

Read Family - Mt. Beulah, Edwards Township, Hinds County, Mississippi The John Read family came to Mississippi in 1828 after spending six intervening years between Tennessee and Mississippi and Alabama. Son, Jesse, and daughter, Rebecca, had been born in Greene Co., Alabama. The family had also lived in Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama. In Mississippi, the Reads lived first in Madison Co., where daughter, Elvira, was born in 1829. It was not long before they moved on to Hinds Co. and established a farm on land five miles from Edwards between Bolton and Edwards. Here they remained for 35 years, tending their farm, growing cotton. Their last child, Mary Elizabeth, was born there in 1835. In 1850, their real estate was valued at \$1,200.00; and in 1860 \$10,000 and personal estate was \$19,000.00. John and Dicy were Methodists, worshipping at the Old Liberty Church at Edwards. Dicy was buried in the Old Hinds Co. Cemetery there. She died in 1867, at 68 years of age, while on a visit to Carroll Co., near Winona at her son Jesse's home. John left the farm after Dicy's death and moved to be near Jesse in Carroll Co., Winona did not become part of Montgomery Co., until 1871 when Carroll Co. was divided. We do not know when John died. It was after 1871 when he applied for a War of 1812 pension at 77 years. Only two of their children were still living when John and Dicy died, John and Mary Elizabeth. John & Dickey were married over 50 years. Arthur Knight Barlow, Elvira's husband, lived in the Read house with his new family after John left. An earlier Barlow farmhouse had been burned in the Civil War. Ida Barlow, daughter of Elvira and Arthur Knight Barlow, had gone with her grandmother to visit Jesse. She stayed on there after Dicy's death and was raised by her aunt and uncle. In 1916, John Read's heirs received \$2,160.00 for property taken or destroyed in the war.

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