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Extracts from the "Old Ledger"

"When the children of William Humphrey Read, and Mary Cotton Bridges were born."

- 1 James Cotton Read was born December, 13-1824.
- 2 Alpheus LaFayette Read was born June, 8 - 1826.
- 3 Sarah Caroline Read was born January, 26 - 1828.
- 4 John Forsythe Read was born March, 12 - 1829.
- 5 Benjamin Franklin Read was born June 24, 1830.
- 6 Mary Jane Read was born October, 15 - 1831.
- 7 William Hamilton Read was born April, 12 - 1833.
- 8 Lucinda Rebecca Read was born November, 5 - 1834.
- 9 Martha Elizabeth Read was born October, 2 - 1836.
- 10 Louisa Ellen Read was born April, 6 - 1838.
- 11 Julia Ann Read was born May, 10, - 1840
- 12 Joseph Alexander Read was born June, 4 - 1842.
- 13 Russell Floyd Read was born September, 27 - 1844.
- 14 Angeline Melissa Read was born October, 13 - 1846.
- 15 George Monroe Read was born January, 19-1848.
- 16 Andrew Jackson Read was born April, 29 - 1851.

"William H. Read the father of the above children was born March, 23 - 1799 & died Oct. 2 - 1870."

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"When the children of William H. and Mary O. Read were married."

- 1 Alpheus L. Read, and Melvina E. Solomon were married December 20 - 1849..
- 2 James Wilkes, and Mary Jane Read were married April, 27 - 1848
- 3 Wiley M. Pearce, and Lucinda R. Read were married January, 26 - 1854
- 4 Franklin B. Read, and Georgia Blow were married January, 30 - 1855.
- 5 William H. Read, and Virginia Robertson were married December, 3 - 1857.
- 6 Tilman S. Denson, and Julia Read were married February, 20 - 1862.
- 7 Elias I. Denson, and Angelina Read were married. October, 25 - 1866.
- 8 Daniel B. Melton, and Martha E. Read were married February, 10 - 1867.
- 9 Franklin B. Read, and Anna Hinson were married, January, 6 - 1870.
- 10 Russell Floyd Read, and Mary Jane Phillips were married, May, 23 - 1871.
- 11 John Phillips, and Julia Read Denson were married, June, 15 - 1871.
- 12 Monroe Read, and Willis Jeffers were married, December, 13 - 1871.
- 13 John Horne, and Ellen Read were married January, 24 - 1872.

"Russell Floyd Read died on Wednesday night June 1st 1904."

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July the 18th 1861

New Fairground

near Richmond

Dear Brother I have

been looking every day for

a letter from you but there has

no Southern mail for the last

few days. I want you to tell

Mr. Andrews that Robins is no

better yet I do not know what

to write about him I can say that

he is very sick. he may get well

but I think it will be some time

first. I hope you get well soon

for we are going from

this place to go to Manassas

Junction where we will have some

fighting to do. We leave here next

Sunday so Lieut Ross tells me.

So I shall have to stay here

with Robins somebody will have it

to do he wants me to stay with him

we have a very good place to
stay at provided we are left
here. I have been away from ca
so much that I hardly know
what the news is I think
our company is with 5 others
in a Battalion the Maj I do
not know but our officers are
none of them promoted so we
are some what disappointed.
I shall be very sorry to see my
company leave without me
and if it cannot be
otherwise if they leave here Sunday
to day is Thursday & it is impossible
for him to get well enough to
go in that time if he ever
does, I am some what in trouble
at this time & I fear that the
worst is to come yet think how it may
be if we are left here by ourselves

Tell all the folks
to write to us to
before to Richmond
William & co The
on to our com
left here I shall
know it so I can
come to me. I shall
close close as Capt
is in the Room Tal
no at present But
your B

Southern C. H. (Wash Oct 8th 1862)

