

MEMORIES OF MOORES

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(NOTE: It is our intention that this narrative not include all the statistical data for family members. That is contained elsewhere in this presentation. Our purpose here is to record treasured memories and beliefs for generations of the future.)

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We hope that the search will never end for information regarding the history of our family. While so much has been discovered and verified, segments of the history remain unknown and should be a challenge for future family members to unlock the unknown and to further validate and enhance this account.

It appears that the Moores came from Scotland and Ireland. The first truly documented placement of our family of Moores in the United States was discovered in Wisconsin with the death records for Hannah Bean (RN-2), who was married to a Robert Moore (RN-1). Some confusion still exists here as to whether he was John Moore or Robert Moore.

Mary Moore Weller found through research that "More" came from the Gaulic word "morda", which means "proud person". Moores have held various roles of leadership for centuries. They include Lordships of Loagh's or Lux, located in Queens County, now known as Leix, Ireland.

The Moores were among many of the Irish to resist the advances of the English into Ireland until their opposition was crushed by the reign of Henry VIII (1509-1540 A.D.) Even at that, it was another 60 years before the last of the Moores was driven from the land and deported to County Kerry.

The prefix "O" is often used with the Moore, which indicates a direct descendant of the first bearer of the name. The prefix was once the prerogative of the Irish families who claimed to descend from the ancient Gauls who colonized Ireland before the Christian Era. The Moores claim a son of Milesus as their ancestor.

How all of this links to our lineage directly, remains to be discovered. As far as family stories are concerned, it's believed that the first John Moore and seven cousins arrived in Nova Scotia at the time of the American Revolution. They reportedly were led by their cousin Sir John Moore, a British General. The Encyclopedia Britannica says General Moore was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Stories handed down by family members claim that a John Moore (not the General) was the father of the Robert Moore, who married Hannah Bean. This has yet to be confirmed.

It is believed that Robert Moore (RN-1) was born in Connor, MA. in 1781 A.D. There he married Hannah Bean (RN-2). We have been unable to find any record that there is or was a Connor, MA. The efforts included corresponding with the State of Massachusetts officials. Hannah is believed to have been of Welch descent. We were told that the family moved to St. Lawrence County in Canada (became part of Upper New York State under the Treaty of Ghent), where their children were born. St. Lawrence County is where Robert died. One account says Robert died in 1844 . Another account said Roberts son John was five at the time of his fathers death. If so, that would have been 1831.

It's our understanding that upon Robert Moore's death, Hannah and her brother, Joel, age 17 at the time, left St. Lawrence County with Hannahs seven children and went to Conneaut, Ohio, where they lived for several years. In later years, Hannah moved to Wisconsin to be closer to her family. Her son Robert (RN-903) lived in Wisconsin. Wishing to be independent, she refused to live in Robert's home with his family. She instead chose to live in a small house down the road. He then looked after her during her final years. It is with Hannah, in Wisconsin, where our documentation begins.

Inter-family marriages were common in early history. It is important to make note of them at this juncture to help better understand information contained in this Genealogy.

John James Moore's (RN-3) sister, Eleanor (RN-907), married Joseph Peck (RN-908). Their son, William (RN-6), married his cousin, Hannah Moore (RN-5). Hannah was the oldest daughter of John James Moore (RN-3).

Eleanor (RN-907) and Joseph Peck's (RN-908) daughter, Hannah (RN-731), married Franklin Ranney Sr. (RN-732) Their son, Frank Jr. (RN-28), married John James Moores youngest daughter, Sarah Angeline Moore (RN-27). William and Hannah Moore Peck's grandson, Dr. George Peck Elvidge (RN-41) , married Lenore Herman (RN-951). Lenore was a granddaughter of Franklin Ranney Sr.

John James Moores daughter, Maryett Moore (RN-22), married Fred Dehnert (RN-23). His brother, William (RN-30), married Alida Peck (RN-29) --the daughter of William Peck and Hannah Moore and the niece of Maryett Moore Dehnert.

We should also note that Roy Wagner (RN-884) was married twice. His first wife, Maude (RN-883), was the eldest daughter of Franklin Ranney Jr. and Sarah Angeline Moore. His second wife was their youngest daughter, Alice (RN-896).

The need to explain these relationships early in this account hopefully will become more apparent as the story unfolds.

Robert Moore and Hannah Bean had seven (7) children: Eleanor (RN-907), Joseph (RN-902), Robert (RN-903), William (RN-904), Harriet (RN-905), Mary (RN-909) and John (RN-3).

Let's take a look at a personal sketch of each of them:

ELEANOR MOORE married Joseph Peck. They lived in Sun River, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Eleanor died in Beaver Dam, WI., and was buried at Sun River. Their children were Nancy (RN-304), Louise (RN-305), Hulda (RN-526), Hannah (RN-731), William (RN-6), Clark (RN-733) and Daniel (RN-784). Their daughter Hannah married Frank Ranney, Sr. They had a son, Frank, Jr., who married Sarah Angeline Moore ("Aunt Angie"). Eleanor and Joseph's son, William, married Hannah Moore ("Aunt Han").

JOSEPH MOORE married Hannah Hulda (RN-911). Her parents were from Kentucky. He is buried in Palo Alto County, Iowa. Their children were: Emmet (RN-912), Emory (RN-913), Willard (RN-914) and Addie (RN-915).

ROBERT MOORE married Lois Henery (RN-916). He was born in Canada and died in Wisconsin. Their children included twins: Henry (RN-917) and Henryette (RN-918); Marietta (RN-1326), John (RN-919), Welcome (RN-920), Edwin (RN-921), Frank (RN-922), Oscar (RN-923), Arthur (RN-924), George (RN-925), and Minnie (RN-926). Henry married Charlotte Holbrook (RN-785). Henry is buried at Crowder Cemetery near Sullivan, WI. Henry and Charlotte's children were: Harry (RN-803) and Ralph (RN-804). Both made their homes in the Milwaukee, WI. area; and their daughter, Mrs. Albert Numm made her home at Waukegan, IL. Minnie married Hugh Norman (RN-941) and lived in Fairmont, MN. Minnie worked for many years there at Wolf's Department Store. Minnie and Hugh had a son, Walter (RN-942), and a daughter, Elizabeth (RN-943). Walter worked at a Fairmont bank.

WILLIAM MOORE married Polly Russel (RN-927), a Southern girl. Their children were: Julia (RN-928), Calcine (RN-929), Wallace (RN-930), Fayette (RN-931), Smith (RN-932) and Dorothy (RN-933). Julia married Ben Tubbs (RN-935). Their children were: Vern (RN-936), Frank (RN-937) and Eva (RN-938). Eva married Charles Elvidge (RN-939) and lived at Marshall, MN. Calcine married Lou Woods (RN-934). They lived at Waterloo, WI. Wallace lived in Palmyra, WI. Fayette lived at Hebron, WI. Smith lived at his father's homestead near Palmyra, WI. Dorothy married Alfred Carlson (RN-940) and lived in Michigan.

HARRIET MOORE married William Joyner (RN-906) and lived in Ohio.

MARY MOORE married Frank Hayden (RN-910) at Hardscrapple, WI. They moved to New Orleans, LA. Their children were Frank (RN-806) and Nellie (RN-901).

JOHN JAMES MOORE married Lurette Rachel Hill (RN-4) It is here where our story begins with credibility. John James Moore was age five when he moved with his family from St. Lawrence County, CN. to Ashtabula County, OH. Later in life, he went to the Sullivan, WI. area where he worked as a farm laborer for the next four years. He then returned to Ohio where he married Lurette. In about 1854, they returned to the Sullivan area.

John was a Republican and served many years as County Assessor and County Treasurer at Sullivan. He homesteaded 80-acres and later acquired an additional 40-acres. Upon his death, John left the farm property to Lurette and their three living sons: Hurbert C. (RN-11), Jasper (RN-24) and William (RN-20). While there were daughters in the family, it was not acceptable in those days to leave such property to them. Sons were deemed the natural successors for property. Apparently the farm did not work out and some type of litigation took place and John's brother, Robert, helped the family dispose of the farm two years later. The proceeds were divided among the sons.

Following are various excerpts we obtained from public records:

(Taken from the History of Jefferson County, WI., in 1879, as printed by Western Historical Co., Culver-Page-Toyner Co. Printers; 116-120 Monroe St., Chicago, ILL.:)

John Moore, farmer; Section 20-Post Office, Rome, Wisconsin. Born in St. Lawrence County, Canada, on March 16, 1826. Removed to the State of New York with his parents when very young and remained there five years, when they moved to Ashtabula, OH. Mr. Moore came to Sullivan, Jefferson County, WI., where he began as a farm laborer.

After four years, he returned to Ashtabula, OH., and married September 19, 1850, Miss Lurette Hill, who was born in the county. They have ten children living: Hannah, Louisa, Hurbert, Alice, Emma, Nancy, William, Mary, Jasper and Angeline. Mr. Moore is a Republican and has been Assessor and Treasurer in Sullivan many years. He settled on the farm he now owns of eighty acres in 1866. He has on his farm a sorghum mill and a lime kiln. He made 2600 gallons of sorghum syrup in 1878 and sells from 2000 to 3000 bushels of lime per annum.

