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Mrs. Shirley Spragge  
262 Frontenac Street  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 3S8

Dear Shirley Spragge,

I have found John L. Read in the material from the History and Genealogy of the Reed-Read Lineage that I xeroxed some time ago at the Vermont Historical Society library,--neglecting to note the author's name or the publication date (apparently 1908 or soon after).

John Landon Read was, as I suspected, a son of Obadiah Read of South Augusta, and the father of David B. Read. The compiler of the genealogy must have received much information from the Ontario branch of the family. The pages that I xeroxed start with Moses<sup>4</sup> Read, "founder of the Read family in Canada" (and father of Obadiah), and include at least some of generation 7 as well as those in between. The genealogy carries some of the Canadian lines even farther. Addresses, if known, of those still living, are given.

I have long suspected that some of the Read story was the result of wishful thinking and that some of the historical material in the genealogy was not strictly from family memories, but if I have ever pursued the Reads through loyalist records at PAC, in an effort to authenticate the history, the gremlins who are in charge of my files have done away with my notes.

According <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ Reid's Loyalists in Ontario (a far from impeccable source), Moses Read had an O in C for a land grant in 1800--no doubt for lot 36 conc. 3 of Augusta, where he settled, though I'll have to look into that sometime. Reid lists none of Moses Read's children.

Moses<sup>4</sup> Read (Eleazer<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1735 in Salisbury, Ct., m. Rebecca Pratt who died in South Augusta 22 Feb. 1822. Moses died 6 Oct. 1802, (according to what is supposed to be the oldest stone in the Read Cemetery in So. Augusta). Moses is said to have come to Canada in 1784, followed the next year by his son Obadiah with wife Lydia Landon (they married in 1784) and infant son Guy Carleton Read, b. 16 June 1785. *See with says (pp 154-5) that Obadiah arrived with wife & 2 children.*

Moses<sup>4</sup> and Rebecca Read are credited with ten children (no dates or birth-places given for the others<sup>5</sup> in what I have xeroxed). They were: John, Patience, Abraham, Moses Jr., Obadiah, Benjamin, Rebecca, Irene, Matilda, and Sarah. Apparently the girls (or at least the four youngest of them) came to Augusta, as I have noted that Rebecca m. Joseph Towsley; Irene m. John Smith in 1789 (of Augusta); Matilda m. a Seeley; and Sarah m. Adoniram Burritt. . . The genealogy says <sup>only</sup> that daughters of Moses Read married Daniel Burritt (not so), Joseph Towsley, and John Ketchum, and that they had "many descendants holding positions of trust in the world, but their number is too great to be enrolled here".

(The above data is in case you should <sup>ever</sup> be involved with any of these people)



The following from pp. 17, 49 and 50 of the Reed-Read Lineage:

John Landon Read was born 9 March 1789 (Probably in Augusta). I have just checked my xerox copy, which is not too clear, of Justus Sherwood's list of the men who drew land in the 7th township of Oswegatchie at its settlement. Among those "from the Colonies Since the Commencement of the Settlement put on the Donation List by Mr. Delancey & Received their lands from me after taking the oaths" etc. are;

Benjamin Reed  
Obadiah Reed  
Moses Reed  
Sam<sup>A</sup> Landon (?--not too clear)

At any rate, John L. Read was the third child and 2nd son of Obadiah<sup>5</sup> Read and Lydia Landon (b. 15 Feb. 1763 - I have no record of her parents). ~~John Landon Read was~~ Obadiah "obtained a grant of land adjoining his father on which in 1812 he built a two-storey<sup>stone</sup> house, in which religious meetings were held until other accommodations were provided. His house was ever open to the ministers of the various denominations and to the hungry. He was deacon of the Baptist church, which was one of the first to be organized in that part of the Province. His wife was possessed of more than ordinary intellectual ability. . . ." Obadiah and Lydia had nine children, all of whom lived to marry.

three times;

John Landon Read was married ~~twice~~, first to Janet Breakenridge (daughter of David Breakenridge and Hester Wright). Their children were:

1. James b. 13 Dec. 1812; m. Louisa Woods (one source gives his birth year as 1813)
2. Mary b. 29 Apr. 1815 m. Thomas McCormick
3. Harriet b. 19 Apr. 1817 m. Dr. Daniel Coate
4. William Case b. 13 Apr. 1819 m. Margaret MacKenzie
5. Lydia M. b. 2 May 1821 m. Alexander Miller
6. David B. b. 28 Jan. 1826 m. Emily Ballard
7. Hester b. 28 Jan. 1826 m. Edmund Burritt
8. John B. b. 1 Feb. 1832 m. ~~Ranana~~ Ballard (sic)

either twins, or someone goofed in copying

Janet Read died 18 Feb. 1832, aged 36 years, 9 months, 7 days.

John married second Hannah C. Harper on 23 July 1835; she died in June 1836.

