



THE READ FAMILY

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First Generation

1. **Peter¹ Read** was born in --- circa 1630. D. circa 1678 in ---.¹

M. Ann (-?-) Read. B. Peter Read was in Charles City County by 1654 indentured to Walter Brooks. As a matter of history he was transported to Charles City by Walter Brooks, 23 June 1635. In the group were George Brookes, age 35, (a headright of Wm Barker) and sons William Brookes, age 17, along with a Steeven Read, age 24 and a Richard Young, age 31. They came from London to VA by certificate from Minister from Gravesend.. This can be found in Public records Office E157/20. Is there a connection between Steeven Read and Peter Read?. As you can see Richard Read came with Steeven Read, and Peter Read's daughter, Ann married a Dorrell Young.

We find his name on early court records. In 1655 his name was on a jury list from Merchants Hope, now known as Prince George. In 1685 his daughter Ann died. She was the widow of Dorrill Young and had four children. On April 3 1688 Peter's wife also named Ann, was granted the administration of her late husband's estate, so by then Peter had died. This record may be found at Westover 10/02/1688, page 135, "Ann Read, admin., of Peter Read, dec'd., James Wallis and Edmund Irby to inventory estate.

All of the forgoing information has been supplied by Helen Tice a family descendant and researcher from Memphis TN.

Peter Read and Ann (-?-) Read had the following children:

- + 2 i. Henry² Read.
- + 3 ii. Ann Read.

Second Generation

¹ Helen Tice Mrs Robert Tice Memphis TN. Read, Duke. June 14 1989/ 1994. (hereafter cited as Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*).

2. **Henry² Read** (Peter¹)² was born in ---. D. 1712 in PRINCE GEORGE, VA.

M. **Elizabeth (-?-) Read**. This Henry Read has been approved as the father of Harmon Read by the national Society of Founders and Patriots of America. Helen Tice's national #10196 approved June 1998.

In 1694 Henry Read was in court trying to protect the interests of the children of his late sister, Ann Young. Joan Young orphan of Ann Young age 15, chose Henry Harmon as her guardian. Who was he? This must have been a close relationship. After all her Uncle Henry Read was living and she could have chosen him. The order books of Charles City County refer to Henry Harmon many times. Perhaps Ann, wife of Peter Read was a daughter or a sister of Henry Harmon. And was this Henry named for Henry Harmon? And perhaps Harmon Read, Henry's son was named for Henry Harmon. And in 1693 Henry served on a grand jury at Westover, Westover Parish, Prince George County.

Also Henry Read has 75 acres in Prince George County Virginia in 1704. (as proven by the "Rent Roll of all the lands held in the County of Prince George for the year 1704") This information has been researched and supplied by Helen Tice a researcher from Memphis TN. It is her hope that further documents will be located to tell us more about the early beginnings of the Read family.

Henry **Read** and Elizabeth **(-?-) Read** had the following child:

+ 4 i. Harmon³ **Read** was born circa 1698.

3. **Ann² Read** (Peter¹) was born in ---. D. before 1694 in ---.

M. **male Young**.) in ---.

Ann **Read** and male **Young** had the following child:

5 i. Ann³ **Young³** was born in ---. D. in ---.

Third Generation

4. **Harmon³ Read** (Henry², Peter¹)⁴ was born in prob, PRINCE GEORGE, VA circa

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ John S. Polk, "Jesse Read Patriot Preacher," *Arkansas Family History* vol 20 pg 144-157 location: SCGS Library 976.7 (hereafter:

1698. D. October 1767 in HALIFAX, NC.⁵

He married twice. M. Ann (-?-) Read circa 1716 in PRINCE GEORGE, VA.⁶ B. in PRINCE GEORGE, VA. (Additional notes for Ann (-?-) Read ⁷) M. Mary Pendry circa 1740 in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA.⁸ B. in ---. (Additional notes for Mary Pendry ⁹) D. 1781 in HALIFAX, NC.¹⁰ In the Deeds of Halifax County, NC 1758-1771 there are many properties left by Mary Read to her family. In Deed Book 10 -1453 (439,440,441,442) Mary Read, widow of Halifax County, on 17 Aug 1769 gives to Aaron Read Pendry "54 pounds of proclamation money and a negro woman, to son Moses Read Pendry, planter "for love and good will and affection" a negro boy and with the heading she gives negroe persons to Lydia Read and Jesse Read Pendry. Each time the witnesses were Thomas Neville and two of the other persons not mentioned in the deed, thus, James Pendry, Jesse Read Pendry, Lydia Read and Aaron Read Pendry. Harmon Read had died in 1767. It is interesting to note the names with sometimes Read and sometimes Pendry used as a surname

Harmon had his will probated October 1767 in ---.¹¹

Helen Tice, a researcher from Memphis TN, and descendant of Harmon Read writes the following in her story, My Mississippi Roots: "In Prince George Co VA on 11 March 1716, Harmon Read leased to Michael Wallace of the same county, 75 acres on which Harmon formerly lived in the parish of Westopher, on the North side of Blackwater Swamp. Wallace was to pay Read four £. Harmon's wife Ann, relinquished her dower right." and to continue, Helen writes: "Because so many of the county records in this area of VA have been destroyed, either by war, fire, flooding etc this is the first record of Harmon Read that has been found. It does prove however that for him to have been married and selling land, he had to have been 18 years old. Therefore it can be said with some certainty that he was born by 1698.

" Harmon bought land in Isle of Wight Co VA as early as 1730, when he purchased 415 acres on Roasting Ear Branch from William and Hugh Lee. Tobacco was the important crop in Tidewater VA at that time, so it's likely that a portion of his land was given over to the cultivation of tobacco.

With his second wife, Mary Pendry, Harmon moved his family from VA to Edgecombe Co NC. By 1749 they had purchased land on Beaver Dam Swamp. In 1758 Halifax Co was formed from Edgecombe Co and Harmon and his family found themselves living in the newly formed county of Halifax. He lived there until his death in 1767."

cited as AR Family History, Jesse Read); and abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley Jr., *The Deeds of Halifax County, North Carolina 1758-1771, Deeds 1758-1771 Books 9,10* (hereafter cited as *Deeds, Halifax Co NC, Read Family*).

⁵ AR Family History, Jesse Read, p. 145 WB #1 p27 will #135; and (hereafter cited as *Marriage Records, NC, Halifax County, NC*).

⁶ AR Family History, Jesse Read.

⁷ *Ibid.*, ; and Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

⁸ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*, ; and AR Family History, Jesse Read.

⁹ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*, ; AR Family History, Jesse Read; and Harmon Read and/or Mary to sons & daughter, Abstracts of deeds, *The Deeds of Halifax County, NC 1758-1771*: (hereafter cited as *Deed-Halifax Co, Read family*).

¹⁰ W.B.#3 1781-1824.

¹¹ will written 4 oct 1760.W.B., #1 p27 will #135.

In Deed Book 9 of the Deeds of Halifax County, NC 1758-1771, 1099-(349) we find that Harmon Read and his wife Mary of Halifax County deed to their son Jesse Read Pendry on 27 MAY 1765 for "natural love and affection" and 5 shillings, 237 acres on the south side of Beaverdam Swamp, joining Moses Pendry, John Pritchett, Braswell Hewitt. Witnesses: Moses Read Pendry, Read Pendry and Richard Freear.

The information on Harmon's family has been presented by Helen Tice in her work "Read My Roots".

Harmon Read and Ann (-?-) Read had the following children:

- 6 i. Col James⁴ Read¹² was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1718. D. 1796 in BRUNSWICK, NC.¹³ Col had his will probated 26 Dec 1796 in BRUNSWICK, VA.
- 7 ii. Amy Read¹⁴ was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1720.
- 8 iii. Elizabeth Read¹⁵ was born circa 1752. M. John Windom. circa 1742) in VA.

