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Dear Mr. Clarke,

We have gathered pertinent materials together to send you about Charles William Read (1840-1890) Hereafter, I (Betty) will refer to him as Savez, his nickname. It's shorter. Savez is John's great grandfather. John's mother, Cora Read Maynard, was the daughter of Roby Read, Savez's second son and the oldest child to survive infancy. The things that we have and are sending that you might find of interest are mainly what I would call source materials- letters, war communications, birth and death records, obits etc.

#### SAVEZ'S ANCESTRY

##### The Virginia Families

I shall attempt to tell you briefly what we know about Savez and Rosa's families in this letter, starting with Savez. His ancestry seems to be totally southern. Reads, Dotsons, Dukes, Holts, and Tuleys are the families that we know something about. All came from Virginia. The earliest, William Spencer, a forebearer (4 generations back) of the wife (Ann Newsom) of one of the Holts (Thomas Holt the first) actually came to Jamestown, Virginia on the Sarah Constant in 1607, the first expedition. This same Holt wife also had Carter forebearers, William and George Carter, 17th century men of substance. The first with the Holt name to come to Jamestown came on the George in 1620. His descendants lived there in the Jamestown- Williamsburg area on Hogg Island for five generations before moving on to North Carolina.

The Dukes, too, came to James City County and acquired land there. Thomas Duke arrived from County Kent, England in 1651. His son, Henry Duke, became a member of the Virginia Council and served in the House of Burgesses. Henry's son, James, married the daughter of his good friend, Col. William Byrd, also a member of the Virginia Council. So Savez is also a direct descendant (7 generations later) of the famous Byrd family, who had extensive Virginia lands.