John married third Ann(e) Miller on 12 Sept. 1837; she died 31 July 1845, aged 29 years. She had two children:

9. Frederick Arthur b. 2 Oct. 1840; d. 20 Oct. 1872, unmarried
10. Ann Grant b. 1 June 1845; d. 8 June 1845

John Landon Read "was a merchant of Merrickville, Leeds County (sic.) Canada. Served during the war of 1812, and was present at the taking of Ogdensburg. He settled in Augusta and County of Greenville (sic.), Held office many years of Justice of the Peace; prominent member of Church of England."

Nov. 7th. Author of the Reed-Read Lineage is Ella Reed Wright. The Read family (back to John<sup>1</sup>) is also in Ontarian Families. . . . I hope that this arrives in time to be helpful--I have had a very busy week.

No need to reply. I am off to Chicago--and then Toronto--on the 12th, for 3 weeks or longer.

Sincerely,

*Polly Craig*



Augusta Assessment

1827 John Reade <sup>uncult ac</sup> 80 <sup>cult ac</sup> 20 <sup>lot 4</sup> <sup>lot 4</sup> 2 horses 2 cows, no sheep  
assessment 66 (net high)

1828 John L Reade 60 40 lot 36 com 2 <sup>col 7</sup> 1 <sup>col 21 22 23 24</sup> 2 2 4 2 assess 125  
<sup>framed under 2 staves</sup> <sup>horses 2 cows</sup> <sup>and cattle</sup>

1829 John L Reed 60 40 36 2 <sup>col 11</sup> <sup>col 12</sup> <sup>col 22</sup> <sup>col 24</sup> 2 4 assess 130  
<sup>frame</sup> <sup>additional</sup> <sup>none</sup> <sup>hired</sup>  
<sup>brick on stone</sup> <sup>bricks</sup> <sup>→</sup> <sup>well</sup>

Mfm There are 1842 + 1848 Walford in M series but Queens doesn't have see OA  
C958 Walford Twp 1851

Eastern 1/2 side lines between lots 15 + 16  
Evangelical District, Walford  
1. John L Reed merchant Canada C. England 63 wt 1 <sup>family attending school</sup> <sup>House</sup> no entry  
Fredric Reed — Canada C. England 11 3 1 1  
Charles Mc Intyre Servant Ireland R. Carleton 25 5 x

Info re mills, factories  
Single factory owned by Moses Bennett v Merrick <sup>employed</sup>  
Containing 4 machines driven by water power Cost £ 250 Value 900

Universalist ministers in Twp many members  
Besley, grist mill saw mill  
Stone houses, frame, log, shanty

✓ Merickville Parish Register  
Reid, John Landon Merickville <sup>died</sup> between Jan-Apr 1857 <sup>buried</sup> <sup>grave</sup> Churchyard Merickville aged 70 [61787]

Parish records  
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Read no Court material  
no Royalist claim  
not in Moses Reed's will → Obediah → King Carleton + deas.  
PAC H & D Moses Reed unincorporated Royalist wife v 3 children  
OA Land grant Red Moses 1/2 36 <sup>III</sup> 1789 fg  
Red Benjamin 1/2 36 <sup>III</sup> 1789 fg  
Red Obediah 1/2 37 <sup>IV</sup> 1789 fg

Census W appears 1815 married not next to other Reads but as Reed  
1817 married next to other Reads  
1823 next to other Reads - will 2 servants 117 x 5 children

Check Courlay Statistical Acct. Armstrong



262 Municipal Records Leeds v Grenville Assessment Walford → Younge  
 (14) 1829 Walford no John Read

1830 John L. Read only entry last column 1 // 200 - // - | 16 | 8  
 = merchant's store ↓ Assessment for District purposes

1831 John L. Read 2 ac. culwaid 1 male over 16 1 store  
 Assessment 200

film 1833 errors

1833 John L. Read beg. col 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 2 | ship 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 262  
 frame 1 storey; additional fireplaces; additional fireplaces; merchant shop; 2 horses;  
 2 cows; 2 males over 16, 3 males under 16; 2 females over 16; 3 females under 16  
 [household figures don't quite jibe]

1833 John L. Read beg. col. 8 | 1 | ship 7 | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1  
 frame under 2 storey; merchant shop; 2 horses, 1 cow  
 Census 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 254  
 3 males 16+ 2 females 16+  
 3 males 16- 3 females 16-

1834 John L. Read beg. col 6 (1) ship 3 | 1 | - | - | 1  
 Census 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 262  
 (same as 1833)



