

**Albritton Records**  
**in**  
**Early Wilcox County, Alabama**  
**1824–1838**



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**8 Sept 1824** Mary "**Albrittain**" marries **John Stokes** in Wilcox County, Alabama, with **Winchester E. Handley** as security on the marriage bond.

Reference: Wilcox County AL Marriage Book 1820–1826 (as published in Barefield, Marilyn Davis. *Records of Wilcox County, Alabama*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1988, p. 4).

Comments: Since Mary Albritton was a daughter of Enoch and Penelope Albritton, this proves they had arrived in Wilcox County, Alabama by September 1824.

**25 May 1831** **Enoch Allbritton** of Wilcox County, Alabama bought 141.8 acres of land at the Cahaba, Alabama Government Land Office for \$177.25.

Reference: Cahaba, Alabama Land Office Cash Entry #7947 (1830 Pre-emption Act). The receiver at the land office recorded Enoch's surname as "*Allbritton*," and the Government issued the official patent in this name. Enoch claimed the right of "*Preemption*," meaning that he had settled the vacant land, cleared acreage for agriculture, and established residence on it before the government offered the land for sale to the public. This gave him the right to purchase it before anyone else. Enoch Albritton bought the  
SW¼ of Section 4, Township 12, Range 11

Comments: Enoch and his wife, Penelope Frizzle Albritton, sold this 141.8 acres to William Drake on 2 October 1833 (Wilcox County AL Deed Book C, p. 93). These documents do not themselves involve Richard Fowler. However, by August 1837, Richard Fowler owned the 141.8 acres that Drake purchased from Albritton in 1833. There is no recorded document showing the transfer from Drake to Fowler.

**28 Jan 1833** **Enoch Albritton, John Stokes, and George E. Polk** post bond to secure **Albritton's** service as constable of Wilcox County, Alabama:

*The State of Alabama*

Wilcox County                      Know All men by these presents that We **Enoch Albritton and John Stokes & George E. Polk** are held and firmly bound to **John W. Bridges** Judge of the County Court of said County, and his successors in office in the penal sum of two thousand dollars for the payment of which will and truly to be made we bind ourselves & our heirs assigns, &c. firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 28<sup>th</sup> January 1833.

*The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas, the above bound **Enoch Albritton** has been duly elected constable in and for the County aforesaid. Now if the said **Albritton** shall well and truly perform all the duties which now are or may hereafter be required of him by law, as such constable and shall well and truly pay over and account for, all moneys by [sic] collected, by virtue of his said office, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect, this day & date above written.*

Approved **J. W. Bridges, J.C.C.** [signed]                      **Enoch Albritton**  
**John Stokes**  
**Geor. E. Polk**

Reference: Wilcox County AL Will Book 1, p. 95.

Comments: John Stokes is Enoch Albritton's son-in-law. This document shows that like his brothers, Enoch Albritton could sign his own name, unlike his sons, Allen, Silas, and George.

**2 Oct 1833** For \$350, **Enoch Albritton** and his wife, **Penny Albritton**, sell their 141.80-acre farm in Wilcox County, Alabama to **William Drake**.

Reference: Wilcox County AL Deed Book C, pp. 93–94. Enoch and Penny Albritton sold the precise land he had purchased at the Cahaba Land Office two years earlier, the SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 12, Range 11. The clerk recorded that Enoch Albritton signed his name to the transaction, whereas Penny made her mark to it.

Comments: It is unclear why Enoch and Penny sold their farm four months prior to his death.

**3 Oct 1834** **John Stokes** applies to the Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court to be granted administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, dec'd**:

*Upon the application of **John Stokes** for letters of administration on the Estate of **Enoch Albritton dec'd** It is ordered by the Court that [page torn, obliterating one word] said application issue to the widow [and] **John F. Albritton, Allen Albritton, Silas W. A. Albritton & George W. Albritton** & any & the next of Kin return to the next regular Term of this Court to be held on the third Monday of October Instant to Shew cause if any they have or can why said application shall not be granted.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 2, p. 316.

**20 Oct 1834** Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court grants letters of administration on the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, dec'd**:

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd.***  
*On application of **Allen Albritton** for Letters of administration on the Estate of Enoch Albritton decd. and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that the said **Allen Albritton** is one of the next [of] Kin – It is ordered by the Court that Letters of administration on the Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd.** be granted to the said **Allen Albritton**.*

*Ordered by the Court that **Allen Albritton** administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd** gie bond and security in the sum of five hundred dollars and that **Robert Parrot** and **George E. Polk** be accepted of as his Securities.*

*Ordered by the Court that **Allen Albritton** administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd.** have leave to sell the personal property belonging to said deceased.*

*Ordered by the Court that **Jesse Knight, Richard Fowler, Peter Knight, John Mitchell, and William Polk** be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd.***

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 2, p. 319.

**19 Jan 1835** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court considers matters relating to the Estates of **Abel Polk, decd** and **Enoch Albritton, decd**:

*Estate of **Abel Polk decd***

*This day came **Silas W. A. Albritton** and **William M. Polk** Executors of the last will and testament of **Abel Polk decd** and made return of an Inventory and appraisalment of said Estate as [sic-and] also an account of Sales of the personal property of Said Estate which were examined and approved by the Court & ordered to be recorded & filed in office among the papers of Said Estate.*

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd***

*This day Came **Allen Albritton** administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd** and made return of the appraisalment and inventory of Said Estate as [sic-and] also an account of the Sales of the personal property of the Same which were examined and approved by the Court & ordered to be recorded and filed in office among the papers thereof.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 2, p. 338.

