

## Estate Records of Hannah Seale

1857

Between 1851 and 1853, James and Hannah Seale left Autauga County and retired back to Butler County, apparently living near his sons Anderson and Ransom Seale. There is no record of their selling their plantation in Autauga County, so the deed must not have been recorded. James wrote his will in 1853, but Hannah did not write hers until 1857. Below are precise transcriptions of all her estate records, including her will and inventory, arranged by date. The references for this material are:

- Butler Co AL Will Book 1, pp. 126 – 128
- Butler Co AL Estate Record 3, 1858 – 1859, pp. 355 – 356, 399

I have not corrected the spelling, punctuation, or grammar of the original records in the transcriptions below.

### 26 Oct 1857 – Hannah Seale writes her will:

Know all men by these presents that I **Hannah Seale** a wife of **James Seale Senr.** for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to me in hand paid by **Elizabeth L. Roberts** the Daughter in law of the said **Hannah Seale** and for and in consideration of the natural Love and affection of the said **Hannah Seale** for the said **Elizabeth L. Roberts** the Receipt of the said five Dollars being hereby acknowledged have this day given granted and by these presents do give grant bargain sell transfer and convey until the said **Elizabeth L. Roberts** all of the separate Estate of the said **Hannah Seale** which was secured to her by marriage contract with the said **James Seale** which estate consist in money notes bed and furniture to the amount of Six or Eight [sic] Hundred dollars and the said **Hannah Seale** Reserves the use and Injoyment of the said money notes and bed & furniture to herself during her natural life and at her death the same is to be and become the Right and property of the said **Elizabeth L. Roberts** and any property that me be purchased with said money or notes or any other notes for which said funds may be Loaned out for shall be and become the property of said **Elizabeth L. Roberts** at the death of the said **Hannah Seale** in testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this October the 26<sup>th</sup> AD 1857.

witness:

**Ransom Seale**  
**Augustus Murphy**

/ s/ **Hannah X Seale** [her mark]

“Deed of gift acknowledged in presence of **Reuben Stringfellow**, justice of the peace, by **Hannah Seale**, wife of **James Seale Senr.** who does acknowledge that she did assign and deliver the foregoing deed of gift...to the aforesaid **Elizabeth L. Roberts**...”

### 16 May 1859 – The will of Hannah Seale is presented to the Butler County Probate Court:

“In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of **Hannah Seale**. Before me **S. J. Bolling** Judge of the said court Personally appeared in open court **Ransom Seale** and **Augustus Murphy** who being sworn by me...do depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of **Hannah Seale** decd. late of Butler County that said **Hannah Seale** since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day it bears date and declared the same to be her last will and testament... That said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponents was capable of making her will at the time the same was so made...”

/ s/ **Ransom Seale**  
**Augustus Murphy**

### 16 May 1859 – The following items relating to the estate of Hannah Seale were brought before the Butler County Probate Court on this date:

- **Richard H. Williams** was appointed Administrator of the estate of **Hannah Seale**.
- **Richard H. Williams**, **F. G. Crocheron**, and **E. H. Herbert** posted a bond of \$1600 to **S. J. Bolling**, Butler County Probate Judge (to secure Williams' actions as administrator)
- **Richard H. Williams** of Lowndes Co AL stated to the court that **Mrs. Hannah Seale** died 14 Feb 1859 in Butler Co AL. He also stated:

“That the said **Richard H. Williams** has heretofore intermarried with **Mrs. Elizabeth L. Roberts** the legatee named in said testamentary paper and who is now his wife. That said **Hannah Seale** left no children surviving her but her heirs at law [are] one **Dempsey Elliott** over twenty one years of age residing at Bastrop Morehouse Parish in the State of Louisiana, **Foster Elliott** who is over 21 years of age and resides in the state of Iowa but what Post office petitioner does not know, **Margarett Smith** wife of \_\_\_\_\_ **Smith** who lives in Portsmouth in the State of Virginia. Your petitioner prays that notice may be given by publication as the law directs and that said paper here to probate by your Honor as the Last will and testament of the said **Hannah Seale**.

/ s/ **Richard H. Williams**  
By **Clements & Williamson**  
his attorneys

**27 May 1859** – Hannah Seale's inventory was made:

“An Appraise bill of the goods and chattles of **Hannah Seales** Estate by **Ransom Seales, Wilson Murphy, and Augustus Murphy** this 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1859.

one bed and furniture	
say two sheets, 2 quilts, 1 Blanket	\$42.00
one Stead	8.00
one Rocking chair	4.00
one Setting chair	1.00
two trunks at \$1.50	3.00
one Washstand & Pitcher	<u>2.00</u>
	\$60.00

We the appraiser of the estate of **Hannah Seale** Deceased certify that we leave a fair valuation set on all the goods and chattles belonging to said estate.”

/ s/ **Ransom Seale**  
**Wilson Murphy**  
**Augustus Murphy**

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## Estate Records of James Seale

1860 – 1862

Between 1851 and 1853, James and Hannah Seale left Autauga County and retired back to Butler County, apparently living near his sons Anderson and Ransom Seale. There is no record of their selling their plantation in Autauga County, so the deed must not have been recorded in Autauga County. When James wrote his will in 1853, he had nine children living. He left provisions for each of them, and mentioned his two married daughters who had predeceased him. James did not mention his wife Hannah Seale in his will, which is extremely odd. Her will indicates that they had some type of “marriage contract” (see above for her will), but one would think that James Seale would have at least mentioned his wife in the will. James Seale apparently remained mentally alert and in good physical shape well into his old age. On 25 October 1857, James’ brother Daniel Seale of Choctaw County Mississippi wrote a letter to their nephews Andrew J. and Jesse Seale. They were sons of Daniel’s and James’ brother Thomas Seale who had died in 1825. In his letter, Daniel told the nephews that he had recently received letters from their “uncle James” and their “uncle Joshua”. This indicates that James Seale was writing letters to his brothers at the age of 88.