! Dear father, ~~Dear father~~
I seat myself to let you ~~know~~
all I know how John is getting along
I arrived here last ~~Friday~~^{Sunday} Evening & made
my way to the barracks which is about half
mile from town & found John after searching
a long while he is not as bad off as was
told me in Macon, before I left he is able
to walk about some, though not much yet
he has ben sick about two months with
Typhoid fever & Pneumonia both he has nearly
lost the use of his left arm & side but the
Surgeon says that he will regain his strength
in his arm & side as he gets well but I
cant tell as to that all I can say he is
in a very bad fix I had him carried before
the Board to be examined so he could get
a discharge but they would not grant him
a discharge because they say he will require
his strength in his arm & side as he gets well
but my opinion is he wont be fit for service

no more in six months but it may
not be that long I can only stay here
a few days longer & I shall have to leave
him for money is growing short but I
shall stay just as long as I can & try to
get him Discharged if possible but if he
gets well there is no chance for him to
get off but he would be willing to stay
if he was well he was put in the
Hospital when he was first taken sick
but is out at the Barracks now but
they will all be removed from there when
cold weather sets in I shall be at home
by the 25th if nothing happens

Yours truly
A. L. Head

Chas. Richmond Va June 8th 1862

Dear Brother

I seat myself this Sabbath morning to drop you a few lines to inform you in what shape of life I am. I am well at present and so are William and Jo but how long we will remain so I cannot tell. When we were at Grahamville all I wanted was to get away from there any other place I thought would suit me better but when we had gotten to Charleston I found out that I was foolish, and that Charleston was not half as good a place as Camp Donelson, and I wanted to leave Charleston

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Bob and
and I

a little of the night but
after landing at Anahonoo
to and wading through the
mud and water up over my
knees for two or three days
and sleeping every night in my
wet clothes, without any tent
and it raining half the time
I found out that I did not know
what a good place was but
my tent had gotten here at
last and John Abbott and my
self have ~~made~~ put up a little scaffold
over our tent and we are off
the wet ground one night
over. All the rest of the boys
sleep on the ground yet with nothing
but blankets under them, and
I do not believe that Mr. Tolson
and Parker would fix up
if they had to lay in the
mud and water. I suppose that

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Camps is
was very
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miles
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told by
relieved the
gambles
you know
another
as I said

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...of the battle here the other
if you did not I can not tell
you much about it - our loss was
supposed to be as great as that of
the enemy although some are
willing to believe that our loss
is not half as much as that of
the enemy. I will give you a
few lines ~~about~~ our Regt when they went
picked - ~~the day before yesterday~~
~~we were picked out for the battle~~
~~which is about the miles from the~~
camps to relieve our other Regt - it
is very laughable. after they were posted
the picket line which was nearly two
miles our Regt had to fill up - (they were
led by the Colonel of the Regt that we
knew that they would be sure to see
us before our time was out and
we know that put our boys all
the ~~back out~~) and after picking
up and every thing got still

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they began
how and
one or two
would cry
hear them
guards up
with his
skinned
fries on
about
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on each
Mank
hear them
we know
an attack
up a wall
but they
and Eric
thought
the bank
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say that
it. The
since we
for Bill
Sir. I
want to

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they began to ^{shoot} fire, every time the wind would
blow and shake a bush or rattle the leaves
one or two would fire at it. then that
could create excitement and you could
hear them racking their guns for fifty
yards up and down the line and every one
with his eyes skinned. but one time I
skinned my eyes with two, our ^{men} ~~men~~
fired one time at a Yankee up a tree
about 400 yds and the Yankees returned
the fire I reckon they fired 20 times
on each side and you could hear them
~~men~~ shouting and laughing you could
hear them say fall in plain enough
we thought that they were going to make
an attack on us. and that night they kept
up a continual firing all through the night
but the kinder got used to it. before day
and did not shoot so much our pickets
thought that they killed two or three of
the Yankees one time our Company was stationed
when they could not see any Yankees but every
day that came along they made him smell
it. We have seen the 1st and 8th Co Regt
we have been here we swapped our men
for Bill Garrison, ~~William~~ name was Wane
his. Elias Fargan and Thom Robertson
wants to come to our company