**25 Aug 1835** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court considers matters relating to the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, decd**:

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd***

*This day Came **Allen Albritton** administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton** and filed his resignation as administrator of said Estate. It is therefore ordered by the Court that on the said **Allen Albritton's** making a final settlement of his Administration aforesaid he be permitted to resign and that the third Monday in October next be set as the term for making said final settlement.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 2, pp. 413 (date only), 415.

**7 Dec 1835** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court considers matters relating to the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, decd**:

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd***

*This day Came **Allen Albritton** administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd** and produced his accounts and vouchers on final settlement of said Estate which was examined by the court and ordered to be recorded and filed by which it appears that the assets received by said admionistrator amounted to the Sum of four hundred and seventy dollars and fifty seven & a half cents, and the said administrator, having returned into Court the notes received by him on account of the sales of property belonging to said Estate together with receipts for fees and other moneys paid out by him on account of said Estate which together with an allowance of forty six dollars made to the administrator amounts to the sum of five hundred and twenty four dollars and forty two & one fourth cents which leaves a balance in fifty three dollars and Eighty four & three fourth cents in favor of said Administrator.*

*It is therefore ordered by the Court that **Allen Albritton** administrator of the Estate of said **Enoch Albritton deceased** be and he is hereby discharged from further liability on account of the administration of said Estate.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 2, pp. 490 (date only), 498.

**25 Jan 1836** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court appoints a new administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, decd**:

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton decd***

*Ordered by the Court that **Daniel Roper** Sheriff of Wilcox County be and he is hereby appointed Administrator de bonis non of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased**.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 2, pp. 512 (date only), 521.

**17 July 1837** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court appoints a new administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, decd**:

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased***

*This day came **Daniel Roper** Sheriff of Wilcox County and administrator de bonis non of the estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased** and applied for commissioners to be appointed to audit and determine upon the validity of the claims against said Estate whereupon it is ordered by the court that **Joseph W. Patton, Albert G. Mallett** and **Ephraim J. Vernon** beand they are hereby appointed commissioners to audit and determine upon the validity of the claims against said estate. That they give notice by advertisement hrity days previous in three or more public places in the county, of the time and place of their meeting to audit said claims and that they make their report to the September term next of this court.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 3, pp. 151 (date only), 156.

**16 Oct 1837** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court appoints a new administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, decd**:

*Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased***

*This day came the commissioners appointed to audit the claims against the Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased** and made report of the claims allowed by them against said estate which report was received by the Court and ordered to be filed to be recorded on the final settlement of the Estate by the Administrator.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 3, pp. 181 (date only), 187.

**31 Jan 1838** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court appoints a new administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, dec<sup>d</sup>**:  
*Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased***

*This day came **Daniel Roper** Sheriff and administrator de bonis non of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased** and made application for a final Settlement of said estate whereupon It is ordered by the court that the third Monday in April next be set as the time of making said Settlement and that notice thereof be given accordingly.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 3, pp. 231 (date only), 241.

**16 Apr 1838** The Wilcox County, Alabama Orphans Court appoints a new administrator of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton, dec<sup>d</sup>**:  
*Estate of **Enoch Albritton dec<sup>d</sup>***

*This day came **Daniel Roper** Sheriff of Wilcox County and administrator de bonis non of the Estate of **Enoch Albritton deceased** and produced to the Court his accounts and vouchers with said Estate Stated in an account current whereby it appears to the Court that after defraying the expenses of the administration there remains in the hands of the administrator subject to the claims against said estate as allowed by the commissioners who audited the claims against said estate the sum of \$356.29¼ and on reference to the report of the commissioners who audited the Claims it appears that claims including interest to the amount of \$416.39. And on calculation it is found that the estate pays Eighty five cents in the dollar. The Court then proceeded to make the following distribution to the Creditors whose claims were allowed by the commissioners appointed to audit the claims against said Estate.*

<b>Elijah Alloway</b>	amount of Claim	\$8.40	Estate pays	\$7.14
<b>William Stubbfield</b>	" "	\$17.00	" "	\$14.45
<b>Thomas Bowen</b>		\$6.51¾		\$5.53
<b>Philip Rodgers</b>		\$54.19¼		\$46.06
<b>James Dolin</b>		\$13.77		\$11.72
<b>Martin B. Lee</b>		\$11.20		\$9.52
<b>Millege Bohannons</b>		\$85.80		\$72.93
<b>John F. Albritton</b>		\$13.32		\$11.32
<b>Abel Polk</b>		\$39.68		\$33.72
<b>James Dolin</b>		\$6.46		\$5.49
<b>Partridge &amp; Rossiter</b>		\$4.80		\$4.08
<b>John Seals</b>		\$7.44		\$6.32
<b>St. John Naflett</b>		\$17.82		\$15.14
<b>John Braseal</b>		\$42.50		\$36.12
<b>Thomas Seal</b>		\$16.50		\$14.02
<b>William Stein</b>		\$10.87		\$9.23
<b>John Brazeal</b>		\$34.80		\$29.58
<b>William H. Partridge</b>		\$35.00		\$29.75

*for each of which claims the several claimants may have execution.*

Reference: Wilcox County AL Probate Minutes Book 3, pp. 245 (date only), 254–255.

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