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Subject: RE: Seale Research Request
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Good afternoon Ms. Lyles –

I wanted to touch base with you and see whether anyone in your Genealogy Department has had any luck on locating documentation regarding Rachel Kelley and James Seale.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanking you in advance for your kind assistance, I remain,

Yours truly,

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Dear Mr. Melton,

I am copying this request to the genealogical volunteer group to start looking for this information. I hope we can find a deed, as marriage licenses do not exist from that period. However, if you have any idea of the community where they lived, we might find a church with some congregational records. Other surnames connected to the family at that period might help us to narrow down a search for the community they lived in.

I'm excited to help in your search and hope we can locate something.

Pelham Lyles



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Subject: Seale Research Request

Dear Madam:

My secretary spoke with Mrs. Lyles and she has directed me to contact you regarding a research request.

I am in need of some sort of proof that Rachel (or Rachael) Kelley (or Kelly) was the wife of James Seale. They were married sometime around 1792 in South Carolina. They resided in Fairfield County, South Carolina. According to information I have, there are two deeds, one dated in 1802 and one dated in 1809, that list Rachel as the wife of James Seale.

I am writing to request copies of a deed, or marriage license if available, so that I might prove the relationship. I will be happy to promptly remit any charges in connection with this research request.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the below number. If I am unavailable, you may feel free to speak with my secretary, Alesia.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention, I am,

Yours truly,

William D. Melton

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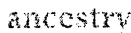
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James Seale

James Seale

(CHARLES1, ANTHONY2, ANTHONY3, WILLIAM4) son of Charles SEALE and Lydia Muse, b. 13 FEB 1769 in Cumberland Co. [became Moore Co in 1784], N.C.; d. 4 FEB 1860 in Butler Co., ALA; m. about 1792 in S.C. to (1)

Rachel [possibly Kelley] b. 2 SEP 1785; d. bef 1829 in S.C.; m. abt 1829 to (2) **Rebecca Unknown** b. abt 1785; d. late 1839 or early 1840; m. 26 JAN 1842 in Lowndes Co., ALA to (3) **Hannah Roberts Higginbottom Ivey** b. abt 1784 in N.C. [per 1850 Census], d. 14 FEB 1859 in Butler Co., Alabama.

Found in [Family Data Collection - Individual Records](#) as **James SEALE**; Spouse: **Rachel Kelly**; Parents: Charles SEALE, Lydia Muse; Birth Place: Cumberland Co., N.C.; Birth Date: 1768; Marriage Date: 1797; Death Place: Butler Co.; Death Date: 1860. Found in [U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900 Record](#) as **James SEALE**; Gender: male, Birth Place: N.C.; Birth Year: 1773; Spouse Name: **Rachel Kelley**; Spouse Birth Year: 1785; Number Pages: 1. Land was surveyed for Charles SEALE in Craven County, S.C. on Sawney's Branch of the Wateree River in the fall of 1769, and this land was granted to him in the spring of 1770. Thus, presumably

James moved with his father to S.C. as an infant. **James** grew up in old Craven County, S.C., a part of Camden District. This area became Fairfield County in 1785, then in 1800 became Fairfield District. **James** lived with his sister Lydia and her husband, Abraham, after their marriage for several years. Lydia and Abraham Peavy were married in Wilkes Co., Georgia on 6 SEP 1784 [brother James says wedding was in 1786]. **James** returned to S.C. by 1791. Based on the ages of

