Robert Moore  
Pioneer of 1839  
compiled by Stephenie Flora  
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Robert Moore  
b. 02 Oct 1781 Franklin County, Pennsylvania  
d. 01 Sep 1857 Clackamas County, Oregon  
probably buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon  
s/o Amos Moore and Sarah Foreman

m1. 18 Apr 1805 Mercer County, Pennsylvania  
Margarette Clark  
b. 08 Mar 1783 Franklin County, Pennsylvania  
d. 20 Oct 1848 Missouri  
d/o John Clark and Jane McDowell

    MOORE, Margarette (Mrs Robert)  
do Linn Cy, dies Oct 20 1848  
on visit to Mo; age 65; sur-
    vived by husband, 40 49, 3:5

    [Oregon Spectator Newspaper Index; note: she died in MO and never came to Oregon]

m2. 18 Dec 1851  
Jane Gilbert Tubbs  
b. 15 Mar 1809  
d. 27 Feb 1859 Clackamas County, Oregon  
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon  
m1. Beverly Apperson

1812: served in war of 1812 in Pennsylvania Militia, ended as Major

1822: moved to Missouri

1830: elected to Missouri legislature

1835: “In December 1835 a party arrived at Osceola Grove under the leadership of Major Robert Moore…”  
[History of Stark County, Illinois, Chapter III p.66]

1839: “member of Peoria Party; after the split of the party at Bent's Fort, Moore accompanied the Shortess party northward along the foot of the mountains to Fort St. Vrain on the South Platte where he appears to have traveled on his own” [Wagon Train of 1839]

1841: “was living near the mouth of Champoeg Creek; was chairman of Legislative Committee of nine members elected May 2, 1843 to draft a code of laws; had served in MO legislature.” [Champoeg, Place of Transition p.117,160]

1846: Twality (Washington) County, Land Claim, Robert Moore, Provisional and Territorial Record Vol 3 p. 018
ODLC: #4024 Washington County, Robert Moore; b. 1781 Franklin County, PA; settled claim 30 Jun 1842; m’d Margaret 18 Apr 1805 Franklin County, PA; Margaret Moore left Stark County, IL in spring of 1847 with Geo. White & James M. Moore. She remained in St. Louis, MO or St. Genevieve County Co, MO with sick dau. Intended to accompany her son-in-law Philip Painter to Ore in spring. She died Oct 1848. Aff: Geo White, John McLoughlin, Joseph C. Avery

1849: Twality (Washington) County, Census, Robert Moore, , Provisional and Territorial Record #3451
1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; L.R. Thurston, 32, lawyer, ME; Elizth F., 32, ME; Geo H., 4, IA; Elizth, 1 ½, OT; D.F. McClane, 23, machinish, ME; Robt Moore, 69, farmer, PA
1850: Clackamas County, Census, Robert Moore, Provisional and Territorial Record #3450
1852: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; L.R. Thurston, 32, lawyer, ME; Elizth F., 32, ME; Geo H., 4, IA; Elizth, 1 ½, OT; D.F. McClane, 23, machinish, ME; Robt Moore, 69, farmer, PA
1852: Washington County, Census, Robert Moore, Provisional and Territorial Record #3452

Children of Robert and Margarett Clark:
1. Joseph Clark Moore [Pioneer of 1852]
b. 11 Mar 1806 Mercer County, Pennsylvania
d. 15 Sep 1852 Grande Ronde, Oregon
m. no indication he ever married

1840: Clinton County, Illinois, J.C. Moore, 1 male (30-39)
1850: Dist 68, Clinton County, Illinois, J.C. Moore, 44, physician, $800, KY (sic-PA) enumerated in Carpenter Powell household along with numerous others, probably a boarding house]
Jane McDowell Moore [Pioneer of 1850]

b. 09/29 Aug 1807 Mercer County, Pennsylvania
d. 31 Dec 1883 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

m. 06 Jan 1825 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania/Missouri
Philip Charles Painter [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 25 Jun 1794 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
d. 09 Jun 1850 16 miles east of Little Blue River, Kearney County, Nebraska of cholera
buried on Little Blue River, Kearney County, Nebraska
s/o William Painter and Martha Thornton

ODLC: #749; Washington County, Jane Painter, a widow, b. 1807 PA; arrived OR 1850; settled claim 28 Jun 1852; m'd Phillip Painter 06 Jan 1825 MO; He died on plains near Little Blue 08 Jan (sic-Jun) 1850. Aff: David J. Schneibly, Wm C. Painter

1850: Washington County, Oregon, December 4, 1850; Jane Pinters (sic-Painter), 42, PA; Robt, 23, MO; Charles, 20, MO; Margt A., 16, MO; Joseph C., 9, MO; Sarah J., 6, MO [note: Jane living next door to brother, James M. Moore]

1860: Washington County, Oregon, August 3, 1860; Geo C. Day, 38, farmer, $1500 $700, IN; Sarah, 17, MO; Wm, 4/12, OR; Jane Painter, 52, $5000 $0, PA

