

Still-houses were numerous from the very early days of the settlement until the out break of the Civil War. The distilleries were supplied with the old-fashioned copper worm. The beer would be run off one day, allowed to cool for a day and then run through the worm again on the third day. The capacity of the average still was about one barrel per day. Pure whisky then sold for twenty-five cents to forty cents per gallon.

Moses Read died intestate in 1815/16, in Robertson County, Tennessee. After his death, each of his heirs sold their portion of his estate to Andrew Stewart of Robertson County, Tennessee. Andrew married Moses' Granddaughter, Margaret Morris, (the daughter of Jeremiah Morris and Elizabeth Read Morris). The names of Moses' children were found in the February 1816 deed: "The Heirs of Moses Read."⁽⁵⁾

Moses' wife, Betty is not mentioned in this deed, so it can be assumed that she predeceased him. Betty's family name is unknown. The only reference I have of her is as a witness to Harmon Reads will.⁽⁶⁾

A quotation from *Reminiscence of James Holt*. Taken from the **James Holt Journal** 1804-1894:⁽⁷⁾

My Grandfather Davis and my father settled together. Grandfather James Holt settled in Montgomery County Tennessee; Moses Read, my grandmother Holts' father, settled in Dickson County Tennessee. When I was about twelve years old, my great-grandfather Read got up a dinner for his children and grandchildren. I sat at the head of the table, being the eldest of his great grandchildren. There were about eighty present of his descendants; the Holts', Reads', Harveys', Silivents', and Davis' were all relatives.

This James Holt, was born 10 February 1804, Halifax County, North Carolina and died 25 January 1894 in Utah. He was the son of Jesse Holt (1780-1844) and Elizabeth Davis (1780-1816) and Grandson of James Holt (1755-1837) and Lydia Read (1752-1816).

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