

“The Old Home Place”

This is the original home of Mack and Polly where they raised thirteen children. Several grandchildren lived there as well. The home is located south of Ariton, not far off Alabama State Road 123. The homestead and farm included a cotton gin and a grist mill operated by the family. The Rocky Mound School, known by everyone in the area as “The Segler School”, was nearby. Most of the Segler children and several grandchildren attended school there. The home is in a beautiful setting of large oak, pecan and other trees.



The front of the home faces to the south.
The camera is looking north in this photo.



The camera is looking toward the northeast. An additional large room with a fireplace and chimney was added to the west side of the house as the family grew.



The camera is looking northwest in this photo. The original chimney is on the east side of the house. The kitchen area was added to the back of the house.



This is the “dinner bell” of the Old Home Place after it was moved from the plantation of Dr. Thomas F. Segler. It is now in the yard of James Bass in Malvern, AL. It is over 153 years old.

One Story of How Mack and Polly Acquired the Old Home Place

Jean Segler, Wiley’s daughter, was told this story by Thelma: *“Dr. Thomas F. Segler served the Dale County area and had many patients. Among them was the family who originally built the Old Home Place. He had provided many medical services for them, but times made it difficult for them to pay their bills. They asked if he would consider buying their home for much less than it was worth, but also forgive their medical bills. He agreed to do it since the timing was perfect for him to buy it for Mack and Polly as a wedding gift.”*

NOTE: GPS coordinates for the old home place are: 31 33' 25.80" N 85 39' 34.50" W