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Miss Alabama competition.**

Stephen Farmer Seale, born in 1863 in Shelby County Alabama, died 1924 in Dallas County Alabama, son of Stephen Harmon and Elizabeth (Bridges) Seale, first married Mollie E. Pharris, 1873-1906, in Shelby County Alabama on January 13, 1888.

“Interesting facts about Faye Seale, daughter of Farmer & Mollie Seale”

Orleana Faye Seale, born July 17, 1901, died April 22, 1951 is buried in Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, Dallas County, Alabama. She married **William Clarence Agee, Jr.** on May 8, 1923 in Selma, Dallas County, Alabama. As reported ... “The bride will be attired in a tan crepe romaine embroidered in red with large tan hat in the same shade and her bouquet will be an arm sheath of red roses. Her marked beauty of the brunette type together with her wide popularity caused her to be chosen Selma’s representative at the Birmingham Centennial celebration eighteen months ago, and at the Centennial she was chosen above a large number of beautiful girls from every part of the state as Queen of Alabama.”

Clarence Agee, Jr. was killed in an automobile accident on April 22, 1943.

“Miss Faye Seale,” as reported in The Selma Times on October 11, 1921, “is elected Queen of Dallas county and will represent Dallas at the Semi-Centennial Celebration in Birmingham, which will be held in that city October 24-29 ... Miss Seale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Seale of this city and lived from childhood in the place of her birth, where she is loved and admired from the graciousness of her manner as well as for the extreme beauty of her features. She has been popular in society since her debut about two years ago, where her brunette beauty has been the admiration of all prominent social functions.”

**DALLAS COUNTY QUEEN CHOSEN OVER 66 ALABAMA BEAUTIES
AS SEMI-CENTENNIAL’S MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL**

“Miss Faye Seale, of Selma was last night crowned queen of Birmingham’s semi-centennial” as reported by The Selma Times, dated October 29, 1921. “News that Miss Seale has been acclaimed the most beautiful young woman in Alabama, from among 66 other beautiful girls selected by their counties to compete for the great honor bestowed at Birmingham’s semi-centennial celebration.”

Miss Faye Seale, Dallas county’s Queen, has been chosen the “Queen of Alabama.” We congratulate Miss Seale – also the judges on their wise selection. MISS FAYE SEALE CHOSE AS HER OFFICIAL CAR IN BIRMINGHAM THE STUDEBAKER SPECIAL SIX, as reported in The Selma Times-Journal, dated October 30, 1921.

DOZEN OTHERS BADLY BURNED IN DANCE FIRE

The Selma Times-Journal

December 30, 1936

Christmas Festivities Of City Come To Abrupt Halt As Flames Sweep Costumes Of Phantoms Club Leaving Death And Suffering

Death of Mrs. T.G. Gayle, 26, one of the city's most admired young matrons and wife of a well known attorney and injury to 11 other members of The Phantoms Club from severe burns, brought Selma's Christmas festivities to a tragic close Tuesday night when the Country Club was turned into a blazing scene of terror Twelve persons are in hospital, four severely burned and many others are nursing lesser burns as the result of a broken match head in the dressing room of the Country Club at 10pm las night when cotton and canton flannel fancy dress consumes of Phantoms Club members ignited instantly from the flaming torch of Mrs. Arnold Stewart's body, swirling among the group of masked figures." It was reported that Mrs. Clarence Agee was badly burned about body and neck.

The Selma Times-Journal, dated June 8, 1937, reports: The many friends of Mrs. Clarence Agee are rejoiced that after an illness of five and a half months by which has been confined to the Vaughan Memorial Hospital from burns suffered in the tragic Phantoms Club fire, he was able to enjoy an automobile drive on Monday afternoon and again Tuesday morning. While riding over the city, which has advanced from grim winter to flowery summertime during her long illness, she visited her attractive home on North Highlands and "dragged the main" as all Selmians love to do when out for a drive. It is gratifying to the numerous admirers of the popular young matron that she is now strong enough to walk and that her physicians have set the latter part of this month for leaving the hospital.

The Obituary *Chattanooga Daily Times* Chattanooga, Tennessee Monday, April 23, 1951

SELMA, ALA. April 22 – "Mrs. Faye Seale Agee, 49, prominent in Selma social circles, died early today after an illness of one week. She was the widow of William Clarence Agee, who was killed in an automobile accident eight years ago today, April 22, 1943. Mrs. Agee was chosen Miss Alabama in the early 1920's (October 28, 1921) in a contest that was the forerunner of the present Miss Alabama competition. She was the only survivor of eight prominent young Selma matrons who were severely burned in a tragic fire at the Selma Country Club during the Christmas season of 1935 (correction 1936). Mrs. Agee is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Richard "Faye Seale Agee" Sewell, Atlanta...."



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HERE ARE ALL THE COUNTY QUEENS WHO GRACED BIRMINGHAM'S
SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 28, 1921

Josephine Barnes, Autauga; Ruth Voltz, Baldwin; Eva Kaigler, Barbour; Grace James, Bibb; Randa Rasco, Blount; Mabel Moore, Bullock; Katie Lane Kendrick, Butler; Annie Forney Rowan, Calhoun; Sue Pearson, Chambers; Miss Jim Wood, Cherokee; Roberta Elizabeth Curry, Chilton; Louise LeNoir, Choctaw; Mary Savage, Clarke, Marie Wilson, Clay; Mabelle Brown, Cleburne; Lucile Harrison, Coffee; Louise Isbell, Colbert; Edith Shields, Conecuh; Marie Jones, Coosa; Alice Chapman, Covington; Eleanor Black, Crenshaw; Maybelle Thompson, Cullman; Augusta Martin, Dale; **Faye Seale, Dallas**; Ola Groover, DeKalb; Elizabeth Stoors, Elmore; Margaret H. Smith, Escambia; Emma Ralls, Etowah; Eloise Cain, Fayette; Mary Lou Williams, Franklin; Erin Atkinson, Geneva; Mary Frances Neville, Greene; Mabel Yerby, Hale; Lucile Hawley, Henry; Eva Glenn, Houston; Mary Cotton, Jackson; Mary E. Caldwell, Jefferson; Miss Leila Ogden, Lamar; Miss Clyde Willingham, Lauderdale; Melba Holdridge, Lawrence; Annie Frances Crossly, Lee; Sarah Rives, Limestone; Kathleen Crum, Lowndes; Virginia Yancey, Macon; Marguerite Cartwright, Madison; Lulu Lee Breitling, Marengo; Miss Edgar E. Wilson, Marion; Marie Hinds, Marshall, Helen Courtwright, Mobile; Sarah Graham Agee, Monroe; Laura Mae Hill, Montgomery; Margery Raney, Morgan; Josephine Minor Stewart, Perry; Sarah Owings, Pickens; Mary Flemming, Pike; Irma Mooty, Randolph; Jeanette Crowe, St. Clair; Katherine Darby, Shelby; Louise Nelson, Sumter; Ruth Sawyer, Talladega; Sarah Walker, Tallapoosa; Katherine C. Foster, Tuscaloosa; Mary Alexander, Walker; Ina Chason, Washington; Mary Alma Stanford, Wilcox; Anna Shoemaker, Winston.

The photo can be found in The Birmingham News, dated Sunday, October 30, 1921