

Estate of Elias Read
Wilcox Co., Ala.

Will of Elias Read, dated Sept. 20, 1841, from Will Book One, p. 411:

All property real and personal to wife, Elizabeth, during her widowhood, or until she becomes dissatisfied. Then lands to be equally divided among my sons:

Wm. H. Read

Briant Read

Marion Read

My wish is that my wife shall remain on the plantation. If she marries again, she can take as much with her as she brought when we married.

Witnesses:

James Whitted

Benj. D. Carter

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From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 4:

p. 366. Feb. 1, 1844. Elizabeth Read, widow of Elias Read, dec'd, produced will of Elias for probate.

p. 399. April 15, 1844. A jury of 15 summoned to appear on May 18th next, to inquire into the validity of said will. (Apparently the witnesses came not when summoned.)

p. 405. May 2, 1844. Names of the jury:

John Watkins

Ausburn Henry

Abijah Miller

James Smith

Abraham Hillier

John E. Brantley

Solomon W. Portis

Geo. M. Hamner

Eaton Lee

Wm. Boyd

Wm. Bonner, Sr.

Wm. Bonner, Jr.

Hiram Holt

___?___ J. Grigsby

Hannon Bussey

p. 412. May 18, 1844. Will established by the jury,
and ordered recorded.

p. 421. 21 June, 1844. Elizabeth Read given letters
testamentary as executrix of the will of Elias
Read. She gave bond with Isaac Nixon and Wm. G.
Chambers as her securities.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 5:

p. 221. May 26, 1859. Marlon Read, a legatee mentioned
in the will of Elias Read, made application that
his legacy under said will be distributed to him.
Citation to Elizabeth Read, executor of said will,
notifying her of the hearing of said petition.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 5:

p. 159. June 14, 1845. Wm. F. Fountain, Joshua Philen & Sidney Philen, heirs of Peter Philen, dec'd, vs. Manassah Philen, administrator of Wm. Philen, dec'd.

"In this case, on application, it is ordered that notice issue to Manassah Philen, adm. of estate of Wm. Philen, dec'd, to appear at next term of court, and file his accounts with said minors for a final settlement of the guardianship of said Wm. Philen, dec'd, in his lifetime, with said minors." (?)

p. 175. Aug. 18, 1845. Wm. Fountain and wife, and others, versus Manassah Philen, adm. of Wm. Philen, dec'd. Settlement of the guardianship of Wm. Philen, in his lifetime, with Wm. Fountain and wife, and others is continued till 3rd Mon. Sept. next.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 5:

p. 36. Dec. 16, 1844. Wm. F. Fountain was appointed guardian of the minor heirs of Peter Philen, viz.:

Harrison Philen
Chapman Philen
Isham Philen
Jackson Philen

p. 183. Aug. 18, 1845. The minor heirs of Peter Philen are named again: Catherine Philen who married Wm. F. Fountain; Joshua Philen; Jackson Philen; and Chapman Philen. Wm. Philen, dec'd, had been their guardian.
Note discrepancies in lists of minor heirs.

Estate of Brittain Belk, Wilcox Co.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book One:

p. 111. Nov. 13, 1826. Sarah, widow of Brittain Belk, dec'd, applied to be made administratrix of his estate, and asked that Stephen Day, a citizen of Wilcox Co., be jointly concerned in said administration. Bond for \$1200.00 with Wm. Fisher and Blakely Higginbotham as their securities. Appointed to appraise the estate:

Ezekiel Glover

Samuel Williamson

Daniel McLean

Compiler's note: There are 7 documents relating to this estate in MPC Book 2. I read them all, but found no list of heirs. Stephen Day was still adm. in 1830.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 3, p. 157:

17 July, 1837. Sarah Belk, guardian of Darling, Mary and William Belk, heirs of Brittain Belk, dec'd, asked to have her appointment as guardian amended so as to include Augy Myram Belk, minor heir of Brittain Belk, who is over 14 years of age; also to show that said Brittain Belk was the son of heir of Darling Belk, dec'd, late of Hecklinburg Co., N. C. She gave bond for \$300.00 with Green A. Fisher and Geo. D. Fisher as her securities.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 5:

p. 196. Aug. 18, 1845. Came Sarah Belk, guardian of the minors heirs of Darling Belk, dec'd, and filed the rec'ts of H. J. Belk, M. A. Tolbert, and M. Z. Belk, heirs at law of said decedent's estate.

Compiler's note: Nothing else about these matters is indexed in either Book 3 or Book 5. There may be other papers, not indexed.

From Deed Book E, p. 362. 24 Nov., 1838. Edward T. Farrington of Clarke Co., Ala., sold land in _____ County to Anderson D. Etheridge of Monroe Co., Ala.
Witnesses: John F. Pate,
Barnett R. Mobley