
Letter believed to have been written circa 1900-1910 .

To Geo. M. Heard
Little Rock, Arkansas

The first tradition we have of the Moore family is, that about 1760 or earlier, Samuel Moore and his wife Sarah Moore came to America from Ireland. The first name of the wife of Samuel Moore was called Sarah by some and by others Elizabeth. Of her parentage nothing is now known. Neither is there anything known of the parentage of Samuel Moore. It is not certainly known what part of Ireland they came from, but as they were Presbyterians in faith and from some part of the north of Ireland, it is presumed they came from the province of Ulster and that they were Scotch Irish. They set sail presumably from Dublin. They came to the Virginia Colony and settled there. Of their life in America but little is now known, as no records were kept. They reared a large family of children, but trace of most of these has been lost. Of the time and place where Samuel Moore and his wife died and were buried, nothing is not known; all has passed into oblivion.

It is known that there were born to them the following named children: Patsey Moore, George Moore, Rachel Moore, Polly Moore, Samuel Moore, Jane Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Robert Moore, Thomas Moore and Charles Moore.

There is also a tradition in the family that there was a John Moore who left one morning presumably for the north, and was never heard from any more.

Rachel Moore died of pulmonary trouble; Jane Moore married a man by the name of Bootin. Polly married a man by the name of John Hunter and died of acute cholera on her way home from a visit to Mrs. Bootin. She left two sons. Bettie Moore died of cancer. Descendants of these may be in Campbell or Henry Counties, Va. Of the others, of the family, except Thomas Moore my grandfather, nothing is not known. The sons all served in the revolutionary war, and after the war separated and lost trace of each other. The Hunters lived when last heard of near Lynchburgh, Va.

Thomas Moore, your great grandfather, and my grandfather was born in either Louisa or Pittsylvania Co, VA, and his parents Samuel and Sarah Moore are probably buried there somewhere. The date of his birth is not known. He entered the Patriot army as a member of Captain Vances Company in the 9th, afterwards the 7th VA Rifles, commanded by Col. Dan Morgan. He was a sergeant of the company and was discharged in 1783. He participated in the battle of Guilford Court House, and was probably at the Cow Pens, Monmouth, and Saratoga, G?. After his discharge he wandered all over the south Western Va. and

hunted for a year on the Sweet Water. Was at one time the over-seer of a large plantation. He married Nancy Walker, who lived at Lynchberg, Va., and for a long time lived in Campbell County. The marriage took place, it is said, in Charlotte County, Va., probably a runaway match. He taught school during most of his life, closing his last school only about two years before his death.

When the war of 1812 was on, he and his oldest son, Samuel Clater Moore, and his son in law, Ezekiel Raney, enlisted and went to Norfolk. When they got there the war was over, and they were discharged, and had to walk home. Thomas Moore and his son, Samuel, reached home, but Raney was too sick to leave and was kept in the hospital. Not coming home, Samuel started back to look after him, making inquiries on the way, and found that a soldier had stopped at farm house and died and been buried. He asked for his papers and found that it was Raney. Thomas Moore died in Hawkins County, Tenn. September 28, 1823, and with his wife and son Charles Henry Moore lies buried on a hill across Whet Stone Creek, just north of Gilbres, xxx the Springs near Mooresburgh, Tenn. His wife survived him about eight years. He was about sixth-five years of age at time of his death. When Nancy Walker married Thomas Moore, her father gave her three slaves. I saw the bill of sale of these slaves at Katherine Dickenson. Grandmothers people were probably in very good financial circumstances.

Of this marriage there were born the following children
Betsy Walker Moore intermarried with Carter Mason.
Polly Cown Moore intermarried with Ezekiel Raney,
and afterwards intermarried with William Reynolds.
Sarah Pope Moore intermarried with Branhan Hill.
Katherine Thompson Moore intermarried with Dr Boyd Dickenson.
Samuel Clater Moore.
Thomas alexander Moore.
Charles Henry Moore.

Polly Moore, by her first marriage Ezekiel Raney, who died on the way home from the war of 1812 left two daughters, Eliza Raney and Matilda Raney They both married men by the name of Miles and lived and died near Jonesville, Va. Neither ever had much opportunity in life. By her second marriage with William Reynolds, she left several children, Two of whom, Charles Wesley Moore, and Eliza Grisham lived and died near Bean Station, Tenn. Both leaving families. She also had a son who went south to Arkansas or Texas and there may have been other children. Betsy Mason died near London, Kentucky in her ninety-first year, about 1880; she left a large family, William Mason of Healdsburg, California, Samuel Mason of the same place, James Mason of London, Ky. Nancy Hibard of London and Thomas Mason of London, Ky. There are some of the Masons living near London yet. I understand that Dr. Mason of London is a great grandson of Betsy Mason. Sallie Hill with her husband moved to Missouri and died there before the Civil War. She left surviving her several children of whom Naoma Price Hill and Kate Hill were two. There may have been others. They lived at Warsaw, Mo. Katherine Thompson Dickinson had three

children born to her, but they all died in infancy. Her husband Dr. Boyd Dickenson was killed about 1861 by falling from a load of hay. He was a very large heavy man. Katherine lived to be about 87 years of age and died in 1885, and lies buried in a little neglected grave yard just north of Jonesville, Va. Her grave is unmarked. Samuel Clator Moore, your grandfather, was one of my uncles, and he was as you know, married twice. You know more of his people than I do. Polly Cown Moore was married to William Reynolds and died March 26th 1828, leaving surviving her two children, one, Mary Jane Reynolds who was intermarried with Tennessee Lloyd. She left a large family some of whom are still in Lee Co., Va. the son Thomas A Reynolds died at Fayetteville, Arkansas and left some children, living near there and one daughter in St. Louis.

Thomas Alexander Moore, my father was twice married. The first was Jane Cox, by whom one daughter was born. The other was Elizabeth Nugent by whom he had nine children. He was born Dec. 16th, 1798, in Campbell County, Va. and moved to Hawkins County, Tenn. and from there to Putnam County, Indiana in 1834. He left children surviving him as follows:

Harriet Moore intermarried with William Willis (first marriage) now about eighty years of age and living at Woodbine, Iowa, (widow)

Second marriage with Elisabeth Nugent:

Marshall Asbury Moore, died in 1895, left no children. Left Harriet Moore, his widow .

Granville Craddock Moore, intermarried with Lydia Kate Hubbard, have three children, Miles Fletcher Moore, Elisabeth Jessie Hawkins, and Thomas Charles Moore.

James Vespagian Moore (Wichita Kansas) intermarried with Mary Mathers and has nine children: Lida, Thomas, Anna, Claude, Elizabeth, James, Ora, Minnie, Carl.

Lorenza Fletcher Moore intermarried with Sallie Parrott, children, Thomas Rosa Moore and Oran Payne Moore .

Theresa Lettitia Moore, Unmarried.

Athalia Jane Moore, unmarried.

Carrie Cordelia Moore, unmarried (died Feb. 1890)

Thomas Taylor Moore, intermarried with Laura Rosalie Allen, granddaughter of Mary Jane Reynolds, three children, Katherine, Allen and Genevieve.

This is the history, as far as I know it, of the Moore family. I hope it will be of interest to you, as it has taken me quite a while to prepare it. If you or your mother know of anything in addition, I would be glad to have it.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Moore