- 1835 John L Reed frame 1 story, additional fireplaces 3 horses, 2 cows 1 M. store  
family 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 Ass<sup>y</sup> not available
- 1836 John L Reed 1 double wagon used for pleasure Ass<sup>y</sup> 295 family 4 | 1 | 2 | 2  
9 merchant stores Reed <sup>3rd</sup> highest amount
- 1837 John L Reed family 13 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - Ass<sup>y</sup> 267
- 1838 John L Reed (4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | skip 4 | 1 | 1 | skip 5 | 1 | ) family 3 - 2 ass<sup>y</sup> 270  
4 males over 16 <sup>3 males</sup> 16 - ; 2 females +, 1 female - total of residents 10  
frame house, additional fireplaces ? 3 horses, 2 cows
- 1839 printed heading, no census cost 330
- 1840 John L Reed 1 frame under 2 storeys 1 frame over 2 storeys 2 merchant shops  
4 horses  
cost ~~330~~ 546
- 1841 John L Reed 130 20 10 men A 7 8 18  
2 frame under 2 storeys 1 shop Ass<sup>y</sup> 351



Leeds & Grenville Atlas

hist. sketch by P. Mackenzie

#12  $\frac{111}{111}$  Settlement along Rideau 1st surveyed Oxford & Marlborough 1791

Roger Stevens on n. side Rideau drawn 1793

Oxford - on the Rideau to satisfy claims of certain reduced officers  
e.g. Buell & Bottom, H. Munro 1200 ac.; E. Jones, T. Sherman 1000;  
P. Drummond 1800

? but 1801 still only 14 settlers all 1 Harris family  
1st perm. settler on Rideau Stephen Burritt, son Daniel  
on north bank in Marlborough

? 1815 Oxford rec'd no. of Br. soldiers disbanded post 1812

Waldford & Montague W surveyed 1795 M 1796

Meritt came to Rideau n. bank ca. 1794 1800 bet. dam  
& sawmill + grist & carding mill Merrick's Mills = Merrickville  
quote petition (n.d.) of Stephen & Daniel Burritt, Asahel Hunt & Richard Ousted



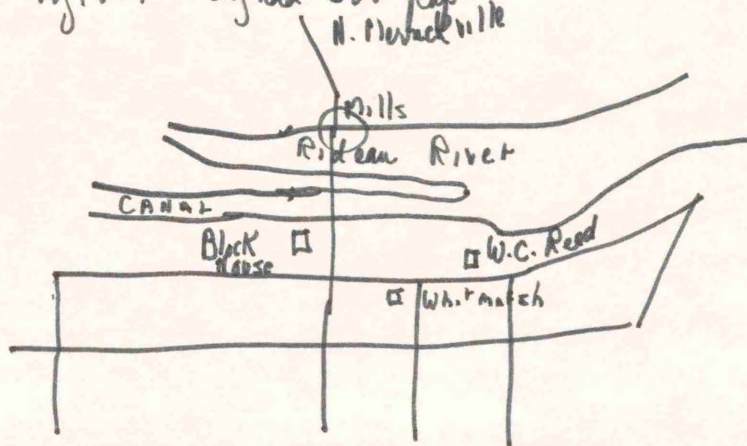
for mill [earlier than Reed's 1836] saws added flour, single v wooden mills  
+ at midcentury axe factory, carriage factory, stone foundry + <sup>general</sup> stores

Pideau locks built there

1790s settlers move in W v M Joseph Easton 1st Cannery on W  
Joseph Westons v Richard Olmsted → saw mills Caleb Edwards → grist mill  
Samuel Dow blacksmith v dau. Lemira teacher

Walford by 1817 only had 300 pop  
N. Merrickville

p. 66  
Town of  
Merrickville





GA

A = broken front

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Mun 264 Municipal Records Leeds, Greenville Walford Assessment  
(14) 1842 almost illeg. couldn't find Reed

1843 John L Reed Esq. 125 uncult 25 cult lot 10 On A house, store, wagon Ass<sup>v</sup> 356

1844 John L Reed 100 50 "Ptdrowned by canal" common entry to this year Ass<sup>x</sup> 162

1845 almost illeg.

1846 John L Reed Esq. family (5) 3 | 3 | 3 total 14 7 1/2 acres by River Ass<sup>t</sup> 361

1847 skipped

1848 John L Reed 70 30 10A — 20 ac. drowned Ass<sup>t</sup> 44

John L Reed 1/8 9A family 2 2 3 2 total 9 88

William Reed — 9A — 1 shop 200

1849 John L Reed family 2 - 2 - 4 house Ass<sup>t</sup> 63

William C Reed " 1 1 - - 2 shop 200



1850 John L Reed [no census] dies 1849

1851 simplified form from Tom C Reed 9A Asst 200 John L Reed 9-10 A Asst 183

1853 Collectors roll no John L

1836 Jeremy Smyth merchant 1 yeg Asst. 284

E H Whitmarsh merchant 12 wheel sulky 384

B B Church ?



PA C

Klein v. Cawson Breaches of Reform

RG 5 B25 Election Returns v. 4 1808-44

24 Oct. 1844 Leeds Com. ~~Reeds~~ protests against the election of Cope Robert  
Gowan because of threats of violent, unqualified electors, disqualified rightful  
electors etc.