Below are precise transcriptions of all the voluminous estate records of James Seale, including his will, inventory, and final settlement of his estate, arranged by date. The references for this material are:

- Butler Co AL Will Book 1, pp. 143 – 146
- Butler Co AL Probate Book 4, pp. 105 – 107, 165 – 166, 574 – 575
- Butler Co AL Probate Book 5, pp. 131 – 134, 305 – 307

I have not corrected the spelling, punctuation, or grammar of the original documents in the transcriptions which follow.

**19 Aug 1853** – James Seale writes his will:

“The State of Alabama, Butler County. I **James Seale** of Butler County and State aforesaid do make and ordain publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> All my Just Debts are to be paid by my Executor.

2<sup>nd</sup> Will and desire that my Estate both real and personal in during what money in Specie and Bank Bills that may be in hand at the time of my death together with what debts may be due and owing to me at the time of my death may be equally and fairly divided among my following named children nine in number to wit: **Mary Bates** wife of **Baalam Bates**, **Ransom Seale** my Son, **Matilda Palmer** or **Parmar** wife of **Ephraim Palmer** or **Parmar**, **Anderson Seale** my Son, **William Seale** my Son, **Cyntha** [sic] **Ward** wife of **David Ward**, **James H. Seale** my Son, **Thomas J. Seale** my Son, and **Clarinda Ham** wife of **William Ham**. And be it now fully known and understood and I hereby expressly will direct and declare that such of my above named children as have received any advances from me heretofore and for which I have their receipt shall bring such advancements into hotchpotch and such money so advanced to them shall be so accounted for as that no one of my said nine children under this decree of my said will shall receive any more than another. And whereas the advances I held from my son **James H. Seale** has been mislaid so that I cannot now find it that is today to the amount of Six Hundred Dollars over and above the receipt I now hold and have. I therefore will that he be charged with the amount of receipt I now hold and the additional sum of Six Hundred Dollars which have been lost or Mislaid and after such advancement are fairly and fully brought in and accounted for then such division be made as to render each child above named equal with each other the same as if I had died intestate.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and I do so hereby will and devise declare and direct that if any of the above named nine children should depart this life before I do leaving issue alive then such issue so leaving at the time of my death shall take among them the share their father or mother would have taken had such father or mother survived me and it [is] my further Will and desire and I so will, declare and direct that increase [sic – in case] any of my said nine children above named shall depart this life before me leaving no issue alive then the portion to which such deceased children would have been entitled had they survived me shall be equally divided among my surviving children named in the second clause of this will.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that none of the children of my deceased daughters **Elizabeth Kelly** and **Elvira Cooper** take any portion of my estate because I have made full advancements to my said Daughters in their lifetime.

5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Sons **Ransom Seale** and **Anderson Seale** Executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking and setting aside all other wills by me heretofore made and declare this to be my only and last will and testament.

In testimony, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this nineteenth day of August in the A.D. 1853.

/ s/ **James Seale**

Signed, sealed and delivered and declared by the testator as his last will and testament in our presence who in the presence of the testator and in the presents of each other have subscribed our names as which thereto.

**Thos. W. Williams**  
**Wilson Murphy**  
**Alfred Carter**

**12 Mar 1860** – The following items relating to the estate of James Seale were presented to the Butler County Alabama Probate Court:

- **Wilson Murphy** and **Alfred Carter** appeared in court and swore they were witnesses to the will of **James Seale** deceased:

“...that said **James Seale Senr.** deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament...that the testator was of sound mind and desposing memory and in the opinion of deponents fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made...”

/ s/ **Wilson Murphey**  
**Alfred Carter**

- The Administrator's bond [sic – it should have been an executor's bond] of **Ransom Seale** and **Anderson Seale** for \$26,000 was recorded. **Wilson Murphy** and **Alfred Carter** were their security on the bond.

**14 Feb 1860** – **Ransom Seale** and **Anderson Seale** petition the **Honorable S. J. Bolling**, Judge of the Probate Court of Butler County Alabama, stating:

“...the late **James Seale** who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1860 leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by **Thomas Williams** of Montgomery County Alabama and **Wilson Murphy** and **Alfred Carter** who resides in Butler County Alabama in which your petitioners are executors thereof...Your Petitioners further states that said decedent left no widow surviving him and that the next of Kin of said decedent are his children to wit: **Ransom Seale**, **Anderson Seale**, and **William Seale** all of whom are of full age and resides in Butler County Ala, **James H. Seale**, **Thomas J. Seale**, **Clarrinda** [sic] **Ham** wife of **William Ham** all of

whom are of full age and resides in the State of Louisiana, and the children of **Cyntha** [sic] **Ward** deceased and the names of her children are not known by your petitioners, **Elvira Cooper** decd. who left two children surviving her whose names are not remembered by your petitioners, **Mary Bates** widow of **Balam Bates** and **Matilda Grant** wife of **William Grant** who are of full age and resides in Lowndes County Alabama, and the children of **Elizabeth Kelly**, deceased to wit: **Elisha**, **Alfred**, and **John Kelly** all of whom are of full age and whose residence are unknown to petitioners all of whom are of sound mind as far as known to your petitioners..."