NOTE: Above record shows John's marriage year as 1850. The actual marriage record below shows the year as 1851. We believe 1851 to be correct.

(From the files of Clerk of Court, Ashtabula County, Jefferson, OH., on July 2, 1858 by J. Phillip Perry, Probate Judge-the following records:)

VOL. D. 141-MARRIAGE RECORDS- John Moore and Lurette Hill on September 19, 1851, at Pierpont, OH. Reported by Hemon Geer, a minister of the Gospel, December 16, 1851. Recorded on March 1, 1852.

(From the files of Register of Deeds of Jefferson County, WI. on February 17, 1959, a record by Arthur J. Gruemmert:)

We found a Deed from Samuel Baker to John Moore dated September 22, 1866, to the north 60 acres of the south half of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Town 7 North, Range 16 East, which is the town of Concord, about a quarter of a mile south of the now extinct village of Bakertown. This farm is now owned by Barclay Jones who bought it from August Griese in 1922.

Lurette Rachel Hill's mother was a Canadian Christian Indian named Haskins. She was believed to have been an Indian Princess. Lurette's father was a miller named Almerian Hill. He was a descendant of Ages Hill of England. Almerian's mother was a Wetzel. Lurette had five brothers: John, Robert and Wallace were the names of three of them. We are told that of the five brothers--two moved to Michigan copper country, two to Wisconsin and one to Iowa. Wallace married Hannah Laird and they had a daughter who became Mrs. Laura B. Pitts.

John and Lurette's children were: Hannah (RN-5), Louise Alida (RN-7), Hurbert (RN-10), Hurbert Clarence (RN-11), Alice Adore (RN-13), Emma Sophia (RN-15), Nancy Gladys (RN-17), William Archer (RN-20), Maryett Marie (RN-22), Jasper Angelo (RN-24) and Sarah Angeline (RN-27)..

When John Moore suffered a stroke, we were told that Hurbert hitched a team of horses to a two-wheeled cart and rode from his home in Armstrong to Sullivan, WI., to help his family. At the same time, his wife, Lennie Leota Brooks Moore (RN-12), rode to Algona, IA. from Armstrong, in a lumber wagon with her cousin, Ezra Brooks, to catch a train for Wisconsin to be with Hurbert and to help the family. Ezra hauled mail and supplies to the settlers and took their produce to Algona to sell it for them.

I recall Aunt Leota (Lennie) telling me she had never been to Algona until that day, nor had she ever seen a train. She said the train looked like a monster and she was very much afraid of it. Regardless, she climbed on board and made the journey. She also told about the day after her arrival in Wisconsin. Lurette and her daughters showed Aunt Leota around the farm and the area. She saw a kiln from which they made brick and a lime pit from which they sold lime.

They also had sugar maple trees for sugar and syrup and garden produce for their own use. Yarn was spun from wool they had sheered from their sheep. The wool was then carded and spun into yarn. Everyone could knit--even the men. When the boys needed socks, they would knit them in the evenings. My father, William Archer Moore (RN-20), was one of those who learned to knit. I recall him showing me how "to turn a heel" when I was doing some Red Cross knitting during World War II. Turning a heel is the knitting technique used to change from the leg to the foot of a sock. Hurbert and Leota stayed in Wisconsin for two years after John's death. Hurbert ran the kiln for his mother. When the farm was sold they returned to the Armstrong, IA., area where he carried out his trade as a stone mason. He also purchased 80 acres across from the Brooks Farm and built a house and barn. He helped to build several houses in Armstrong in 1891. Then in 1901, he built a large two-story building in Halfa, IA. There were several rooms including a large dining room, a kitchen to the rear of the building and a living room upstairs. His mother served meals there and also boarded a depot agent for the railroad. Lumbermen and school teachers often boarded there. From 1901 to 1904, Hurbert ran the Post Office and a general merchandise store at Halfa.

HANNAH MOORE was the eldest child of John and Lurette. She married her cousin, William Peck (RN-6), in Columbia County, WI., and helped him raise his three daughters from a previous marriage: Edith, Ella and Alma. They also had five (5) children of their own: Alida (RN-29), Stella (RN-39), Mabel (RN-38), William (RN-80) and Walter (RN-81). Hannah and William settled in the Lotts Creek area of Kossuth County, IA. and later moved to Burt, IA. where William worked at the bank.

Apparently William had lost prairie homes twice due to the economic conditions of the times before the family settled in the Lotts Creek area. William was a veteran of the Civil War.

(Greater insight into the life of Hannah and William Peck was shared in an obituary which appeared in the newspaper at Burt, IA. after the death of Hannah Moore Peck:)

Late the same year (the year in which they were married) they immigrated by covered wagon to Iowa and suffered many hardships, returning to Wisconsin twice before they could establish a home on a homestead they had taken up in 1871, becoming one of the first pioneers of Lotts Creek, Iowa.

This home later became one of the most noted places in Iowa, a mecca as it were, for all travelers through that part of the country and a veritable haven of rest and hospitality to each and everyone who passed that way; meaning much more than we of today can realize, as it was in the days of stage coaches and of sparsely settled country and great distances between.

In the Fall of 1892, they moved to Burt, IA., where they were identified with everything of interest in building up the town, building the main hotel and bank business for several years.

In 1896 they retired from active business to a beautiful home. Later on Mrs. Peck built a smaller house on the property. This is where people of Burt will always remember her as "Auntie Peck" in her home among her old-fashioned flowers, living out her years in a life devoted to her church, her family and her friends.

Alida Peck married William Dehnert (RN-30). They were operating a hotel at Algona, IA. at the time of her death. They had seven (7) children: Harry (RN-952), Sylvia (RN-31), Clifford (RN-33), Clarence (RN-34), Kenneth (RN-35), Leon (RN-36), and Florence (RN-37). Florence served in the WAC's (Women's Army Corps) during World War II.

Stella Peck married Joseph Elvidge (RN-40). They had five (5) children: George (RN-41), Neva (RN-42), Verna (RN-48), a Baby Girl RN-77), and James (RN-76). George Peck Elvidge, became a doctor and practiced at Perry, IA. Verna Bernice Elvidge, married Roy Jensen (RN-49) and they farmed near Lone Rock, IA. In later years Bernice moved into Lone Rock, spending summers there and winters in Arizona. She also was widowed in her second marriage to Ernest Jensen (RN-63).

Mabel Peck (RN-78) married George Washington Hawkins (RN-79), who was a watchmaker at Elgin, IL. They had a daughter, Vera Lucille Hawkins (RN-82). Vera married Frank Andrew Gaddis (RN-85) after he returned from duty in W.W. I. Part of his left hand was shot off in the war so he always wore a glove on it. After he graduated from the University of Nebraska Agricultural College in Lincoln, NE, they went to Alliance, NE to live on a 40,000 acre ranch that Frank had inherited from his family. They had homesteaded there. Vera was educated in fine arts and "elegant manners" at St. Marys, Notre Dame, IN. Her training did not anticipate her eventual living in a sod shanty in Nebraska. She however adjusted quickly. She would cook for a dozen or more farm hands during harvest. She raised her own vegetables and canned. We are told she "wrung a chickens neck like she had been raised to it" meaning she was skilled at dressing chickens to eat. Her daughter Georgia (RN-83) described her as "a pretty gutsy lady". Frank died in a "freak" plane crash at age 29. Georgia says she was named for both her grandfathers (both Georges) and shared a birthdate with one. Vera lost the ranch in the Depression of 1929. It had been in the family for three generations. Mabel Peck Hawkins died on June 5, 1954, of complications from a broken hip she suffered when she fell at a hospital in Chicago while visiting upon the birth of her great-granddaughter, Nancy Lynn Wehrmann.

Hannah and William also had two sons--William (RN-80) and Walter (RN-81). Walter died as the result of a train accident in 1916. Marie Wehrmann (RN-900) recalls her grandmother, Mabel Peck, telling that one of the sons died while working on the Panama Canal. It's unclear whether it was William or Walter.

LOUISE ALIDA MOORE married George Walter Petrie (RN-8). After their divorce, Louise went to California where she married Daniel Putnam (RN-9). They later divorced, also. She and her sister, Nancy (RN-17), ran a gift shop in Santa Ana, CA. for several years. She spent her final years in the Oddfellows Retirement Home in Northfield, MN.

George Petrie, who was a buttermaker by trade, made his home for awhile with his daughter Theda Ethelyn Jensen (RN-86) in Montana after the divorce. On Oct. 27, 1927, he left her home to go to his homestead when a blizzard developed and he perished. His whereabouts was unknown for five years until his remains were found at a campsite in a ravine. His wallet, watch and identification were found at the scene. He was buried in Musselshell, MT.

Louise and George had five (5) children: Theda (RN-86), Olive (RN-117), John (RN-125), Elizabeth (RN-126) and Gertruyde (RN-145).

Theda Ethelyn Petrie married Neils C. Jensen (RN-87). They lived on a ranch by Musselshell, MT. Their children were: Helen (RN-88), Walter (RN-100), Bernice (RN-101) and Clayton (RN-112).

Olive Petrie married Edward Thomas Davern (RN-118). They made their home in the Hibbing, MN. area. Their children were: Margaret Alida (RN-119), Ethelyn Mary (RN-121), Alma Louise (RN-123) and Ruth (RN-122).

