William Francis Read
Son of John Read

Sometime around 1849, WILLIAM FRANCIS READ, left his family in Mississippi and followed other adventurers west in search of gold. No records have been found saying whether he fulfilled his dream and "struck it rich. " He died 6 July 1850 in Nevada City, California of typhoid fever.'

William married Maria L. Dotson of Nashville, Tennessee and Yazoo County, Mississippi on S Oct. 1836. They were the parents of six children: Mary Elizabeth "Bettie"; Charles William "Savez"; John Jeremiah; Joseph Dotson; William Francis, Jr.; and Frances.

1. Annie Sandifer Trickett, **Genealogical Abstract of Marriages and Deaths from Nashville Christian Advocate, 1846 - 1851**. 5809 Forest Lane, Dallas, Texas, 75230_2633 (1985).

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HUSBAND: William Francis READ
  WIFE: Maria Louisa DOTSON

CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

M	Born:	YAZOO,MS	Edited: 11 Jun 2000
	Died: AFTER 1884		

NOTES

Wm. Francis read died of typhoid fever during the gold rush in CA., per this item in the November 1, 1850 *Nashville Advocate*: "My son Willeam Read d. July 6 in Nevada City, CA of typhoid fever, brother John (error, either by John Read or the paper) F. Read, b. Montogmery Co. TN Jan 6, 1817 m. Mira L. Dedsom (also wrong) formerly of Nashville; left wife and 5 children. Signed John Read."

Maria L. Dotson was of Winchester, VA. Tradition says that her mother, Miss Tully owned a large colonia estate "Tullieres" (not proven).

Maria had a sister, Mary Malinda (b. 28 Feb. 1824, Winchester, VA) age 57, appears as an aunt with the family of Marie's dau., Mary Eliz. Read and her husband Robert N. Hall and their children along with Charles W. Read's Children, Roby, Louise, and Mallory. Mary Malinda, according to the Oct 1841 *Vicksburg Daily Whit*, m. at Perch Place in Hinds Co., MS, by Rev. Geo. Miller to Francis Ilsley, Jr. Esq. of Vicksburg, MS. Yazoo Co., MS, Probate Minute Bk. D, March Term 1848, p. 377: Petition of Mary B. Ilsley for dower of lands of Francis Ilsley, deceased. Notice that the petition calls her Mary B. There seems to be some question of