his eldest children, **James** first married about 1792 or 1793 to **Rachel** (possibly Kelley). Deeds dated 1802 and 1809 give his wife's name as **Rachel**. The 1800, 1810 and 1820 Censuses indicate **Rachel** was born between 1770 and 1774. 1880 and 1900 Censuses of the children indicate that **Rachel** was born in S.C. It is difficult to estimate when **Rachel** died, sometime before 1830. **James** and **Rachel** farmed and raised their children in Fairfield County/District, S.C. As late as 1794, all of the children of Charles and Lydia SEALE (except for Nancy) were living in Fairfield County, S.C. But by 1818, **James** was the only SEALE left. **James** moved to Butler Co., ALA in 1821. He moved to Lowndes Co., ALA in 1832 and to Autauga Co., ALA about 1836. He returned back to Butler Co., ALA in 1852. Found in [1810 Fairfield Co., S.C. Census](#) page 1 as **James Seal** with 2 males under 10 years [William-age 3, Anderson-age 8]; with 1 male 10-15 years [Ransom-age 11]; with 1 male 26-44 years [James-age 41]; with 3 females under 10 years [Matilda-age 5, ??]; with 3 females 10-15 years [?, Mary-age 14, Elizabeth-age 16]; with 1 female 26-44 years [Rachel-age 25]. **James** bought land in Wilkinson Co., GEO in 1811, but if he ever moved there it was for only a short time. He was residing in Fairfield in JAN 1811, and then every year between OCT 1812 and 1820, he is found as a resident of Fairfield. If he actually moved to Georgia again, it must have been only for the growing seasons of 1811 and possibly 1812. General Andrew Jackson's military victory against the Creek nation in 1814 opened up a vast area of present day central Alabama to white settlement. On 4 AUG 1817, the first portion of this land was put on the auction block in the Georgia state capitol of Milledgeville. All land office records were later transferred to the Cahaba Land Office which opened 10 OCT 1818 in Dallas County, ALA. Found in [1820 Fairfield Co., S. Carolina Census](#) as **James SEAL** with 2 males under 10 years; with 1 male 10-16 years; with 1 male 16-18 years; with 2 males 18-26 years; with 1 male over 45 years; with 3 females under 10 years; with 1 female 10-16 years; with 1 female 16-26 years; with 1 female over 45 years; with 6 engaged in agriculture; with 1 male slave under 14 years; with 1 male slave 15-26 years; with 4 female slaves under 14 years; with 2 female slaves 26-45 years. In the fall/winter of 1820 **James** left Fairfield District, S.C. and moved to Butler Co., Alabama, where his sister Lydia SEALE Peavy had settled in about 1818 or 1819. He bought a farm from the government (240 acres, possibly 400) in SEP 1821, located a few miles from Greenville, ALA, and lived there until about 1831. He paid \$99.70¼ for the 80 acres - \$.70¼ in change and \$99 from the Bank of S.C. Found in [Alabama Land Records](#) as **James SEALE**; Land Office: Cahaba; Document: 4978; Total Acres: 80; Issue Date: 16 NOV 1830. Found in [1830 Butler Co., Alabama Census](#) page 283, line 9 as **James SEALE** with 1 male 10-15 years [Thomas-age 14]; with 1 male 15-20 years [James-age 16]; with 1 male 60-70 years [James-age 61]; with 1 female 5-10 years [Elvina-age 10]; with 1 female 40-50 years [Rebecca-age 45]; with 1 male slave 10-24 years; with 1 male slave 24-36 years; with 3 female slaves under 10 years; with 3 female slaves 10-25 years; with 1 female slave 24-36 years; with 1 female slave 36-55 years. Found in [Alabama Land Records](#) as **James SEALE**; Land Office: Cahaba; Document Number: 8365; Total Acres: 82.125; Issue Date: 1 DEC 1831. **James** moved to southern Lowndes County, just a short distance north of his old Butler Co. farm in about 1832 and lived there until about 1835. His daughters Elizabeth SEALE Kelley, Mary SEALE Bates, Matilda SEALE Parmer, Clarendia SEALE Ham and Cynthia SEALE Ward had all settled in the portion of Butler County that became southern Lowndes County in 1830. Sons Thomas J. and James H. bought adjoining tracts of land from the government. About 1835, 6 of **James'** children left Lowndes Co., ALA and moved to northern Ouachita Parish, LOU. About 1836 **James** moved from Lowndes County where he and his children had adjoining plantations, into Autauga [now Elmore, quite close to the state capitol of Montgomery] County, ALA. **James** paid the government \$550 for 440 acres of land between 1829 and 1835 and he purchased 160 acres in 1837 from son, James H. SEALE. In 1839, **James** sold this property to Robert Burt for \$4800. On 1 OCT 1839, **James** and wife #2, **Rebecca** (who released her dower rights to the land), sold the Lowndes Co. plantation of 700 acres for \$4800 (Lowndes Co., ALA Deed Book 4, page 30-31). (Not sure why **James** moved to Autauga Co. as he had no children in that area.) **James** was only living with a younger white male (probably son Thomas J.) and his slaves on the 1840 Census. **Rebecca** apparently died between 1 OCT 1839 and mid-1840. Found in [1840 Autauga Co., Alabama Census](#) page 18, line 2 as **James SEALES** with 1 male 40-50 years; with 1 male 60-70 years; with 2 male slave under 10 years; with 1 male slave 36-55 years; with 2 female slave under

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10 years; with 3 female slaves 10-24 years; with one female slave 24-35 years; total 11, five in agriculture. **James** lived in Autauga for the 16-18 years, remaining an active farmer well into his 80's. **James** was never wealthy, but lived better than others of the period. For most of his adult life he owned a fairly large plantation and a small number of slaves. Found in [Alabama Marriages, 1809-1920 \(Selected Counties\) Record](#) as **Hannah Ivey to James SEALS**; Marriage Date: 26 JAN 1842; Marriage Place: Lowndes. On 26 JAN 1842 in Lowndes County, ALA, **James** married a widow, **Hannah Ivey** who was born about 1784 in N.C. **James** and **Hannah** had a prenuptial agreement by which all of his property would go to his children and all of her property to her heirs. Found in [1850 Pine Flat, Autauga Co., Alabama Census](#) enumerated 6 NOV 1850, page 48, line 8, Household #710 as **James SEALS**, 81, M, W, Farmer, real estate value \$1200, N.C.; with **Hannah**, 66, F, W, N.C.; with **James**, 22, M, W, Farmer, ALA. In 1851-1853 **James** and **Hannah** leave Autauga Co. and retire back to Butler Co., apparently living with **James**' sons Ransom, Anderson or William SEALE for the rest of their lives. On 14 FEB 1859 **Hannah** died in Butler Co., ALA at the age of about 75 years and named her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth L. Roberts as her only legatee. On 4 FEB 1860 **James** died in Butler Co., ALA apparently while residing with his son, Ransom. According to a descendant, he was nine days short of being 91 years old. Found in [U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index Record](#) as **JAMES SEALE**; Year: 1860; County: Butler Co.; State: ALA; Gender: M; Month of Death: FEB; State of Birth: S.C.; ID #MRT40_4675; Occupation: Gentleman; Cause of Death: Unknown.

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