

Chapter 16 Wiley Augustus Moore 1804 -

The name Moore appears in early Tuscarora area records in 1798, in a deed from Thomas Wetherington to a Francis Moore for 100 acres on Bachelor Creek and Deep Branch. ¹ In 1808 Francis Moore sold this property to Solomon Wetherington. ² An 1820 deed to Gideon Wetherington mentions a Moore lease to land on Beaver Dam Branch, the area of the now John Moore homeplace. ³

By 1850, Wiley A. Moore and John Moore appear in Tuscarora records but it is not known if they recent arrivals to the area or related to the Moore's of the early 1800's. The relationship between John Moore 1816-1892 and Wiley Moore (1804 -c. 1850) is not currently known. Both men appear in Tuscarora prior to the Civil War and the family groups live in close proximity to one another. This researcher speculates John and Wiley were likely related. Old family photographs from the John Moore family also contained a photograph of Augustus Moore. ⁴ Another Moore family, Charles Moore (1807-) also lived in the Tuscarora area in 1860 near John Moore and this relation is unclear at this time. ⁵

Wiley Moore (1804 -1850) married **Mary Stewart** (1820 - 1877) on July 21, 1841 in Craven County. ⁶ The relationship, if any, between this Mary Stewart and John Stewart (b. 1809) is also unknown at this time. Wiley and Mary appear in the 1850 Craven census along with three apparent children and a free black, Augustus Moore.⁷ The 1850 census lists a young child 4 months of age, named George Moore. Wiley A. Moore (1850-1931) is apparently this child due to a census transposition. Wiley Moore's tombstone in the Stewart Cemetery reads born 1849, ⁸ but the family bible of Letha Moore Wetherington, his daughter, states he was born on March 14, 1850 making the younger Wiley's birthdate coincide with the 4 months of age reported in the 1850 census for George (Wiley) Moore. ⁹ Wiley's death certificate in Craven County also gives his birth date of April 14, 1850. ¹⁰ Wiley Moore was buried in the John Moore family cemetery in Tuscarora, but the marker has deteriorated. ¹¹ A William Moore also lived in the Tuscarora area in the 1840 Craven census. ¹²



Figure 37 Bible Record of Wiley A. Moore

The children of Wiley Moore and Mary Stewart were: ¹³

1. Lucy Moore 1847 – m. Robert Ange
2. Charles Moore 1848-
3. Wiley Moore 1850 – 1931 m. Nancy S. Stewart

Wiley Moore died in 1850 or early 1851 as his widow, Mary Stewart Moore married Josiah Taylor (1832 -) in May 1851 in Craven County. ¹⁴ Josiah and Mary Taylor appear in the 1860 Brunswick County, NC census with their children: George, David, and Mary. Also listed in the 1860 census were Mary's children Lucy, Charles, and William G. "Gus" (Wiley Augustus).

The children of Josiah Taylor and Mary Stewart Moore were: ¹⁵

1. George Taylor 1852 -
2. David Cicero Taylor 1855 – m. Eveline -?- and 2nd Alice -?-
3. Mary J. Taylor 1859 –
4. Parneta "Puss" Taylor 1861 -

By 1870, Josiah and family had returned to Craven County as they appear in the Tuscarora area in the 1870 census. Also listed in the household were (David) Cicero Taylor, Parneta Taylor, Augustus Moore, Lucy Moore Ange and her husband, Robert Ange. Mary Stewart Taylor died prior to 1877, as Josiah married 2nd, Clara Ann Bratcher Perkins in 1877. ¹⁶

Wiley A. Moore (aka Granpa Gus) was born on March 14, 1850. ¹⁷ Family speculation suggested Wiley was illegitimate prior to this research as he was reticient in nature and little was known of his early years. Research has uncovered a birth record, the marriage of his parents, and being raised as a stepson by Josiah Taylor.

