

Chapter 6

Copy of a Statement Made by Aunt Hetty for the Use of Her Children (Esther¹ Lusk Reed) July 30th 1860

I was requested by Campbell and Isaack my sons to tell them what I new of there forefathers. I thought you might like to kno the same Your grandfather William^{1} Reed was born in Donegal in irland came to america at seven yrs of age with his mother she was wido had too sons and three daughters her maiden name was Dolly Letson She bought a farm in the state of Delaware her oldest daughter maried man by the name of Thomas Brown his oldest son maried had two sons one was doctor he died in Philadelphia the other was presbyterian preacher he died in wilmington in delaware

Your grand mother Reeds maden name was jane mitchell his father came from irland in an erly day he bought farm in the State of Delaware hee had six daughters and one son the son had no children.

your grandfather William^{1} Reed rased five sons and five daughters I got this information from your grand parents I lived in the house with them from I was maried till the died hapy and contented wife and mother I thank the Lord for all his blesings to mee and my family

Your grand father William^{1} Reed came to Clinton County in seventeen hundred and seventy too it was then northumberland county his too sons john^{3} and William^{5} Reed joind the army in seventeen hundred and seventy six and seventeen hundred and seventy eight your grandfather and grand mother and the rest of the family fled from the ingens

returned to Chester County the remained there untill seventeen hundred and eighty four the returned

your grand father and grand mother and three daughters and too sons the daughters never maried your father and mother {Thomas¹¹ and Esther Lusk Reed} lived in the house with his family untill the family all died

Your grand mother jane {Mitchell} Reed died in September 1802 Your aunt Margaret^{10} died fifteen days after your uncal jame^{8} Reed died in 1806 your ant Ann^{9} Reed died May the 16 1802 aged 50 yrs.

his oldest sister Rebecah^{6} Reed Aalex^{24} B Reed's mother shee died in Clearfield Your Ant jane^{7} Reed March the 10 1851 aged ninety three Thomas^{11} Reed your father died September the 5 1851 aged eighty fore years your fathers oldest brother john^{3} Reed maried in Chester County and went to Caintucky William^{5} Reed your uncel lived and died in northumberland county

your father Thomas^{11} Reed was the youngest sonn of the family the venerabell Dr Thomas^{79} Reed of Wilmington Delaware was his full cousin the were brothers children your fathers second brother and youngest sister Alexander^{4} and Serah^{12} both died with the smallpox the time of the war Rote for my children

john {Reed} and Elisabeth {Reed} Watson

rote by your mother

Esther Reed

in the eighty forth year of her ague

My dear children remember your mother when she is old and gone I was born August 6 1776

¹ Esther Lusk Reed was the wife of Thomas¹¹ Reed, the son of William¹ Reed and Jane Mitchell. Refer to Thomas¹¹ Reed in Chapter 1, *The William Reed Family Line*. Esther and Thomas had a daughter they called Hetty who was a great great aunt of Sarah Ewing. Its not clear but it seems this Aunt Hetty may have made a copy of Esther's letter for use of her own children and that Sarah Ewing received a copy of it.

Appendix A to Chapter 6

Handwritten copy of Letter of Esther Lusk Reed

to her children dated July 30, 1860

It's unclear who made the copy of the original but it may have been Sarah Ewing. The copy below came from the Read files in the Clearfield, PA Historical Society Archives

Copy of a statement
made by Aunt Betty ~~Read~~
for the use of her children

July 30th 1860
I was requested by
Campbell and I asked my
sons to tell them what
news of their forefathers
I thought you might like to
know. The same your grand
father William Reed was
born in Dougal in Ireland
came to America at seven
years of age with his
mother she was wife
had two sons and three
daughters her maiden name
was Dolly Lator... she brought
a farm in the state of
Delaware her oldest daughter

to Chester County the
remained there until
seventeen hundred and
eighty four she returned
your grand father and
grand mother and three
daughters and two sons
the daughters never married
your father and mother live
in the house with his family
until the family all died
your grand mother Jane
Reed died in September 1802
your aunt Margaret died
fifteen days after your
uncle James Reed died in
1806 your aunt Anne Reed
died May the 16 1821
aged 50 years

named came by the name of
Thomas Brown his oldest son
married had two sons one
was doctor he died in
Philadelphia the other was
John Bytowne he died
in Wilmington in Delaware
your grand mother Reads
maiden name was Jane
Mitchell his father came from
Ireland in an early day he
bought farm in the state of
Delaware he had six daughters
and one son the son had
no children your grand father
William Reed had six
sons and five daughters
I got this information from
your grand parents I lived in

her oldest sister Rebecca
Reed Alex B. Reed's mother
she died in Maryland
~~and~~ your aunt Jane Reed
March the 10 1857 aged
ninety three Thomas Reed
your father died September
the 5 1857 aged eighty four
years your father's oldest
brother John Reed married
in Chester County and went
to Caintucky William Reed
your uncle lived and died
in Northumberland County
your father Thomas Reed
was the youngest son of
he family the honorable
Dr Thomas Reed of the
Wilmington Delaware was

the house with three from
I was married till she died
happy and contented wife
and mother I thank the
Lord for all his blessings
to me and my family
your grand father William
Reed came to Clinton County
in seventeen hundred and
seventy two it was there
Northumberland County his
two sons John and William
Reed joined the army in
seventeen hundred and seventy
six and seventeen hundred
and seventy eight your grand
father and grand mother
and the rest of the family
fled from the Indians returned

his full cousin they were
brothers children your
father's second brother and
youngest sister Alexander
and Sarah both died with
the small pox the time of
the war

Note for my children
John and Elizabeth Watson
note by your mother
Esther Reed
in the eighty fourth year
of her age
My dear children remember
your mother when she is
old and good
I was born August 6 1776