/ s/ **Ransom Seale**  
**Anderson Seale**

**14 Feb 1860** – The inventory of James Seale’s estate is made:

“An appraise bill of the Estate of James Seale Senr., viz:

<b>Peter</b> a negro man about fifty three years old at.....	\$ 100.00
<b>Cherry</b> a woman “ “ “ “ “ “.....	400.00
<b>Ellick</b> a man “ “ twentyfive “ “ “.....	1700.00
<b>George</b> “ “ twentythree “ “ “.....	1900.00
<b>Caroline</b> “ thirtyfour “ “ “ and her two children <b>Julia</b> about three years and <b>Suck</b> eighteen months.....	2400.00
<b>Major</b> or <b>Toby</b> about 13 years old .....	1300.00
<b>Marion</b> or <b>Matt</b> about ten years .....	1000.00
<b>Sharletter</b> (?) about twenty two years and her four children <b>Jane</b> a girl about eight, <b>Laura</b> about five, <b>Wade</b> about three and <b>Jesse</b> about eighteen months.....	3400.00
<b>Elixur</b> a girl about sixteen years old.....	1400.00
Two Horses mules one Bill.....	125.00
The other Jack.....	100.00
One Gray Horse .....	70.00
two cows and calves at \$15 pr cow & calf.....	30.00
Six Head of Dry cattle more or less \$6.00 per Head .....	36.00
Four Brinding sows & ten Head of shoats more or less \$3.00 per Head .....	30.00
Two Heads and Steads and furniture belonging to them.....	60.00
one Eight day clock .....	15.00
one Double Barrel shot Gun & Pouch.....	10.00
one sideboard.....	8.00
one Dining table.....	1.50
two small tables at 50 cents each.....	1.00
one chest.....	2.00
one Desk.....	4.00
two trunks.....	2.00
one Loom .....	5.00
one Spinning wheel .....	1.00
ten Setting chairs .....	6.00
one Saddle & Blanket do one side saddle.....	13.00
one Set Knives & forks & Knife Box .....	2.00
one looking Glass.....	0.50
one pr Steel yards .....	1.00
one Lot Pot ware.....	3.00
one Lot stone jars .....	3.00
one Lot Jugs.....	3.00
one Lot Tools.....	2.00
one Lot of counterpins six at .....	50.00
one Lot Blankets Sheets & coverleads .....	6.00
one Lot of Sheets & one quilt .....	10.00
one Lot Crockery & Glasses & Spoons .....	5.00
one churn and Reel.....	1.00
for five hundred and ninety four dollars one Note on <b>Ransom Seale</b> given 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of January 1855 and due the first of January 1856, with a credit on it for five dollars January the 25 <sup>th</sup> 1860	
one note on Ransom Seale for five Hundred dollars one day after date the 25 <sup>th</sup> of January 1860.....	(not in total)
Money on hand twelve dollars.....	<u>12.00</u>
	\$14218.00

We the appraisers certify that we have a fair valuation set on all the property belonging to the estate of James Seale Senr. deceased Shown us by the administrator this 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1860.

/ s/ **S. B. B. ? , J.P.**  
**Alfred Carter**  
**Richard H. Carter**

**7 May 1860** – **Ransom and Anderson Seale** swear the above appraisalment is correct.

**13 Dec 1860** – “Decr. 13<sup>th</sup> 1860. An Account of sale of this property belonging to the estate of **James Seale** deceased sold by **Ransom and Anderson Seale** as Administrators of the Estate – viz:

“A Sale Bill of all the Property belonging to the Personal Estate of **James Seale**, deceased, by **Ransom & Anderson Seale**, Administrators of said Estate.

**Slaves**

**Peter** a man about 52 yrs. old  
**Cherry** a woman about 50 yrs. old  
**Ellock** a man about 25 yrs. old  
**George** a man about 23 yrs. old  
**Caroline** & 3 children viz.  
     **Caroline** about 35 yrs. old  
     **Julia** about 4 yrs. old  
     **Suckey** about 2 yrs. old  
     **Solomon** about 2 wks. Old  
**Major** about 13  
**Marion** about 11  
**Charlotte** about 23 &  
     three children to wit  
     **Laura** a girl about 5 yrs.  
     **Wade** a Boy about 3 yrs.  
     **Jesse** a Girl about 2 yrs.  
**Jane** about 9 yrs.  
**Eliza** a woman about 16 & her child  
     about 7 mos.

1 Horse Mule, Bill  
 1 Horse Mule Jack,  
 1 Gray Horse,  
 1 Yerling,  
 1 Dun Cow & Calf  
 1 dun headed Cow & Yerling  
 1 Lot of Hogs, five 1<sup>st</sup> Choice,  
 1 Lot of Hogs, 8 Second Choice,  
 1 Bed Stead & Furniture  
 1 Bed Stead & Furniture  
 1 Lot of Counterpanes,  
 1 Lot, Blankets, Sheets & Coverlets  
 1 lot, Sheets & 1 quilt  
 1 Eight day clock  
 1 Double Barrelld. Gun  
 1 Side Board,  
 1 Dining Table  
 2 Small Tables  
 1 Chest  
 1 Desk  
 2 Trunks  
 1 Loom  
 1 Spinning Wheel  
 1 Lot Knives, forks & Box  
 10 Sitting Chairs  
 1 Man’s Saddle & Blanket  
 1 Womans Saddle  
 1 Looking Glass  
 1 Pair of Stilyards  
 1 lot Pot Ware  
 1 lot Stone Jars

**Wm Grant** ..... \$ 111.00  
**Ran. Seale** ..... 170.00  
**Ran. Seale** ..... 1500.00  
**Wm Ham**..... 1900.00  
  
 To **Ransom Seale** ..... 2505.00  
 to **Anderson Seale** ..... 1125.00  
 to **J. W. Seale** ..... 800.00  
  