1824 Schedule of Counties - Returning Officers etc.

Cirencester 2 members Returning Officer → Richard D. Tracer <sup>[Place]</sup> Place of Election → <sup>[Place]</sup> most convenient Place  
[?] hours → ~~24~~ 12 Aug 1824 Return of writs → 16 Sept Time of Election → most convenient  
<sup>[Date]</sup> time Commissioners' names Richard Tracer & Alpheus Jones. Persons Returned - "return not  
received"

1844 William James Seave, <sup>Returning</sup> ~~Procurator~~ <sup>Officer</sup> ~~Seave~~ <sup>Seave</sup> did not take bribe over allowed false  
21 Oct. entry in Poll Book at election <sup>Seave</sup> dies Richard William Seave clerk to Returning  
officer



27 Nov. 1844 <sup>Protest</sup> Freeholders of Grenville protest election of Hamilton D. Jessup because  
Seaw, Returning Officer, mixed up county boundaries & held election in  
inconvenient place sq. Wm Patrick, Wm B Wells, C. H. ~~Pat~~<sup>Pect</sup>, Wm Harris,  
Thomas Craser, R. Burrer, James Higgins, Fred. Belfoy, Patrick Nooney,  
Henry Ellers, Jr

3100  
1844 writ & return for Hamilton Jessup



Brockville Recorder

7/7/36 19<sup>th</sup> ~~July~~ <sup>June</sup> 1836 Obit <sup>Merrickville</sup> Hernal Elizabeth, wife John L. Reed <sup>[549]</sup>  
in 35<sup>th</sup> yrs. after 2 days extreme suffering  
- final results Brockville not reported up to 26 Aug/36

Leavitt

p166 "at that time [?] only store in Merrickville was  
kept by John L. Reed who supplied the newspapers  
not only of Montague but also of Perth"

p64 1838-7 13<sup>th</sup> Parl.

Hiram Norton, Com B Wells



Read W.D

SHEIKH, M. Amil

Augusta, daughter of David

Janet Breakenridge re. John L. Read, Augusta

The relative downward displacement of  
Saskatchewan yield curve. 1948 - 65.

d. 1832 in 37 days. O.C. 26 Mar. 1817  
36

Atlantic Republics Production

M.A. 1966

Negative

VC 143 Pocock TGA  
Machinist's Monument  
Palmer Thought

F127 58H8



1-334 Brockville Recorder and the Eastern Townships  
Aug 1833 16 Aug v. 13<sup>#</sup> 33 Bathurst District Recorder W

The Assizes reported Murder, larceny, riot & assault  
Sherwood vs Sage Gowan alleged libel

W. H. Denaut vs James Gray Defendant to recover damages for  
injuries reflected on the prosecutor by the defendant while the  
Brockville election was pending

23 Aug King Bench Bella Flint vs Gray & others ... for injuries  
at a Charivari guilty

Sentences 7 yrs. banishment Judges observations re Flint  
"Care" when assembled for public purposes those assembled should  
be particularly careful to prevent breaches of the peace"

"...subscribers of despatch have good reason to be satisfied with  
prompt & efficient manner in which justice was administered"

Schwellnus, Jürgen, E. G.

Quarter Sessions At May sessions several of Farmerville  
rates were ~~reduced~~ The distribution of the gold within  
the basal reef. Ct. of Requests <sup>Sic</sup> Gann<sup>o</sup> Montague & Walford John L. Reede

M. Sc. 1953.

16 July 1836 Leeds Election William Ruell & Matthew  
Howard accuse Oafe Gowan & <sup>Negative</sup> Thomas Jones of intimidation

1/7/36 Grenville Wells & Norton ahead of Jones & Burrier

Election commenced 27 June  
Baldwin endorses Wells & Norton

Obit Joseph Knapp 27 May 1836 age 93 Montague Methodist



PAC

Land petitions

PAC R 613  
Upper Canada Land Petitions

R 20/58 John L. Reed v others

Merrickville 2 Dec. 1836

"in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Village of Merrickville and Neighbourhood"

"... suffering great inconveniences [sic] through the want of more extensive Flouring Mills and other Machinery being erected

That the surplus waters of the Rideau Canal is sufficient to propel [sic] the different mills and other works which the Country stands in need of for its necessities ... Grant or Grants thereof be made to a Joint Stock Company or otherwise, which will enable them to erect such Mills and other works ..."

[quib. diff] John L. Reed Jeremy Smyth, B B Church, E. H. Wheelmarsh  
accompanied by letters endorsing prayer from Capt L. [?] Ballan  
Senior Royal Engineers Rideau [sic] Canal

outside jurisdiction Land Bd. but willing to rec. to Board of Ordnance, Que.

