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*Unidentified house among Effie Kilgore Congleton's papers with her note: "This old house reminds me of the old Reed home in Neal Valley."*

Lucy Reed, mother of Effie Kilgore, was born in 1854 to Ananias Reed and his wife Sarah Cartmell at the old Reed place in Neal Valley, and lived there until after her father died in 1882. She was one of eleven children, four of whom died young.

When Sarah Cartmell Reed died around 1864, seven of her children were living at the Reed home: Mary, 20; George, 17; Cynthia, 16; Thomas Jefferson (Jeff), 14; Lucy, 10; John Milton (Milt), 7; and Ananias, Jr., 4. The daughters began taking turns running their father's household according to their ages or stations in life: first, Mary, until she married Thomas Elam and moved away in 1866; then Cynthia, who married Chambers Adams in 1873 and, in time, also moved; then Lucy, who remained until their father's death.