Margaret Alida married Anthony Francis Reisinger (RN-953). She worked as a legal secretary in Hibbing. Their children were Edward Anthony (RN-124), James Robert (RN-969) and Mary Margaret (RN-974). Ethelyn Mary married George Alexander McHardy (RN-982). They both worked at the Hibbing State Bank. He owned the Monarch Bar, had an interest in the Furlong Oil Company, and later owned the Hibbing Buick-Cadillac dealership. Their children were: Mary Ethelyn (RN-983), Elizabeth Ann (RN-992) and Peter Harold (RN-998).

Mary Ethelyn married James Joseph Kaim (RN-984). They had seven (7) children: Ethelyn (RN-985), Bridget (RN-986), Katherine (RN-987), Lizbeth (RN-988), Peter (RN-989), Patrick (RN-990) and Margaret (RN-991). Elizabeth Ann married John Edward Petroske (RN-993). She was a home economics and art graduate at the University of Minnesota. They had four children: Michael (RN-994), Thomas (RN-995), David (RN-996) and Ann (RN-997). Peter Harold served in the Army, attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from Mankato State, Mankato, MN. with a B.A. in Business Administration. He married Jane Hanmer (RN-999). Jane graduated from the University of Minnesota with a major in Russian. They had two children: George (RN-1000) and Susan (RN-1001).

Alma Louise Davern married Wilbert Wyne (RN-1002). She died of tuberculosis and is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, Hibbing, MN. Ruth Elizabeth Davern graduated from the University of Minnesota and was secretary to the dean of the School of Agriculture. She married Richard Bowne Hazard Jr. (RN-1003). Their children were: Elizabeth Ruth (RN-1004), Kathleen Louise (RN-1009), Nancy Ann (RN-1013) and Richard Bowne Hazard III (RN-1130). Elizabeth Ruth became a registered nurse. She married Army Lt. Kenneth Robert Crowley (RN-1005). They had three children: Patricia (RN-1006), Kenneth Jr. (RN-1007) and Kevin (RN-1008). Kathleen Louise married William Charron (RN-1010) and they had two sons: William (RN-1011) and Steven (RN-1012).

Nancy Ann married Thomas John Alpert (RN-1014). They had three children: Kristen (RN-1015), Megan (RN-1016) and John (RN-1017). Richard Bowne III majored in forestry at Paul Smiths College in New York. He married a Ruth (RN-1131).

John Adam Petrie died at birth and is buried at Fenton, IA.

Elizabeth Mayme Petrie married Joseph D. Robertson (RN-127). Joseph attended Iowa State University at Ames, IA. He then went to Fairmont, MN. to run the municipal power plant. He lived in the Petrie home as a renter when he first moved to Fairmont. That is where he first met Elizabeth ("Beth"). They married and later moved to Strome, Alberta, Canada where they farmed. They retired to Edmonton. They had two sons: George Wilbur (RN-128) and Leo Petrie (RN-130).

We enjoyed a visit with George (RN-128) and his wife, Lucille (RN-129), in the Spring of 1988. They had been in Palm Springs, CA. when my mail caught up with them. They came to Estherville to exchange information and to become acquainted. George has been most helpful in assisting with information. That same summer, George had helped Dr. Baier of Canada with the preparation of The History of the Commission for Agricultural Meteorology of the World Meteorology Organization.

Gertruyde Marie Petrie married Arthur Norman Robbins (RN-146). Arthur died when their daughter, Jean (RN-147), was only three. Gertruyde took his remains back to his home area at Norwalk, CT. and then made her home there for over 50 years. Gertruyde was a teacher in the Norwalk public school system, having taught at Tracey Elementary School at the time of her retirement. She was active in the United Methodist Church, having served as president of the Thursday sewing group and as a member of the United Methodist Women. After retirement, she was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was born in Fairmont, MN. Gertruyde later married Gould Jennings Hoyt (RN-152) They had two children: Gould Jennings Hoyt Jr (RN-153). and Mava Gertruyde Hoyt (RN-155).

Gould Jennings Hoyt Jr. married Florence Ruth Klein (RN-154). Gould taught at Paul Smith's College in Pauls Smith, N.Y. for 31-years, retiring in 1983 as Professor Emeritus of Forestry. Ruth also was a teacher. They adopted two children: Jane (RN-157) and Edward (RN-160).

Mava Hoyt worked in the Fairfield, CT. school system as a para-professional for 18 years and nine months. The last nine years she worked with special education students. Mava and her husband, John Pekar (RN-1560, started making handmade crafts and now sell them at various shows. They have two daughters: Denise (RN-161) and Suzanne (RN-1018).

Gertruyde and Arthur Robbins daughter, Jean Petra Robbins, married Robert Balla (RN-148). They have two sons: Robert Jr. (RN-149) and Keith (RN-150).

Reflecting back on Aunt Alida (Louise Alida Moore) I recall she came to visit us the summer after my mother died. She and my dad talked about many events from when they lived at home. The discussion got around to food. Aunt Alida then sent dad to town for a certain cut of meat. She then went to work picking beet tops from our garden, along with what I thought was nothing more than a bunch of weeds. It turned out that she cooked a very tasty dinner. Now I wish I had given more attention to what she was doing--to know what those ingredients were. During her visit we also spent a day at Tuttle Lake by Dolliver, ending it with a fish fry at Asa and Bernice Teeters farm at Dolliver, Iowa. On the way we stopped to pick Aunt Alida some wild flowers. I remember how happy she was to have them.

My Uncle *HURBERT MOORE* was just a toddler when he was kicked by a horse and died from hemorrhaging. My grandmother had another son thereafter and named him *HURBERT CLARENCE MOORE* (RN-11). Aunt (Lennie) Leota, wife of Hurbert Clarence, and I shared the same birthdate. Sometimes we shared the same birthday cakes at joint celebrations. She was 50 when I was born. She was a very kind and caring person and seemed to be loved by all who knew her. I was a baby when Herbert Clarence Moore died. Hurbert and Lennie had six (7) children: Ernie (RN-1133), Archie (RN-454), Amy (RN-162), Otto (RN-199), Sylvia (RN-209), Mary (RN-291) and Otis (RN-455).

Baby Ernie was born while they were in Wisconsin. He lived only three months. Archie died at birth.

Amy Moore married William "Harry" Harrison (RN-163) . They farmed west of Armstrong, IA. until their retirement. They then moved into Armstrong. Their daughter Mabel (RN-164) and her husband, Oliver Lorenzo Helgason (RN-165), took over the farming operation. "Harry" enjoyed watching the Little League ballgames in Armstrong. Upon his death, Mabel donated land to the Town of Armstrong for a ball diamond. Today, it is known as Harrison Field. I remember going to Amy and Harry's farm for Sunday family gatherings. Sylvia Weller's (RN-209) daughter, Neva (RN-265), would often be there too. She'd hitch up a horse to a buggy and we would go riding.

Mabel was a registered nurse, having graduated from Iowa Methodist School of Nursing in Des Moines. She did private duty nursing for patients of Dr. George West in the Armstrong area for many years. She then became an office nurse for Dr. C.V. Lindholm in Armstrong. Lorenzo served on the Iowa Lake Township school board for several years and he also served on the Emmet County Board of Education. Mabel and Oliver had five sons: John (RN-166), Robert (RN-170), Harry (RN-176), Howard (RN-191) and David (RN-195). When Mabel and Oliver decided to retire to Armstrong they switched homes with John's family and John took over operation of the family farm.

John worked for many years at John Morrell and Company, a meat processing plant in Estherville. He retired from Morrell's prior to the plant closing.

John married Dorothy McKean (RN-167) and they adopted two children, Julie (RN-168) and Stephan (RN-169). Robert most recently worked for the Town of Armstrong as a maintenance supervisor. He married Patricia Gochonour (RN-171) and they have three children: Karma (RN-172), Holly (RN-174) and Jill (RN-175). Harry became a government meat inspector. He married Mary J. McKean (RN-177). They have four children: Marcia (RN-178), Lori (RN-186), James (RN-187) and Amy (RN-188). Howard also became a government meat inspector. He married Lois Envoldson (RN-192) and they have two children: John (RN-193) and Loren (RN-194). David became a nuclear X-ray technician. He married Carlene Greenberg (RN-196). They have two children: Ann (RN-197) and Susan (RN-198).

Otto Irwin Moore married Nancy Johnson (RN-200). Otto served as Sheriff and as a U.S. Marshall in Montana for many years. He later became a guard at McNiel Island Federal Prison in Washington. Otto and Nancy had three sons: Ralph (RN-201) and Roscoe (RN-202), who were twins, and Wesley (RN-203). Ralph died just three days after birth. Otto had served in World War I and two of his sons--Wesley and Roscoe--served in World War II. Wesley suffered a heart attack and died in a Chicago hotel while there on a business trip. Roscoe died in Germany during World War II and was buried there. Later his body was transferred to Custer Memorial Cemetery at Billings, Montana, where Otto, Wesley and Nancy are also buried.

