

John D. Read did die in 1853 and is buried near Dicy in Hinds County. He must somehow have gotten back home from Nevada City.

We do not know when the Dotsons left Tennessee for Mississippi. By the 1850 census some of the Dotson family were living together in Hinds County, Mississippi---the widowed mother, four adult children, one grandchild, and four others. By then Jeremiah had died. He died in 1841 in Vicksburg. Later that year daughter, Mary B. Dotson, was married at Perch Place Hinds County as reported in a Vicksburg paper. Of course five years earlier (1836) Maria Louisa Dotson, the oldest daughter, and William Read, had been married in Madison County, Mississippi. We know that the Dotsons once lived in Raymond, Mississippi--- before moving to Vicksburg. Jeremiah was on the tax rolls at Raymond in 1838 and 1839. Jeremiah owned land right cross the street from the courthouse. After Jeremiah's death his wife, Martha, sued (in 1848) for her dower rights to that property and won. We found those records in the Raymond Courthouse. Jeremiah also belonged to the Masons when in Raymond. There are records of that. He must have been in Vicksburg a very short time before he died. We could find no land records in Vicksburg, but that is not surprising due to the nature of the war there. I've wondered what one could dig up in the basement of the wonderful old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg. But nothing was available several years ago when we were there. We found nothing at the Vicksburg courthouse. We don't even know the names of all of Maria Louisa's siblings. We only know of Mary B., Josephus, Matilda J., William M. and James M. *The Raymond Times* of Aug. 13, 1841 stated: "Died recently at Vicksburg aged about 50 years, Mr. Jeremiah Dotson, formerly of this place, leaving a widow and large family of children to lament his death. He was originally from Winchester, Virginia." Jeremiah Dotson is on the 1820 census of Virginia in Frederick County where Winchester is located. He was on the 1830 Tennessee census of Nashville, Tennessee, and the 1840 census of Hnds County, Mississippi, Southern District.

The 1860 census reports Martha Dotson living in Jackson, Mississippi with three of her children- Mary B. Dotson, Ilsley Frazelle (widowed twice) William and James and two grandchildren, children of Mary B.

After 1870 we don't know what happened to Savez's mother, Maria Louisa. Her youngest son married and moved to Texas. In 1880 she was not living with her daughter, Bettie Hall although her sister, Mary B. Frazelle was with them then. We've never found where Savez was in 1880. Perhaps she was living with him. He may have been in Venezuela. We think she was still alive when Savez courted and married Nebraska Carter in 1884. We have a copy of a letter that Savez's brother Joe wrote to a cousin in 1910. In it he expresses past resentments he had held toward Nebraska for the way she had treated her step children and her mother-in-law Joe heard about Nebraska, I suppose, from Savez's daughter, Louise. Louise at times, off and on, lived in Texas with one or the other of her two uncles,