

William Read died in Dickson County in 1815. His father, Moses, died about the same time in Robertson County. William's wife, Rebecca Holt Read, lived on many years. In the 1850 census she is found to be eighty years old, living with her son-in-law, William McMurray, her daughter, Mary McMurray, had already died. John Read, many years later in 1872, in filling out papers for a suit against the federal government for property lost or destroyed in the Civil War, said he was from near Clarksville. A modern map shows that town not far from Nashville. There exist Tennessee land records for William, and Moses and John; undoubtedly these men were all farmers.

John Read and Dicy Duke were married Jan. 4, 1816 in Montgomery Co. Dicy was barely 16 years old. Their first child, William, father of Savez, was born there Jan. 6, 1817. Before his marriage John had been in the War of 1812. He had fought the Creek Indians, led by Chief Red Eagle, at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama. He had enlisted in Capt. James Haggard's Co., Tennessee Militia. He was honorably discharged at Fayetteville. Served 121 days. He received \$8 a month pension starting in 1871. John and Dicy's granddaughter, Ida Barlow Trotter, who was Savez's first cousin, was raised by her grandparents in Mississippi. She wrote some years later that John and Dicy had lived near Hustburg, Tennessee.

By 1822 John and Dicy and their three children, William, John D., and Martha left Tennessee and moved to Alabama.

The John and Dicy Read's period in Alabama was a short one---six years. We're not sure where they were living in Alabama. Their son, Jesse, was born in Greene Co. in 1823 and their daughter, Rebecca, was also born in Alabama in 1827. By 1820 the Reads had purchased 4 Clairborne, Alabama town lots. Tuscaloosa Co. land records show John and Dicy selling land to Felix Houpt and John Huit on 4 Dec. 1827--- just before the move to Mississippi.

In 1828 in Tennessee we found Jeremiah Dotson on a building committee of a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Nashville. His name appears on the 1830 census for Nashville. His youngest son, James M. Dotson, was born in Tennessee in 1835. (An aside, when Savez was a boy living with his widowed mother and siblings in Jackson, Mississippi, James M. Dotson was living with their family.)