Sylvia Marie Moore married Alonzo William Weller (RN-210). Bill managed grain elevators for Critz & Co. for ten years in Mallard, four years in Curlew, and for a time at Truesdale, Gridley and Maple Hill, all in Iowa. Later, he managed the Graves Grain Co. elevator at Huntington, Iowa, until his retirement. Bill and Sylvia had six (6) children: Urah (RN-211), Clarence (RN-230), Velma (RN-247), Neva (RN-265), Alvin (RN-280), and Orvin (RN-282).

Urah M. Weller taught in rural schools in Palo Alto County for two years prior to her marriage to William Brietske (RN-212). She had attended Iowa State Teachers College extension normal school in Estherville, Iowa. For fifteen years she was an active worker in both Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations in Northeast Iowa. For six years prior to her death, she was employed by the Waterloo, Iowa, school district. Urah and William had three children: Robert (RN-213), Nancy (RN-221) and Judith (RN-224).

Clarence W. Weller was a paratrooper and served in France during World War II. After the war he returned to Mallard, Iowa, where he worked as a carpenter and mason. In later years, he worked for a contractor erecting large concrete silos for grain storage. He worked in several states in that work. While working on a silo in Selma, Oklahoma, he fell to his death. Clarence had married Margaret R. Stokes (RN-231) and they had three children: Rennee (RN-232), Vicki (RN-238) and William (RN-243).

Velma Leota Weller married Clyde Stoltz (RN-248) and they farmed in the Mallard, Iowa area for many years. They have five (5) children: Jerome (RN-249), Ronald (RN-253), Jeanette (RN-260), Stanley (RN-263) and Keith (RN-264).

Stanley served in the Viet Nam war and Keith served in the Coast Guard. Velma is District Deputy for the Royal Neighbors of America and operates the insurance business from her home in Curlew, IA.

Neva May Weller married Wilbur Widman (RN-266). They farmed in the Storm Lake, Iowa and Easton, Minnesota areas. They had four children: Charlotte (RN-267), Roger (RN-272), Karen (RN-275) and George (RN-277).

Alvin A. Weller was in the Army Air Force. He graduated from Luke Field in Arizona and he was sent to Hawaii for additional training. He was killed in a plane crash in 1942. Alvin had married Vera M. Scott (RN-281). They had no children.

Orvin H. Weller (RN-282) studied auto mechanics at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He then enlisted in the Navy Air Corps. Upon receiving his commission, he was given additional training in flight instructors schools. He then served as an instructor at Ottumwa, Iowa, and Dallas, Texas Naval training stations during World War II. After his discharge from the service, he managed the Graves Grain Co. elevator at Huntington, Iowa, until his death from polio in 1948. He was married to Kathryn J. Rogers (RN-283). They had three children: Frederick (RN-284), Richard (RN-286) and Susan (RN-288).

Mary Rachel Moore (RN-291) married Harvey Weller (RN-292), who was a brother to Alonzo William Weller. They moved to Park Rapids, Minnesota in 1920. A few months later they moved to Hill City, Minnesota, where they bought an acreage and raised cows and chickens. Harvey worked in the woodenware factory until it burned to the ground. They then moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, where Harvey was a mail carrier for 13 years. His route required him to travel round trip each day from Grand Rapids to Hill City, Minnesota.

Mary and Harvey had ten (10) children: Marvin (RN-293), Raymond (RN-306), Lester (RN-332), Wayne (RN-333), Selma (RN-349), Willis (RN-367), June (RN-400), Doris (RN-417), Joyce (RN-424), and Betty (RN-443). Marvin, Lester and Wayne all served in World War II-- Marvin in the Coast Guard, Lester in the Army and Wayne in the Navy.

Otis Harold Moore (RN-455) married Loca Leota Mitchell (RN-456). Otis later died of tuberculosis. I have memories of Otis sitting in the sun outside his home playing the violin. During Otis's long illness, Leota studied nursing through a correspondence course with the assistance of the late Dr. Knipe of Armstrong, IA. After Otis died, Leota was able to support herself and their son, Harold (RN-457), using that knowledge. Harold went on to serve in the Navy. From there he joined the Postal Service. After retirement from the Postal Service he opened an accounting practice in Ridgecrest, California.

ALICE ADORE MOORE (RN-13) married Bayard Taylor (Tom) Clark (RN-14). They were the parents of six (6) children: John (RN-462), Adrien (RN-521), Roy (RN-522), Joel (RN-524), Jessie (RN-542) and Nora (RN-586). The early history of this family is not clear. We know Alice and Bayard moved to Iowa and farmed in the Fenton, Armstrong and Seneca areas. The boys grew up working on the farm and doing some "hauling" for extra income. Alice did nursing care for family members and friends. She often served a cough medicine she had concocted, which was often recommended by the family doctor. When Alice died at age 40 from a seige of "Quincy", Tom moved his young family to Minnesota where they made their living hauling logs and other products for the lumber mills around Brainerd. They later moved back to Iowa. Tom remarried to Belle Carpenter from Chicago, Il. They settled in the Burt, IA. area. Tom died in 1917.

Alice and Tom's son John B. Clark (RN-462) married Etta Rickel (RN-463). Their children were: Marie (RN-465), Paul (RN-467), Marion (RN-470), Genetta (RN-473), Hazel (RN-475), Leona (RN-477), John (RN-478), twins Harold (RN-481) and Howard (RN-480); and Leslie (RN-482). My first memories of them was when we visited their home in Burt, IA. The family ran a restaurant there. John and Etta eventually divorced. John remarried to Martha Koepsell (RN-464). John and Martha made their home in Townsend, WI., where they ran a fishing resort.

Adrien worked at odd jobs around farms. He started working on dredge and threshing machines and then went to a training school in Wisconsin and became an engineer for steam boilers. He worked on crews in South Dakota and Iowa on drainage and dredging projects.

He worked some for his sister Nora and her husband, Clarence Boyce, doing dredging. I recall when Adrien came to visit after working with the Boyces on the Mississippi Project. He told of how Clarence Boyce worked with a revolver at his hip all the time during that project. He needed it for killing snakes and for maintaining order. Adrien said maintaining order was no small matter since there were always three crews there--one coming, one working and one going (fired). These workers were rough and tough--fights and knifings were common.

Adrien and his sister-in-law, Ellen, ran the family restaurant for awhile after Joes death. Adrien enlisted in the Army in World War I and was disappointed that he was not sent overseas. During the 1929 Depression, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps at Dolliver, IA. and in Wisconsin, working on various public projects. In later years he bought a lot in Swea City, IA. and moved a mobile home onto it. He lived there until he could no longer care for himself because of diabetes. Adrien was a bachelor. He spent his final years at the Soldiers Home in Marshalltown, IA.

Roy also worked on farms. He too did dredge work and was involved with projects for his brother-in-law, Clarence Boyce, in Missouri for a period of time. Roy and Adrien ran a service station in Burt prior to World War I. Roy enlisted in the Army during World War I and served in the infantry at Argonne, France, as an ambulance crew member. He returned to Burt after the war and resumed operating his service station. I recall both of them were quite close to my family. We would take picnic dinners and visit them on Sundays. Roy married Nellie Graham (RN-523) who was a postal clerk in Burt. They shared an interest in gardening. They raised and sold beautiful gladiolus.

Joel Clark spent most of his life in Kossuth County, IA. The exception was a few months spent in the Western United States. He was a stationary engineer. When he returned from the West, he purchased a Pool Hall in Swea City, IA., and ran it with the assistance of his brother, Adrien. Joel sold it the day before he died from tuberculosis at age 27. He had married Ellen Peterson (RN-525) and they had a daughter, Violet (RN-527). Ellen worked as a nurse after Joel's death until her marriage to Edwin Berggren. Violet and her husband, Virgil Nelson, owned a greenhouse in Spirit Lake, IA. for several years.

Jessie Clark lived at home the longest, helping her father who was living in Bancroft, IA. During that time she met and married Elbert Hunt (RN-543). Elbert and his brother, Delbert (RN-544), made their living hauling between towns and railroad stations. Jessie sewed dresses for income. They were able to acquire some horses and equipment, allowing them to farm north of Bancroft for five years before buying a farm north of Swea City, IA. in Grant Township.

Delbert Hunt joined in the partnership--Hunt Brothers--and they farmed until Elberts death in 1923. Elbert failed to recover from appendicitis surgery. Jessie and Elbert had three children: Hazel (RN-545), Alice (RN-570) and Clarence (RN-571). After Elberts death, Jessie took Clarence, who was eight-months-old at the time, and went to cook in a construction camp in Missouri for a dragline crew operated by her brother-in-law, Clarence Boyce. Her daughters--Hazel and Alice-- lived with Nora and Clarence in Omaha, NE. during that time. Jessie later moved back to Swea City, IA., where she resumed dress-making and did house keeping. She married Delbert Hunt and they moved back into the same farm Jessie and Elbert had in Grant Township. They continued to farm for thirty-two years before moving to Cedar Falls, IA. to be closer to Hazel. Delbert then worked fifteen years at the John Deere plant as a custodian. He then retired. Delbert trained at Camp Dodge in Des Moines, IA., to serve in the field artillery in France during World War I. He was a sixty-year member of the Swea City American Legion Post. Jessie worked a few months in the University of Northern Iowa dining hall when the WAC'S were stationed there during W.W. II.

