21 years, Iowa  
Margaret Smith, wife of \_\_\_\_ Smith, Portsmouth, Va.

Requests publication and probate of will.

Pg. 550-51 23 Dec 1859 Statement by Wilson Murphy of sale of 2 horses, corn, cotton and fodder for \$1,172.53 for estate of A. C. Watts.

Hire out Negroes:

1 negro woman hired to F. Vickery	\$100.00
1 negro woman and child hired to Wilson Murphy	\$100.00
3 negro boys Sam, Willis and Philip to Thomas H. Watts	\$465.00

### Book 4

Pg. 165-6 [no date] Appraisal of Property of James Seale estate - - \$14,218, including 18 slaves, various horses, cattle, etc.

Pg. 414 8 Feb 1861 Wilson Murphy as guardian of Wilson Seale, a minor, made payment of \$526.09 as final settlement. Including:

\$299.332 received 32 May 1853 plus interest thereon to 1 Oct 1860

‘ \$230.67

\$530.09 - \$4 for power of attorney = \$526.09

21 Jan 1861 Wilson Seale appoints James T? Seale of Butler County his attorney to receive \$550 and all monies due him from his father's estate from Wilson Murphy, Sr, guardian. Refers to Wilson Murphy, Sr. several times.

Pg. 258 30 Oct 1860 Bond of \$8,000 by Thaddeus C. Watts, Jonathan S. Powell of Butler County and Thomas H. Watts of Montgomery County, Alabama for appointment of Thaddeus C. Watts as administrator of estate of Theodore Watts, deceased.

Pg. 270-71 18 Jun 1860 Annual settlement for 1860 of A. C. Watts estate, by Wilson Murphy, including hire of slaves:

Richard W. Carter hired Phillip	\$170.00
William Gafford hired Nancy and William	\$300.00
Augustus C. Green hired Sam	\$165.00
Wilson Murphy hired Rena and child	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$735.00

pg. 528 16 Apr 1861 Annual settlement for 1861, which falls due 1 Jan 1862, by Wilson Murphy of estate of A. C. Watts:

R. W. Carter hired Phillip	\$200.00
John Murphy hired Sam and Rily?	\$250.00
Wilson Murphy hired Willis and Nancy	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$700.00

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## Book 5

- Pg. 131-4     6 Jan 1862 Distribution of estate of James Seale. Total: \$27,542.86, including \$4931.97 in notes in hands of executors and not collected. \$2100 to each distributee:
1. heirs of Mary Bates: Mary W. Parmer, wife of John W. Parmer,  
W. T. Bates, A. C. Bates, Simon Kern and wife Rachel E. Kern and J. J. Bates
  2. William Seale
  3. Anderson Seale
  4. Matilda Grant, wife of William Grant
  5. Ransom Seale
  6. J. H. Seale
  7. Thomas J. Seale
  8. David Ward (heir of Cynthia Ward)
  9. Clarinda Ham
- Pg. 133     14 Oct 1862 Final settlement of estate of James Seale. Distributes \$69.80 to each legatee; total: \$5,728.21:  
Anderson Seale, Ransom Seale, William Seale,  
Bates: Thomas, Cicero, Junius,  
Martha Parmer, wife of John W. Parmer  
Rachel Kern, wife of Simon Kern,  
Matilda Grant, wife of William Grant,  
James H. Seale  
Cynthia Ward's heirs  
Clarinda Ham, wife of William Ham,  
Thomas J. Seale
- Pg. 133     13 Oct 1862 Anderson Seale, surviving executor of estate of James Seale, presented final settlement. Refers to payment of board for James Seale from 4 Oct 1860 for the balance of that year: \$220.00
- Pg. 192-4     [date?] Allen B. Seale, Robert Steen (note: 2<sup>nd</sup> husband of Ransom's dau. Amelia), James Thigpen of Wilcox County and Jonathan M. Yeldell of Butler County, post \$120,000 bond for appt. of Allen Seale and Robert Steen administrators of estate of Ransom Seale.
- Pg. 294     17 Mar 1862 Allen Seale and Robert Steen present Ransom Seale's will for probate. Lists heirs:  
widow Eleanor  
Susan Clark, wife of John Clark, and her bodily heirs: Ellen, John, Henry A, Alice  
and one without a name;  
Lydia Stallings, wife of Robert Stallings,  
Abigail Freeman, wife of William Freeman, all of of age in Butler County;  
Francis M. Seale,  
Mary M. Seale,  
Clara Seale, minors with no guardian;  
Allen B. Seale,  
Amelia Stein, wife of Robert Stein,  
John M.(sic, actually W) Seale, all of age, in Wilcox county.
- Pg. 228-30     [date?] Estate of Wiley T. Watts. List of heirs:  
Mrs. Mary M. Watts, Charles T. Watts, of full age;  
Prudence Thigpen, wife of William Thigpen, of full age;  
Martha Thigpen, wife of Job Thigpen, of full age;  
Henry P., Elizabeth and Walter Watts, minors

