

29 Apr 1728 Jespar Moone of Burlington, Carpenter

Inventory of the personal estate of, 45.16.6 pounds sterling made by Tho. Scattergood and Titan Leeds.

13 May 1728 Bond of Susannah and James moon as administrators of the estate. Titan Leeds fellow bondsman.

Source: Extracted from "Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, Vol. XXIII, Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Volume 1 (1670-1730). Edited by William Nelson, Paterson, New Jersey, 1901.

Source: A Short History of the Moon Family, Stmt. Resp, (revised & enlarged by Mrs Norman J. Brabson)

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Source: Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania, Volumes I-III Pennsylvania Founding Families, 1681-1911.

James Moone was actively associated with the affairs of Bucks county, his name frequently appearing on the early records of the courts of that county after 1685 as a member of grand and petit juries, and as serving in various capacities by appointment of the court up to the time of his decease in sep 1713. Joan Burgess Moone wife of James Moone, received a legacy from her parents or other relatives in England, in 1695, and obtained a certificate from the Bucks County Court on 11 Dec 1695 to enable her to receive it. the court entry of which is as follows:

"A Certificate of Joan the wife James Moone being alive Signed in Court shee being then there present" She survived her husband over a quarter of a century, dying December, 1739 in her ninetieth year at the home of her son Roger, the old home plantation in Falls township, the title of which had been transferred from James Jr. to his father and by the latter to Roger in 1706. Children of James and Joan (Burgess) Moone; Sarah Jasper, James, Roger, Jonas and Mary.

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Roger Moon, son of James and Joan (Burgess) Moone, was born in England in or about the year 1679. He received, as above stated, a deed from his parents in 1706 for the plantation of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Falls Township, about one and one-half miles from the present borough of Morrisville, where he spent his whole adult life, dying there, 16 Feb 1759. He was a consistent member of Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends, and took little part in

public affairs. His descendants take pride in the fact that he lived for seventy years in one place, and “had never discharged a gun or quarreled with any man”.

Roger Moon married (First), 23 Oct 1708, Ann Nutt, Like himself a native of England, and had by her seven children: James, John, Elizabeth Roger, Isaac, William and Ann. John died in 1732, at the age of fifteen, and Isaac in 1748 at the age of twenty-four. James, the eldest son, located in Middletown and was the pioneer of the family in the nursery business, still extensively carried on by his descendants in Falls, Lower Makefield and Middletown townships. Roger Moon married (second), Apr 1734, Elizabeth, daughter of Reese and Mary Price, of Welsh ancestry. they had seven children: John, Mary, Sarah, Timothy, Samuel, Jasper and Hannah. Samuel was a chair maker and resided in Fallsington until his death 5 Jul 1813 at the age of twenty-seven years. Jasper was a soldier in the Bucks County Battalion, Commanded by Col. John Keller, in the company of Capt. Robert Patterson, and saw considerable active service in the Revolutionary War.

John Moon, eldest son of Roger Moon, by his second wife, Elizabeth Price, was born on the old homestead, In Falls Township, 28 Feb 1735, and died in the same township, 6 Jan 1788. No record appearing of his purchase of real estate, it is presumed that he continued to reside on the homestead in Falls township until his death Letters of administration were granted on his estate to his widow Margaret, his brother Samuel being one of her sureties. His wife Margaret was not a member of the Society of Friends and at a monthly meeting held at Falls Township, 6 May 1761, “John Moon having some time since went out in his marriage with a woman that was not of our society notwithstanding he was cautioned”, a committee was appointed to prepare a testimony against him. This committee produced their testimony 1 Jul 1761, when it was read, approved and signed, and John Nutt was appointed to deliver a copy thereof to the said John Moon and acquaint him with his right to appeal. He appears to have made no effort to retain his membership and at the meeting on 5 Aug 1761 it appearing that he had not yet been served with a copy of the testimony, Friend Nutt is desired to deliver it to him before the next meeting. Nothing more appears on the record with reference to him, and he was probably disowned from membership without any protest on his part. The Maiden name of his wife Margaret has not been ascertained. He was probably a soldier in the Revolution, as well as his brother Jasper, but the incomplete rolls make no mention thereof. Neither is there record of distribution of his estate or other means of ascertaining who his children were, other than his son William, whose date of birth appears in his own family Bible. It thought that Elizabeth, the Wife of Joachim Richards, of Falls Township, who died in 1845, at the age of seventy-seven years, was his daughter.

William Moon, son of John and Margaret Moon, was born in Falls township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, 16 Oct 1776. This date together with that of the births of his nine children, was entered by himself in a family Bible still in possession of his grandchildren. From the same source we learn that his wife’s name was Margaret, but her maiden name is unknown to her descendants. By deed dated 26 September 1825, William Moon purchased of William Wharton and Ann his wife, Henry Richards and Jane his wife, William Richards of Philadelphia and Ann his wife, and John Richards, of Northern Liberties, a small lot in Falls Township, of which Joachim Richards had died seized in 1812, leaving the above named Ann, Henry, William and John as his only children heirs. The property had been purchased by

Joachim Richards of the estate of Robert Kirkbride in 1806. Here William Moon resided until his death 22 Feb 1845, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He died intestate, and letters of administration were granted on his estate to his sons Mahlon and Joachim R. Moon. By deed dated 31 Mar 1846 Mahlon Moon and Eliza Ann his wife; John Jones and Catharine his wife; Aaron L. Moon and Maria B. his wife; Paul Troth and Elizabeth his wife; Joachim r. Moon and Sarah Ann his wife; Benjamin C. Tatum and Mary his wife; James K. Moon and Elizabeth his wife, and John Moon, heirs and representatives of William Moon, Deceased, conveyed the above mentioned lot to William Bowers.