 To **Robert Steen** ..... 2691.00  
 to **Wm. Ham**..... 1370.00  
  
**William Grant**..... 1700.00  
  
**L. G. Wright** ..... 130.00  
**Wm. Seale** ..... 95.00  
**Ransom Seale** ..... 65.00  
 to **RanSom [sic] Seale** ..... 2.00  
**Franklin Vickrey** ..... 18.00  
 to **R. M. Hartsfield**..... 15.00  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 52.00  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 35.00  
 to **Wilson Murphy** ..... 30.00  
 to **Wilson Murphy** ..... 26.00  
**Ransom Seale** ..... 30.00  
**Mat Anderson**..... 8.00  
 to **Willis Middleton** ..... 7.50  
**Wm. Seale** ..... 5.00  
**S. Leverett** ..... 10.15  
**Ransom Seale** ..... 6.00  
**Jack Thomson** ..... 0.25  
 to **Matt Anderson** ..... 0.25  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 0.50  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 2.50  
 to **Anderson Seale** ..... 2.00  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 1.00  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 1.00  
**Ransom Seale** ..... 1.50  
 To **Julius Murphy** ..... 5.00  
**Ransom Seale** ..... 8.50  
 to **Ransom Seale** ..... 2.00  
 to **John McWhorten**..... 0.50  
 to **J. W. Seale** ..... 0.62½  
**Ransom Seale** ..... 1.00  
**Wilson Murphy** ..... 1.55

1 lot Jugs	to <b>Ransom Seale</b> .....	1.25
1 lot Tools	to <b>Ransom Seale</b> .....	1.00
1 lot Crockery Glasses & Spoons	<b>Thomas Seale</b> .....	1.40
1 Churn	to <b>R. Seale</b> .....	0.25
1 Lot Table Cloths	<b>A. H. Hickson</b> .....	1.25
Four Small Beeves (?) Sold Privately for	.....	70.94
Amt. Of Money on hand at Deceaseds Death	.....	12.05

[Note: The property sale was recorded twice in the Probate Books. The above is the first recording. Rather than repeat it again, below I have only listed those items that are different from the first list]

<b>Cherry</b> a woman about 52 yrs. old	<b>Ran. Seale</b> .....	170.00
<b>Marion</b> about 11	to <b>John W. Seale</b> .....	800.00
<b>Charlotte</b> about 23		
1 Horse Mule, Bill	<b>Lewis. G. Wright</b> .....	130.00
1 Horse Mule Jack,	<b>William Seale</b> .....	95.00
1 dun headed Cow & Yerling	to <b>Richard Hartefield</b> .....	15.00
1 Bed Stead & Furniture	to <b>Wilson Murphy</b> .....	30.00
1 Bed Stead & Furniture	to <b>Wilson Murphy</b> .....	36.00
1 Lot of Counterpins,	<b>Ransom Seale</b> .....	30.00
1 Lot, Blankets, Sheets & Coverlets	<b>Matthew Anderson</b> .....	8.00
1 Double Barrelld. Gun	<b>Simeon Leverett</b> .....	10.15
1 Dining Table	<b>John C. Thomson</b> .....	0.25
2 Small Tables	to <b>Matthew Anderson</b> .....	0.25
1 Pair of Steelyards	to <b>John W. Seale</b> .....	0.62½
1 lot Pot Ware	<b>Ransom Seale</b> .....	4.50
1 lot Crockery Glasses & Spoons	<b>Thomas Seale</b> .....	1.40
1 Churn	to <b>R. Seale</b> .....	0.25
One Real [not on the first list]	<b>Thos. Seal</b> .....	0.50
1 Lot Table Cloths	<b>Ezra Hixon</b> .....	1.25
the amount of cattle sold privately	<b>R. Seale</b> .....	
Total		\$14329.57

**28 Jan 1861** – “**Ransom and Anderson Seale**, Executors of the Estate of **James Seale**, deceased file the bill of sale with the Probate Court. Judge **Saml. J. Bolling** and swear it is correct”

/ s/        **Ransom Seale**  
                 **Anderson Seale**

**6 Jan 1862** – Ransom and Anderson Seale made the following report to the Probate Court of Butler County:

“Dr. **Ransom Seales** and **Anderson Seales** Administrators of the Estate of **James Seale** in Account Current in partial Settlement and distribution of Said deceased Estate.

To Amt. Of Sale Bill of Personal Property Sold Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> 1860 at 6 mos.....	\$14329.57
To Interest on Same to Jan 6/ 62 .....	549.29
	\$27542.86 (?)

[Debits to Estate]

Voucher No. 1	By Amt. Pd. <b>T. M. G. Frawick</b> .....	\$33.90
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	2.64
“ “ 2	“ Amt. Pd. <b>J. M. Seldell</b> .....	8.30
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.67
“ “ 3	“ Amt. Pd. <b>J. Leverit</b> .....	15.00
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	1.26
“ “ 4	“ Amt. Pd. <b>James Wallis</b> .....	4.50
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.27
“ “ 5	“ Amt. Pd. <b>J. W. Benson</b> .....	10.49
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.84
“ “ 6	“ Amt. Pd. <b>Jackson Sims</b> .....	5.00
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.30
“ “ 7	“ Amt. Pd. <b>Livingston &amp; Steele</b> .....	11.00
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.78
“ “ 8	“ Amt. Pd. <b>J. Weathington</b> .....	10.00
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.60
“ “ 9	“ Amt. Pd. <b>J. R. Borge</b> .....	4.68
	Int. on Same to Jan 6/ 62.....	0.27

By Amt. Of Property distributed .....	18900.00
By Amt. Of Int. on Money retained .....	198.30
By Commissions Allowed Exct.....	371.96
By Amt. Of Court Costs .....	31.03
By Amt. Of Notes in hands of Executors not collected.....	<u>7931.97</u>
	\$27542.86

[Credits to Estate]

