

Descendants of William Riley Seale

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM RILEY⁴ SEALE (*THOMAS³, THOMAS², THOMAS¹*)^{1,2} was born Oct 1833 in Butler County, Alabama^{3,4,5,6}, and died Aft. 01 Jun 1880 in Nacogdoches County, Texas⁷. He married FRANCES JANE YATES⁸ 23 Aug 1855 in Nacogdoches County, Texas^{9,10}. She was born Abt. 1832 in Georgia^{11,12,13}.

Notes for WILLIAM RILEY SEALE:

Butler County Probate Minutes - Book 2, pg 94-95:

11 Jan 1856. Final settlement to William R Seale, now of full age, heir of Thomas Seale, by Wilson Murphy. Benjamin Rhodes agent and atty for Wm R. Seale. Said ward was of full age sometime in the month of Oct 1854. \$330 from his father Thomas Seale, Jr, including what came from estate of Thomas Seale, Sr.; total \$339.40 paid to Benj. Rhodes.

(Therefore, according to this, he was born in Oct 1833. However, he is consistently age 24-34-44 on censuses 1860-70-80 (and probably 14 in 1850), giving birth year 1835 if born in October. Census ages would fit only if he turned 21 in Oct 1856. It also seems odd that it would take over a year to receive his final settlement. He had married in Aug 1855. Benjamin Rhodes is the person suspected of being the second husband of Sarah Murphy Mullens Rhodes, sister of Wilson Murphy. Benjamin and his new wife, Dicey, also moved to Nacogdoches by 1860.)

No Cemetery listing found in Ericson, Carolyn Reeves, **Nacogdoches Cemetery Records, Vol 1-5**.

Marriage Record from: <http://www.genealogybuff.com/tx/tx-nacogdoches-brides2.htm> (copied 16 June 2005):
William SEALS Frances S. YATES 23 August 1855 H. D. PALMER

This looks like William Riley in Escambia County, Fl, two entries away from his sister Amanda Seale Austin. I stumbled on him while reviewing her 1850 census entry. He had never shown up on search via Ancestry.com index or in AIS book index of Alabama or Arkansas. A Soundex search on ancestry.com of all "Seals" in US born in Alabama 1830-1840 does NOT produce Wm Seals in Escambia County, Fl! You have to remove the "Alabama" and then it will show him, because his birthplace is indexed as "Ala" and NOT Alabama, as most are!

1850 US Census, Escambia County, Florida, 7 Nov (but as of 1 June), First Dist. Interior, pg 143b, #52:

Washington Austin	22	no occ given	Al
Amanda	20	Al marked as not being able to read and write	
John Thomas	3	Al	
Francis M (m)	6/12	Al	

***These people may also be from Butler County.

At #54: William H Lee 28 farmer Al and Caroline 21, cannot R/W Al

At #57: John Lee 56 SC and Dicey 50 Ga

At #56: Elijah Blackman 30 SC and Mary 20 Al

At #50:

William Miller	33	millwright \$---	Ga	***Probably son of Hiram & Milbry Miller of Butler Co
Esther	30	cannot R/W	SC	
Martha A	5		Al	
Hiram	1		Al	
Wm Seals	14	att. school	Al	I believe this is Wm Riley Seale - Right age.
Jos L Ross	29	labourer	SC	

In 1860, Escambia County, Fl, pg 454b, #102, there is another Wm Seals, age 28, sawyer, from Alabama, but he is 4 years too old to be this one.

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1860 US Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 6 July, P.O. Melrose, Beat 3C, page 150, #471:

Wm R Seals 24 farmer \$250 \$560 Al
 Frances J 28 Ga
 John S 2, Susan R 1 Tx

At #466: Stephen and Nancy Yates, reported to be her parents

At #472: Daniel Y and Martha J Yates (her brother, maybe?)

At #473: John (43) and Nancy (45) Parret and their 20-yr-old son John, who was born in Al.

At #474: Benjamin (60) and Dicey (40) Rhodes, who were in Monroe Co, Al in 1850, near Josiah Mullins.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/nacogdoches/court/1867vtrs.txt> :

Nacogdoches Voters List 1867

(no Mullins/Mullens, no Osborn Kelly)

Wm. R. SEALS
 John PERRITT, Jr.
 Francis M. PARROTT
 Wm. C. PARROTT
 Robert J. BOWLIN ***related to Butler Co. Bollings?
 James A. STALLINGS
 Benjamin RHODES

also:

Thos. B. MURPHEY ***any relevance?
 K. P. MURPHEY
 A. J. MURPHEY
 J. M. MURPHEY
 Thomas J. MURPH

1870 US Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 19 Sep 1870, P.O. Melrose, District #3, page 491, #87/89:

Seals, William R 34 farmer - - - \$400 Al cannot R/W
 Frances J 38 Ga she can R/W
 Lawn (sic) S 12, Susan R 11 TX cannot R/W
 Henry T (age illegible), Annie E 3, William T 7/12 (b. Feb) TX

At #85: Osburn Tomlinson 28 (Frances Yates' mother reportedly Nancy Tomlinson.)

