

History of the Moon Family

Early English Family History

The following History of the Moon Family is from the pen of Joseph B. Moon of Powder Springs, Georgia.

At the time Denmark was controlled by England the King of England made a requisition of the King of Denmark for a regiment of soldiers to act as bodyguard to English King.

The Danish King, feeling himself complimented, issued his order that every man should be tall, standing erect, blue eyes, fair complexion and red hair.

This order was filled to the letter and the men were of the first families of the Danish kingdom and upon the banner which they carried with them in addition to the national colors and inscriptions there was inscribed a full half-moon and from that circumstance it was called the Moon Regiment.

After having done good service for the English King he was so well pleased with them that when their term of service expired he offered them land in England if they would remain with him, which offer quite a number accepted and were settled in a colony and all with one accord accepted the name of the Moon Regiment and became Moons. The land is held by their posterity to this day. The land grant was made in that name, Moon.

From this time we find the Moon colony leading moral, civil and prosperous lives, devoting a share of their time to religious culture. When George Fox, Robert Barkly and others rebelled spiritually against the priesthood and ceremonies of the prevailing church of that day and in the persecutions which followed we find a number of the Moon family true to their religion. When William Penn formed his colony in Pennsylvania we find he established a colony of Moons in Bucks county and from this colony we trace the Moon family direct to Redstone, western Pennsylvania, western New York, and one branch of the family to Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, and Georgia.

Joseph Moon was the first to migrate from the colony. He was married before leaving the old world. He had one son whose name was Simon. Simon Moon was twice married and by his second wife had an only child a son whose name was John, and who emigrated to North Carolina & married Mary Farmer.

They had sons: Joseph, Lawrence, John and James and one daughter Rachael Moon who married Marniduke Bookout. John Moon the father, emigrated to Georgia where he died. John Moon, the son of John Moon, begat Jesse Moon, who was twice married; two sisters Willingham by name, and begat many sons and daughters, one named John Willingham Moon; a son by his first wife begat Joseph K. Moon, and his brother Joseph K. Moon begat Zadoc B. Moon.

Joseph B. Moon Powder Springs, Ga
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1st Gen- Joseph Moon or Jasper Bucks Co Pn

2nd Gen - Simon Moon b. abt 1690

3rd Gen. John Moon b. abt 1715 Md. Mary Farmer daug. of Jasper Farmer, Lunenburg Co. Va

4th Gen.- John Moon b. 1737 Randolph Co., N.C.; d 1830 Columbia Co., Ga at age 93 years
Served as Private in Revolutionary War. Md. Miss Baldwin, daughter of Capt David Baldwin

5th Gen. - Thomas Moon b. 1759 Randolph Co., N.C.; d 1855 age 96 Columbia Co., Ga. Md. Sarah Brooks

6th Gen. - Jesse Moon, b. 1780 Columbia Co., Ga.; d 1873 Walton Co., Ga age 93. Md. 1st Rachel Willingham, after her death md. 2nd (her sister) moved to Randolph Co., Ala about 1846

7th Gen - John Willingham Moon b. April 14, 1802 Columbia Co., Ga.; d. May 17, 1876 Co. Ga.; Md. 1820 Harriett Coles b. 1792 Columbia Co., Ga.; d. May 3, 1843 Cobb Co., Ga.

8th Gen. - Isaac Newton Moon b. April 11, 1832 Walton Co., Ga.; d. April 12, 1911 Cobb Co., Ga. Md January 25, 1862 Cynthia Bullard b. May 12, 1833; d. May 14, 1891 Cobb Co., Ga.