To Amt. brot. forward .....	\$27542.86
Amt. of Notes Not Collected and retained by Administ. ....	7931.97
Amt. for distribution .....	18900.00
Amt. of distributive Share .....	2100.00

Distributive Share of the heirs of **Mary Bates**, to wit. **Mary W. Parmer**  
 wife of **John M. Parmer, W. T. Bates, A. C. Bates, Simon**

<b>Kern</b> and wife <b>Rachel E. Kern &amp; J. J. Bates</b> .....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	<u>1575.00</u>
Amt. of dim (?) .....	525.00
Satisfied .....	525.00

<b>William Seales</b> distributive Share .....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	<u>775.00</u>
	1325.00

Distributive Share of <b>Anderson Seales</b> .....	\$2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	1350.00
Amt. of Dem. ....	750.00
Paid by Credit on Note .....	<u>750.00</u>

Distributive Share of <b>Matilda Grant</b> , wife of <b>William Grant</b> .....	\$2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	1000.00
Amt. of Dem. ....	1100.00
Paid by Credit on <b>W. Grants</b> Note.....	<u>1100.00</u>

Distributive Share of <b>Ransom Seales</b> .....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	1864.00
Amt. of Dem. ....	236.00
Paid by Credit on his Note .....	<u>236.00</u>

Distributive Share of <b>J. H. Seales</b> .....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	1650.00
Amt. of dem. ....	<u>450.00</u>

<b>Thomas Seale</b> distributive Share.....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	1650.00
Amt. of Dem. ....	450.00
Paid by Cash .....	<u>450.00</u>

<b>David Wards</b> distributive Share.....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	2000.00
Amt. of Dem. ....	<u>100.00</u>

Distributive Share of <b>Clarendon [sic] Ham</b> .....	2100.00
Paid by Advancement .....	<u>800.00</u>
Amt. of Dem. ....	1300.00
Paid by Credit on <b>W. Hams</b> Note.....	<u>1300.00</u>

Amt. of money paid out by Executors.....	140.63
Amt. of Commission & Interest Money Retd. ....	570.26
Amt. of Advancements .....	12664.00
Amt. of Money distributed .....	6236.00
Amt. of Notes Not Collected .....	<u>7931.96</u>
	\$27542.86”

“**Ransom and Anderson Seale**, Executors of **James Seale**, deceased swear the above account is correct”

/ s/ **Ransom Seale**  
**Anderson Seale**

**21 April 1862** – “**Anderson Seale**, Administrator of **James Seale** swears the account is correct”

“Advancements to the Heirs of **James H. Seale** Made during his lifetime

<b>J. H. Seales</b>	Exhibit No. 1.....	700.00	
	“ “ 2.....	300.00	
	“ “ 3.....	50.00	
	By Will .....	<u>500.00</u>	
		1650.00	[sic – should be 1550.00]
<b>Thos. J. Seale</b>	Exhibit No. 4.....	50.00	
	“ “ 5.....	200.00	
	“ “ 6.....	900.00	
	“ “ 7.....	<u>500.00</u>	
		1650.00	
<b>William Seale</b>	Exhibit No. 8.....	675.00	
	“ “ 9.....	<u>100.00</u>	
		750.00	
<b>Andrew Seal</b>	Exhibit No. 10.....	600.00	
	“ “ 11.....	<u>750.00</u>	
		1350.00	
<b>Mary Bates</b>	Exhibit No. 12.....	1000.00	
	“ “ 13.....	<u>575.00</u>	
		1575.00	
<b>David Ward</b>	Exhibit No. 14.....	1000.00	
	“ “ 15.....	<u>1000.00</u>	
		2000.00	
<b>Clarenda Ham</b>	Exhibit No. 16.....	800.00	
<b>Matilda Parmer</b>	Exhibit No. 17.....	1000.00	
<b>Ransom Seale</b>	Exhibit No. 18.....	775.00	
	“ “ 19.....	500.00	
	“ “ 19.....	<u>589.00</u>	
		1864.00	
Total:.....		\$12664.00”	

“Dr. **Anderson Seale**, Surviving Administrator of **James Seale** late of Said County, In Account Current for Partial Settlement of Said Estate:

To Amount of Notes Not Collected in the hands of Administrator at Settlement Made 6 <sup>th</sup> Jany 1862.....	7931.97
To Int. on Same to April 21/ 62 .....	<u>185.07</u>
	\$8117.04
By Amt. Of Funds for Distribution .....	3600.00
By Amt. Of Interest on Same to April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1862.....	84.00
By Amt. Of Notes in hands of Admr. Not Collected.....	4331.97
By Interest on Same to Apl. 21/ 62.....	<u>101.08</u>
	\$8117.05
Amount to be distributed .....	\$3600.00
Distributive Share of Each .....	400.00
<b>Anderson Seale</b> .....	400.00
<b>Ransom Seale</b> .....	400.00
<b>William Seale</b> .....	400.00
<b>Thomas Bates</b> .....	80.00
<b>Cicero Bates</b> .....	80.00
<b>James Bates</b> .....	80.00
<b>Martha Parmer</b> wife of <b>Jno. M.</b> .....	80.00
<b>Simeon Kern’s</b> wife of <b>Rachel Kern</b> .....	80.00
<b>Wm. Grant’s</b> wife <b>Matilda Grant</b> .....	400.00
<b>James H. Seale</b> .....	400.00
<b>David Wards</b> heirs .....	400.00
<b>Wm. Ham &amp; wife Clarinda Ham</b> .....	400.00
<b>T. J. Seale</b> .....	<u>400.00</u>
	\$3600.00





In this section, I have transcribed all the census records between 1790 and 1850 for James Seale and his family. During my research, I spent a lot of time collecting census information on all Kelley or Kelly households, in hopes that this would help locate Rachel Seale's parents. I have not included this information below, except for those Kelley households close to James' own household or that of his daughter Elizabeth's family.