Hazel Iona Hunt received a degree in bookkeeping from the Ft. Dodge Business College. She worked a year for the C.W. Cox Battery Co. in Ft. Dodge. She then married Paul Berggren (RN-546) and they returned to live in the Armstrong and Estherville, IA. areas for a time while Paul helped to pave Highway 9 between those two towns. They later lived in Louisiana and Arkansas while Paul worked for the Boyce-Igo Machine Co. building levees from Ft. Allen to Pine Bluff. When the John Deere plant reopened in Waterloo, they returned to Iowa and Paul went to work for Deere. Hazel became a bookkeeper for Hinson Manufacturing, Rankin Manufacturing and Farmers Co-op. She then did a 22-year stint with Olson Boat House as a bookkeeper. Hazel and Paul had four children: Paul (RN-548), Dean (RN-550), Charles (RN-552) and Jessie (RN-554).

Paul retired as a Naval Reserve Commander after more than twenty years of service. Dean is a chemist-metalurgist at the John Deere plant in Waterloo, IA. Charles is a machinist at the Deere plant. Jessie is a computer operator for San Annais Oil Co. in Cedar Falls, IA. Her husband--Bruce Sorensen, is superintendent of the municipal waste water plant.

Alice Hannah Hunt graduated from Grant Township Consolidated School in Kossuth County, IA. She then attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, LA. for a year. She went on to get her registered nurse degree from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha, NE. She then worked at that hospital after graduation. One day, while scrubbing for surgery, she contracted a severe infection in her hand. It spread throughout her body. This was before antibiotics were known. She developed a severe thyroid condition which caused extreme fatigue, depression and resulted in her suicidal death. I remember her as a beautiful, vivacious person.

Clarence Elbert Hunt also graduated from Grant Township Consolidated School. He worked on the farm during his school years. During his working career, he was a machinist at the Deere Plant in Waterloo, IA. He also worked on a dairy farm at Cedar Falls, IA. and for the creamery at Swea City, IA. He married Evelyn Butterfield (RN-572) in Swea City. They have four children: Linda (RN-573), Duane (RN-575), Eugene (RN-577) and Lou Rae (RN-579). Clarence served in the Signal Corps in the Phillipines as a truck driver in World War II. After the war, they lived in Algona, IA. where he worked in garages until he started his own in Graettinger, IA. In later years, he retired to Algona.

Nora Leota Clark (RN-586) married Clarence G. Boyce (RN-587). In the early 1900's, Clarence worked for his father--J.H. Boyce. They did many drainage projects in southern Iowa and in Missouri to reclaim sloughs for farming. He worked with his brothers and the business grew. Clarence ended up buying them out. Nora and Clarence were living in Omaha, Nebraska, when they decided to risk everything they had to bid on a federal government construction project to build part of the levee along the Mississippi River. Their risk proved worthwhile as they won the bid and got the contract.

As luck would have it, however, they had to obtain an extension of the completion time for their contract after flood waters washed away part of their equipment and part of the levees. When the levee work started on the Mississippi, they worked from Cairo, IL. south towards New Orleans, LA. They would live in the closest city to the work sites, including Memphis, TN., Pine Bluffs, AR., and Baton Rouge, LA. Later they moved to Yuma, AZ. where they landed their biggest job of all--the All American Canal. When they finished that project, they returned to Baton Rouge where their sons --James (RN-588) and Clark (RN-605)--received their formal educations.

In later years the family formed Boyce Machinery and distributed Caterpillar equipment and large marine engines. The sons later expanded into several other businesses around the state. Clarence was an avid gardener. Family members tell that a passerby mistook him once when he was working with his flowers and tried to hire him to do their gardening. Clarence died in 1974 and soon thereafter, Clark died in an airplane crash while returning from a J.I. Case dealers meeting in Hilton Head, S.C. Soon after, Nora's son James and his wife remodeled part of their home to provide a living quarters for Nora. He also helped to look after Clarks family until they were able to take control of the businesses.

EMMA SOPHIA MOORE (RN-15) married Harrison Ernest Walker (RN-16). His father, Tom, ran a sorghum mill at Elkhorn, WI. Our information on this part of the family has largely come from Phillip Walker (RN-642), who lives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He is a grandson of Emma and Harrison. Emma and Harrison had ten (10) children: Maude (RN-611), Ralph (RN-633), Rachel (RN-635), Harry (RN-637), Earl (RN-645), Emma (RN-646), Archie (RN-647), Glenwood (RN-648), Marguerite (RN-649) and Alice (RN-650).

Harry George Walker married Mary Hoffman (RN-638) and they had eleven (11) children: Harry (RN-641), John (RN-640), Ralph (RN-1063), Emma (RN-643), Frank (RN-1062), Russell (RN-639), Doris (RN-644), Marjorie (RN-1061), Donald (RN-1060), Phillip (RN-642) and Elsie (RN-1059). Mary Hoffman was born in Sudetenland, Germany and migrated to Wisconsin with her parents, aunts and uncles in 1895. In 1910 she received her teaching certificate and taught school until her marriage to Harry George Walker. Harry's parents farmed in Wisconsin.

Harry worked as foreman of a carpenter crew for his Uncle Hurb Moore in the Armstrong, IA. area. During World War I, he built houses and camps in Washington, D.C. In 1920, George and Mary moved to Salt Prairie, Alberta, Canada, where they pioneered a new farming district. They lived near Harry's Uncle Jasper Moore, who had moved there several years before. Mary became the first secretary to the new school board. The first four of their children were born in the United States.

Their son Harry George Walker was eight when the family moved to Canada. He trapped furs and hunted with his father. He later bought a farm. In World War II he joined the South Alberta Regiment and prior to going overseas in 1941, he married Alice Zuehlke (RN-1086). During mortar practice in England, he was accidentally killed. He is buried in England.

John became a farmer, buying a half section of land in west Salt Prairie. They then moved to High Prairie in the 1950's and later to Trail, British Columbia, Canada where he was a carpenter. Ralph moved around a bit in the early years and then bought land and farmed it. In the 1960's he started a blacksmith shop in Enilda. He then moved to High Prairie in the 1970's. Emma married John Hull (RN-1094) and farmed in the Spirit River area. John is considered the poet laureate of the family.

Russell was the first Walker to be born in Salt Prairie. By then, there were enough children in the area to warrant an elementary grade school. They traveled to school using horses and cutters (sleighs). Soon after completing school, he too joined the South Alberta Regiment during World War II and trained with his brother, Harry George, in England. It was in England where he met his wife-to-be, Joyce Colledge (RN-1064). The family tells the story that Russell was lying under a truck doing repair work when he saw a pretty pair of legs walking by. He reached out with his greasy hand and grabbed the ankle of the woman he was to eventually marry.

After the war ended, Russell and Joyce returned to Salt Prairie where they farmed. Later they moved to Grouard where Russ manages a retail store.

Doris did her share of work both in the home and on the farm as she was growing up. She became her father's "right hand man" during the war years when the older boys left for the service. Doris met Fire Ranger Phil Nichols (RN-1107) who courted her with his Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a side car. They married and built a home nearby the family farm. We are told the family enjoyed many evenings of music with Phil singing and playing his banjo, with Harry playing the fiddle and Jack or Russ playing the guitar. Phil retired from the Forest Service. Doris and Phillip farmed the Earl Moore farm until her mother's death. They then moved back to the family farm to help her father.

Marjorie graduated from the University of Alberta and taught school at High Prairie. She married Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman Don McIntyre (RN-1197). They retired to Edmonton. Donald attended the University of Alberta, studying agriculture. He then went to work for the government at the Experimental Farm at Lacombe. Phillip went to the University of Alberta, too. He was an engineer for the City of Edmonton. Upon retiring, he continued a consulting engineering practice and does volunteer work. Elsie attended Fairview Agricultural school, where she met John Martin (RN-1207). They married and now farm in the Ft. St. John country.

As educational facilities opened in the pioneering days, Harry and Mary Walker made sure their children made use of the opportunities. In reflecting on life styles, Phillip Walker shared with us that the children would earn their spending money by trapping squirrels and weasels for their pelts. At the time of my fathers death, I remember that one of the cousins came from Wisconsin to attend his funeral. My sister, Beatrice, and I believe it was Ralph.

NANCY GLADYES MOORE married George Winn (RN-18). They had three children: Flora (RN-651), John (RN-662).and Esther (RN-678). Nancy and George farmed near Rome, WI. before moving to California in 1910 to provide a better climate for George's health problems. After George eventually died in California, Nancy and her sister, Alida, ran a gift shop for several years.

Both were very talented and found a ready market for their sewn handcrafts. I remember Aunt Nancy telling my parents about making feather pillows from the feather beds she had made while living on the farm. She said customers in Santa Ana, CA. would pay handsomely for feather pillows. In 1927, Nancy married Elmer Fryer (RN-19). Elmer and Nancy had grown up in the same neighborhood as children and both had been widowed for some time. We all considered Aunt Nancy's visits as very special.

Flora Winn married Charlie Steffan (RN-652) and they had a son, Gilbert (RN-653). I recall Flora and Charlie coming to Iowa to visit in the 1940's. They stayed a short time with us to visit my father. They were farmers and their son, Gilbert, followed in that occupation.