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Pg 298-99    18 Jan 1862   Bond affidavit of Franklin Vickery, John C. Blackman and Osborne Kelly of Butler County for \$2,000 for appointment of Franklin Vickery as administrator of estate of John A. Seale, deceased.

25 Jun 1862   List of appraisal of personal property of estate of John A. Seale: \$678.95

22 Feb 1862   List of same property sold: \$129.15. No heirs listed.

Pg. 404        29 Dec 1862   Wilson Murphy presents annual account of estate of A. C. Watts, for 1862, due 1 Jan 1863. Hire of Negroes belonging to that estate:

Phillip hired to T. M. G. Trawick	\$115.00
Sam hired to Vincent Watts, Sr	\$110.00
Rena, Willis & 2 children to Wilson Murphy	\$175.00
Nancy hired to William Fails	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
	\$490.00

### Book 6

Pg. 344        10 Jun 1864   List of heirs of A. C. Watts, by Wilson Murphy:  
                  Sarah Watts, widow, age about 34?, resident of Butler County,  
                  John W. Watts, age about 7, resides with mother,  
                  Theodore H. Watts, age about 5, resides with mother, all of sound mind.  
                  Paid out \$3645.34.

### Book 7

**(Note: There may be book numbers out of place in my notes between Book 7 and Book 10, so if any of the following items are not found in Book 7, look in Books 8 and 9 and vice versa. - - wrm)**

Pg. 42        17 Sept 1863   Estate of John A. Seale by Franklin Vickery. List of heirs:  
                  Elizabeth Vickery, wife of Franklin Vickery,  
                  Mary Jones, wife of Amos Jones,  
                  Amanda Austin, wife of D. W. Austin,  
                  William Riley Seale, of Texas,  
                  James Thomas Seale, of Arkansas, all over 21  
                  (note: are these the 4 boys (John, William and Thomas Seale + Wilson) that Wilson Murphy was guardian of?)   yes

Pg. 92-93,  
     102        Estate of Julius B Murphy, admin. Amanda E Murphy

Appraisal 1 Nov 1865:	Sold 6 Jan 1866:
1 horse                    \$75	\$75.00 to H O? (or C?) Seale
1 sow                     \$ 6	\$ 4.50 to C H Seale
8 shoats \$28 (3.50 ea)	\$14.40 to E H Murphy <b>(who is this? - wrm)</b>
8 shoats \$22 (2.75 ea)	\$ 8.00
191 acres R.E. <u>\$382</u> (2.00 per acre)	
\$513	<u>\$101.90</u>

Pg. 175        28 May 1866   Sarah Watts, John Murphy, Augustus Murphy of Butler County and Thomas H. Watts of Montgomery County post \$15,000 bond to appoint Sarah Watts administrator of estate of A. C. Watts. Signature written as Sallie Watts.

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- Pg. 316      26 Oct 1866 Final settlement of A. C. Watts estate. Wilson Murphy, administrator in xfic (sic). \$886.66 distributed.
- Pg. 421      29 Dec 1866 Thaddeus C. Watts, Stephen F. Gafford and Jere P. Routon post bond of \$10,800 for appointment of T. C Watts as administrator of estate of Prudence Watts.
- Pg. 437      29 Dec 1866 List of heirs to Prudence Watts estate of about \$5400, T. C. Watts, admin.:  
Thomas H. Watts, Montgomery County, Alabama  
Heirs of Wiley Watts, deceased, Butler County, Alabama,  
Heirs of Henry Watts, deceased, Wilcox County, Alabama,  
Mrs. Eleanor P. Snell, Hempstead, Austin County, Texas,  
Elizabeth Womack, Butler County,  
Heirs of F. Steen, Wilcox County  
Heirs of Julia Carter, Texas,  
Heirs of Prudence Steen, deceased, Butler County,  
Amanda Murphy, Butler County,  
Heirs of Augustus Watts, Butler County, **(Augustus C. died 1858; wife Sallie Murphy)**  
T. C. Watts, Butler County,  
T. Watts **(Theodore died 1858; brother Thaddeus posted bond as admin 30 Oct 1860)**
- Pg. 438      List of personal property of estate of Prudence Watts.
- Pg. 440      29 Dec 1866 Requests permission to send Prudence Watts' cotton (2 bales) to S. J. Murphy and Co. of Mobile to be sold.
- Pg. 568-71    21 Mar 1867 List of personal property and sale of household goods of estate of Prudence Watts. Some sold to Augustus Murphy, J. W. Womack, Sallie Watts, Alfred Carter, Josiah Barge, J. P. Clark, Julia Steen, Henry Catherine Watts, T. C. Watts, Wilson Murphy.