**1790**

1790 Fairfield County, Camden District South Carolina Census		
page	line #	
		Charles Seal 1 male 16 and over 2 males under 16 2 females no slaves
		Elijah Seal 1 male 16 and over
		Anthony Seal 1 male 16 and over 3 males under 16 3 females 1 slave
		John Kelly 2 males 16 and over 4 males under 16 4 females
		George Watts
		Thomas Muse 1 male 16 and over 3 males under 16 4 females 9 slaves
		Thomas Seal 1 male 16 and over 1 male under 16 3 females
		(Widow) Muse 1 male under 16 3 females 6 slaves

**1800**

1800 Fairfield District South Carolina Census			
page #	line #		
225	6	James Seal 1 male under 10 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 26 – 45	4 females under 10 1 female 26 – 45
	7	Enoch Seal 2 males under 10 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 26 – 45	1 female under 10 1 female 26 – 45
	8	Anthony Seal 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 45 and over	2 females under 10 1 female 26 – 45 1 female 45 and over
	11	John Kelley 4 males under 10	1 female 10 – 16

		2 males 10 – 16 1 male 26 – 45	1 female 26 – 45
12	Joel Kelley	1 male under 10 1 male 16 – 26	1 female 26 – 45
13	Vinney Kelly	1 male 16 – 26	1 female 16 – 26 1 female 45 and over
16	Elijah Seal	1 male under 10 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 26 – 45	1 female under 10 1 female 16 – 26
17	Daniel Seal	1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26	1 female 16 – 26
23	Elijah Jones	1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 26 – 45	1 female 10 – 16 1 female 26 – 45 1 slave

1800 Anson County North Carolina Census	
p. 206	
Joshua Seals	
1 male under 10	
1 male 16 – 26	
1 female under 10	
1 female 16 – 26	
1 slave	

**1810**

1810 Fairfield District South Carolina Census			
page #	line #		
180	17	James Seal 2 males under 10 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 26 – 45	3 females under 10 3 females 10 – 16 1 female 26 – 45 5 slaves
	22	Elijah Jones 1 male 45 and over	1 female 26 – 45 1 female 45 and over 6 slaves
	23	William Jones 1 male 26 – 45	3 females under 10 1 female 16 – 26 2 slaves
	31	John Kelly 3 males under 10 2 males 10 – 16 2 males 16 – 26 1 male 45 and over	1 female 16 – 26 3 slaves
181	33	James, Fort Muse	

183	46	2 males 16 – 26 2 males 26 – 45  James Seal Junior 1 male 16 – 26	1 female over 45 1 slave  1 female under 10 1 female 16 – 26
	48	Thomas Muse 1 male under 10 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 26 – 45	1 female 26 – 45 1 female 45 and over 9 slaves
184	4	Enoch Seal 1 male under 10 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 45 and over	1 female under 10 1 female 10 – 16 1 female 26 – 45 no slaves listed
	19	Elijah Seal 1 male under 10 1 male 10 – 16 1 male 16 – 26 1 male 26 – 45	3 females under 10 1 female 10 – 16 1 female 26 – 45 1 female 45 and over no slaves listed
204 part 2	2	Charles Seal 1 male 26 – 45	1 female 26 – 45 (very hard to read)
	3	James Seal Junior 1 male 16 – 26	(enumerated twice) 1 female under 10 1 female 16 – 26

1810 Anson County North Carolina Census	
p. 18	
Joshua Seal	
3 males under 10	
1 male 16 – 26	
1 male 26 – 45	
3 females under 10	
1 female 16 – 26	
1 female 26 – 45	
1 slave	

**1820**

1820 Fairfield District South Carolina Census			
page #	line #		
147	22	Elisha Jones 1 male 26 – 45 1 male 45 and over  8 male slaves under 14 1 male slave 14 – 26 1 male slave 26 – 45	2 females 16 – 26 1 female 45 and over 13 engaged in agriculture  3 female slaves under 14 3 female slaves 14 – 26 6 female slaves 26 – 45
	23	Elijah Jones	

147a	1	1 male 45 and over 1 engaged in manufacturing or commerce	1 female 26 – 45 5 engaged in agriculture
	6	3 male slaves under 14	2 female slaves 14 – 26
	14	1 male slave 14 – 26	
	21	1 male slaves 26 – 45	
147a part 2	24	James D. Craig	
	30	Theofles Wilson, Jur.	
	38	James Wilson	
	39	John Wilson	
	40	John Wilson, Jur.	
	41	Benjamin Kelley	4 females under 10
	42	3 males under 10	1 female 10 – 16
	43	1 male 10 – 16	1 female 26 – 45
	44	1 male 26 – 45	1 engaged in agriculture
	45	John Kelley, Jur	1 female 10 – 16
	39	John Kelley	1 engaged in agriculture
		1 male under 10	2 females under 10
		1 male 10 – 16	1 female 16 – 26
		1 male 16 – 26	1 female 26 – 45
		1 male 45 and over	11 engaged in agriculture
		8 male slaves under 14	2 female slaves under 14
		2 male slaves 14 – 26	1 female slave 14 – 26
		2 male slaves 26 – 45	2 female slaves 26 – 45
			2 female slaves 45 and over
	5	James Seal	
		2 males under 10	3 females under 10
		1 male 10 – 16	1 female 10 – 16
		1 male 16 – 18	1 female 16 – 26
		2 males 16 – 26	1 female 45 and over
		1 male 45 and over	6 engaged in agriculture
		1 male slave under 14	4 female slaves under 14
		1 male slave 14 – 26	2 female slaves 26 – 45
Note: 5 households separate John Kelley from James Seale			