When my aunts would visit, I remember there would always be day-long trips to Fairmont, MN. or Estherville, IA. to shop. Normally these would be on school days so I would never be able to go with them. They always brought me Wrigleys Gum as a treat. It would sell for three packages for a dime at the Woolworth Stores. Fifteen sticks of gum at one time was a treasure in those days. I remember their visits would normally be in the Fall after harvest and they would ride in Model-T Fords with side curtains. The roads were gravel, too.

WILLIAM ARCHER MOORE married Flora M. Mitchell (RN-21). They had nine (9) children: John (RN-684), Robert (RN-745), Bernice (RN-807), Beatrice (RN-815), William (RN-826), Jasper (RN-812), Mable (RN-827), and a baby girl (RN-813) and a baby boy (RN-814). Dad was born at Sullivan, WI., and his early years were spent on the family farmstead. Farmers had to be self-supporting in those days. His father, John James Moore, was politically active. Dad's Uncle Robert and his cousins lived nearby. Dad loved to regale us with stories of barn raisings, dances and of the sugaring-off parties during the maple sugaring seasons.

After the death of my grandfather, Dad's life changed. His mother hired him out to the railroad and he worked as a section hand and later as a brakeman. She declared him a year younger than he was so that she could collect his wages longer. In those days parents (guardians) could collect the wages earned by their minor children. He worked 12-hour days with no breaks. When the railroad became unionized, his work day was reduced to 10-hours and he was given a half-hour dinner break.

When dad turned 21 years old, he had to gather proof of his age so that he could collect his own wages. The relationship between my dad and his mother was strained for many years because of that incident. I recall dad telling that he met the Ringling Brothers as a result of his trains stopping at Baraboo, WI. to hook onto the circus train cars. They also hauled a tent show troupe which for many years performed in Armstrong, IA. for a week each summer.

When Uncle Hurbert was building in the Armstrong area, dad and Uncle Jasper both worked for him. It was during this time that he met my mother, Flora Mitchell (RN-21). She was the youngest of seven children and the only one born in the United States. Her parents were born in Scotland, lived in England two years after their marriage, and then moved to Carlingford, Ontario, Canada, where they lived for sixteen years before moving to Iowa. They settled southeast of what is now Armstrong, IA., before the town was built. My grandparents built a house in the east part of the town of Armstrong. The house still stands there today.

Mother and Dad were married in January, 1896. They drove with their attendants to Estherville for the ceremony. I remember Mother telling us that it was a warm and sunny day and that many swampy places along the trail had to be skirted as they made their way to Estherville by horse and buggy. Margaret Holland (Aunt Maggie) and Thomas Brooks, were their attendants. Margaret and Tom eventually married, too. Our family lived on farms near Huntington, Halfa, Dolliver and Armstrong. In 1916, we moved into Armstrong. Dad did many kinds of work. He was an accomplished stone mason and laid foundations for barns and granaries. He also helped to build many sidewalks in Armstrong. He did custom butchering of livestock and worked in a market. He was the contractor for excavating the school building site in Dolliver. The school building stood until 1989 when it was leveled by contractors after having been empty for several years following the merger of the Dolliver and Gruver schools.

Dad also "broke" many acres of prairie land in Emmet County as crop farming got underway in the area. He frequently tended the separator for threshing crews. Hunting and fishing seemed second nature in his younger years. He always liked a good fish fry. He loved western novels and movies. William S. Hart and Tom Mix movies were always a "must see" for him.

Mother's first home was a sod house. I recall visiting the "soddy" when I was thirteen. It was being used as a chicken house then. We went to see it with mother's sister, Aunt Lib, her husband--Jack Gibbs--and my cousins, Gladys and Jim Gibbs, who were visiting from North Dakota. Jim and I were impressed that our mothers once lived in a chicken house. Both mother and dad eventually died of cancers and are buried at Armstrong Grove Cemetery.

My brother John James Moore was born and educated in Emmet County, IA. He married Cora Kehoe (RN-685) and they lived all of their married years in Armstrong, IA. John was employed by the Emmet County Road Maintenance Department for many years, responsible for helping to maintain roads from the Ringsted Corner (east junction) north to the Minnesota state line (Highway 15) and from the Kossuth County line west to the Gridley Crossing (on Highway 9). Initially this work was done with horses and wagons and horse-drawn graders. When the State of Iowa took over control of the major highways, he then went to work for the State. He retired in 1964, completing a 40-year career. He was honored twice by Governors of Iowa for his service. John was in the Army during World War I and was waiting to embark to France from Jacksonville, FL. when he received word of the birth of his son Donald (RN-686). Donald died a short time later. John served for a time as commander of the American Legion Post in Armstrong. He and Cora liked to travel. One of the favorite family stories involved a humorous incident in which John and Cora were traveling when John stopped to add gasoline to the car. Cora was sleeping in the back seat at the time. John went in to pay for the gas, returned and drove away, only to discover a few miles down the road that Cora was not in the car. Cora had gotten out to use a restroom. Cora was a small, feisty woman with a wry wit and a quick temper. She was a wonderful person and friend. John and Cora had six (6) children: Donald, Fay (RN-687), Agnes (RN-690), Betty (RN-692), Mary (RN-694) and Herbert (RN-696).

Fay Merlyn Moore was born in Armstrong, IA. In 1943 he joined the Air Force and then decided to make it his career. He recently told me that during his career he was in several foreign countries and in each state in the United States except for one. For many years Fay was stationed at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) in Omaha, NE. The late General Curtis LeMay had race cars and Fay would work as a mechanic for his cars on some weekends. He married Gladdyes Kissinger (RN-688) in 1943 at Greeley, CO. where he was attending a training school in the service.

They had four (4) children: Lyle (RN-699), Melvin (RN-701), Dianna (RN-703) and Judy (RN-705). They divorced in 1968. Fay remarried in 1970 to Ruby Pebel (RN-689). They make their home in Council Bluffs, IA. and spend much time traveling.

Agnes Mae Moore was born and educated in Armstrong, IA. She married Harvey Nels Peter Nelsen in 1944. Harvey served 45-months in the Army during World War II, pulling duty in the States, Hawaii and Europe. He was a Staff Sergeant at time of discharge. Agnes worked during the war as an airplane mechanic at Hill Field, UT. After the war, they farmed at Ringsted, IA. for 15 years before moving to Armstrong. Agnes became a bookkeeper for Quaker Oats (later sold to Cargill, Inc.) and served in that capacity for 23 and 1/2 years. She retired in 1984. Harvey was in the lumber business until his death in 1977. He was active in veteran affairs, first becoming active with the Ringsted American Legion Post and then with the V.F.W. Post in Armstrong. He served as post commander of the V.F.W. three different times. Both of them served as teachers at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ringsted where Harvey served for awhile as Sunday school superintendent. When they moved to Armstrong and joined the Nazareth Lutheran Church, Agnes served as financial secretary several times. Their children are: Gordon (RN-706), Jeanne (RN-709) and James (RN-711).

Gordon and his first wife, Rosemary (RN-707), both served in the Navy. Gordon is a career sailor and holds the rank of First Class Petty Officer. Jeanne served five years in the Navy, also reaching First Class Petty Officer rank. Her husband, Tim (RN-710), served in the Navy for four years and was a Second Class Petty Officer. Tim became a supervisor at the Post Office in Dayton, OH. after the service. Jeanne was an honors graduate of Wright State College at Dayton, OH. and became a certified public accountant. She later started her own home-based practice.

James also served in the Navy four years and became a Second Class Petty Officer. He then attended Indian Hills Community College at Ottumwa, IA. where he graduated with honors in airplane mechanics. He worked for Cessna several years before he became a shop foreman for Pratt-Whitney (aircraft engines) at Wichita, KS.

Betty Marie Moore was born and educated in Armstrong, IA. She also worked at Hill Field, UT for a period of time during World War II. Returning to Armstrong, she worked at the telephone office which was operated by the William Leach family. She eventually married Roger Leach in 1946. Roger continued to work with his father in the family phone business for several years. When it was sold to GTE, Roger continued on until he retired. Roger served in the U.S. Marines during W.W. II and spent over two years in the South Pacific. Their children are: William (RN-712), Donald (RN-713), Gail (RN-715), Gary (RN-717) and Larry (RN-719).

Mary Arlene Moore was also born and educated in the Armstrong area. After graduating from high school, Mary worked in an Armstrong grocery store while waiting for her husband-to-be, Ray Kracht (RN-695), to return from the South Pacific area where he served for three years during World War II. They married in 1946 upon his return.

They farmed in the Seneca area in Kossuth County and later moved to a farm near Riceville, Iowa, where they lived until Ray's health forced their retirement. They then moved to Rochester, MN. Their son David also lives there. David is a data processor at Mayo Clinic. He also served three years in the Army. Mary and Ray's daughter, Donna (RN-723), and her husband--Fred Thatcher (RN-724)--and their daughters Stephanie (RN-743) and Melinda (RN-744), live at St. Paul, MN. Fred owns Action Chromate Plating Shop in North Branch. He had served in the Navy prior to their marriage. Donna is a bookkeeper in Minneapolis, MN.