Harmon Read and Mary Pendry had the following children:

- 9 iv. Dorcas Read¹⁶ was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1741. D. 22 FEB 1808 in NEUSE, NC. M. Mordicai Mobley. circa 1762) in EDGECOMBE, NC.¹⁷ B. (Additional notes for Mordicai Mobley¹⁸) In Deed Book 12 of the Deeds of Halifax County, NC 1771-1786, Mary Read deeds to her daughter "Dorcas Mobley" on 13 Dec 1770, for "love and Affection", a negro girl. Witnesses: Jes. Read and Edmunds Barker. Feb Ct 1772
- 10 v. Lydia Read¹⁹ was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1743. M. male Barker.).²⁰ B.
- + 11 vi. Moses Read was born circa 1744.
- + 12 vii. Jesse Read was born circa 1744.
- 13 viii. Aaron Read²¹ was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1748. D. 1788 in WAKE, NC. M. Jemimah Claxton 27 Feb 1783 in GRANVILLE, NC.
Aaron had his will probated 20 Apr 1788 in WAKE, NC.

Fourth Generation

11. Moses⁴ Read (Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)²² was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1744. D. circa 1815 in ROBERTSON, TN.

¹². AR Family History, *Jesse Read*.

¹³. N C Marriages & Deaths 1799-1825, Raleigh Register obit notice 29/Oct/1804.

¹⁴. Ibid.

¹⁵. Ibid.

¹⁶. Ibid.; and Deeds, Halifax Co NC, *Read Family*.

¹⁷. AR Family History, *Jesse Read*.

¹⁸. Ibid.

¹⁹. Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

²⁰. Ibid.

²¹. Ibid.

²². Ibid., ;, and AR Family History, *Jesse Read*.

M. Elizabeth (Betty) (-?-) Read circa 1765 in ---. B. in ---.

Moses Read was a private in Capt Benjamin Coleman's Company, of the Second North Carolina Battalion. He was stationed at White Plains NY about 9 Sept 1778, as was his brother Jesse. Story written in John S. Polk's Jesse Read Patriot-Preacher. His term of enlistment was for three years. (Ref. Roster of Soldiers from NC in the American Revolution. DAR 1932 p305.

According to Helen Tice, sometime around 1802/3, Moses moved his family from Halifax Co NC to TN. He settled in a part of Dickson Co that later became Robertson Co where he died in 1815/16. He left no will, but his children were named in a Feb 1816 deed: "The Heirs of Moses Read". His wife was not mentioned so we can assume she had already died... The name of his wife is not known.

Moses Read and Elizabeth (Betty) (-?-) Read had the following children:

- 14 i. James ⁵ Read²³.
- 15 ii. Lydia Read²⁴. D. circa 1816. M. James Holt.)²⁵ B.
- 16 iii. Winney Read. M. Hezekial Morris.)²⁶ B.
- 17 iv. Elizabeth Read. M. Jeremiah Morris.)²⁷ B.
- 18 v. Anne Read. M. David Wall.)²⁸ B.
- 19 vi. Rebecca Read. M. James Parker.)²⁹ B.
- 20 vii. female Read (-?-) Edwards³⁰. M. Jonathan Edwards.)³¹ B.
- + 21 viii. William Read was born circa 1771.

12. **Jesse**⁴ Read (Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)³² was born in ISLE OF WIGHT, VA circa 1744. D. June 6, 1820 in HALIFAX, NC.³³

M. an unknown person in ---.³⁴

Jesse had his will probated in ---.³⁵

Jesse Read was an officer in the Revolutionary War, He was captured twice by the enemy. Returning home, he became known as one of the "ablest" Baptist ministers of his time.

²³ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ Ibid.

³² AR Family History, *Jesse Read*, ; and Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

³³ newspaper obit Raleigh Register 16 June 1820 p3 col5.

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ will written 12 July 1818, HALIFAX NC Will Book 3 p654.

An article in "The Dictionary of North Carolina Biography" vol 5 P-S tells us about Jesse and his family.

His father Harmon bequeathed land to Jesse in Halifax County NC thus making Jesse the holder of the family plantation.

Early in the Revolution on Oct 20 1776 Jesse entered the Sixth N.C. Regiment with the rank of second lieutenant. He advanced to first lieutenant on Oct 25 1777 and then to captain on Oct 15 1781. He received bounty land warrant for his service and he later sold this to Henry Wiggins.

The name of his wife is uncertain, but there is evidence to believe that it was Charlotte Smith. Joel Smith in his will mentioned "my daughter Charlotte Read." Jesse Read and Joel Smith had adjoining lands.

One of Jesse Read's sons named Rhesa was married first to Mary Carstarphen, then secondly to Mary Sutherland. The daughter of the second marriage, Nancy Carolina "Ann" Read, was born 1821 in Halifax Co NC, m. Major Frank Hawkins in 1835/36 in Halifax Co NC and died 4 July 1897 in MS. She is buried near her mother Mary R Sutherland Read in Winona MS.

Jesse Read had the following children:

- 22 i. Rhesa⁵ Read³⁶ was born 1782. D. June 6, 1824 in HALIFAX, NC.³⁷ He married twice. M. Mary Carstarphen.³⁸ B. M. Mary Sutherland.³⁹ B.
- 23 ii. Lydia Read⁴⁰ was born circa 1785. D. 1809 in HALIFAX, NC. M. Henry Elisha Hom. circa 1805.⁴¹ B.
- 24 iii. Stephen Read⁴² was born before 1786. M. Dorothea Eelbeckf in HALIFAX, NC.⁴³ B.
- 25 iv. Jesse Read⁴⁴ was born circa 1791. D. 1817 in WAKE, NC. M. Letha Sutherland circa 1815.⁴⁵ B.

Fifth Generation

³⁶ Ibid.

³⁷ obit Raleigh Register, NC Marriages and Deaths 1799-1825.

³⁸ Ibid.

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Ibid.

⁴¹ Ibid.

⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ Ibid.

⁴⁴ Ibid.

⁴⁵ Ibid.

21. **William⁵ Read** (Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)⁴⁶ was born in HALIFAX, NC circa 1771. D. January 23, 1816 in DICKSON, TN.

M. **Rebecca Holt** 1791 in NC.⁴⁷ B. circa 1775. Rebecca⁴⁸ was the daughter of Thomas **Holt** and Anne **Arrington**. D. circa 1855.

William Read was probably born in HALIFAX NC. He married Rebecca Holt, the daughter of Thomas Holt and Ann Arrington. Thomas and Ann Holt were both from VA, and settled in WARREN NC. Their son James Holt (brother of Rebecca) married Lydia Read, William Read's sister.

In Deed Book 15 of the Deeds of Halifax County, NC 1887-1786 we see that in 1152-(76) William Read of Halifax Co deeded to Gabriel Bodine on the 26 Sept 1782 100 acres on the south side of Beaver Dam Swamp, joining Jesse Read, Pritchett and William Read. Witnesses were: Jess Read and Jas. Powers

William died between 1813 and 1816. It is not known whether or not he was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Census study of DICKSON TN shows Rebecca as head-of-household. 1850 TN census for DICKSON TN shows Rebecca living with William McMurray and his family. William McMurray married Rebecca's daughter Mary "Polly" Read in 1819.

William Read and Rebecca Holt had the following children:

- 26 i. Nancy Anna⁶ **Read**⁴⁹ was born in HALIFAX, NC circa 1793. D. 1817 in MONTGOMERY, TN. M. James **Fentress**. 1810) in MONTGOMERY, TN.⁵⁰ B.
- + 27 ii. John **Read** was born 6 Dec 1794.
- 28 iii. Mary 'Polly' **Read**⁵¹ was born circa 1796. D. 1840 in DICKSON, TN. M. William **McMurray**. 1819) in DICKSON, TN.⁵² B.
- 29 iv. Elizabeth **Read**⁵³ was born in HALIFAX, NC circa 1798.
- 30 v. Lemuel Madison **Read**⁵⁴ was born in HALIFAX, NC 24 Feb 1800. D. 11 March 1860 in Shady Grove, UPSHUR, TX. M. Mary Ann **McMurry** 10 July 1824 in TN.⁵⁵ B.
- 31 vi. Alice **Read**⁵⁶ was born circa 1802.
- 32 vii. Margaret 'Polly' **Read**⁵⁷ was born circa 1804.
- 33 viii. Lydia **Read**⁵⁸ was born circa 1806.

⁴⁶ Ibid., ... and AR Family History, *Jesse Read*.