**1830**

1830 Butler County Alabama Census			
page #	line #		
283	2	Hillory Herbert	
	9	James Seale	
		1 male 10 – 15	1 female 5 – 10
		1 male 15 – 20	1 female 50 – 60
		1 male 60 – 70	
		1 male slave 10 – 24	3 female slaves under 10
		1 male slave 24 – 36	3 female slaves 10 – 24
			1 female slave 24 – 36
			1 female slave 36 – 55
			Total: 15
291	5	Ransom Seale	

		1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female under 5 1 female 15 – 20 Total: 4
	10	Henry H. Ham 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 20 – 30 Total: 3
	13	William Seale 2 males under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 10 – 15 1 female 20 – 30 Total: 5
296	12	Thomas Seale 1 male 60 – 70  3 male slaves under 10 2 male slaves 24 – 36	1 female 60 – 70  2 female slaves under 10 2 female slaves 10 – 24 Total : 11
297	7	Anderson Seale 1 male 20 – 30	2 females under 5 1 female 20 – 30 Total: 4
301	20	Thomas Seale 1 male 20 – 30  1 male slave under 10	2 females under 5 1 female 10 – 15  1 female slave 24 – 36 Total: 6
306	23	Thomas Seale 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30 1 male 50 – 60  2 male slaves under 10 2 male slaves 24 – 36	2 females under 5 1 female 30 – 40 1 female 60 – 70  3 female slaves under 10 2 female slaves 24 – 36 Total: 16

1830 Lowndes County Alabama Census			
page #	line #		
259	24	David Ward 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 5 – 10 1 female 20 – 30  1 female slave 55 – 100 Total: 5
264	24	William Ham 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 15 – 20 1 female slave under 10 Total: 4
	25	Ephrain Palmer 3 males under 5 3 males 5 – 10 1 male 40 – 50  3 male slaves under 10	1 female under 5 1 female 20 – 30  2 female slaves under 20

	26	Balam Bates 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female slave 24 – 36 Total: 15  1 female under 5 1 female 30 – 40  1 female slave under 10 Total: 5
284	6	William Grant 2 males under 5 1 male 5 – 10 1 male 30 – 40	1 female under 5 2 females 5 – 10 1 female 10 – 15 1 female 30 – 40 Total: 9
286	8	Elisha Kelly 2 males 5 – 10 1 male 10 – 15 1 male 30 – 40  1 male slave 10 – 24	1 female 30 – 40   1 female slave 10 – 24

**1840**

1840 Autauga County Alabama Census	
p. 18, line 2	
James Seales	
1 male 40 – 50	
1 male 60 – 70	
2 male slaves under 10	
1 male slave 36 – 55	
2 female slaves under 10	
3 female slaves 10 – 24	
1 female slave 24 – 36	
Total: 11	
7 engaged in agriculture	

1840 Butler County Alabama Census			
page #	line #		
157	1	Hiram Peavy 2 males under 5 1 male 20 – 30  1 male slave 10 – 24	1 female 20 – 30  1 female slaves 24 – 36 Total: 6 2 engaged in agriculture
	2	Thos. Peavy 1 male under 5 1 male 5 – 10 1 male 10 – 15 1 male 30 – 40	1 female under 5 2 females 5 – 10 1 female 10 – 15 1 female 30 – 40 Total: 9

135	3	Lydia Peavy 1 male slave 10 – 24	2 engaged in agriculture  1 female 50 – 60 1 female slave 36 – 55 Total: 3 2 engaged in agriculture
	6	Anderson Seal 3 males under 5 2 male 5 – 10 1 male 10 – 15 1 male 30 – 40	1 female 10 – 15 1 female 30 – 40  1 male slave 10 – 24 1 female slave 10 – 24 Total: 11
	27	Jno. B. Seale 1 male under 5 1 male 30 – 40	1 female 20 – 30  Total: 3 1 engaged in agriculture
	16	Ranson Seale 2 males 5 – 10 1 male 40 – 50  2 male slaves under 10 1 male slave 10 – 24 1 male slave 24 – 36	1 female under 5 1 female 5 – 10 1 female 10 – 15 2 females 20 – 30  1 female slave 24 – 36 Total: 13 4 engaged in agriculture
	20	Thos. Seale 3 males under 5 1 male 5 – 10 1 male 30 – 40  2 male slaves 10 – 24	2 females 5 – 10 1 female 10 – 15 1 female 20 – 30  Total: 11 2 engaged in agriculture
160	13	Wm. Seale 2 males 5 – 10 1 male 10 – 15 1 male 30 – 40	2 females under 5 1 female 5 – 10 1 female 30 – 40  2 female slaves 10 – 24 Total: 10 1 engaged in agriculture

1840 Lowndes County Alabama Census			
page #	line #		
250	3	Ephraim Parmer 2 males 5 – 10 2 males 10 – 15 2 males 15 – 20	1 female under 5 1 female 10 – 15 1 female 30 – 40



		1 male 40 – 50	
		2 male slaves under 10 2 male slaves 10 – 24	2 female slaves under 10 3 female slaves 10 – 24 1 female slave 24 – 36 Total: 20 8 engaged in agriculture
223	1	Elisha Kelly 1 male under 5 2 males 5 – 10 1 male 40 – 50	1 female 30 – 40
		3 male slaves under 10 1 male slave 36 – 55	2 female slaves under 10 1 female slave 10 – 24 Total: 12 3 engaged in agriculture
254	22	Alford Kelly 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 5 – 10 1 female 20 – 30 Total: 4 1 engaged in agriculture
I found no Balam Bates listed here in 1840.			