Herbert James Moore joined the Air Force upon completion of high school in Armstrong, IA. He received his basic training at Parks Air Force Base. He also completed teletype school at Cheyenne, WY., and cryptographic operator school at Scott Air Force Base at St. Louis, ILL. He served two years with the U.S. Air Force Security Services at Anchorage, AK. and three months at U.S.A.F.S.S. headquarters in Houston, TX. He completed his enlistment at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, NE. In 1970, Herb started working for the Erie Mining Co. at Aurora, MN. (Now L.T.V. Steel Mining Co.) He is a locomotive engineer hauling raw taconite ore.

He and his wife, Jan (RN-698), live in Aurora. Jan is a graduate of the Lutheran Bible Institute. She worked mainly in the nursing field until an injury curtailed her work. Now she does volunteer work and is active in the American Legion Auxiliary, having held several offices. She also organized a Garden Club and was named by the Mayor of Aurora to the Solid Waste Disposal Committee.

Robert Gordon Moore got an early start in the armed forces by "stretching" his age in order to join the Navy early during World War I. He trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. When a call came for volunteers for the Coast Guard, he and a friend--Herb Patterson--answered the call.

They served along the Eastern shores of the Americas and Cuba. After the war ended, both of them decided to "ride the rails". They were on a train that stopped at Minot, N.D. when they were removed by a sheriff who took them into custody and put them to work on his own threshing rigs. On Bob's first day of work on that threshing crew, he met a young lady who was cooking for the crew--her name was Julia Hagen (RN-746).

Julia was Sheriff Dan Crawford's sister-in-law. Bob and Julia were destined to marry in 1920. For many years they both continued to work for Dan Crawford during the harvest season. Bob would work in Iowa during the corn-husking season, too. Some summers he worked for Emerson Camden tiling land for farmers in Emmet County and other locations in Iowa. Ditches were mostly dug by hand in those days. Bob was a mechanic also and worked for Pape's Garage in Armstrong and at garages in Elmore, MN. and Forest City, IA. Bob and Julia had four (4) children: Florence (RN-747), LeRoy (Robert) (RN-757), Beatrice (RN-767) and Dorothy (RN-788). When World War II broke out, Bob decided to re-enlist in the service.

He could go back with his World War I rank and could also take his son--LeRoy Robert Moore-- into the service with him as a helper. In taking physicals, it was discovered that young Bob had a heart defect. It kept him from joining the service, so both of them decided to instead go to work in the shipyards in California to help the war effort. They had not been working long in the shipyards when a steel girder fell on Robert Gordon Moore. He spent 18 months in a hospital. He never fully recovered from the accident and died in 1956. Julia continued to live in Mill Valley, CA. after his death. She died after a stroke in 1972.

Florence Irene Moore was the first child of Robert and Julia and was very much a "second mother" to her brother and sisters. She married Rollan T. Anderson (RN-748) in 1944 at Blytheville, AR. He served in the Army infantry, growing in rank from 1st Sergeant to Master Sergeant during his five years of duty. During that time he served in Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, the Phillipines and in Japan. After the service, they returned to Minot, N.D. where he founded the Capitol Vending Machine Company which they ran until Rollie's retirement. Their son, Ronald (RN-749), who teaches in the Minot school system, assumed operation of the company.

Ronnie's wife, Mary (RN-750), is head of the O.B.-Gynecology Department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Minot. Florence and Rollie's daughter, Shireen (RN-751), is vice-president of the Trinity Medical Center in Minot.

Florence retired in September, 1989, after a very active community life. She last was executive director of the YWCA in Minot, an organization she served in over 19 1/2 years. She was presented with the Golden Deeds Award by the Minot Exchange Club after her first 14 years of service.

At the time she was honored by the Exchange Club, the Minot newspaper carried the following sketch of Florence's service to the community:

At the YWCA, Anderson works with people of all ages; those who just need a place to stay and those who need additional help, such as battered women, or those with other family problems. She has been a mother, teacher, advisor, counselor and sometimes a disciplinarian in her duties. She teaches various classes, including cooking and beginning bridge.

Anderson has been a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and a Den Mother. In 1960, she was elected to the Northwest North Dakota Girl Scout Council board of directors and also served as the council's treasurer. She has been a member of the Women's Curling Association for 30 years and has held every office with that group. She has been a member of the Trinity Medical Center Auxilliary since 1965. In 1974, she was elected President of the North Dakota Association of Hospital and Nursing Homes Auxilliary.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church and has worked in its food stand at the North Dakota State Fair for 30 years. In 1972, she was the first woman to be chosen to serve on the church council. In 1962, she became a member of the Minot Quota Club, a community service organization. She served as its president for two years. In 1980, she attended the Quota Club's International Convention in Sidney, Australia as her club's representative.

Florence says that without the help and support of Rollie and her children, she would not have been able to be so active in the community. She and Rollie plan to spend time traveling.

LeRoy Robert Moore grew up helping his father working on motor vehicles at various garages. During World War II he worked in the shipyards at Sausalito, CA. After the war, Bob returned to Minot where he worked construction as long as his health would permit. Open heart surgery--done early in the history of such operations--resulted in his retirement from construction work. He married Marilyn Doman (RN-758), who was entering training in the nursing program at Trinity Hospital in Minot at the time. She had worked in the food service at the hospital during high school and developed an interest in hospital work. She left the program after marriage and currently serves as Director of Volunteers at the hospital. Bob and Marilyn have two children: Randall (RN-759) and Kimberly (RN-761).

Randall was a 1969 graduate of Minot high school. He attended Minot State College for two years and then in 1975, graduated from the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, N.D. with a Bachelor of Science Degree in human resources. He served as a counselor at U.N.D. and then became a retail store manager for six years. He now owns a retail store at Wahpeton, N.D. His wife, Simone (RN-760), is an attorney. She graduated from Aitkin, MN. high school and then earned a degree in education from the University of Minnesota at Morris, MN. She then taught three years at Tracy, MN. before entering the University of North Dakota law school at Grand Forks, receiving her degree in 1979. Bob and Marilyn's daughter, Kimberly, her three daughters, and her second husband--Les (RN-766)--live in Phoenix, AZ. , where she works in the home health field.

Beatrice Otilia Moore and her husband, Lillard "Larry" Young (RN-768) live in Nashville, TN. Beatrice has worked many years for the Neely-Horwell Company, starting in the yard goods department and then elevating to buyer. For several years she coordinated the fashion shows and sales. She currently travels to the major eastern U.S. markets buying for the firm. Larry served 20 years in the Navy and twice was forced to abandon ships during the Battle of Midway in World War II. After retiring to Nashville, Larry worked as a guard for the Federal Reserve System. He now does house painting and yard maintenance to stay busy. Bea and Larry have five sons. They all live in the Nashville area. They are Bob (RN-777); Bill (RN-769) and Byron (RN-773) work for the Postal Service. John (RN-786) and his wife, Bonnie (RN-787), live at Thompson Station, TN. and Steven (RN-779) and his family live at White House, TN.

Dorothy Jayne Moore went to work for the Pacific Bell Telephone Co. in California after her school years. After she married Ed Roll (RN-789), she left the phone company to become fulltime wife and mother, caring for Gary (RN-790), Mark (RN-793) and Lynette (RN-797). Ed served in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II in the Asiatic Pacific area from October, 1942 until January, 1946.

Upon their divorce, Dorothy returned to Pacific Bell where she was employed until her retirement. She met Roy Lundquist (RN-802), who also worked for Pacific Bell, and they married. Roy took an early retirement and they built a home on land they own in the mountains near Clearlake Oaks, CA.

Bernice Elizabeth Moore worked as a mid-wife and practical nurse in the Armstrong, IA. area until her marriage to Asa Teeters (RN-808). She helped to deliver many babies during her career, including the Homsey Twins in Armstrong. Bernice and Asa farmed near Tuttle Lake by Dolliver, IA. I recall spending a lot of time at their farm in those years, including many visits on weekends during the school year. In winter on Saturdays, I would walk the trap lines with Asa. I'll never forget the still, clean, beauty of the snow-covered land on those mornings. They moved to Colorado for a short time and then to the East Chain and Fairmont, MN. areas. From there they moved to Floodwood, MN.

Asa loved to hunt and guided hunting parties in that area. They sold pulpwood and raised and sold garden produce, too. Asa also raised and dressed rabbits for the Grand Rapids, MN. market. Their daughter, Barbara (RN-809), worked for a Creamery in Duluth until her marriage to Bernhard Jacobson (RN-810) in 1964. The two of them farmed at Mora, MN. and then later at Menagha, MN. until Bernhard's death in 1987. Barbara moved to Park Rapids, MN. Bernice was an early collector of family information. Barbara has helped share that information too in order that this genealogy may be completed--a dream she and others in our family have had for many years.

Beatrice Susan Moore worked at various jobs in Armstrong while attending school. Upon marrying Winiferd "Ole" Goodge (RN-816) in 1924, they moved to Omaha, NE. for about a year. They then returned to Armstrong where they remained their entire lives. Ole was the third generation in his family to do house painting and decorating. Bea worked with him for many years, helping to sand woodwork, paste wallpaper, and about anything else that was needed to be done. Ole died in 1968 and Beatrice continues to live in the family home. For many years, she worked as custodian for the First Trust and Savings Bank in Armstrong. She would get up at 3:30 a.m. and have the work done in time for the bank to open for business. In 1986, health problems forced her to stop work, but she remains very active in the community. Beatrice is noted for her cooking, including her "divinity" candy. She has made hundreds of batches in her lifetime for friends, relatives and church events.