R 22/52 Grantham, District of Niagara 1840

John Reed H of Grantham son of William Reed, Grantham

deceased Enrolled U.E. John Reed

"never received land"  
granted

Mc 20/55 1837 Township of Mono for land widow McCutcheon

John Reed among 25 others signing

S 3/64 Reed, Jesse Small Augusta 9 Aug 1797 dau. Moses Reed, U.E.  
see 3/66 land of George Campbell, Augusta



Read, Agnes Kitley 1819 U.C. Ld. Ret. R12/77  
daughter of William Read, Kitley

{ Read Ann (Young) Grantham 1816 U.C. Ld. Ret. R12/52  
    daughter of John Young, Indian Dept; wife Cornelius Read  
{ Read Catherine (Young) Grantham 1816 U.C. Ld. Ret. R12/52

Read Clementine (Seacard)<sup>(sic)</sup> Grantham 1806 U.C. Ld. Ret. R8/9  
    daughter of Lt. Solomon Seacard, & wife George Read

Read, Cornelius Grantham 1811 U.C. Ld. Ret. R10/21  
    son of George Read Sr., U.C.

~~Read Margaret (Gray) Kitley 1823 U.C. Ld. Ret. R13/91~~

Read, Mary Grantham 18~~11~~<sup>24</sup> U.C. Ld. Ret. R14/37

Read Nath and others New Hampshire Newark 1792±6 U.C. Land BK R1/65  
    + 2 pp of signatures - in progress to Sempere - ask for unspecified Top. 1793±6 R1/63  
    Feb 1792 Newmarket

Read Obadiah E Town 1797 U.C. Ld. Ret. R3/3  
    has 1 child born previous to '99 asks 50 ac. ~~recommended~~

Read Obadiah Augusta 1801 U.C. Ld. Ret. R5/15  
    son of Moses Read U.C. Des E 1/2 37<sup>th</sup> wants rest recommended

{ Read William a no. of — 1795 U.C. Ld. Pt. L1/73  
    inhabitance of U.S.  
    huge pecunia, no place held under Gabriel Paken response to Sempere 1792

Read William Newark 1795 U.C. Ld. Pt. R2/42

Came from Br 1773 imprisoned 2 yrs in war. his. served with Butler. built church used by Addermon his prop<sup>y</sup>, has wife & 5 children. rec. for 300 ac. Ld BK 4 p. 44

{ <sup>same</sup> Read William letter to Smeal addressed to Sempere, Augusta Augusta 1798 FABRB 44 U.C. Ld. Ret. R2/64

\* Read William late Capt George M<sup>th</sup> E Town 1797 also applied for U.C. Ld. Ret. R3/75

Read, John went first to N.S. wife & 4 children Young Twp. <sup>referred</sup> Cherlaw 1797 U.C. Ld. Pt. R3/83  
    served in Jamaica in Rev. allowed 600 ac. as merchant



Reed, Mary (Lauchs) Augusta 1817 U.C. Ld Pt. R 11/18  
Mary Reed, dau. Joseph Lauchs, M.E., wife Benny Reed  
Reed, William Thurlow 1797 R 3/107  
resided in Thurlow from 1788 & children but rec'd no family lands - granted



R10/38

Read, Anne Bull R10/38 Augusta 7 Apr. 1812  
 dau. Bemie Bull, E'town 22 yrs of age had E'town  
 married to Guy Carleton Read  
 granted 200 ac. D.V.F.

R 11/10 "Poor copy"

13 Aug 1816

Jenett Read, Augusta Daughter of David Breakenridge  
 Esq, Augusta, U.E.P. married to John L. Read, Augusta  
 Jonas Jones, her agent

affidavit Joel Stone Chairman, Nemora Walker, Clerk of Peace  
 " ... at Quarter Session of Peace ... to be dau etc ... and that  
 husband of the said Jenett Read did his <sup>utly</sup> duty in defence of the  
 province during the late war"

Granted 24 Mar 1817

R 11/56 John Read E'town 14 Jan 1818

John Read of Kelley son of William Read Esq. formerly of York now  
 of Kelley U.E. full age of 21 & has taken oath of allegiance  
 Jonas Jones agent John Read

affidavit "said John Read done [sic] his duty in defence of this  
 province during the said war"

Granted 18 Mar 1818

R15/54 Guy C. Reade Augusta 24 Dec 1828

Petition to defer settlement duties & grant deed on land bought  
 (a VI Marlborough) # between 40 and 50 miles from Receiver's Place of  
 Residence affidavit sig Nemen London<sup>TP</sup>, Rufus Henderson J.P. to Reade's brother,  
 & set holds Lt. commissar in militia Refused because "with his eyes open"  
 bought on transmissible location right



R 10 R 20, 22 = R 10 = Real C 2742  
 Mc 20/15 = 2138 15 " " C 2745 Ld Bk 1816-9 reel 103  
 S 3/64 = 2807 11 " " C 2747  
 " " " " C 2748