1840 Union Parish Louisiana Census			
page #	line #		
338	15	William Ham 1 male 5 – 10 1 male 10 – 15 1 male 30 – 40  (slave listings not given)	1 female 20 – 30  Total: 4 1 engaged in agriculture
	28	John Cooper 1 male 20 – 30	
	30	James H. Seal 1 male 20 – 30	
340	17	David Ward 2 males under 5 1 male 5 – 10 1 male 30 – 40  (slave listings not given)	1 female 5 – 10 1 female 10 – 15 1 female 20 – 30  Total: 7
343	21	John D. Cooper 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 15 – 20
	22	Adam B. Cooper [sic] 1 male under 5 1 male 20 – 30	1 female 15 – 20

**1850**

1850 Autauga County Alabama Census, Population Schedule
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Pine Flatt Beat			page 48	6 Nov 1850	household #710
James Seals	81	m	NC	Farmer	
Hannah "	66	f	NC	Real Estate value: \$1200	
James "	22	m	Ala	[probably the elder James' grandson]	

1850 Butler County Alabama Census, Population Schedule						
Beat No. 6			13 Nov 1850		p. 225	
#696	Ransom Seal	51	m	S. Carolina	Farmer	Real Estate value: \$3000
	Eleaner "	43	f	Georgia		
	Allen "	20	m	Ala	Farmer	
	John "	17	m	"	"	
	Lydia "	13	f	"		
	Abbie "	11	f	"		
	Marion "	8	m	"		
	Mary "	6	f	"		
	Clara "	4	f	"		
#697	John P. Clark	28	m	Connecticut	Pedlar	
	Susan "	23	f	Ala		
	Mary "	3	f	"		
	John "	1	m	"		
Township Eleven			30 Dec 1850		p. 260	
#240	Anderson Seale	47	m	SC	Farmer	Real Estate value: \$1500
	Mary	44	f	SC		
	Charles	20	m	Ala	Farmer	attended school in the year
	Hampton	18	m	"	"	" " " " " "
	Reuben	16	m	"	"	
	James	14	m	"	Attended school in the year	
	Elias	12	m	"		
	Henry	10	m	"		
	Martha	8	f	"		
	Herbert	7	m	"		
	Malissa	1	f	"		
	Susan Armstrong	22	f			
					p. 250	
#91	Elisha Kelly	50	m	S. Carolina	Farmer	Real Estate: \$300
	Rose "	45	f	S. Carolina		
	Elisha "	17	m	Ala	Farmer	
	Samuel "	10	m	"		
	Margaret "	8	f	"		
	Hampton "	3	m	"		

1850 Lowndes County Alabama Census, Population Schedule						
22 Oct 1850			p. 126			
#356	William Grant	50	m	S. Carolina	Planter	Real Estate value: \$800
	Catharine W. "	50	f	S. Carolina		
	William "	21	m	S. Carolina	Planter	
	Elizabeth "	19	f	S. Carolina	Attended school during the year	
Rocky Mount District			14 Dec 1850		p. 185	
#134	Ephrain Pamer [sic]	63	m	Maryland	Planter	
	Matilda "	45	f	S. Carolina		
	Clinton "	19	m	Ala	Planter	
	Turner "	17	m	"		
	Amanda "	12	f	"		
#135	Roan Parmer	23	m	"	Planter	Real Estate value: \$150

#142	B. B. Bates	47	m	S. Carolina	Planter	Real Estate value: \$1247 Cannot read or write Planter
	Mary "	56	f	S. Carolina		
	Thomas W. "	20	m	Ala		
	Rachael "	18	f	"		
	Cicero "	16	m	"		
	James "	13	m	"		

1850 Jackson Parish Louisiana Census, Population Schedule						
1 Nov 1850		p. 372				
#327/342	Thos. J. Seals	33	m	S.C.	Farmer	
	Alatha "	27	f	Ala		
	Thos. E. "	4	m	Ala		
	Lana "	1	f			
/343	Jas. H. Seals	35	m	S.C.	Clerk on Com [Court] House	
	Sarah J. "	21	f	Miss		
	Amanda "	5	f	La		

1850 Union Parish Louisiana Census, Population Schedule						
14 Aug 1850		p. 350				
#19	B. A. Cooper	35	m	S.C.	Merchant	Real estate value: \$1000
	Nancy "	25	f	Ga	Married within the year	
	Lafayette "	12	m	Ala	Attended school within the year	
	Willis "	10	m	La	" " " " "	
	Frances "	5	m	La	" " " " "	
	Harriett "	1/12	f	La		
16 Aug 1850		p. 357				
#119	David Ward	42	m	Ga	Farmer	Real estate value: \$1500
	Lavenia "	37	f	SC		
	Hubbard "	20	m	Ala	Farmer	
	John "	14	m	Ala		
	Julia "	9	f	Te nn		
	James "	5	m	La		
	David "	5	m	La		
	William "	2	m	La		
	L. Thomas	14	m	SC		
	John Campbell	30	m	NC	Wagon Maker	
	Jane W. Ward	60	f	SC		
#120	William Ham	49	m	Va	Farmer	Real estate value: \$7000
	Clarenda "	39	f	SC		
	Hilliard "	21	m	Ala	None	
	Reuben "	19	m	Ala	None	
	Hubburd "	15	m	Ala	Attended school in the year	
	Jacob Clingpost	49	m	Germany	Carpenter	[this was not a son of Clarenda Seale Ham's, although she raised him; possibly a nephes]
23 Aug 1850		p. 369				
#276	Alfred Robards	45	m	NC	Farmer	
	Elizabeth "	36	f	SC		
	Louisa "	3	f	La		
	W. F. Ramsey	21	M	A	Overseer	
#418	Joshua Seale	75	m	SC	Farmer	
	Elizabeth "	70	f	NC		

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