### Book 8

- Pg. 239-40    19 Jun 1867 Estate of J. B. Murphy. List of heirs: Susan M., Sarah E., Julia, John W., Augustus, Florence S., Anderson and Ella Murphy. Petition to sell property appraised at \$513. Deceased owned: SE ¼ of Sect 1 T9 R12 and W ½ of SW ¼ of Sect 6 T9 R13 containing 231 73/100 acres. Must sell all land to pay debts. Wants to keep land of homestead place.  
**This item is in Book 8!**
- Pg. 552      23 Aug 1867 Final settlement to Martha Seale by guardian Anna Hillson (afc? **(acct?)**) current with Aaron Hillson). She signed with 'x'. **(Is this item in Book 7?)**
- Pg. 578-9    22 Aug 1867 Estate of Prudence Steen, deceased, by Robert Steen, administrator.

### Book 9?

- Pg. 213      14 Mar 1868 List of heirs of Prudence Watts (some \$9,000 distributed):  
Thomas H. Watts, Montgomery, Alabama  
Mrs. Eleanor P. Snell, wife of Hampton Snell, Hempstead, Austin County, Texas,  
Heirs of Wiley Watts:  
Mrs. Prudence Thigpen,  
Mrs. Martha Thigpen,  
Henry P. Watts,  
Walter Watts, minor (Mary A. Watts, guardian) Butler Co.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Womack, Pine Flat,  
Mrs. Amanda Murphy, Pine Flat,

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Heirs of Prudence Steen:

Mrs. Julia Henderson,

John Steen, minor (Robert Steen, guardian), Pine Apple, Wilcox County

Heirs of Mrs Julia Carter: Julia Carter, married to unknown, Freestone, Texas

Heirs of Augustus Watts:

John Watts and Theodore Watts, minors (Sally Watts, guardian), Pine Flat,

(Sally Watts listed as living at Butler Springs, 24 May 1870, Book 11, pg 447, list of heirs.)

Heirs of Henry Watts:

Henry Catherine Watts, minor (Robert Steen, guardian), Pine Apple

T. C. Watts, Greenville

### Book 10

Pg. 61      20 Oct 1865   Estate of Julius B Murphy.   Amanda E. Murphy, Anderson Seale and Augustus Murphy post bond of \$2000 for appointment of administrator.

### Book 11

Pg. 57-58      19 Feb 1869   Statement of insolvency of estate of Prudence Watts.   Assets of estate not sufficient to pay debts. (Note owing from T. H. Watts, who was in bankruptcy, \$5762 from 1862.) No real estate in the estate.

Pg. 447      24 May 1870   List of heirs of Prudence Watts:   Sally Watts listed as living at Butler Springs. (She and William J Watts were on Monroe Co. census 15 Aug 1870.)

### Book 11B

Pg. 47      28 Dec 1870   Estate of Peter Cheatham, deceased.

### Book 12

Pg 33:      **Estate of J. B. Murphy, Dec'd: Report of Insolvency**  
The State of Alabama  
Butler County

To the Honorable H. W. Watson Judge of the Probate Court in and for the Said county and State

The undersigned admix of the estate of Julius B. Murphy deceased duly appointed and qualified in this Honorable Court would respectfully report unto your Honor that to the best of her knowledge, information and belief Said Estate is insolvent, and in proof of Such Insolvency begs to Submit the following Schedules A, B & C Showing respectively the personal property and the real property belonging to said Estate and also the debts and liabilities of Said Estate that have come to the Knowledge of your Administratrix to wit

#### Schedule A

Showing the personal property of Said Estate:	None
Proceeds of the Sale of all the personalty of Said Estate	
Sold Jany 6 <sup>th</sup> 1866 on a credit of 12 months	101.90
Proceeds of the Sale of Cotton Octr 20 <sup>th</sup> 1865	240.00

#### Schedule B

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Showing all the real Estate belonging to Said Estate    None - - The lands returned in the Inventory belonged to William (sic: actually Wilson) Murphy, but were in the possession of the decedent, hence the mistake.