- ✓ Read, Anna (Duell), Augusta 1812 U.C. Land Pet. R 10/38
- Read Guy C Land Bk N 1827-9 p 520
- ✓ Read Guy C, Marlborough 1828 U.C. Land Pet. R 15/54
- Read Jane alias Smill Land Bk C, 1797-1802 p 284
- ✓ Read Jane Smill, Augusta U.C. Ld. Pet. S 3/64
- Read Jenner Land Bk (J) 1816-19 p 114
- ✓ Read Jenner (Branwidge) Augusta 1816 U.C. Ld. Pet. R 11/10
- Read, John Land Bk (J) 1816-19 p 304
- ✓ Read John, Kelley 1818 U.C. Ld. Pet. R 11/56
- Read, John U.C. Ld Bk Index 1837-9, p 385
- ✓ Read John, Tarrance 1837 U.C. Land Pet. Mc 20/115
- Read, John U.C. Ld Bk "U" <sup>1839-41</sup> Index p 355
- Read, John Brantham 1840 U.C. Land Pet. R 22/52
- ✓ Read John L. + others, Merreboville 1836 U.C. Land Pet. R 20/58



Surname:  
Nom: **Read**

Given Names:  
Prénoms: **John L.**

Dates: Fl.: **1812-1857**

Birth:  
Naissance:

Death: **Feb. 19 1857**  
Décès:

Marriages & Children:  
Mariages & Enfants:

Education:  
Etudes & Diplômes:

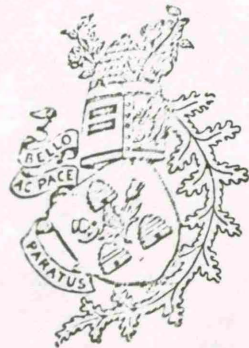
Significance: **Born Twp. of Augusta, in eastern Ontario, a merchant in Maitland, served in the**  
Importance: **War of 1812, present at the fall of Ogdenburg.**  
**Moved to Merrickville around 1830, during the construction of the Rideau Canal**  
**Merchant and lumber dealer there, in the Commission of the Peace, first Reeve of**  
**Wolford Twp., Commissioner of Roads, Member Church of England**  
**In 1836 while acting as returning Officer for Grenville county, Read**  
**resisted a riot and subsequent agitation which followed, and after the poll-books**  
**had been torn or taken away, he(Read), nevertheless returned the two Reform**  
Sources of Information: **candidates, Norton & Wells, even though Read himself was an "Ultra Tory"**  
Sources de Renseignements: **Read later lived up to this moderate impression and became more**  
**progressive**  
**Daily Planet, Chatham, March 6 1857.**

I.W.

*This appearing checked from Jan*  
*X Brockville Recorder 1-334*  
*X Kingston News message 195*  
*Ottawa News message 195*



- 2a.—Guy-Carleton, b. 3rd July 1814, m. Clarinda Stewart.  
 3a.—George, of Keene, Co. Peterborough, b. 13th Aug. 1819; m. 13th Sept. 1850, Crawford Reid, and had issue: John-Carleton, b. 21st Dec. 1854; Henry-Havelock, b. 6th Jan. 1858, d. July 1858; William-George, b. 16th Jan. 1863, m. 1886, Nellie Cummings; Annie-J., m. 13th Oct. 1872, to John Powell; Elizabeth; Agnes-Eliza, d. 4th Oct. 1886.  
 4a.—Sherwood, b. 28th Jan. 1823.  
 5a.—William-Buell, b. 17th April 1825, *d.*; m. Maria Backus.  
 6a.—John-Landon, b. 23rd Dec. 1830, m. 1stly, Margaret Hewie, and 2ndly, Emma Weller.  
 1a.—Elizabeth, b. 28th Sept. 1808, *d.*, m. to Robert Shepherd.  
 2a.—Eliza, b. 1st June 1812, d. 19th April 1864, m. to James Landon.  
 3a.—Julia, b. 29th May 1817, m. to George Lane.  
 4a.—Ann, b. 16th Nov. 1827, m. to William Warner.  
 And of the second marriage:  
 5.—Anna-Sophia, b. 8th July 1835, d. 5th July 1874, m. to — Buker.  
 6.—Maria, b. 20th Nov. 1839, m. to — Bishop.



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David Breakenridge, v  
 Chairman of the Quarter S

- 1.—John, of whom be
- 2.—James, b. 8th Ju  
 teered for service  
 present on board  
 Sackett's Harbor  
 York, and afterwa
- 3.—Francis, M.D., we  
 to Mexico, where  
 prisoned, but was  
 the British Minis
- 4.—Solomon.
- 5.—George.
- 1.—Janet, m. to John-
- 2.—Sarah, m. to Paul
- 3.—Eliza, m. to Sa  
 Augusta.
- 4.—Hænet, m. to Joh
- 5.—Charlotte; m. to A



Chadwick, E. M. <sup>28</sup> Antarian

Families: Genealogies of United Empire  
Loyalists & other pioneer families Vol. 1

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READ, U.E.L. listed 1896

JOHN READ, b. 1633, d. 1730, was an officer under Cromwell, and on the Restoration left England (Cornwall) in or prior to 1683, and came to America, where he finally settled at Norwalk, Connecticut. He m. — Derby, and had issue: John; Thomas; William; Mary, m. to David Little; Abigail.