⁴⁷ Marriage Records, NC, *Halifax County, NC*.

⁴⁸ Andrea Swuin Storm's account of Holt Family generated by Roots III 1990, Maynard home, (hereafter cited as Storm, Andrea Swuin, *Holt Family*).

⁴⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁰ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

⁵¹ Storm, Andrea Swuin, *Holt Family*.

⁵² Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

⁵³ Storm, Andrea Swuin, *Holt Family*.

⁵⁴ Ibid.

⁵⁵ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

⁵⁶ Storm, Andrea Swuin, *Holt Family*.

⁵⁷ Ibid.

34 ix. Sarah 'Sally' Read⁵⁹ was born circa 1808. M. John P. Daniel. 4 Dec 1830) in DICKSON, TN.

Sixth Generation



John Read

27. John⁶ Read (William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)⁶⁰ was born in HALIFAX, NC 6 Dec 1794.⁶¹ D. 28 Apr 1877 in CARROLL, MS.⁶² Interred in Bluff Springs Cemetery Bluff Springs Cemetery.

M. Dicy T. Duke January 4, 1816 in MONTGOMERY, TN.⁶³

⁵⁸ Ibid.

⁵⁹ Ibid.

⁶⁰ Ibid., ; Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*, ; J.B. Hall and family, 1850 US Census Federal Population Schedule, Hinds County MS, Family Number 1165, 1166, 1167 Page left 146, page right 194, Micropublication M 432 Roll 385, National Archives, Washington DC (hereafter cited as Census 1850, MS Hinds, *Read/Hall/Todd family entry*); *John Read United States Case # 5613 MS*, (1872-1910) (hereafter cited as *Read, John v. USA, Lawsuit Case 5613*); Annie Sandifer Trickett, *Genealogical Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths from Nashville Christian Advocate, 1846-1851* (5809 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX 75230-2633 1985), (hereafter cited as *Trickett, Annie Sandifer, Gen Abstracts Marr & Deaths*); John Read & J.B. Hall, 1850 US Census Federal Slave Census, Hinds County MS, Micropublication M432 Roll 385, National Archives, Washington DC (hereafter cited as *Census 1850 slaves, Read & Hall entry*); John Read entry, 1870 Federal Population Schedule, Winona, Hinds County, MS, Family # 88, pg 563, Micropublication: M 593 Roll 730, National Archives Washington DC (hereafter cited as *Census 1870 MS Winona, John Read entry*); John Read entry, 1860 Federal Population Schedule, Edwards Depot Hinds County MS, Family # 807 pg 124, Micropublication M 653 Roll 582, National Archives, Washington DC (hereafter cited as *Census 1860 MS Edwards Depot, John Read entry*); and to John Read, purchase of several lots in town of Claiborne, AL, Volume 2: pg 460, 285, 286, 459. Land Office at Cahawba November 1820, (hereafter cited as *Read, John Claiborne, AL lot deeds*).

⁶¹ age 55 on 1850 census.

⁶² *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, Vol III. (Goodspeed Publishing Co. 1891 Chicago IL p 88), (hereafter cited as *Biog & Hx Memoirs*, MS, vol III).

⁶³ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*, and Pension Declaration - War of 1812.



Confederate Money found with Read family papers

B. circa 1799 in DAVIDSON, TN.⁶⁴ Dicy⁶⁵ was the daughter of John Duke and Martha 'Paisley' Emmerson. D. April 23, 1867 in near Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS.⁶⁶ Interred in Liberty Cemetery Liberty Cemetery, Edwards.⁶⁷ "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" begins the Obit of Dicy T Duke who died 23 April 1867 at the residence of her son Jesse Read CARROLL MS. The article states that she was the consort of John Read, the daughter of John and Martha Dukes (sic) and was born in DAVIDSON TN. When a child moved to MONTGOMERY TN where she lived until united in marriage in her seventeenth year to John Read. Subsequently moved to TUSCALOOSA AL where she became a member of the Methodist Church. In 1828 she moved to the new state of MS where she resided at her death. (Vicksburg MS May 10 1867 and published in HINDS Gazette June 28 1867.)

Dicy is buried in the Cemetery at Edwards. Photos taken in 1992 of her headstone, show her name spelled Dicy T Reed. Date of death 23 April 1867 at 68 years. D.T. Duke is the way Dicy is listed on the 1860 Census for Edwards Depot where she is listed as 62 years old and born in TN.

John served in the military 28 January 1814 in MONTGOMERY, TN.⁶⁸ John was listed as the owner of slaves on the 1860 Census of Slave Inhabitants in Hinds County

⁶⁴ age 92 1860 census; and Census 1860, MS Hinds, Read and Trotter family with

⁶⁵ Susie Eger Trotter, *The Trotter Family* (on microfilm at THC 81, 421, 442 1992), p.10 (hereafter cited as Trotter, S.E. Read gen., Read/Duke Family); Evelyn Duke Brandenberger, *The Duke Family*, (hereafter cited as Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, Duke Family); and Census 1860 MS Edwards Depot, John Read family.

⁶⁶ Obit HINDS Gazette June 28 1867.

⁶⁷ Dicy T Duke, headstone, Edwards HINDS MS, near town of Edwards, Read and photographed by B.B. Wynard Jr. March 1992 (hereafter cited as Duke/Dicy headstone, Edwards MS).

⁶⁸ Person Declaration - War of 1812.

MS.⁶⁹ John was listed as the head of a family on the 1860 Census in Edwards Depot, HINDS, MS.⁷⁰ John was listed as the head of a family on the 1870 Census Winona, CARROLL, MS.⁷¹

Picture of John Read (in Book 1 pg 2) supplied by Helen Tice of Memphis TN
John Read served in the War of 1812 and applied for a Pension⁷² on 10 April 1871 Claim No. 8859 Enlisted at MONTGOMERY TN 28 Jan 1814 Discharged 28 May 1814 served in Capt. Haggard's Co. TN Militia, 121 days, mounted infantry and supplied his own horse, and performed his whole duty as a soldier at the Battle of Horse Shoe Bend, fighting the Creek Indians led by Chief Red Eagle. On claim John Read is listed as seventy-seven years old a resident of CARROLL MS, was married to Dicey T Duke, now dead, at MONTGOMERY TN on 4 Jan 1816. Served in the indian war (sic) under Gen'l Jackson and was honorably discharged at Fayetteville TN. At this time he was living in CARROLL MS near Winona.

The following information is supplied by fellow researcher Helen Tice of Memphis TN. "John Read, son of William and Rebecca Read was born in Halifax Co NC in 1794. John went with his family to TN and spent his early years in Dickson Co TN with his 8 brothers and sisters. After his military service in the War of 1812 (as listed above, for which he received an \$8.00 a month pension!) he married Dicy T. Duke in Montgomery Co TN in 1816. In the early 1820's, the Read family moved to AL. Land office records at Cahawba reflect that in Nov 1820, John Read purchased 4 Clairborne AL town lots. (filed Book 1 #4) But, by 1828 the family was to move again, this time to MS. Land records from Tuscaloosa County TN show that John Reid (sic) and Dicey Reid sold property to Felix Houpt 4 Dec 1827 Bk. F p243, and to John Huit 4 Dec 1827 k F p244. (copy Book 1 #5) John settled with Dicey and their 7 children in Madison Co MS. They moved later to Hinds Co near Edwards MS where they became members of Old Liberty Church. They were followed to MS by John's brother Lemuel and his wife Mary.

John Read was much opposed to the secession of the states from the Union. For this reason Northern Soldiers, during the Civil War favored him by not burning his house. But they did burn his gin house in which he had stored the cotton from three year's crops. They took all of his slaves, his horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens. Many of the family's hogs had been left hidden in the woods, and they were the only means of food, except for what Dicey Read had hidden away. Cavalry horses were turned into the gardens, orchards, and into the growing crops.

As the family were now "prisoners of the Army of the north", they had to draw rations from the army commissary just as the soldiers did. Each Saturday, John, who was too old for service in the war, went into the enemy's camp and drew what was allotted him for the next week. The family had never eaten such food, and hardship was great. It consisted of fat meat, hard tack, a little flour and coffee. The meat had worms and the hard tack contained weevils. Dicey soaked the hard tack in water and fried it in

⁶⁹ (hereafter cited as 1850 U.S. Census, *Slave Census*).