### Schedule C

Showing the amount of the indebtedness of Said Estate that has come to the Knowledge of administratrix

<b>Names</b>	<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Descr</b>	<b>Date</b>	
T. J. Burnett	Greenville Ala	note	1/59	17.82
John McCrory	" "	"	Nov19/59	100.00
Franklin Vickery	" "	"	April 3/63	25.04
J. M. & W. K. Parmer &c	" "	"	Judgt? Sept 21/50	51.30
D. B. Parmer	" "	"	April 19/56	9.45
Joseph Steiner	" "	6 notes due	Novr 28/57	244.12
S. B. Brookins	Georgia	note "	" 19/62	9.54
A. Norris	Greenville Ala	note "	Mar 8/62	3.65
Augustus Murphy	" "	notes		667.00

Respectfully submitted,  
A. E. Murphy, Admx

The State of Alabama  
Butler County

Personally appeared in open court before me H. W. Watson Judge of the probate court in and for Said <"county and state" omitted> Amanda E. Murphy Admx in this Court of the Estate of Julius B. Murphy dec'd who being duly Sworn according to law deposes and Says on oath that the Statements allegations and Schedules contained in foregoing report are current, full and true to the best of her Knowledge, information and belief as the same stands stated, Sworn to and Subscribed in open court this January the 15, A.D. 1870

H. W. Watson

A. E. Murphy, Administratrix

**Pg. 34-35: Final settlement and list of heirs, 25 July 1870**

The State of Alabama  
Butler County

To the Honorable H. W. Watson Judge of the Court of probate for Said County

Your petitioner Mrs. Amanda E. Murphy respectfully represents to your Honor that She is the Sole Administratrix of the Estate of Julius B. Murphy deceased in your Honors court, that in the year 1865 about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Octr 1865 She applied for letters of appraisement on the Estate of her intestate whereon Franklin Vickry (sic), Hugh McCrory and B. F. Saucer were appointed appraisers of Said Estate and on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Novr 1865 Said appraisers appraised among other things 191 acres of Land as property of the Estate of intestate at \$2.00 per acre amounting to \$382.00 that your Admx at the time of said appraisement believed that Said Lands belonged to the Estate of her intestate, that Some time about the month of August 1869 one Willson (sic) Murphy Showed to affiant a deed executed to him by Said Julius B. Murphy in the year 1855 which was the first notice that She had that Said Lands had been conveyed by her intestate in his life time, your petitioner now therefore begs leave to State that upon seeing the deed of said Wilson Murphy which She believes to be the genuine Signature of her intestate, that She believes that She has been improperly charged with Said Lands appraised at \$382.00. She now therefore prays that Said appraisement may be amended So as to discharge her from any liability on account of Said Lands and that this application may be taken and considered in connexion and as a part of her declaration of Insolvency and your petitioner will ever pray &c

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Sworn to and Subscribed  
Before me Feby 25<sup>th</sup> 1870  
H. W. Watson  
Judge of Probate

A. E. Murphy

Mrs. A. E. Murphy administratrix of the Estate of Julius B. Murphy dec'd in account current on final Settlement of her administration of Said Estate made on Decree of Insolvency this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1870

DR		CR	
To amount of Sales bill		By amt. pd. Court costs previously vo. no 1	9.50
Sale made on the 6 <sup>th</sup> Jany		" " " Printers fee " " 2	3.50
1866 on 12 months credit	101.90	" " " Court cost " " 3	24.80
Interest on Same to date	28.98	" " " Attys fee " " 4	25.00
Amount of Sales of Cotton		" " " Tax 1866 & Interest " " 5	1.40
Sold on the 20 <sup>th</sup> Octr 1865	240.00	" " " commission allowed admx	12.00
Interest on Same to date	<u>91.50</u>	" " " pd Tax & Interest " " 6	<u>1.38</u>
	462.38		77.58
		By amt. pd Tax & interest 1869 vo. no 7	3.90
		" " " " " " 1868 " " 8	1.54
		" " " Actual Expenses of Admx	
		under proof	<u>24.00</u>
			107.02
	<u>.</u>	Amt due from admx on this Settlement	<u>355.36</u>
	462.38		462.38