The eldest son,

John, of Norwalk, b. 1697, m. — Tuttle, and had issue, John, Daniel, Eleazar, Samuel, William, Mary, Experience, Meheta-  
bel; of whom

Eleazar, of Salisbury, Conn., had issue, Moses and Eleazar, of whom

Moses (U.E.L.) came to Canada in 1784 and settled in Augusta, Co. Grenville; he had issue,

Obadiah, who was persecuted and imprisoned by the Revolution-  
ists, and came to Canada with his father; he had issue, viz.:

1.—John-Landon, Merchant, of Merrickville, Co. Leeds; served in 1812, and was present at the taking of Ogdensburg; m. 9th March 1789, Janet, dau. of David Breakenridge (see Breakenridge), and had issue, viz.:

1a.—James, b. 1812, d. 1848; m. Louisa Woods, sister of Judge Woods of Chatham, Co. Kent, and had issue: James; Mary, m. to Henry Garrett, and had issue, Benjamin, Henry, Katharine, Gertrude.

2a.—William-Case, b. 1819, m. Margaret McKenzie of Ottawa, and had issue: William-Ashley, in Holy Orders, of Pembroke; George-McKenzie, of Huron, Dakota; Edward; Eva.

3a.—David-Breakenridge, b. 13th June 1823, of Toronto Barrister-at-Law 1845, Q.C. 1858, and Bencher of the Law Society for nearly thirty years; Mayor of Toronto in 1858; m. Emily, dau. of Norman Ballard of Picton, Co. Prince Edward, and has had issue:

Walter-James-  
Edward-Leith,  
Cynthia; Agn  
(named below),  
Read; Edith-M  
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4a.—John-Breakenr  
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Henry-John; C  
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Martin); Jessi  
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1a.—Mary, b. 1815,  
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2a.—Harriet, b. 181  
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Jan. 1835, d. 18  
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Templeton, son  
California.

3a.—Lydia-Maria, b  
of Chatham, no

2.—Obadiah, m. —

James-K., Benjamin,

3.—Moses, m. Ann We  
Samuel, and Isaac.

4.—Samuel, m. — Scot

5.—Guy-Carleton, b. 16th  
at Crysler's Farm,

1838; m. 1stly, 22nd

— McLean, and h

Of the first marriage

1a.—Isaac, b. 7th Se  
Bruce.



Walter-James-Breakenridge, b. 1855, Barrister-at-Law; Edward-Leith, b. 1857, d. 1881; Ada-Maria; Emma-Cynthia; Agnes-Maud. m. to Henry-John Wade (named below), now of Chicago, and has issue, Henry-Read; Edith-Mabel, m. to Frederick-Coate Wade, Barrister-at-Law of Winnipeg (named below), and has issue, John-Breakenridge, b. 1891; Emily-Margery.

4a.—John-Breakenridge, b. 1832, d. 1881, of Toronto, Barrister-at-Law; m. Roxanna-Caroline, dau. of Norman Ballard above named, and had issue: Norman; Henry-John; Charles-Percy; Lionel; Walter; Douglas; Emily-Mary, m. to Archer-Evans-Stringer Martin (see Martin); Jessie, m. to Richard Francis, M.D., of Montclair, New Jersey; Ethel-May.

1a.—Mary, b. 1815, d. 1883, m. to Thomas-David McCormick (see McCormick).

2a.—Harriet, b. 1817, d. 1848, m. (as first wife) to Samuel Coate, M.D., *d.*, (son of Samuel Coate, in H.O., author of a work of rare merit on penmanship), and had issue, viz.: 1b.—Harriet-Read *d.*, m. to William Wade, b. 1st Jan. 1835, d. 1886, Manager of the Ontario Bank at Ottawa, and had issue (besides one *d. inf.*, drowned by falling into a well), viz.: Henry-John, b. 4th Nov. 1858 (named above), Frederick-Coate, b. Nov. 1859 (named above), Ada-Julia. 2b.—Gertrude, *d.*, m. to Thomas Templeton, some time of Chicago, afterwards of California.

3a.—Lydia-Maria, b. 1821, m. to Alexander Millar, formerly of Chatham, now of Detroit.

2.—Obadiah, m. — Hutchinson, and had issue: Charles, James-K., Benjamin, and Russell.

3.—Moses, m. Ann Webster, and had issue: Henry, Milton, Samuel, and Isaac.

4.—Samuel, m. — Scott, and had issue: Samuel.