⁷⁰ U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Eighth Census of the U.S., 1860; Population, Free Schedule, Micro-publication M653, National Archives, Washington, DC, (hereafter cited as 1860 U.S. Census, *8th Pop, Free sched*).

⁷¹ U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, ninth Census of the U.S., 1870; Population Schedule, Micro-publication M593, National Archives, Washington, DC, (hereafter cited as 1870 U.S. Census, *9th Population Schedule*).

the grease that came from the meat.

Battles raged all around the Read home, and the house, as other houses nearby, was turned into a hospital. Everyone was expected to do their part. The wounded, both North and South, were cared for by Dicey and her daughters. Everyone did what they could. Ida Barlow Trotter wrote articles for a newspaper in Winona and her story was later published in the Commercial Appeal a newspaper from MS, and later republished in the Vicksburg Sunday Post (5 April 1987)

At the end of the war, John filed a claim against the U.S. Government for property taken from him at his home near Edwards, MS. The claim, amounting to \$2,160.00 was finally settled in 1916, long after John Read's death in 1871.

(Records may be found in Courthouse, Raymond, MS file # 646) The claim began in 1904 with a petition for letters. There were no heirs to John Read closer than grandchildren. In the course of the settlement all the grandchildren and their children, and place of residence were stated. Letters were sent out and came back with a signature. The documents are notarized and reveal the actual descendants of John Read. The case was closed Jan 9 1917, at which time those living descendants received small sums of money. This is a very valuable document in proving the descendants of the John Read family

In 1867, Dicey took one of her granddaughters, Ida Barlow (Trotter), by train to Carroll Co., MS. to visit her son Jesse Read. Dicey died while on this trip. She was taken home to Edwards, MS., and laid to rest in the Old Hinds County Cemetery there. She lies between her son, John D. Read, and 2 grandchildren, the children of her daughter Mary Elizabeth Read Hall. (Photos taken of the headstones by Helen Tice and BBM Jr March 1992)

After Dicey's death, John sold his home at Edwards and went to Carroll Co., MS. to live with his son Jesse. He died there 1874 and is buried at Bluff Springs Cemetery, or as it is better known to residents of the area, "The Frog Pond". We are indebted to Helen Tice for this interesting account which was written in her story, "My Mississippi Roots".

On the 1860 census John and Dicey are listed as household #807, page 124, at Edwards Depot in Hinds County MS. John is 65, a farmer worth \$10,000 real estate and \$19,000 personal estate. Living with he and Dicey are Ida Barlow age 6 and her brother Walter age 4 and the children's father A.K. Barlow age 50 who was born in N.C. and had property worth \$5000 and personal property of \$12,000

John Read was listed on the MS 1870 Census where he was found to be living with granddaughter Ida Barlow age 15 and Ida's 14 year old brother Walter. Winona P.O. CARROLL Co MS 1870 19 July pg 563. family 88. On same census two houses from John, family 86 we find John's son Jesse (age 47) born in Alabama, counted with his wife Nancy (age 43) and the children, Molly, Eliza, Allen, Marvin, Sidney and Victor. The following is the Obituary for John Read

NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, AUGUST 9, 1877

Bro. John Read is dead. Bro. Read was born Dec. 6, 1794, in Halifax Co., N.C. In early life he emigrated with his father, and settled in East Tennessee. He was a soldier with Gen. Jackson from 1812 to 1814, but when his country no longer demanded his services in war he returned to his home in Tennessee where he was soon after happily married to Miss Dicy Duke. Only a few months passed away before they professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. This was perhaps as early as 1816. Bro. Read, after his marriage, first moved to N. Alabama; afterward to Mississippi, and settled in Madison county; thence to Hinds county, and settled near the present site of Edwards' Depot, where he lived for a number of years, elevating and blessing the community by his godly life. Some ten years ago his wife passed to her eternal reward. Bro. Read then removed to Carroll County, and spent the remainder of his long life at the pleasant home of his only son, where on the twenty-eighth of April, 1877, he bade adieu to earth, heard his Redeemer's call, and went to join that innumerable throng which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. Bro. Read was not a man of influence because of his talents and culture, but because of Christ within him. We do the subject simple justice to say that no one, to our knowledge, every exerted so wide and powerful an influence for good whose culture and natural ability did not surpass his. As steward and class-leader he was tried and true, ever holding up the hands of his pastor. He labored by the side of such men as Lane, Drake, Byrd, Light and Wiggins of precious memory, and others during his long illness, we he turn and in memory live again with the pioneers of Methodism in Mississippi. His house was a Methodist preaching-place more than fifty years ago. He loved to talk of the trials and triumphs of those days; and no less did he love to turn and, by an eye of faith, see his comrades from the battlements of heaven beckoning him on. He felt that he had many friends who would receive him into "everlasting habitation."

Bro. Read was confined to his room, and most of the time to his bed, for more than a year; but the grace of God was sufficient for him. We often visited this man of God in his last months, and never without profit to ourselves. His only fear seemed to be that he was too anxious to go over and possess the goodly land, and via with angels in praising his blessed Lord.

Thomas C. Parish Thomas J. Newell, P.C. Winona, Miss., July 12, 1877

One comment from this author about John Read. When his slaves were called to make a deposition during the long court case to settle what John felt was owed him from confiscations during the Civil War, they were asked their names, they replied, "Mr Read gave us our names." They were Stuart and Sterling Lewis.

John Read and Dicy T. Duke had the following children:

- + 35 i. William Francis⁷ Read was born January 6, 1817.
- 36 ii. John Duke Read⁷³ was born in MONTGOMERY, TN May 1, 1818.



Grave marker for John D Read

D. December 13, 1853 in Edwards Depot, HINDS, MS.⁷⁴ Interred in Liberty Cemetery Liberty Cemetery, Edwards.⁷⁵ John had his will probated in HINDS, MS.⁷⁶ John Duke Read died at an early age (35 years). According to family lore and this is as yet unproven, he was sickly perhaps a consumptive. Thus in 1849 family lore says he was accompanied by his brother William Francis Read and the young men went to California for the dry weather. However William was stricken with typhoid and died in Nevada City. At this time no records of this death or the fact that the Read boys lived in the town have been found.

John Duke Read did leave a will written on the 14th of May 1853. He left his property to his "beloved Mother Dicy T. Read" and appointed his father John Read to be the executor of his estate. The estate was finally settled 5 January 1857. (copy of papers Book1 #7)

- + 37 iii. Martha Read was born June 16, 1820.
- + 38 iv. Jesse Read was born circa 1823.
- + 39 v. Rebecca Ann Read was born circa 1827.
- + 40 vi. Elvira Pleasants Read was born March 16, 1829.
- + 41 vii. Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Read was born 1835.

Seventh Generation

35. William Francis⁷ Read (John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)⁷⁷ was born in MONTGOMERY, TN January 6, 1817.⁷⁸ D. July 6, 1850 in Nevada City, CA.⁷⁹

⁷³ Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*, ; and Copy of will

⁷⁴ grave marker photo.

⁷⁵ Photo of headstone taken BBM Jr (Book 1 # 6).

⁷⁶ mentions mother Dicy T Read and father John Read, wit JB Hall.

⁷⁷ Trickett, Annie Sandifer, *Gen Abstracts Marr & Deaths*, ; ; and.

⁷⁸ age 34 1850 census, born AL.; and U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Seventh Census of the U.S., 1850: Population Free Schedule*, Micro-publication M432, National Archives, Washington, DC. (hereafter cited as 1850 U.S. Census, 7th Pop. Free Schedule).

⁷⁹ Trickett, Annie Sandifer, *Gen Abstracts Marr & Deaths*; and Nashville Christian Advocate 1 Nov 1850 obit..

M. Maria Louise Dotson October 5 1836 in MADISON, MS. B. circa 1818 in VA.⁸⁰
 Maria⁸¹ was the daughter of Jeremiah Dotson and Martha D Tuley. D. in ---.