Wiley A. Moore married Nancy (aka Nannie) Shepard Stewart, the youngest daughter of John Stewart and Beneta Davis Wetherington on October 23, 1879 in Craven County. ¹⁸ Nancy Shepard Stewart was born in on January 26, 1859 and died on January 13, 1931. ¹⁹ Wiley and Nancy appear in the 1880 Jones County census in the Pollocksville District. ²⁰ By 1900, Wiley and Nancy S. Moore lived in Tuscarora on a farm near

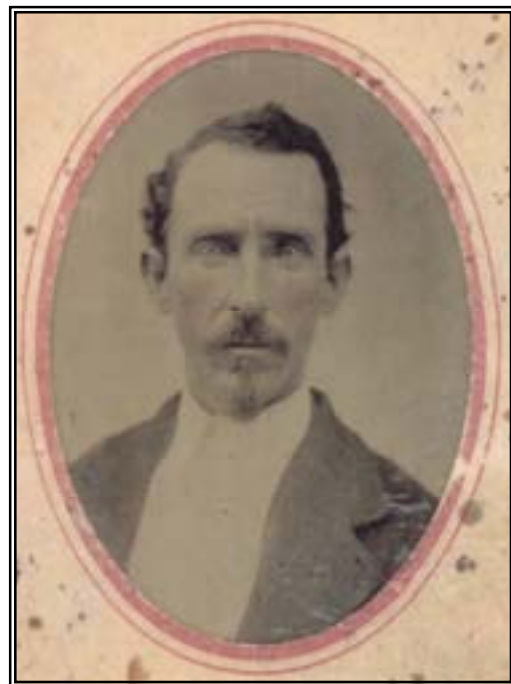


Figure 38 W. A. Moore, c. 1880

the intersection of Dry Monia Road and the railroad. ²¹

Another Moore family, John Clayton Moore, lived across the railroad from Wiley and Nancy S. Moore. Wiley and Nancy Moore both died in 1931 and are buried in the Stewart Cemetery in Tuscarora. ²² Wiley and family appeared in the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 Craven County censuses in the Tuscarora area.

The children of Wiley Augustus Moore and Nancy Shepard Stewart were:

- A. **Clifford Edward Moore** 1881-1971 married **Gertrude Register** 1884-1968. Their children: ²³
 - a. Noland Ed Moore (1906) - 1986 –m. Roberta Tilghman (1916) -2002
 - b. Nellie Moore 1909 – 1998 m. Wilhelm Dixon (1916) - 1998
 - c. Nina Moore 1911 - 1995 m. Moulton Hawkins –1919 - 2001
 - d. Norfleet Mann Moore 1918 – 1999
 - e. Roland G. Moore – 1921 – 1962 never married

 - B. **Laura J. Moore** 1885-1981 married **J. A. (Ebb) Register** 1879-1949 in 1903 in Craven County. ²⁴ Their children: ^{25,26}
 - a. Christobel Register 1905 – 1922 m. Leroy “Pete” Thomas ²⁷
 - b. Albert Benton Register 1908
 - c. Edna Register 1910 –m. Clarence Morton
 - d. Lucille Register 1914 – 1995 m. Dillard P. Wallace (1905) - 1989
 - e. Wade A. Register 1917 –
 - f. William Carl Register 1922 - 1996
 - g. Earl Lynell Register 1926 –1999 – m. Dorothy Bryan

 - C. **William Thomas Moore** 1887-1954 married **Bedia Pearl Register** 1892-1954 in 1908 in Craven County. ²⁸ Their children:
 - a. Louise Moore 1915 – 2001 m. Foy Richard Morton (1909) -1972
 - b. Hazel M. Moore 1914 – 1987 m. W. T. “Jack” White
 - c. Margaret E. Moore 1918 - 2002 m. Reid Wayne Barwick
 - d. Amy E. Moore 1921 – married Charlie Dock Newell 1914-1985
 - e. William Thomas Moore 1923 – 1957 married Myrtle Benton 1917 -
 - f. Alton M. Moore 1927 – 2000
 - g. Audrey Pearl Moore 1930 – m. J. W. Kenly
 - h. Maude Moore (1909) - 2000 m. John Stanley Adams (1904) - 1979

 - D. **Mary Letha Moore** (1890-1958) married **Noah Wetherington** 1885-1919 in 1907 in Craven County.²⁹ Their children: ³⁰
 - a. Elbert Ray Wetherington m. Adaltha Rodgers
 - b. Delilah Wetherington m. Milton Speight
 - c. Thelma Jane Wetherington m. Levi Norris
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- d. Mamie Catherine Wetherington m. George Thomas Ipock
- e. Nannie Belle Wetherington m. Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr.
- f. Noah Janet Wetherington m. (1st) Sam Debruhl (2nd) Victor Conway
- g. Beatrice Wetherington m. (1st) Charles R. Pigott (2) C. W. Scott

See Chapter 13, Noah Wetherington

E. **Wiley Augustus Moore** (1898-1971) married **Janie Wetherington** 1900-1987 in 1920 in Craven County. ³¹ Their children:

- a. Mildred Marie Moore 1921 - m. Charlie Brice Morris 1915 - 1998
- b. Wiley Augustus Moore, Jr. 1935 – 1978 married Jewel Felts

F. **Robert L. Moore** 1902 - 1974 m. **Sadie Smith** 1910 - 1988.

- a. Ronald Smith Moore 1934 – 1985 m. Patricia Ann Rowe
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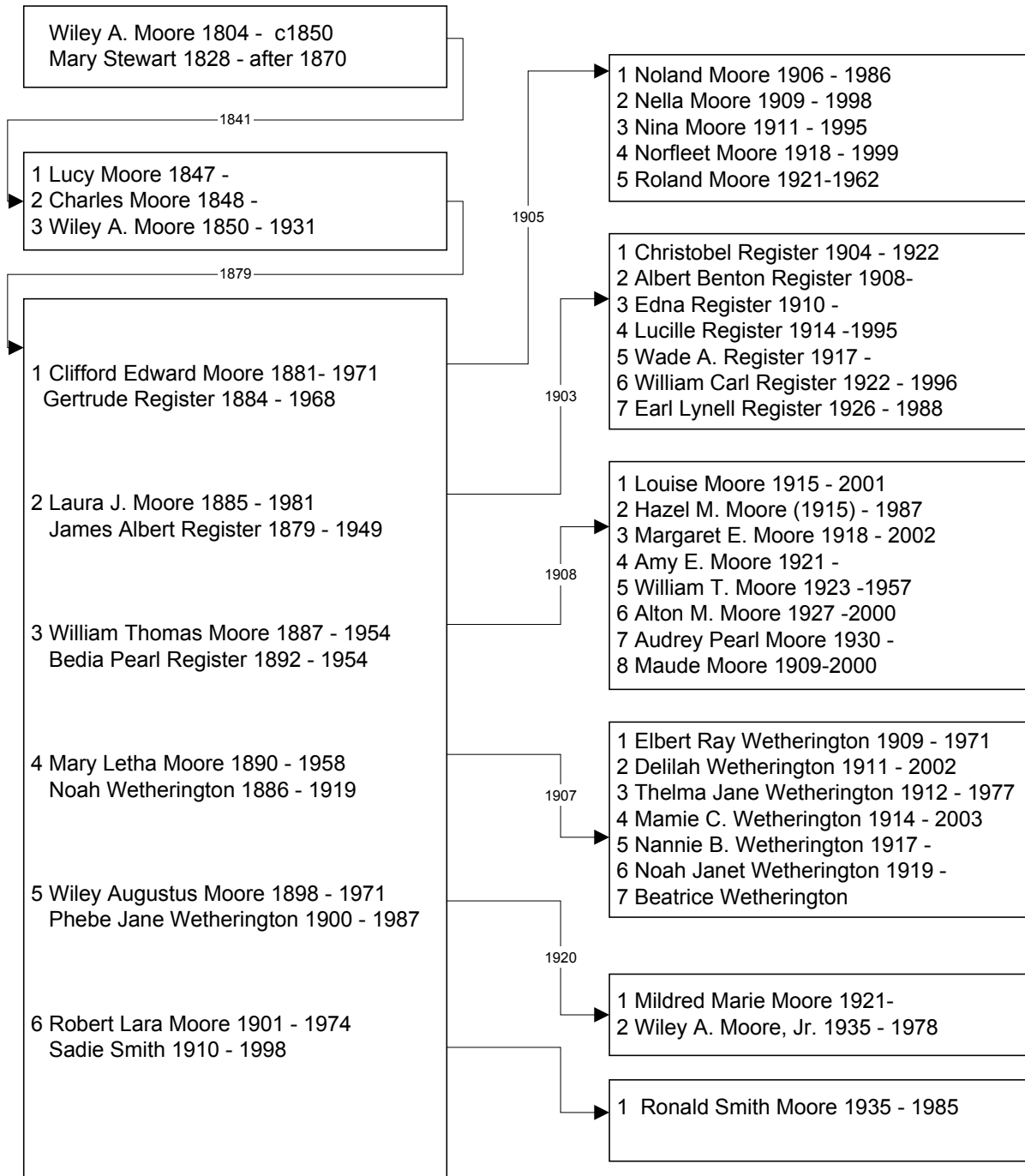


Figure 39 Wiley Augustus Moore Family Tree