

Descendants of John A Seale

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN A⁴ SEALE (*THOMAS*³, *THOMAS*², *THOMAS*¹)^{1,2} was born Bef. Jan 1833 in Butler County, Alabama³, and died 04 Jan 1862 in Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama^{4,5}.

Notes for JOHN A SEALE:

He is logically the John A Seale who witnessed the deeds from Sarah Murphy to Josiah Mullins and from Josiah to Wilson Murphy in 1856. There were no other John Seales in the area at the time, except Ransom Seale's son John W, in household with Ransom and Allen Beckham in 1860 Wilcox.

Butler County Probate Minutes - Book 1, 1853-55:

pg 26-27: No dates on entries. Wilson Murphy, guardian of John, Wilson, William and Thomas Seale, heirs of Thomas Seale. Because courthouse burned 12 Apr 1853, bond being re-recorded.

pg 171-172: 29 Mar 1854. Wilson Murphy, guardian of John Seale who has become 21 years old. Final Settlement of \$295.39. (Therefore, John had to be born before 29 Mar 1833 and probably before Jan 1833, because brother Wm Riley was supposedly born in Oct 1833.)

Transcripts – Commissioners Court Minutes, Butler County, 1853-59:

CPN 372 RPN 149: Authorized payment to John A Seale, R.O. for Precinct 11 for May election 1856.

CPN 497 RPN 279: Authorized payment of \$1.50 to John A Seale for guarding H D Parks, a state prisoner, one day in 1858.

1860 US Census Wilcox County, Alabama, Eastern Division, pg 1053, #262/294:

John Seale 27 barkeeper, pers prop = \$400 Al

in household of:

Nicholas Reagan 45 grocer, \$1000, \$10,000 SC

Julia Reagan 35 Al + 6 children

(Right age to be John A Seale b. c1833, son of Thomas III. This is in the area of plantations owned by Wilson Murphy, Alfred Carter and Ransom Seale. John W Seale also in Wilcox, father's household.)

Butler County Estate Book 5, Pg 298-99 :

8 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? (mistranscription?) List of same property sold: \$129.15. No heirs listed.

Butler County Estate Book 7, 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: These are the 4 boys (John, William, Thomas and Wilson Seale) whose guardian was Wilson Murphy. Assume brother Wilson Seale dead by this time.)

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Compiled Service Record:

J A Seale, Pvt, Co F, 18th Ala Inf

Muster Roll 12 Aug - 30 Nov 1861: enlisted 2 Aug 1861 Butler Springs, Al by Capt H Clay Armstrong, for the war.

Muster Roll 30 Nov - 31 Dec 1861: absent, sick in General Hospital at Mobile.

Muster Roll 31 Dec 1861 - 31 Aug 1862: last paid to 31 Dec 1861 by T W Cowles. Rmks: **died at General Hospital 4 Jan 1862.**

Statement of Service Reference Slip, Cos- -? Pen, Tex

James T Seale, Co F, 18 Regt Al., not found as called for. For report on Thomas Seale, see herewith?

3?/16/1?5. J A Seale, Pvt, Co F, 18 Regt Al. Inf. enl Aug 2, '61 at Butler Springs by Capt Armstrong for the war, Dec 31, '61 to Aug 31, '62 < illegible > in which < illegible (home?)> sick at General Hospital Jan 4, '62, <2 wds illegible> (signed:) F W <illegible>

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Another document, typed but badly blurred: April 12, 1915?

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions, State of Texas, Austin. No account has been found of service?, capture or parole of a man named James ? Seale as a member of Company F, 18th Reg't Alabama Infantry, CSA.

The records show, however, that one J A Seales, private of the organization mentioned, enlisted Aug 2, 1861 at Butler Springs and that he died Jan 4, 1862 at General Hospital, place not stated.

Our records also show that one <illegible> Seale or Seals, private same company and regiment, enlisted August ? 1862 at Greenville, Ala.

(Not by wrm: See also notes under his brother James Thomas Seale, whose CSR contains similar references, from when he applied for pension. James Thomas Seale's CSR states "Present on Muster Roll Sept-Oct 1862: enlisted 30 Aug 1862 Greenville, Al by Capt A C Greene.")

Endnotes

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4. *Butler County, Alabama, probate records*, Estate Book 5, pg 298-299, 8 Jan 1862 bond affidavit for appointment of Franklin Vickery as administrator of estate of John A. Seale, deceased.
5. *Compiled Service Records, Confederate*, Co F, 18th Al Regt, muster roll comments gave date of death at general hospital, Mobile.