

Will and Estate of James Seale

Will Book 1, pg 143-144

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:

1st All my Just Debts are to be paid by my executors.

2nd Will and desire that my Estate both real and personal in during (sic) what money in Specie and Bank Bills that may be on 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 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 sum so advanced to these 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 (sic) been mislaid so that I cannot now find it that is to say 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 has been lost or mislaid and after such advancement are (sic) 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.

3rd 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 (sic) my further will and desire and I so will declare and direct that increase (sic) 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.

4th 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 lifetimes.

5th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Sons **Ranson** (sic) **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.

James Seale

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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 (sic) of each other have subscribed our names as which thereto.

Thos. W. Williams
Wilson Murphy
Alfred Carter

The State of Alabama, Butler County. In the Probate Court of said County, Regular Term.
March 12th 1860. In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of James Seale deceased

Before me S J Bolling Judge of said Court personally appeared in open court **Wilson Murphey** and **Alfred Carter** who having been by me first respectively duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which perports (sic) to be the last will and testament of James Seale deceased lately an inhabitant of this county 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 and that affiants set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same together with **Thomas Williams** the other subscribing witness in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other that said testator was of sound mind and desposing (sic) memory and in the opinion of deponents fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said testator was on the day of the said date of said will over the age of twent one years.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 12th day of March 1860. S. J. Bolling Judge of Probate

Wilson Murphey
Alfred Carter

Estate Record Book 4, pg 574:

Butler Co Dec. 13th 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:

Peter a man about fifty two years of age to	William Grant	\$ 111.00
Cherry a woman about fifty two years of age to	Ransom Seale	170.00
Ellick a man about twentyfive years of age to	Ransom Seale	1500.00
George a man about twentythree years of age to	Wm Ham	1700.00
Caroline & her three children		
Julia, Sucky & Sol to	Ransom Seale	2505.00
Major a boy about thirteen years to	Anderson Seale	1125.00
Marion a boy about Eleven years to	John W. Seale	800.00
Charlotte a woman and her three children		
Laura Wade & Jesse to	Robert Steen	2691.00
Jane a girl nine years of age to	William Ham	1370.00
Eliza a woman and child		
woman fifteen child seven months to	William Grant	1700.00
One Mule to	Lewis J Knight	130.00
One Mule to	William Seale	95.00
One Gray Horse to	Ransom Seale	65.00
One Yearling to	Ransom Seale	2.00
One Dun Cow & Calf to	Franklin Vickrey	18.00
One Dun Headed Cow & Yearling to	Richard Hartsfield	15.00
One Lot of Hogs five to	Ransom Seale	52.00
One do. eight to	Ransom Seale	35.00
One Bed & Stead & Furniture to	Wilson Murphy	30.00
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One Lot of Counterpins (sic) six to	Ransom Seale	30.00
One Lot of Blankets Sheets & Coverleds to	Matthew Anderson	8.00
One Lot of Sheets & quilt to	Willis Middleton	7.50
One Eight day clock to	Wm. Seale	5.00
One Double Barrell shot Gun to	Simeon Leverett	10.15
One side Board to	Ransom Seale	6.00
One Dining Table to	John C Thomson	0.25
One two small tables to	Matthew Anderson	0.25
One chest to	Ransom Seale	0.50
One desk to	Anderson Seale	2.50
2 Trunks to	Anderson Seale	2.00
One Loom to	Ransom Seale	1.00
One Spinning Wheel to	Ransom Seale	1.00
10 Setting Chairs to	J. B. Murphy	5.00
One Man's saddle to	R. Seale	8.50
One side saddle to	R. Seale	2.00
One set knives forks spoons to	R. Seale	1.50
One Looking Glass to	John McQuirter	0.50
One Lot stone jars to	Wilson Murphy	1.55
One pr Steelyards to	John W. Seale	0.62½
One Lot Potware to	R. Seale	4.00
One Lot of stone jugs to	R. Seale	1.25
One Lot of tools to	Ransom Seale	1.00
One Lot of Crockery Glasses	Thos. Seale	4.50
One real to	Thos. Seale	.50
One Churn	R. Seale	0.25
One Lot of Tablecloth	Ezra Hixon	1.25
One amount of cattle sold privately	R. Seale	70.94
One amount of money on Hand at his death		12.05
		14,329.57
	(Actual total: 14,339.57)	