5.—Guy-Carleton, b. 16th June 1785, d. 14th Dec. 1849; served at Crysler's Farm, 1813 (Medal), and at the Windmill, 1838; m. 1stly, 22nd Jan. 1808, Anna Buell, and 2ndly, — McLean, and had issue, viz.:

Of the first marriage:

1a.—Isaac, b. 7th Sept. 1810, d. 5th Dec. 1873, m. Cecilia Bruce.



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closed for dinner, they seized the poll books in the hands of the poll clerk as he was going from the polling booth to the Returning Officer's house for his dinner, tore it into a thousand pieces and left it littered on the village green. This caused a protest of the election. The Reform candidate, however, was ahead at the time the book was taken, and was returned as the successful candidate and took his seat in the House. The Returning Officer, of the Tory party himself, although deprived of the poll book, knew that the Reform candidate was ahead in the voting and gave him the benefit of his recollection of the state of the poll.

It has been said, and with a great deal of truth, that Sir F. B. Head not only took great interest in this election, but that he took active means to ensure the success of the Tory party. Lord Durham, who made an enquiry for the Home Government, speaking of it in his report, said: "In a number of instances, too, the elections were carried by the unscrupulous exercise of the influence of the Government, and by a display of violence on the part of the Tories, who were emboldened by the countenance afforded to them by the Government."

In referring to the Government, Lord Durham evidently meant the Governor, for Sir F. B. Head showed by his acts that he identified himself with his Council, not acting under their advice only, but as their master. He had thrown himself into the elections as if the success of the Government party were a matter of life or death to him.

In an address to the electors of the County of York, that my character is one and the same, and that I will increase your interests, which will be to me; if I diminish for anyone to suffer before one object I consider is, what to Upper Canada for yourselves that you cannot dispute with the Country, you with your brethren the Government. If a Government to control the be brought to at that time of outlying events the Government as he did. time had gone even to the interests, to support of that has been



1836. The two rival parties, the Tories and Reformers, were arrayed against each other in hostile camps—two armies fighting for supremacy. The elections in these days lasted a whole week, and there was open voting. Riots occurred at many polling places; there was general confusion throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Mr. Mackenzie stood for the second riding of York. It was anticipated that violence would be resorted to at the nomination. Mr. Mackenzie made a speech which was calculated to inspire the violence his supporters professed to apprehend. The opposite party made a demonstration, but did not resort to violence. Bands of armed men paraded the streets of Streetsville, where the election was held, playing party tunes, but did no harm to Mr. Mackenzie or anyone else. Their object was to carry the election, and they succeeded, Mr. Mackenzie being beaten by his opponent, Edward Thompson, by one hundred votes. Bidwell, Perry and others of the party lost their elections, and the Reform party was generally defeated and put to a complete rout.

The writer remembers the election well. His father was Returning Officer for the County of Grenville, the election being held at Merrickville, in the rear part of the county. On the fourth or fifth day a party of men came in from the adjoining County of Leeds. They presented the appearance of a squad of Cavalry, being mounted. Taking advantage of the mid-day hour, when the poll was



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 To the Right Reverend Father in God George  
 Schoenaphat, by divine permission Bishop of  
 Montreal

John L. Read, and Terence Smyth Esquires Aaron  
 Merrick, Asa Haffin & Stephen<sup>Jr</sup> Merrick Gentlemen all of the vil-  
 lage of Merrickville in Upper Canada;

do humbly represent,

That Elisha Collier of the Village of Merrickville  
 aforesaid Gentleman has been pleased to grant  
 unto us and to our heirs forever, a certain tract  
 or parcel of land lying and being in the said  
 Village of Merrickville, containing one hundred  
 feet square, and known as Village Lot-letter D. upon  
 trust for the sole use of the Protestant Episcopal  
 Church or Church of England for ever, as a site  
 for the Church built thereon.

That your Lordships Petitioners, being a  
 Committee of Superintendence duly appointed for  
 the purpose have erected a substantial & commo-  
 dious Church on the parcel or tract of land  
 granted upon trust as aforesaid, at the expense  
 of the Inhabitants of the Village of Merrickville,  
 aided by contributions from certain benevolent  
 individuals <sup>in England</sup> & elsewhere. That the said Church  
 is pewed, and furnished with a Reading Desk  
 a Pulpit, & Cushion & a Communion Table.

Your Lordships Petitioners therefore ~~pray~~  
 pray that your Lordship will consecrate the  
 said Church to the service of Almighty God  
 when



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and as Your Lordship shall see fit.

And your Lordship's Petitioners as in duty bound  
will ever pray;

Merrickville }  
November 1838. }

John L. Read

Asa M. Minick

A. W. Giffin

Leander Smyth

S. H. Minick  
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1820 Assessment	Lot cal. 1	Concession cal 2	Uncultivated cal 3	Cultivated cal 4
John Reed East half	36	2	60	40
West half	37	4	100	
West half	34	3	60	40
West half	33	6	85	15
J E corner	30	1		25



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96 Edmund Burritt <sup>b. 1828</sup> married Hester, dau.

John L. Read, Merrickville