In the Marriage Records for Madison MS we find the bond posted for Louisa Dotson and William Read on 5 Oct 1836. This was a license allowing them to be married.

CENSUS STUDY 1850 November HINDS County we find William Read as head of household with wife Maria L as 32 years old born in VA. With the Read children is a 15 year old male Joseph M Dotson born in TN. They are listed as family 1145 on pg 195, of the Census was taken on 26 of Nov 1850 roll 373, NA # M432. Later we find that William had probably already died in CA before the Census was taken. But the family may not have known at the time.

On the 1870 Census Mariah Read age 50 born VA is keeping house with her youngest son William in Brownsville, HINDS County MS family 159, M 593, roll 730, g 671.

LAND RECORDS: Wm. & M.L. Read deed to John D. Read (of Yazoo City) Raymond Courthouse Book B (1839 - 50) Vol. 17, p 300 (1844) Contract between Wm. & Maria L. Read and Samuel S. Downey of Granville Co. N.C. (renting plantation near John & Dicy) Raymond Courthouse Vol. 19, p. 339, Jan 26 1848. 1848 - 1849 Second District, Hinds Co. Wm Read & Maria L. Read are held and firmly bound to Samuel S. Downey of Granville N.C. in the sum of \$2000. Vol. 19 p 701

Land action recorded 7 March 1849 with signatures of William Read and Martha L Read as well as Mary B Ilesley. It is interesting to note that the land action involved Thomson Strothers and wife Mary Lee of Granville NC. 30 Nov. 1848 Thomson & Mary Strothers make quick claim deed to Maria L. Read. Maria Louisa bought land in Jackson from David Daley & Mary his wife 1852. Raymond Courthouse Book 27, p 199. Maria Louisa sold land in Jackson to Samuel T. Mosley 1855. Raymond Courthouse Deed Record Book 23 p 728, 729.

In a book Clarke County Historical Association an article is written about The Tuleyries a young couple named Charles Strothers and Belinda Tuley, daughter of Joseph Tuley were married. In Frederick County Vital records (Film # 31,459 FHC) a bond is issued for the couple for 9 Sept 1818.

In the book The Trotter family the author states that Maria Louise Dotson's parents were Martha Tuley of VA and that the Tuley family owned the Tuleyries in CLARKE County VA. Also in Lost Links-New Recordings of Old Data from Many States by Elizabeth Wheeler Francis and Ethel Sively Moore (1945) p 163 states 'Maria Dotson's family formerly of Winchester VA owned a large Colonial Estate called "Tullieres" (sic). This Tuleyries connection has not as yet been proved.

In the long Court case in which Maria's father-in-law John Read sued the US Government for belongings taken by the Federal Army during the Civil War, a William M

⁸⁰ age 32 1850 census.; and Census 1850, MS Hinds. *Read/Hall/Todd family entry.*

⁸¹ 1850 U.S. Census, 7th Pop. Free Schedule, William Read & Louisa Dotson, Bond for a marriage license, 5 Oct 1836, 976.262 MS65; Salt Lake City FHL, (hereafter cited as Marr License, Read/Dotson, Madison, MS); Maria Read, 1870 Federal Population Schedule, Brownsville, Family # 158, Micropublication M 593 Roll 730, National Archives, Washington DC (hereafter cited as Census 1870 MS Brownsville, Maria Read); Elizabeth Wheeler Francis, *Lost Links, New Recordings, Old Data, Many Statistics* (McQuiddy Printing Company, Nashville, TN 1945), Pg. 162, 163 Book lists deaths of children of William Read and Maria Dotson states that formerly Maria Dotson's family formerly of Winchester, VA owned a large Colonial estate "Tullieres". Her mother was a Miss Tuley. (hereafter cited as Francis, E. W., *Lost Links*); and .

Dotson, testified that he knew John Read since 1837. The Dotsons and Read families were closely intertwined.

William applied for a marriage license to wed Maria Louise **Dotson** October 5, 1836 in **MADISON, MS.**⁸² William was listed as the head of a family on the 1850 Census in **HINDS, MS.**⁸³ William was listed as the head of a family on the 1850 Census in **HINDS, MS.**

William Francis Read's father John Read signed an article that appeared in the Nashville Christian Advocate 1 Nov 1850. It contains interesting details: "My son William Red died July 6 in Nevada City, California of typhoid fever; brother John F Read; born MONTGOMERY TN January 6 1817; in 1822, with parents John and Dicy Read to Alabama; in 1837 married Mira L ?Dedsom formerly of Nashville; left wife and five children. signed John Read, HINDS MS.

William Francis Read appears as head of household on the 1850 free census which was taken in Hinds County on 26 of Nov 1850 at which time we believe that William was deceased. He is listed as 34 years old born in Ala and a planter by occupation, with property worth \$800. He is is household # 1145 M 432, roll372 and page 195.

Listed with William is his wife Maria L age 32 born in VA and the children all born in MS who are Charles W age 12, John J age 8, Joseph age 6, Elizabeth age 4 and Frances age 2. Also living with the family is Joseph M Dotson age 15 and born in TN.

According to the land records found in the Courthouse in Raymond MS William and Maria were having a difficult time with their property and it appeared as though they needed an infusion of funds. So when researching the family we leaped to the conclusion that William made an illfated trip to California to the Gold Rush as so many others were doing. Many persons were leaving MS at this time for CA. However there is some thought from unproved sources that say he accompanied his brother John Duke Read to a warmer climate for the latter's health. But instead William died of typhoid fever and John lived to return to MS where he died in 1853.

William Francis Read and Maria Louise Dotson had the following children:

- + 42 i. Charles William⁸ **Read** was born May 12, 1840.
- + 43 ii. Rev John Jeremiah **Read** was born 13 Jan 1843.
- + 44 iii. Dr Joseph Dotson **Read** was born April 24, 1844.
- + 45 iv. Mary Elizabeth 'Bettie' **Read** was born circa 1846.
- + 46 v. William Francis **Read** Jr was born March 20, 1849.

37. **Martha**⁷ **Read** (John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)⁸⁴ was born in MONTGOMERY, TN June 16, 1820.⁸⁵ D. June 20, 1860 in HINDS, MS. Interred in

⁸² Marr License, Read/Dotson, Madison, MS; and copy of license from County records [DEL].

⁸³ 1850 U.S. Census, 7th Pop. Free Schedule.

⁸⁴ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*, ; and Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

⁸⁵ age 28 1850 census.; and Census 1850, MS Hinds, *Read/Hall/Todd family entry*.

Liberty Cemetery Liberty Cemetery, Edwards.

She married twice. M. Dr. **Samuel Todd**. August 25, 1835) in MADISON, MS.⁸⁶ B. D. 1849 in ADAIR, KY.⁸⁷ M. **Isaac Roberts**. November 26 1855) in HINDS, MS.

B. July 16, 1790.⁸⁸ D. June 27, 1874.⁸⁹ Interred in Liberty Cemetery Liberty Cemetery, Edwards.

Martha Read was mentioned in the Statement of the Estate of John Read her father, when it was filed in Jan 9 1917. Martha had died but her two sons by her second husband Isaac Roberts were still living. Martha also had a daughter Mary Elizabeth Todd, who married first a Mr Charlton, then a Mr Christman. This daughter left two children Mrs Baker Sivley, living in Jackson in 1917 and a Mrs Darksdale who was then deceased but whose husband and children were living. Names unknown. Martha Read when married to Dr Todd was found on the 1850 Federal Census living close to her parents and married sister.

Martha Read and Dr. **Samuel Todd** had the following children:

- 47 i. Mary Elizabeth ⁸**Todd**⁹⁰ was born September 30, 1842.⁹¹ D. March 23, 1910 in Jackson, HINDS, MS.⁹² She married twice. M. Richard **Charlton**.⁹³ B. M. Male **Chrisman**.⁹⁴ B.
48 ii. Robert Todd⁹⁵ was born 1844.⁹⁶ D. 1862 in Orange Court House, VA.⁹⁷

Martha Read and **Isaac Roberts** had the following children:

- 49 iii. John **Roberts** was born circa 1857.⁹⁸
50 iv. Clay **Roberts** was born circa 1859.⁹⁹

38. **Jesse**⁷ **Read** (John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)¹⁰⁰ was born in

⁸⁶ p183; Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*, ; and Francis, E. W., *Lost Links*.