At #96: John S (28, b. Tx) and Sarah (26, b. Ga) Yates.

At #97: Widow Nancy Yates 66 enumerated alone

At #9: John Perritte Sr 53 and Anthy 54

At #8: John Perritte (31, b. Al) and Sarah L (25, b. La)

At #2: John H Mullins from Al

At #55: Benjamin (68) and Disie (50) Rhodes

1880 US Census Nacogdoches County, Cherino, Texas, Page 248B:

William R. SEALS	Self	M	Male	W	44	AL	Farmer	GA	GA
Francis J. SEALS	Wife	M	Female	W	48	GA	Keeping House	GA	GA
Henry T. SEALS	Son	S	Male	W	14	TX	AL	GA	
Annie E. SEALS	Dau	S	Female	W	12	TX	AL	GA	
Willie T. SEALS	Son	S	Male	W	10	TX	AL	GA	
Cora A. SEALS	Dau	S	Female	W	8	TX	AL	GA	
Fannie V. SEALS	Dau	S	Female	W	6	TX	AL	GA	

(Note: Interesting, if correct, that both his parents were from Ga, although his sister Mary Jones said in 1880 both her parents were from Al. His brother James Thomas said Al Al in both 1880 and 1900.)

Adj. entry:

Charley F. GARRETT	Self	M	Male	W	21	TX	Farmer	TX	AR
Emma A. GARRETT	Wife	M	Female	W	22	TX	Keeping House	TN	AL
Ella L. GARRETT	Sister	S	Female	W	17	TX	At Home	TX	AR
*** John S. SEALS	Other	S	Male	W	22	TX	Works On Farm	AL	GA
Jessee LOCK	Other	S	Male	W	24	AL	Works On Farm	UNK	UNK

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1900: not found in Texas via Ancestry.com index. Frances not found in Texas 1900 or 1910.

Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama prior to the Civil War by Madge Pettit, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, Md 20716, 1988, pg 239:

"William Riley Seale was born around 1834 in Butler County, Alabama, son of Thomas Seale III and Nancy _____, and died in Nacogdoches County, Texas. On 23 August 1855 in Nacogdoches County, Texas, he was married to Frances Jane Yates, born 9 May 1832 in Floyd County, Georgia, daughter of Stephen Yates and Nancy Tomlinson. She died in 1916 in Nacogdoches County, Texas. William enlisted in the Confederate Army in Rusk, Texas, on 18 Feb 1862, in Co. K, Colonel O M Roberts Regiment of the Texas Voluntary Infantry. William and Frances had seven children:

John Stephen	b. 28 Jan 1858, Nacogdoches Co., TX & d. 9 July 1940, Wortham, TX, m. Senie Lee Willard.
Susan Rebecca	b. about 1859, Nacogdoches Co., TX, m. Tom Farrow.
Henry Fletcher	b. 10 Mar 1866, Nacogdoches Co. TX, & d. 25 Dec 1952, Teague, TX, m. Maggie C Odom
Annie Elizabeth	b. 27 Dec 1867, Nacogdoches Co., TX, & d. 21 Aug 1937, Wortham, TX, m. Franklin H Willard.
William T	b. Feb 1870, Nacogdoches Col, TX
Cora Allen	b. around 1872, Nacogdoches Co., TX
Frances Valeta	b. 12 Dec 1875, Nacogdoches Co., TX, m. W Nelson Odom. "

"Nacogdoches -- Gateway to Texas Volume II: 1850-1880; A Biographical Directory,"

Carolyn Reeves Ericson, compiler, Nacogdoches, Texas: Ericson Books, 1987.

As reported by Debbie Parker Wayne of the Nacogdoches TXGenWeb Project, who kindly did the lookup for me. Page 351:

Seals, William Riley - b ca 1836 Alabama, married Frances
J. Yates 23 August 1855, daughter of Stephen & Nancy Yates.
1857 tax list, 1860 census, 1861 tax list, 1862 tax list,
C.S.A. Co. K., Rogert's Regt. Texas Volunteer Infantry,
1864 Relief List, 1867 Voter Registration [in county 12 years],
1870 census, 1880 census.

CHILDREN:

John S.	b 28 January 1858 Texas,
Susan R.	b ca 1859,
Henry F.	b 10 March 1866,
Annie E.	b 27 December 1867,
William T.	b February 1870,
Cora Allen	b ca 1872,
Frances Valeta	b 12 December 1875.

