

William Moon

William (Will) Moon was born January 20, 1888 in Osceola, St. Joseph County, Indiana the first of five children of George E. Moon (1856) and Alice L. Funk (1860). At this writing there is little information about the early years of Bill's' life. His father was a farmer in Penn Township for many years on a farm owned by Fanny Eutzler **Moon** Simpkins.

At some point Will's father moved to Osceola, IN and began farming there. Will must have grown up on the farm until he graduated from High School.



Picture 1
William Moon abt. 1905

After high school Bill attended Purdue University and graduated as an electrical engineer. Upon graduation he must have accepted a job in Havana, Cuba. The only reference found regarding Havana is on the wedding announcement of William and Gertrude Steeg. The marriage evidently took place in Key West Florida June 19, 1914 and was recorded in Miami, Dade County, Florida. If they actually went to Havana they couldn't have been there very long because two years later they had their first child in Sacramento, Sacramento County,



Picture 2
William Moon Abt. 1910

California.

On June 15, 1917 according to his military registration card he worked for Western Union Telegraph Company in Sacramento. On the card he also writes that he was part of the military cadet program for two years while attending Purdue. At some point between 1917 and 1920 Will moved his family to Oakland where he took a position as a salesman for an export/import

REGISTRATION CARD		No. 5
1	Name in full	William Moon
2	Home address	2012 Catalpa, Sacramento, Cal.
3	Date of birth	January 20 1888
4	Place of birth	Natural born
5	Place of birth	Osceola, Indiana
6	Occupation	Cashier
7	Employer	Western Union Tel. Co.
8	Where employed	Sacramento
9	Support family	Wife, child
10	What military service have you had?	Private, Cadet
11	Where did you receive your military training?	Purdue University
12	Do you believe in the Constitution of the United States?	Yes
I affirm that I have written above answers and that they are true.		
W. Moon		

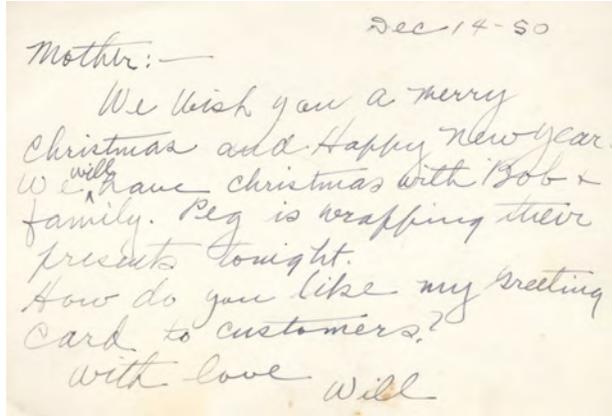
company.

The 1920 census has William, Gertrude and son Robert renting and living in North Oakland at 481 Pedestrian Way.

There is no direct evidence, but Will may have moved to the Bay Area to work for his brother-in-law Charles Long in the import/export business. Charles and Alma Long were also natives

REGISTRAR'S REPORT		4-3-14. A
1	Full name of registrant	William Moon
2	Color of eyes	Blue
3	Color of hair	Light brown
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:		
Ralph E. Dodge		
President	57	
City or County	Sacramento	
State	California	June 5, 1917
Local Board of Division No. 1 City of Sacramento, State of Calif.		
Sacramento, California.		

of Indiana and had come to San Francisco. Prior to 1940 Bill was working for Western Asbestos in Oakland. He had a large Northern California area and traveled through out that area selling asbestos products for building projects.



I think it is interesting to note here that most people I knew in the 50's including son Robert referred to William as Bill. However, as you can see from this example and from that of the service registration that those he was familiar with including family, friends and business associates knew him as Will and he often signed

his name as Wm Moon. The note on the back of this greeting card was addressed to "Mother". Will's mother was Alice L. Funk.

In the early 1940's Bill and Peg bought a piece of land in the Oakland hills on Skyline Blvd. The following pictures and text come from family albums and from Sunset Magazine. The home was featured in Sunset in 1946. One of the prominent features was the number of plate glass windows along the entire east side of the home. The picture windows afforded a panoramic view of Mt. Diablo some 15 miles to the east. The sun coming through the plate glass windows was so intense that Peg had the responsibility every morning of getting up before sunrise and hanging canvass over the outside of the windows to protect the inside of the house. At noon

Extended wing and angled room gather social groups in the patio

How to focus a house

REGARDLESS of how the overall plan of a house is laid out, there will always be something more distinctive about the whole house if only so much as one room or one window is especially planned and focused to take a picture of a stimulating view. Here, for example, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Moon of Oakland. Their chosen building site was high in the Pied-

Focal point of the house itself is this set-out living-room window. A hint of the view is reflected in the clear glass

Actual view of Mt. Diablo as it is seen from within the room

Bedrooms are insulated from daytime rooms by halls and closets

KITCHEN 10'x11'
DINING ROOM 10'x12'
LIVING ROOM 24'x15'
HALL
ENTRY
BED ROOM 10'x12'
BED ROOM 10'x15'

Scale in feet

SUNSET

when the sun was overhead she would remove the canvass so the view to the east would be visible. The reflection in the picture window () in the middle illustrates the true nature of the view to the East. Mt. Diablo is the prize looking through the window or sitting out on the patio. The view will remain unobstructed because the land behind the house is regional park land. One entrance to the park area borders the property on the south and was named Moon Gate.



Below, William Moon and Gertrude Steeg. Picture is probably taken in the 1940's



Right, Gertrude and William on the patio of their skyline Blvd. Home in Oakland. .

Left, William Moon and Gertrude Steeg. Picture is probably taken in the 1940's. Back ground suggests that the picture may have been taken near the Skyline home. Bill and Gertrude owned two cars in the years I stayed with them on Skyline. They were Indiana Cars, the



Studabaker

The following pictures are of the home on Skyline taken in the late 40's and early 50's.



The yard afforded many opportunities for recreation. The house was built on a knoll with large trees on the North end. The area not landscaped was hard packed crushed rock. On



that area there was a permanent horse shoe set up and just below was an archery field. There were trails into the park that would go for ever. Many relatives ventured to Oakland to visit the Moon's at their home on Skyline. The picture to the left below is of Grace Moon Leonard who we believe lost her husband in WWI. She never remarried. She spent the rest of her life in Detroit living with her brothers Walter and



Carl. Walter had a family but twin brother Carl never married. Right is a picture which includes Walter and Grandson Robert and Glen. Several of Gertrude's family came for visits including Gretchen Steeg Miles, Olma Steeg Bruck and Carl W. Steeg all from Indiana.