The State of Alabama  
Butler County

Personally appeared before me H. W. Watson Judge of the probate court in and for Said county and State A. E. Murphy Admx of the Estate of Julius B. Murphy dec'd and who being Sworn according to law deposed and Says on oath that the above account current for final settlement of her administration of Said Estate is correct and true as the Same Stands stated to the best of her Knowledge, information and belief, and that the following named persons and they alone are the Heirs and distributees of Said Estate to wit, A. E. Murphy widow and relict of Said intestate residing in Butler County Alabama and over the age of twenty one years, Susan M. Murphy over the age of twenty one years, Elizabeth Murphy Julia E Sims wife of Nathaniel Sims, John W. Murphy Florence L Murphy, Augustus Murphy, Anderson Murphy, Anna Murphy, all children of the deceased and the last three named under the age of fourteen years and have no legal Guardian, Elizabeth, John W and Florence L. Murphy are each over the age of fourteen years and under the age of twenty one, and all of said Heirs and distributees reside in the county of Butler and State of Alabama.

Sworn to and Subscribed  
Before me this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
July A. D. 1870  
H. W. Watson  
Judge of Probate

A. E. Murphy



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**Book 12? (or 13?)**

Pg 180: **Final Settlement in Decree of Insolvency.**

Amanda E. Murphy as Administrator of the Estate of Julius B. Murphy decd in account current for Final Settlement and Distribution of said Estate on Decree of Insolvency rendered July 27<sup>th</sup> 1870 made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1872,

**Dr**

To amount of money due from Admix, on Final Settlement of her administration of said Estate made under decree of Insolvency July 27<sup>th</sup> 1870. 355.36

**Cr.**

By amount pd Printer's fee	vo no 1	3.50
" " " Court Costs	" " 2	13.15
" " " Attys fees	" " 3	15.00
" " Commission allowed admix		<u>19.90</u>
		51.55
By amt from Admx to balance for Distribution on this Settlement Personally		<u>303.81</u>
Widows Share 1/5		<u>60.76</u>
To be divided between seven children		243.05
Share of Each 1/7		34.72
1 Susan M. Murphy's share		34.72
2 Elizabeth E. Murphy's "		34.72
3 John W. Murphy's "		34.72
4 Florence S. Murphy's "		34.72
5 Augustus Murphy's "		34.72
6 Anderson Murphy's "		34.72
7 Ella Murphy's "		<u>34.72</u>
	Total Amount	243.05

The following is a full true and correct statement of money paid out and expended for the following named heirs of the estate of Julius B. Murphy dec'd towit:

For Board & Clothing of John W. Murphy from	
Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 71 to Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 72	\$35.00
For Board & Clothing of Florence S. Murphy from	
Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 1871 to Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 1872	\$35.00
For Board & Clothing of Augustus Murphy from	
Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 71 to Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> /72	\$35.00
For Board & Clothing of Anderson Murphy from	
Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 1871 to Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 1872	\$35.00
For Board & Clothing of Ella Murphy from	
Jany 1 <sup>st</sup> 1871 to Jany 1st 1872	\$35.00

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this the 3rd day of April 1872.

H. W. Watson  
J.P.B.C.

State of Alabama  
Butler County

Personally appeared before me H. W. Watson Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County and State, **Amanda E. Murphy** de bonis now on the Estate of **Julius B. Murphy** dec'd & who being duly sworn according to Law, says on oath, that she has not use (sic), nor has any one

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else, used the money belonging to the Estate of said Intestate; except the money used by her in payment of the expenses of said Estate; and that she has received no interest on said money.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1872.

H. W. Watson, Judge

A. E. Murphy

Pg. 181    The State of Alabama  
              Butler County

Personally appeared before me E. Crenshaw Clerk of the Circuit in and for said County and State, **Amanda E. Murphy** Admix, de bonis now of the Estate of **Julius B. Murphy** dec'd and who being duly sworn deposes & says on oath, that the foregoing account for Final Settlement & Distribution of said Estate is correct as Stated, to the best of her Knowledge & belief; And that the following named persons and they alone are the heirs and distributees of said estate towit: **Susan M. Murphy, Elizabeth E. Murphy** both of whom are over twenty one years old. **John W. Murphy, Florence S. Murphy, Augustus Murphy** all minors over fourteen years old, **Anderson Murphy and Ella Murphy** minors under fourteen years old – all of sound mind and reside with their mother **Amanda E. Murphy** in Butler Co. Ala. and Amanda E. Murphy widow & relict of Julius B. Murphy residing in Butler Co. Ala. and over the age of twenty one years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1872

H. W. Watson  
J.P.B.C.

A. E. Murphy

### Book 16

Pg. 210-12    18 Dec 1878 – 15 Mar 1879 **Estate of Riley Murphy**. Widow **Hannah Murphy** states that she previously, under mistaken idea and false advice of other persons, executed to **Thomas Seale** an instrument in writing authorizing him to become administrator of estate of Riley Murphy, now revokes said instrument and petitions court to appoint Sheriff J. F. Barganier administrator. All estate's property exempted to widow. None left for administration. Hannah the only heir. She signed with 'x'. **(Who are these people?)**

Pg. 109        25 Oct 1877    Estate of Theodore Watts. Affidavit that T. C. Watts was appointed administrator 30 Oct 1860.

