

ESTATE OF MISS FRANCES SNOW PRYOR, Deceased.

Athens, Ala.- Sep. 27, 1934

Miss Florence E. Leslie,  
No. 23 E. Broad St.,  
West Point, Miss.

and Mrs. Ruby Richardson Leslie,  
as custodian of Thomas Bass Leslie,

Dear Florence: and Ruby:

Lewisburg

I made contract with Jim McCord, ~~xxxxxx~~ Tennessee, to auction off all the personalty of the estate for a \$50.00 fee. His letter of 25th inst. says he failed to realize the number of articles, etc., and virtually demands \$100.00 for selling that, and realty. Shall I ask the Court to allow me to pay it?

Law says administrator's sales begin at 11 and close at 4 (P.M.).

Mr. McCord writes: - "the sale should continue as long as the interest justifies even if it reached the hour of 5:00 o'clock. Another reason is that many of those present and interested will not care to return for the second day and you would lose the competition that their presence and interest would create." Court directs same date and same auctioneer for real and personal effects.

Will you agree that sale may continue 'till 5 P.M. if auctioneer, and those of you present at 4 P.M., and I, agree thereto?

As to residence and lot, said auctioneer writes: - "Would suggest that it be subdivided in such manner as to offer the house and one lot on the front and about five lots in the rear and then offer the entire lot as a unit, the highest price to be accepted." Will you agree to this? Unless all agree, including parents of minors, I shall try to track the very letter of the law. Silence will be deemed dissent, and one dissent means the very letter of the law, - or, order of the Court.

To substitute new auctioneer on second day may be difficult, and he may be "miffed" because not first choice, - and act perfunctorily, if at all.

At 4 P.M., some interested party may be compelled to leave, in order to reach home before night, or to make a "date", and a "date", or something next day may keep him away.

Again, at 4 P.M., a party intent on buying an article not then offered, would bid by 5 P.M., and yet would not return next day.

Splitting the home place into arbitrary fragments may yield more; on the other hand, the parcels can not be visualized as can be the whole place. If splitting up is commenced, some bidder might wish 10 feet added to a given parcel, thereby paring off too much from another part; one bidder may wish so many additional feet on this side of house, and another so many feet on that side. All this might mean another day of selling. First day may be fine weather; the second day bad; and - vice versa.

Very truly yours,

W. S. Peebles, Admr.