Children of William and Margaret Moon, as shown by the above-mentioned Bible record: Mahlon, born 25 Mar 1802; Catharine, 27 Feb 1804; William, 15 Jun 1806; Aaron L., mentioned below; Elizabeth, 30 Aug 1811; Joachim R., 17 Oct 1813; Mary, 12 Mar 1816; James Kimmons, 30 Jul 1818; and John, 4 Jul 1821. All of these except William lived to mature age, as shown by the above deed.

Hon. Reuben O. Moon, son of Aaron Lippincott and Maria B. (Osborne) Moon, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, 22 Jul 1847. He was educated under supervision of his father, one of the leading teachers in the state of New Jersey, and afterwards graduated at a well-known Philadelphia college in the year 1875. After his graduation he filled the chair of Literature and expression in his alma mater for a few years, during which time he was widely known in the literary and educational world as a lecturer and instructor on educational topics. At the death of the president of the college, in 1880, he succeeded to the chair previously filled by him, which he held until he was admitted to the bar, in 1884, when he began the practice of the law in the city of Philadelphia. His rise in this profession was rapid. His previous scholastic training, his untiring industry and his recognized oratorical abilities contributed materially to his speedy advancement at the bar. He was associated with many notable cases both in the civil and criminal courts. He became counsel for many large interests and soon took his place as one of the leaders of the Philadelphia Bar. He was admitted to the Supreme court in 1886, and to the United States courts in 1889.

In 1903 he was elected to the fifty-eighth Congress from the Fourth District of Pennsylvania, comprising an important section of Philadelphia, and was subsequently elected to the fifty-ninth, sixtieth and Sixty-first Congress and is at present a member of the Sixty-second Congress. Soon after Mr. Moon's entrance into Congress his legal and forensic abilities were recognized by conspicuous committee appointments. One of the acute subjects of legislation which had been before Congress for a number of years, was the codification and revision of the laws of the United States. No revision had been made for nearly forty years and the condition of the Federal statutes was deplorable. Much legislation had been enacted to meet the rapidly increasing expansion of the Federal jurisdiction, most of which had been experimental. Many important statutes thus enacted had been declared unconstitutional, and the overlapping and confusion of multifarious laws which were contained in ponderous volumes of Congressional enactments, commingled with general and temporary laws, had resulted in such complexity and confusion as to make it almost impossible for the Federal Judges and practitioners at the bar to know definitely what the exact condition of the law was.

Mr. Moon was made chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the laws, of the House of Representatives, charged with the responsibility of revising and codifying the Federal statutes and of reconciling the contradictions supplying the omissions and amending the imperfections of the original text and with power to propose and embody in his revision changes in the existing law. This monumental work involved a high degree of legal learning, technical skill and patient effort. A conspicuous portion of this important work had already been accomplished by the enactment of the revision of the criminal laws of the United States known as the penal code, which was passed at the Sixtieth Congress and went into operation, 1 Jan 1910. Mr. Moon's masterly achievement in securing the enactment of this law and his lucid and scholarly exposition of the history and development of the Federal criminal law of the country won him great renown and he at once took his place as one of the leading legal authorities in the American Congress. This work has received the commendation of the bar of the country, and Mr. Moon was tendered a notable reception and banquet by the bench and bar of his own city in recognition of his distinguished services in this work. This committee of which Mr. Moon is house chairman, has reported and has upon the calendar, in Congress another part of this great task, involving the reorganization of the Federal judiciary, in which many important reforms are recommended. His report upon this second department of the revision has attracted great attention from the jurists and lawyers of the country, and has been received with universal appreciation, and is recognized as a scholarly contribution to the legal literature of the land.

Mr. Moon is also a prominent member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, and is the author of the Moon Injunction Bill which has been adopted by President Taft as an administration measure and made one of the dominant features of the President's new policy of reform. He has in addition to this introduced a great number of bills seeking to perfect the imperfect Federal legal machinery that is everywhere recognized as necessary to meet the rapidly growing requirements of the Federal courts. It has been said of Mr. Moon by eminent authority that he has initiated more constructive legal legislation than any man in Congress for half a century.

Mr. Moon is a prominent and popular club man, a leading member of the Lawyers' Club; a former president of the prominent up-town Columbia Club; Member of the Union League and Penn Clubs; of the historical Society of Pennsylvania; and of a number of other patriotic, social, professional and philanthropic organizations.

He married, 25 Feb 1876, Mary A., Daughter of Captain Wright Pedmore, of Barnegat, New Jersey, and his wife Elizabeth (Bodine) Predmore. Mr. and Mrs. Moon have two children: Harold Predmore Moon and Mabel M. Moon.

Harold Predmore Moon was born 14 Jun 1877. He received his elementary education at the Eastburn Academy, Philadelphia, and entering the University of Pennsylvania, graduated in 1898. He studied law in the office of his father, Hon. R. O. Moon, and attended the law school of the university, and was admitted to the Philadelphia bar, 18 Mar 1901. He has since been in active practice of his profession in Philadelphia,. He was assistant city solicitor of Philadelphia for 1902-1906. He is a member of the Union League Club and of the Yacht Club and other social and athletic organizations of the city. He married, 2 Dec 1908,

Attaresta Barclay de Silver, daughter of Robert P. and Fannie(King) de Silver, and they have one son Harold Predmore Moon Jr. born 23 Sep 1909.

Mabel M. Moon, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Reuben O. Moon, was married in 1903 to Mr. Clarence A. Musselman, of Philadelphia, a prominent and well known publisher, and a business man of eminent standing in the community. They have one daughter, Mary Moon Musselman, born 18 Dec 1906.