Pg. 125        30 Aug 1878    Estate of Mary F. Watts. Letters on administration of estate.

Pg. 427-30    [date?]    Estate of Mary P. Watts, died 9 Oct 1878, Greenville, intestate. No children or husband surviving. List of personal property and sale bill. Settlement included payment of debts to T. C. Watts. Assets included amount of sale of Burnett house sold by decedent in her lifetime.

Pg. 431        7 Jun 1881    Estate of Mary P. Watts. Heirs: she had a brother and sister, both of whom were dead at time of her death; Matthew Patton left surviving heirs:  
                  Hannah Dunklin, wife of D. G. Dunklin, over 21, Greenville  
                  Ann Burnett, wife of T. J. Burnett, over 21, Greenville  
                  Matthew Patton, over 21, Greenville  
                  Sarah P. Scarborough, over 21, Greenville  
                  John P. Gion?, over 21, Wilcox County  
                  Mrs Sallie McCondichie, deceased, leaving heirs:  
                      Mrs. M. W. Gidly, over 21, Wilcox County,  
                      Jay M. McCondichie, over 21, Wilcox County  
                      Mary Lee, wife of Dr. Thos. Lee

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### **Book 17 (1884-88)**

- Pg. 11-12      6 Sep 1886 Estate of Ambrose Smith and list of heirs (no Ann Murphy listed). See also Book 18, pages 155-159, 161, 167, 492-6)
- Pg. 16-19      10 Aug 1885 Petition of Iola Armstrong, nee Murphy, wife of J. D. Armstrong, and Wm. Murphy (over 21 years of age) for final settlement of estate of Wm Murphy and distribution of \$604.26 paid to guardian S. H. Thornton and never received by petitioners. J. A. Harris is surety on the bond of S. H. Thornton.
- 7 Sep 1885 Statement and final account by Sanford H. Thornton and account as guardian of estate of William H. Murphy of his accounts from 6 Dec 1880 to 31 Aug 1885.
- 9 Nov 1885 Statement of W. H. Murphy that he accepts final account of S. H. Thornton as guardian of himself and? Mrs. Iola Armstrong.

### **Book 19**

- Pg. 559-60      2 Sep 1895 Petition by Ida Murphy, widow of Watts Murphy, who died 17 Apr 1895, to exempt real and personal property of deceased to widow and minor children: Watty Gertrude Murphy, age 3, and Zora May Murphy, age 1, both of whom reside with mother Ida in Butler County. Sworn before W. L. Murphy, J. P.

### **Book 20**

- Pg. 550      [date?] Estate of John Watts, deceased on or about 17 Feb 1907 at Georgiana. Heir: Lillie Philyaw, wife of George Philyaw, sister and only heir. John Watts was killed while in employ of Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Mentions suit against railroad for damages of about \$1,000.

### **Book 25**

- Pg. 177-180      17 Mar 1933 – 19 Apr 1933 Estate of Ila Mae Seale, deceased 31 Aug 1932. Personal property about \$100. Heirs:  
Willie Frances Williams, age 14  
Lucy Mae Seale, age 11 on 6 Sep 1932  
King Murphy Seale, age 9 on 4 Apr 1932  
P. C. Seale, Jr., age 4 on 7 Jul 1932
- Alma Murphy, sister of deceased, over 21, appointed administrator and guardian of said heirs (Lucy, King and P. C. Seale).

### **Book 27**

- Pg. 68-72      [date?] Alma Murphy, guardian of Seale children. Account: includes amounts paid to Miss Edna Seale for maintenance and education of said wards 4 May 1933 – 27 Dec 1936; to Alma Murphy for maintenance and education 2 Jan 1937 – 6 Jan 1939; also for glasses for Claude Seale, Jr.
- Pg. 522-3      [date?] Estate of Annie McCrory, died 19 May 1944 at Butler Springs. Children listed; son Noah administrator.

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