She is very active in the Presbyterian church in Armstrong, holding numerous positions. She also has a large collection of salt and pepper shakers--many unique ones brought from around the country by friends and relatives as gifts--and many purchased herself through the years.

Their daughter, Mary Ann Hansen (RN-817), lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. where she sells financial products. During Mary Ann's marriage to Gene Luscombe (RN-818), they had two daughters--Amy (RN-820) and Dena (RN-829). During Amy's first marriage to John Petersen (RN-821), they had a daughter-Nicole (RN-824). In her second marriage to Tommy Thompson (RN-822), they had a daughter, Ashley (RN-825).

William Herbert Moore grew up in the eastern part of Emmet County. He had a photographic memory, which proved a challenge for teachers to keep him interested and busy during his school years. He completed high school in only three years. At that time, he was the youngest person to have graduated from high school in Emmet County, breaking the record held at that time by Dr. R.C. Coleman. William pre-enrolled at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. in 1926 to attend law school. He was working as a depot helper for David Fitzgibbons in Armstrong when he developed pneumonia and died in March of that year, never to realize his dream of becoming an attorney.

Mable Leota Moore graduated from Armstrong high school during the depression years. That summer she kept house for her father, who was working on paving Highway 9 for the first time. That fall, they broke up their household. Mable made her home with Bea and Ole. She then went to Estherville to help care for her Aunt--Alice Mitchell. It was in Estherville where she met Kenneth Huntsinger (RN-840). At the time they were married, Kenneth was working at a grocery store owned by Clyde Sanborn. After five years there, he went to work for a grocery store owned by Bill Sidles. From there he started what was to become a lifetime career--26 years of selling bakery products to grocery stores--working first for Pfaff Baking Co. of Ft. Dodge, IA., which operated a distributorship at Estherville. Ownership of the company changed several times. Both of their sons--James (RN-828) and Barry (RN-832)--worked at various times with Kenneth. In later years, Mable helped him. Kenneth liked to fish and liked sports. His health curtailed his ability to fish in later years, but television and radio help him to enjoy many hours of sports coverage.

During the war years (World War II) Mable hired out to make slip covers for furniture and draperies and window treatments, working from their home. During that same period, Kenneth and other grocery store employees would work after-hours for farmers helping with the harvest and with spring planting. (During her retirement years, Mable began coordinating various information held by relatives for this genealogy, as well as seeking new information.)

A newspaper route that included selling newspapers at Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, IA. gave rise to an early interest in medicine for James Kenneth Huntsinger (RN-828). He was allowed to work at a very young age in the laboratory at the hospital under the tutelage of Sister Anselma. After high school, he attended Alexian Brothers School of Nursing in Chicago, IL. He later married Dena Franks (RN-829) and they lived in Palo Alto, CA.

Jim worked on a heart transplant experimental team under a Dr. Shumway. In those years the work was being done with animals. Their son, James Jr. (RN-834), was born during that time. They then moved to Birmingham, AL. Jim and Dena eventually divorced. James Jr. is now a certified public accountant in Birmingham. Jims later marriages to Carol Watson (RN-830) and Jonnie Miller (RN-831) also ended in divorce. Jonnie was a daughter of Glenn Miller, the famous band leader. In later years, Jim worked at various jobs in the field of public relations. It was while Jim was at Alexian Brothers that my interest in genealogy started. He had an instructor from Scotland who inquired about where my grandparents Mitchell came from in Scotland. I didn't know the answer so began inquiring. From there my interest grew.

Barry R. Huntsinger (RN-832) started off in high school with an interest in journalism and photography. He worked his way through high school and junior college as a reporter and photographer for the Estherville Daily News. He also worked parttime as an announcer at the former KLIL Radio Station in Estherville. The station went out of business a few months later. That experience then allowed him to work his way through Mankato State College at Mankato, MN., as a city desk reporter and photographer for the Mankato Free Press. One of his highlights at Mankato was covering the 1965 flood. He was honored by the North Mankato City Council for his coverage. After college he became News Director at KICD Radio Station in Spencer, IA. From there, he was hired away by Robert Ray and Dan Sanderson to build a new radio station at Estherville--KILR-AM-FM--a position he held for sixteen years. Ray was to become Governor of Iowa.

When the station was sold, Barry became district sales manager for Harris Corporation, Broadcast Products, calling on radio stations in the upper midwest. In 1988, Barry became vice-president of Sales and Marketing for Townsend Broadcast Systems, Westfield, MA. He currently is a sales and marketing executive for T.G. Morgan Inc. of Wayzata, MN., a financial products company.

Barry married Marcia Eileen Stow (RN-833) from Dolliver, IA. Marcia's family was involved in the grain business for many years--owning and operating an elevator-Stow Grain Company- at Dolliver. Marcia attended the Professional Business Institute in Minneapolis, MN. She returned to Estherville where she worked for a time as bookkeeper at Iowa Trust and Savings Bank in Estherville. While working at the bank, she met Barry and they later married. After Barry left KICD to start the new Estherville radio station, Marcia was bookkeeper at the radio station for many years. She later was a teachers aide in the Estherville Community School System. Barry and Marcia have three daughters--Carmen (RN-835), Heidi (RN-837) and Brenda (RN-838). Heidi and Brenda live at home.

Carmen Kae Huntsinger married Darrel E. Davis (RN-836) She met Darrel in California when she moved to the Boulder Creek, CA. area to work after graduating from high school. Darrel was in the Army and was stationed at Ft. Ord, CA. Upon completion of his tour, they moved to Estherville so that Darrel could attend Iowa Lakes Community College.

He stayed active in the service, joining the Iowa National Guard, where he was accepted for Officers Training School at the Iowa Military Academy at Camp Dodge near Des Moines, IA. Carmen ran a Day Care in her home in Estherville during that period. They currently live in Spencer, IA., while Darrel completes his college education. Carmen and Darrel have two children--Alicia (RN-839) and Aaron (RN-1019).

MARYETT MARIE MOORE married Fred Dehnert (RN-23). They had seven (7) children: Gladys (RN-841), Pearl (RN-842), Lauretta (RN-844), Francis (RN-862), Ivory (RN-865), Irving (RN-868) and Theresa (RN-872). Maryett and Fred were married in Wisconsin and their daughters Gladys and Pearl were born there. Gladys lived only a few months and is buried in Wisconsin. Fred was born near Colbanz, Germany, and came to the United States at the age of three.

In the late 1880's, Maryett and Fred took their family to the Fenton, IA. area. The rest of the children were born there. About 1900 the family moved to Montana where they homesteaded a ranch.

They settled in an area northwest of the Musselshell Ranch owned by their niece and nephew, Theda Ethelyn Petrie and her husband, Niels Jensen. Aunt Maryett was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) and twice was a delegate to their national convention.

All the children, except Luretta, eventually married and made their homes in Montana. Pearl married Dr. George Woodcock (RN-843) and they lived at Denton, MT. They had one daughter, Jennie (RN-846). Luretta married Archie Leon Dundas (RN-845) at Moore, MT. Their first four children were born in Montana. Then sometime between 1917 and 1921, they moved to Granada, MN. They also lived at Winnebago and Fairmont, MN. in subsequent years. When Lurette died, she was living in Wells, MN. Archie was a poet and had at least one book of poems published. I remember taking part in the Memorial Day program in 1929 at the old Armstrong Opera House where I recited the Gettysburg Address. Archie was on the same program and read some of his poems.

JASPER ANGELO MOORE married Eva Mathews (RN-25). They had two children: Hazel (RN-875) and Rachel (RN-876). Jasper was born at Sullivan, WI. Eva was from the Armstrong, IA. area. They married in 1894. Jasper worked with his brother, Hurb, as a carpenter. He and Eva eventually divorced. In 1901, he moved to the Aitkin, MN. area. He met and married Elsie O'Brien (RN-26) in 1901. They eventually had four (4) children of their own: Jasper (RN-877), Milton (RN-881), Robert (RN-878) and Earl (RN-882). In the early 1910's, along with Grandad Hugh O'Brien, they moved to Salt Prairie, Alberta, Canada, where they homesteaded on land similar to that they had farmed near Sullivan, WI. A typhoid epidemic struck in 1936 and claimed the lives of their sons Jasper and Milton.

When I was young, Aunt Elsie and I used to write to each other. She told of how their life was so different than ours. They had short growing seasons and depended on hunting and trapping and the sale of pelts for much of their livelihood. She told of how they would build shacks for shelter along traplines, as the boys would be out for weeks at a time tending traps. One of the boys became seriously ill and was found by some Indians who cared for him until they could safely move him to his home.

Aunt Elsie once sent a photograph of Uncle Jasper with a silver fox cub he found and brought home alive. He put a leash on it, much like one would do with a dog. When his nephew Harry Walker moved his family to that area, we used to receive photographs of the family gatherings. Jasper died in 1940. Elsie ran a country store from the 1930's to the 1950's. She then moved to the Aitkin-Princeton, MN. areas to live out her remaining years. She died in 1973.

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