Chireno Upper Cemetery <http://www.chireno.com/Upper.htm>:

STEEN James	Aug 25, 1823 - Dec 16, 1912	STEEN, Sarah
STEEN Sarah	Aug 01, 1837 - August 4, 1908	STEEN, James S.
STEEN Stephen M.	Feb 11, 1873 - Nov 15, 1917	

Notes for FRANCES JANE YATES:

1860 US Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 6 July, P.O. Melrose, Beat 3C, page 150, #472:

Daniel Y Yates	26 farmer	----	\$475	Ga
Martha J	23	Al		
Wm H V	11/12	Tx		

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1860 US Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 6 July, P.O. Melrose, Beat 3C, page 149, #466:

Stephen Yates 55 farmer \$2000 \$1665 NC
Nancy 55 Ga
Needham B 23 farmer \$- - - - \$500 Ga
Matilda 22 Tx
Stephen 19 farmer, Asberry (m) 17, Elizabeth A 13 last 3 in school, all born Tx

1870 US Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 19 Sep 1870, P.O. Melrose, District #3, page 491B, #96:

Yates, John S(tephen?) 28 farmer \$- - - \$175 Tx
Sarah 26 Ga
Dempsey (f) 7 La
John F 2, Stephen E 1 Tx

1870 US Census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, 19 Sep 1870, P.O. Melrose, District #3, page 491B, #97:

Yates, Nancy 66 keeps house \$- - - \$200 Ga enumerated alone

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=message&r=rw&p=localities.northam.usa.states.texas.counties.nacogdoches&m=84.295> (copied 17 sep 2003) by Susan Bonner Kennard:

Lucinda Perritt b.3 Oct 1846 Ala d. 27 Aug 1935
m. 8 May 1866 Nacogdoches Co., TX Needham B. Yates b.1835 GA
s/o Stephen Yates and Nancy Jane Tomlinson (GA,Rusk Co TX, Nacogdoches Co TX)

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=ericwood8&id=I1190> :

Database by Eric Bonner Wood

Stephen Yates dead by 1870. Had brother Needham.
Marriage 1 NANCY JANE TOMLINSON b: 1805 in GA.
Married: 29 Jul 1828 in MONROE CO., GA.
Note: <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ga/monroe/vitals/marriages/1850.txt>
Monroe Co GA MARRIAGES From 1824 to 1850
YATES Stephen & TOMLINSON Nancy 07/29/1828

Children of WILLIAM SEALE and FRANCES YATES are:

- i. JOHN S⁵ SEALE¹⁴, b. Abt. 1858¹⁵.
- ii. SUSAN R SEALE¹⁶, b. Abt. 1859¹⁷.
- iii. HENRY T SEALE, b. Abt. 1866¹⁸.
- iv. ANNIE E SEALE, b. Abt. 1867¹⁹.
- v. WILLIAM T SEALE, b. 1870¹⁹.
- vi. CORA A SEALE, b. Abt. 1872²⁰.
- vii. FANNIE V SEALE, b. Abt. 1874²⁰.

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Endnotes

1. *Butler County, Alabama, 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.
2. *Butler County, Alabama, probate records*, Estate Book 7, Pg. 42, 17 Sept 1863 Estate of John A. Seale by Franklin Vickery. List of heirs.
3. *Butler County, Alabama, Probate Minutes*, Book 2, pg 94-95, 11 Jan 1856. Final settlement to William R Seale, now of full age, heir of Thomas Seale, by Wilson Murphy. . .Said ward was of full age sometime in the month of Oct 1854. (Note: census ages would fit if he had turned 21 in Oct 1855. It also seems odd that it would take over a year to receive his final settlement.).
4. US Census 1860 Nacogdoches County, Texas, P.O. Melrose, Beat 3C, page 150, #471, age 24.
5. US Census 1870 Nacogdoches County, Texas, District #3, Melrose, page 491, #89, age 34.
6. US Census 1880 Nacogdoches County, Texas, Cherino, page 248; LDS online: familysearch.org, age 44.
7. US Census 1880 Nacogdoches County, Texas, Cherino, Texas, pg 248B.
8. Madge Pettit, *Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama prior to the Civil War*, (Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, Md 20716, 1988), pg 239, includes middle name Jane.
9. Madge Pettit, *Pioneers and Residents of West Central Alabama prior to the Civil War*, (Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, Md 20716, 1988), pg 239.
10. Genealogybuff.com, *Early Nacogdoches County Marriages*, (<http://www.genealogybuff.com/tx/tx-nacogdoches-brides2.htm>), "Electronic," copied 16 June 2005.
11. US Census 1870 Nacogdoches County, Texas, District #3, Melrose, page 491, #89, age 38.
12. US Census 1860 Nacogdoches County, Texas, P.O. Melrose, Beat 3C, page 150, #471, age 28.
13. US Census 1880 Nacogdoches County, Texas, Cherino, Texas, Page 248B, age 48.
14. US Census 1860 Nacogdoches County, Texas.
15. US Census 1870 Nacogdoches County, Texas, District #3, Melrose, page 491, #89.
16. US Census 1860 Nacogdoches County, Texas, P.O. Melrose, Beat 3C, page 150, #471.
17. US Census 1870 Nacogdoches County, Texas, District #3, Melrose, page 491, #89.
18. US Census 1880 Nacogdoches County, Texas, Cherino, Texas, Page 248.
19. US Census 1870 Nacogdoches County, Texas, District #3, Melrose, page 491, #89.
20. US Census 1880 Nacogdoches County, Texas, Nacogdoches County, Cherino, Page 248.