⁸⁷ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*.

⁸⁸ date on grave stone; and On the 1870 Census for Hinds County MS his age is given as 80 years.,

⁸⁹ date on grave stone, visited March 1992.

⁹⁰ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, , age 8 1850 Census,; and Census 1850, MS Hinds, *Read/Hall/Todd family entry*.

⁹² Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*.

⁹³ *Ibid.*; and *Ibid.*

⁹⁴ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*; and Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*.

⁹⁵ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*.

⁹⁶ age 6 1850 census,; and Census 1850, MS Hinds, *Read/Hall/Todd family entry*.

⁹⁷ age 18, no issue,; and Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*.

⁹⁸ 1870 Census for Hinds County shows John as age 13 years.

⁹⁹ The 1870 Census for Hinds County shows Clay age 11 years.

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, ; and Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

GREEN, AL circa 1823.¹⁰¹ D. August 18, 1895 in Gerrenton, CARROLL, MS.¹⁰² Interred in Bluff Springs Cemetery Bluff Springs Cemetery.

M. **Nancy Jane Gary** January 6, 1847 in MONTGOMERY, MS.¹⁰³ B. 4 Feb 1827 in MADISON, MS.¹⁰⁴ D. after 1897 in ---.

Jesse Read was the GGGrandfather of fellow researcher Helen Tice. The following is written by Helen Tice as she reveals the history of her forefather from her extensive research. He was a graduate of The Sharon Male Academy in Madison Co MS. On 1 June 1846 Jesse enlisted at Vicksburg, MS to fight in the Mexican War. He was mustered in 6 June 1846 at Benton MS. Jesse was part of Capt. Sharp's Company, First regiment MS Infantry, under command of Col. Jefferson Davis. However Jesse was never to see action. A training injury and illness due to exposure caused his early discharge, and made him eligible for a disability pension. he was discharged 9 June 1847 at New Orleans. Military records describe him as 5 Feet 9 inches tall, dark complexion, brown hair and hazel eyes.

He married Nancy Jane Gary in 1847, a daughter of West Gary and Elizabeth Steadman, in the parents home in Middleton, MS with the service performed by Baptist Minister, James N Clinton.

They lived in Carroll Co, then moved to Hinds Co before the Civil War. Most of Jesse's property was lost in the general wreckage that followed the war. Thus the family moved back to Carroll Co, where he died and is buried next to his father in the Old Bluff Springs Cemetery.

When the estate of Jesse's father was settled on Jan 7 1917, Jesse was already deceased but his children and their children were listed. Elizabeth (Lizzie) married Mr Peoples, but she was then deceased. Her children were Anderson, Gary, Nancy and Mrs Wade Forest. Mollie married Mr Tyson and she was deceased but left three daughters-Mrs Allie Amos, Eupors MS, Mrs Nannie Booth, Winona MS and Mrs Annie Lee Rogers, Cleveland MS. John W's widow and thirteen children were living and listed. His widow was Kate was living at Vaiden with seven childre-Nellie, Lois, Ella, Hessie, Robye and Louise. Mrs Herris Maxwell lives at Starksville MS, Walter Tardy at Winona, Addie Diamond and Miss Jonnie Read live in Indianola MS, Mrs N.E. Nye in Greenwood MS and D.W. Read lives in Vaiden MS. All of these addresse were listed in 1917.

Jesse Read and Nancy Jane Gary had the following children:

+ 51 i. John W⁹ Read was born MAY 1849.

¹⁰¹ computer calculated birth date from 1870 census when 47 yrs old.

¹⁰² Obituary for Jesse Read in the Winona Times , Friday August 30, 1895.

¹⁰³ Ibid.

¹⁰⁴ computer calculated date from 1870 Census age given as 43.

- 52 ii. Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" Read¹⁰⁵ was born in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS Circa 1851. D. Bef 1904. M. Monroe Stroup. 17 July 1878) in CARROLL, MS.
- 53 iii. Elizabeth D Read¹⁰⁶ was born in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS circa 1854. D. Bef 1904 in - M. B. Yancey Peebles. 12 Dec 1876) in CARROLL, MS.
- 54 iv. Allen Jesse Read¹⁰⁷ was born in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS 1858. D. 1924 in Greenwood, LEFLORE, MS. M. Martha "Mattie" Petty.
- + 55 v. Marvin Gary Read was born 1860.
- 56 vi. Albert Sidney Read was born in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS 1863. D. 4 Sept 1887 in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS.
- 57 vii. Victor M Read was born in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS 25 Oct 1866. D. 18 Aug 1887 in Winona, MONTGOMERY, MS.

39. Rebecca Ann⁷ Read (John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)¹⁰⁸ was born in AL circa 1827.¹⁰⁹ D. June 13, 1860 in Bolton, HINDS, MS.¹¹⁰ Interred in New Salem Cem.

M. Jesse Barlow Hall. October 23, 1845) in YAZOO, MS.¹¹¹ B.¹¹²) D. October 17, 1878 in Bolton, HINDS, MS

Rebecca was listed as the owner of slaves on the 1850 Census of Slave Inhabitants in Hinds County MS.¹¹³

Rebecca Ann Read was mentioned on p 276 of the Betty Couch Wiltshire book of Marriages and Deaths from MS Newspapers. In the 20 June 1860 Weekly Vicksburg Whig from Vicksburg MS, the article reads, "Mrs. Rebecca A Hall consort of Jesse B Hall and d. of John and Dicy Read of Hinds Co MS, died in the 36th year of her age. She has left a devoted husband and six little children."

Rebecca was listed with her family #1165 page left 146, page right 194. microfilm M 432, roll 385 and and counted next to her parents John and Dicy Read on the 1850 MS Census, for Hinds County, taken on 26 of Nov. Her age in 1850 was given as 23, her husband Jesse was 38, and her children both females were Ann C age 4 and Tennessee age 1. (Writing on children's names difficult to decipher)

Rebecca was listed on the Heirs of the Estate of John Read when the Statement was filed on Jan 9 1917. She had predeceased her father by many years but four of her children are listed as living. Jesse A Hall, living in Jackson, MS, Mrs Jennie Perkins in Hammond LA, Mrs Lelia Smith in Port Gibson MS. Another daughter Kate who married

¹⁰⁵ John Read Lawsuit vs U.S. Govt, No. 646, Chancery Court of the 2nd District, Hinds County, MS, (hereafter cited as Lawsuit, John Read).

¹⁰⁶ Ibid.; and Pers Resrch, H Tice, *Read, Duke Family*.

¹⁰⁷ Lawsuit, John Read.

¹⁰⁸ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*, ; Betty Couch Wiltshire, *Marriages and Deaths from MS Newspapers, Volume 4, 1850-1861* (Heritage Book Inc), (hereafter cited as Wiltshire, Marr&Deaths MS, Vol 4 1850-1861); Jesse B Hall entry, 1870 US Census Federal Population Schedule, Bolton, Hinds County MS, Family # 40, pg 6, 621, Micropublication M 593 #730, National Archives, Washington, DC (hereafter cited as Census 1870 MS Bolton, J.B. Hall family); and Census 1850, MS Hinds, *Read/Hall/Todd family entry*.

¹⁰⁹ obit states age as 36, or b. 1824 but 1850 Census gives age as 23, b1827Newsp.

¹¹⁰ Newsp. Weekly Vickburg Whig 20 June 1860.

¹¹¹ Pers Resrch., *E D Thomson*.

¹¹² Wiltshire, Marr&Deaths MS, Vol 4 1850-1861; Census 1850 slaves, *Read & Hall entry*, and Census 1870 MS Bolton, J.B. Hall family.

¹¹³ 1850 U.S. Census, *Slave Census*.

a Mr Smith was deceased but her husband (L.D. Smith) and eight children were living in Hattiesburg. They are listed as C.J. Wilson, Mrs C.H. Brown, and the following Smiths—Kathryn, Lela, Margaret, Clara, W.R. (who lived in Jackson, MS) and H.H. Smith.

