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John Saunders Ford Estate

Hale Co., Ala., Probate Court, File No. 16:

Mary, the widow of John Saunders Ford, filed a petition for homestead exemption on June 27, 1896. "See Probate Record E, p. 182."

John S. Ford owned land in Sec. 29, Township 22, Range 4, 124 A. in all. He died in 1883; his widow has been living on this land ever since. The decedent also occupied these lands in his lifetime, but owned only a half interest in them. The heirs of John S. Ford are:

1. Simeon Ford, who resides in Perry Co., Ala.
2. A. P. Ford, "
3. Sarah M. McCauley "
4. Martha Lester "
5. Carlos Ford "
6. Keziah P. Sheverell, who resides in Montague, which is in Montague Co., Tex.
7. J. M. Ford, who resides in Hale Co., Ala.

Also from File No. 16:

P. A. Tutwiler, administrator of the estate of John S. Ford, deceased, filed a petition on Feb. 28, 1888, to sell the land belonging to said estate to pay the debts of same. "See Probate Record D, p. 111."

The heirs are named again, in different order:

1. John M. Ford
2. Simeon H. Ford
3. Alexander P. Ford
4. Sarah, wife of Felix McCauley
5. Charles Ford
-- all of whom reside in Perry Co., Ala.
6. Keziah P. Sheverell, wife of Oswald Sheverell, who resides in Montague, Texas
7. Martha, wife of Wm. Lester, Perry Co., Ala.

All the heirs are over 21, except Charles Ford, who is a minor over 14 years of age, and is the only surviving descendant of William Ford, who was a son of said John Saunders Ford, and who died prior to the death of his father John S. Ford.

The widow, Mary, is also listed as an heir.

Another document in the file states that John S. Ford died in January, 1883.

Still another document in this file states that John M. Ford was residing in Hale Co. in 1883.

One Presley Ford left a will in Hale Co., dated in 1906. It is recorded in Will Book A, p. 481. It does not give the names of any of his heirs. There may be other documents there, connected with the probate and the settlement of this estate, which do give the names of the heirs.

From Marriage Record A, p. 87. Hale County:

p. 87: John S. Ford married Mary Holbrook on 23rd Dec. 1874.

p. 133. John M. Ford married Bettie Holbrook on 21 April 1879.

For further information about this Ford family, see our "Notes on some families of Perry Co., Ala."

Hale County was formedⁱⁿ in part from Perry, about 1867.