Rebecca Ann Read and Jesse Barlow Hall had the following children:

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| 58 | i. Jesse A ⁸ Hall ¹¹⁴ |
| 59 | ii. Kate B Hall ¹¹⁵ |
| 60 | iii. Florence T Hall ¹¹⁶ |
| 61 | iv. Lela Hall ¹¹⁷ |

40. Elvira Pleasants⁷ Read (John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)¹¹⁸ was born in Edwards Depot, HINDS, MS March 16, 1829.¹¹⁹ D. July 16, 1860 in Edwards Depot, HINDS, MS.¹²⁰ Interred July 18, 1860 in Liberty Cemetery Liberty Cemetery, Edwards.¹²¹

M. Arthur Knight Barlow. May 14, 1851) in —.¹²² B. November 30, 1809 in Tarboro, NC.¹²³

The Trotter Family book pg 33 lists the birthdate as 1829 but the 1850 census HINDS MS 1166 has Elvira as 17 or born 1833. Also the 2 Aug 1860, p 60 in the Betty Couch Wiltshire book on Marriages and Deaths from MS Newspapers, "Elvira P Barlow died near Edward's Depot MS on the 16 July 1860, she was the wife of Arthur K Barlow formerly of Edgecombe Co NC and daughter of John and Dicy Read in the 32nd year of her age. The deceased was a native of Madison Co MS and was married in May 1851."

Elvira Pleasants Read and Arthur Knight Barlow had the following children:

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| + 62 | i. Ida Lawrence ⁸ Barlow was born September 2, 1854. |
| + 63 | ii. Walter Read Barlow was born 1856. |

41. Mary Elizabeth 'Betty'⁷ Read (John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry²,

¹¹⁴ Hall Family, Petition for Letters of Administration, Chancery Court, Hinds, MS. (hereafter cited as Ltr of Admin); and Census 1870 MS Bolton, J.B. Hall family.

¹¹⁵ Ltr of Admin; and Census 1870 MS Bolton, J.B. Hall family.

¹¹⁶ Ltr of Admin; and Census 1870 MS Bolton, J.B. Hall family.

¹¹⁷ Ltr of Admin; and Census 1870 MS Bolton, J.B. Hall family.

¹¹⁸ Wiltshire, Mar&Deaths MS, Vol 4 1850-1861, ; Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, Duke Family, p60; Trotter, S.E. Read gen., Read/Duke Family, ; and Census 1850, MS Hinds, Read/Hall/Todd family entry.

¹¹⁹ age 17 1850 census.

¹²⁰ Newspaper obit from 9042 states age at death as 32.

¹²¹ daughter Ida writes that her parents are buried in Old Liberty Churchya.

¹²² Trotter, S.E. Read gen., Read/Duke Family, ; and Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, Duke Family.

¹²³ Susie Trotter /Eager/ pg 33 1860 HINDS MS census age 50.; and Census 1860 MS Edwards Depot, John Read' entry.

Peter)¹²⁴ was born in Edwards Depot, HINDS, MS 1835.¹²⁵ D. February 16, 1912 in PALO PINTO, TX. Interred in Oran Cem.

M. Howell Alexander Hall. November 15 1855) in Raymond, HINDS, MS. B. circa 1812 in LAWRENCE, MS.¹²⁶

Mary applied for a marriage license to wed Howell Alexander Hall November 14, 1855 in HINDS, MS.¹²⁷

Eliza Read Hall was deceased when her father, John Read's Estate Statement was filed in Jan 9 1917. Five of her children and their children were listed. William left two children-Mamie Savage of Baird TX and Louis Hall also of Baird TX. John Hall of Thurber TX, Alice Hall Davenport of Amarilla TX, Betty Hall Godby of Doane TX and Charlie who died leaving a widow and four children- Mrs S.A. Hall a widow, John W Hall, A.J. Hall and Melvin Hall all of Thurber TX. And Esther Hall of Mingie TX.

According to the 1880 Census Federal Population, for Palo Pinto TX Mary E Hall was 47 years old and widowed. She was born in MS and her father in TN and mother in KY. (This last fact does not appear any other place as the birth place of Dicy Duke) The following children are living with their mother, John R. age 17 and a farm laborer, Charles R, age 15 and a farm laborer, Alice M. age 10 and Bette R age 8.

Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Read and Howell Alexander Hall

HINDS, MS July 19, 1859. D. May 25, 1860 in Edwards Depot, HINDS, MS. Interred in Old Hinds Co Cem, HINDS, MS.

Eighth Generation

¹²⁴ Brandenberger, Evelyn Duke, *Duke Family*, ., Census 1850, MS Hinds, *Read/Hall/Todd family entry*; John Read entry, 1860 US Census Federal Slave Schedule, Hinds County MS, page 122, Micropublication M 653 Roll 597, National Archives, Washington DC (hereafter cited as Census 1860 MS HINDS, *Slave Census*); Mary E Hall family entry, 1880 U.S. Census, Population Schedule, Palo Pinto TX, ED # 157 sheet 30 line 22 household 247, (hereafter cited as Census 1880 Mary E Hall, *Palo Pinto TX*); and Mary E Hall, 1900 Federal Population Schedule, Palo Pinto, TX, Enumeration District 121, Sheet 4, Line 11, (hereafter cited as Census 1900 Palo Pinto TX Hall, *Mary E Hall entry*).

¹²⁵ age 15 1850 census.

¹²⁶ HINDS MS Census 1860 age given as 48 p 151, birth place on military rec.

¹²⁷ copy of license, from Raymond office at home of BBMjr.



Midshipman Charles William Read

42. Charles William⁸ Read (William Francis⁷, John⁶, William⁵, Moses⁴, Harmon³, Henry², Peter¹)¹²⁸ was born in Saratoga, YAZOO, MS May 12, 1840.¹²⁹



Charles William Read later in life

D. January 25, 1890 in Meridian, LAUDERDALE, MS.¹³⁰ Interred January 27, 1890 in Rose Hill Cemetery Meridian, MS.¹³¹

¹²⁸ William Read entry, 1850 U.S. Census Federal Population Schedule, Hinds County MS, Dwelling 1145 Page 195, Micropublication M442 Roll 372, National Archives, Washington DC (hereafter cited as Census 1850 MS H, William Read Family).

¹²⁹ according to notes by Mrs. Read, son Roby said it was YAZOO MS.

¹³⁰ Bill's funeral services, dated 27 Jan 1890.

¹³¹ gravestone photograph taken 31 May 1992.

He married twice.



Charles William Read at the time of his marriage in 1868

M. Rozaltha G Hall December 3, 1867 in Raymond, HINDS, MS.¹³²



Rosa Hall at the time of her marriage

Rozaltha¹³³ was the daughter of Howell Alexander Hall and Elizabeth Ann Benson. D. 1878 in Biloxi, HARRISON, MS.¹³⁴ Interred 1878 in Biloxi, HARRISON, MS.¹³⁵ According to the brother of Savez Read (Joe) Charles traveled home once during the

¹³². loose sheets from Bible in possession BBM Jr states date.

¹³³. Elizabeth Ann Hall, Probate File No. 1683, Courthouse Raymond MS, Hinds County, MS, Filed 7 June 1839 (hereafter cited as Probate File, Hall, *Elizabeth Ann Hall*).

¹³⁴. loose sheets from Bible in poss BBM Jr.

¹³⁵. loose sheets from Bible in Poss BBM Jr.

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¹³³ Elizabeth Ann Hall, Probate File No. 1663, Courthouse Raymond MS, Hinds County, MS, Filed 7 June 1839 (hereafter cited as Probate File, Hall, Elizabeth Ann Hall).

¹³⁴ loose sheets from Bible in poss BBM Jr.

¹³⁵ loose sheets from Bible in Poss BBM Jr.

war when a ship was not available for him and he wooed Rosa Hall. They married after 6 years of courtship.

In 1876 Rosa's husband was in South America working, according to a letter he wrote from there. Unfortunately she died in 1878. It is not known to this author if her husband had returned by that time. But in 1880 the three small children were with the father's sister. They lived with her until Mallory the youngest was 6. At this time their father remarried Nebraska Carter and they all went to live with her.

M. Nebraska Carter February 23, 1884 in Lauderdale, MS. B. July 13, 1854 in Augusta, MS. **M. male May**. bef 1894). D. after 1926 in Los Angeles, LOS ANGELES, CA.¹³⁶ Interred 1928 in Meridian, LAUDERDALE, MS. Nebraska Carter was the second wife of the Confederate Naval War Hero, Charles William Read. They had one daughter May Elizabeth b. 3 March 1885 in New Orleans.. An obituary clipped from a newspaper which could be the Burbank Daily Review where May was employed, gives the following information, "Funeral services for Mrs Nebraska Read, who died yesterday afternoon at her home, 528 North Santa Anita Ave, will be conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Fillbach chapel. The remains will be cremated and sent to Meridian, MS former home of the deceased, where they will be placed beside the grave of her husband.

Near relatives surviving Mrs. Read are the daughter Miss May Read, of 528 North Santa Anita Ave, two sisters, C.E. and May Carter, living in Hattiesburg MS, and one brother, Asa Carter, of Gulfport MS. The deceased was born in Augusta MS July 13, 1854 but she grew to maturity in Paulding, the same state, her family having moved to that place while she was young. Later she removed to Meridian, MS where she was united in marriage to Captain Charles W Read of the Confederate States navy. The couple shortly moved to New Orleans where the home was maintained until the death of Captain Read in 1890.

In 1920, Mrs Read moved from the south to CA, and the following year came to Burbank, where they have since resided."

Another clipping concerning the death lists Rev Roy O Youtz, as pastor of the Christian church, conducting the service.

A further clipping probably from a MS paper states, "Ashes of the body of Mrs. Nebraska Read whose death occurred in CA were interred in Rose Hill cemetery Friday morning, the prayer service being conducted by Rev Blanding Vaughan, pastor of South Side Baptist church. A large number attended the rites, including many relatives from Hattiesburg and members of the Winnie Davis chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, who attended in a body."

At some time after the death of her first husband Nebraska married a Mr May. A letter in the collection of Charles Read's papers, shows that Nebraska was married by 12 Oct 1894, since it was addressed to Mrs N. C. May. Then on June 20 1911 a petition was granted so that she was authorized to resume the name of Read.

¹³⁶. letters show pensions application to MS thru 1926.



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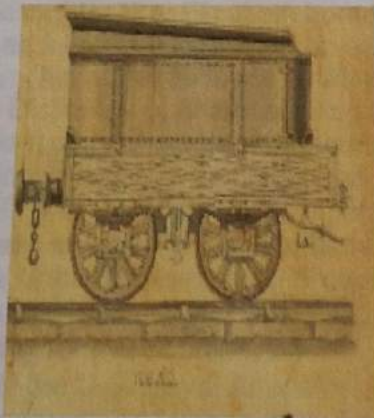


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Charles served in the military 1860 Annapolis, MD.¹³⁷ From: CONFEDERATE MILITARY HISTORY EXTENDED EDITION; VOL. IX MISSISSIPPI Page 458
 "Lieutenant Charles W. Read, one of the most heroic men brought into public notice by the great war, was born near Sharon, Madison county, Miss. May 13, 1840, son of William and Maria (Dotson) Read. His father was a planter in Hinds county until his removal to California in 1849. Young Read was reared in Hinds county near Edwards, and at Jackson, and had the advantages of the country schools and Andrews college, and experience in the printing office of Barksdale & Jones. In 1854, through the influence of W. L. Sharkey, Senator Foote and F.S. Hunt, He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy." copied 6-10-92 Anderson Genealogy Library Gulfport, Mississippi

Charles' brother Joe wrote an article for "Our Heritage", McComb, MS on September 1928 telling about Savez's adventures in the Confederate Navy. But he also wrote a story about the brothers and the newspaper. The following is an excerpt from the article. "He learned the printer's trade in vacations and in the afternoons when school was over, in the office of the Mississippian. Associating himself with a number of other boys in the office and about town he established a little paper called "Scraps of Young America", and he was at one time its editor. The boys took time about in this position. In one of the articles he aroused the ire of the editor of the "Vicksburg Sun". (this paper being noted for its fighting editors) who came up to Jackson with the intent of calling him to account.

He attended an amateur performance given by "The Thespian Society" of which Read was a member, in company with a friend who told him he knew Read and would point him out to him at the play.

The play was "Black Eyed Susan" and Read took the part of a sailor boy and when he appeared on the stage in his sailor suit he was pointed out. He was about 15 years old and small for his age. The editor of the Sun was very much chagrined and said he was looking for a man, and didn't come to Jackson to fight a boy!"

One other note from his daughter May Elizabeth born to his second wife was the fact that her father ran away as a boy and signed up on a sailing vessel. His family got him released and sent home. This note was made by May in handwriting on a typed article about her father in the Dictionary of American Biography.

Charles William Read was a colorful member of the family. He entered Annapolis in 1856 to take his military training and just as he completed it, ending up number 25 in a class of 25, the year was 1860, and the country was in turmoil.

When he heard that MS was involved in the War between the States, he was serving as midshipman on the United States frigate "Powatan", then stationed in Vera Cruz Mexico. Waiting until his ship docked back in New York, he resigned his commission and joined the Navy for the Confederates.

According to the records of the U.S. Naval Academy, his record is stated thus : Born in MS. Appointed from MS. Resigned as Midshipman, April 13, 1861. Acting master, July 12, 1861. Lieutenant for the war, February 8, 1862. Second Lieutenant, October 23, 1862, to rank from October 2, 1862. First Lieutenant Provisional Navy, June

¹³⁷. Registrar of Alumni 1845-1982 U.S. Naval Academy.

2, 1864 to rank from January 6, 1864.

Lieutenant Read had an exciting career during the War. In summary he captured twenty two vessels between 6 June and 27 June 1863. He was captured off Portland ME, June 27 1863 while trying to capture the twenty third vessel, the Caleb Cushing. In September 28, 1864 he was exchanged and paroled. Then participated in naval operations on the James River. He was commanding the C.S. Ram W.H.Webb when destroyed, near New Orleans, April 24, 1865, captured and then released at Fort Warren, July 24, 1865 on oath and parole of honor.

The following is a copy of a letter he wrote which is now found in the files of Gov. Sharkey of MS to speed up his parole:

A typed letter (no doubt a copy) written by Charles W Read from Fort Warren, Boston (prison) on June 28th 1865.

From the papers of Governor Sharkey (MA - Series E vol.69 Governor Sharkey

Dear Sir:

The close of the war finds me a prisoner of war here. As I am a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, I am excepted from the benefits of the President's Late Amnesty Proclamation.

On the 14th of May last I applied for the Oath of Allegiance to the U.S.: and on the 21st of the present month I made a written application to the President for permission to take the Amnesty oath. In making these applications I was actuated by a sincere desire to become once more a law abiding citizen of the United States.

I desire to return to Mississippi and live a peaceful life among my friends.

I graduated at the Naval School at Annapolis in June 1860. In February 1861 I was led to believe that Mississippi had ceased to be one of the United States and I felt it my duty to give up my profession and cast my fate with the State of my maternity. When hostilities commenced I accepted a commission in the Confederate Navy. At the end of the war I held the rank of First Lieutenant in said Navy.

I earnestly request that you will ask the President to grant me the Amnesty and allow me to return home.

I have not seen you for so long that I suppose you have forgotten me. I beg leave to refer you to Mr B. Barksdale or Maj. F.S. Hunt.

I was appointed in the U.S.Navy by Hon. W.A. Lake of Vicksburg
 respectfully Chas. W.Read Very

In the book "Nine Men in Gray", by Charles L. Dufour the career of Charles W is written concisely and the book includes a picture of our hero while imprisoned in Fort Warren, MA. There is also an interesting account of the exploits of Charles after the war when he engaged in some questionable tactics in Columbia selling and then pirating a ship from both sides of a revolution.

However in May 2000 a letter has been found to survive, written to a relative in Nova Scotia from South America. It is dated 1878. The following is a transcription of a copy of the letter which was not fitted on the copy machine properly. Thus the words on the right margin of the document are unreadable. The owner of the letter has promised a better copy and transcription. But at the moment this is all that is available