1880: Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Oregon, June 12, 1880; Jane Painter, 73, wid, PA PA PA

“d/o Robert Clark of 1839 Peoria Party; m'd Judge Phillip Painter in MO; husband and two sons died at Ft. Kearney of cholera during 1850 emigration; made home with father at Linn City; later published the Oregon Spectator when her father bought it and turned it over to her; 1852 deeded the paper to her daughter, Margaretta (Mrs. Schnebly); mother of 8 children” [Genelogical Forum of Oregon: Vol XIII #10 p.102]

Children of Philip Painter and Jane Moore:
i. William Tarton Painter
b. 1826
d. bef 1850 ?

ii. Robert Moore Painter [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 30 Nov 1827 St. Genevieve County, Missouri
d. 03 Nov 1868 Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon
buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon
m. c1855 Oregon
Ella Zeiber
b. 17 Sep 1835 Somerset County, MD
d. 04 Jul 1911 Salem, Marion County, Oregon
buried Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Oregon

ODLC: #748 Washington County, Robert M. Moore, b. 1827 MO; settled claim 15 Jul 1851 (one
doc gives 10 May 1852). Temp abs last of Oct 1851 to Abt 15 May 1852 ‘away longer than
intended due to hostility of Indians..through which he was compelled to pass.”. Aff: David S.
Schnebly, James M. Moore, Henry E. Hayes, Wm C. Painter

1850: Washington County, Oregon, December 4, 1850; Jane Pinters (sic-Painter), 42, PA; Robt,
23, MO; Charles, 20, MO; Margt A., 16, MO; Joseph C., 9, MO; Sarah J., 6, MO [note: Jane
living next door to brother, James M. Moore]

1860: Washington County, Oregon, August 3, 1860; Robt Printer (sic-Painter), 33, carpenter,
$3000 $750, MO; Ella, 24, ME; Robt, 7/12, OR; Sarah Seward, 7, OR

1870: North Salem Pct, Marion County, Oregon, June 27, 1870; Ella Painter, 35, keeps house,
$1800 $300, MD; Robert E., 10, at school, OR; Octavia, 9, OR; Phillip, 7, OR; John S., 5, OR;
Juliet, 3, OR [living next door to John S. Zeiber]

iii. William Charles Painter [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 18 Apr 1830 St. Genevieve County, Missouri
d. 04 Dec 1900 Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

m. 07 Jan 1864 Touchet, Washington
Caroline “Carrie” Mitchell
b.
d.
d/o Israel Mitchell

ODLC: #1559 Washington, William C. Painter, b. 1830 MO; settled claim 22 Feb 1852. Aff:
Elijah Bird, Wm. Bird, D.J. Schnebly

1850: Washington County, Oregon, December 4, 1850; Jane Pinters (sic-Painter), 42, PA; Robt,
23, MO; Charles, 20, MO; Margt A., 16, MO; Joseph C., 9, MO; Sarah J., 6, MO [note: Jane
living next door to brother, James M. Moore]

1860: Washington County, Oregon, Aug 4, 1860; Chas Painter, 30, farmer, $2500 $946, MO; Jos
Painter, 19, laborer $125 $805, MO
OREGON PIONEER OF 1850, AND PROMINENT NORTHWEST CITIZEN.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 5.—William Charles Painter, who died here yesterday, was born in St. Genevieve County, Missouri, April 18, 1830. In 1850 his father started for Oregon with his family, and with two of his sons died of cholera on the way. The rest of the family reached the Willamette Valley, and settled in Washington County. During the Indian war of 1855-6 Mr. Painter was a member of Company D, Oregon Mounted Volunteers, and bore a flag presented to the company by the ladies of Forest Grove Academy. In after years he was a conspicuous figure in Fourth of July and other public propensions, as he proudly bore the old flag with 21 stars in its field. During the Bannock war of 1878 he commanded a company of volunteers, and was appointed an aide on the staff of Governor E. P. Ferry, of Washington Territory, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1863 Mr. Painter located at Walla, and engaged in merchandising with the late Governor Alvin Flanders. He was Postmaster at that place, and on being appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue moved to Walla Walla. In 1870 he was appointed Receiver of the United States Land Office at Walla Walla, which place he held until 1878, when he was elected County Auditor, a position to which he was re-elected three times. Since then he had been engaged in farming. He was married in 1864 to Carrie Mitchell, daughter of Israel Mitchell, of Washington County, Oregon, who survives him. Two of his sons are veterans of the Spanish war, one of whom is now Deputy Sheriff of Walla Walla County. Ten children mourn the loss of a father.
iii. Margaretta A. Painter [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 03 Jun 1833 Missouri
d. 09 Feb 1907 Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington
buried IOOF Cemetery, Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington
m. 20 Nov 1851 Oregon
David Jacob Schnebly
b. 06 Feb 1818 Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland
d. 1901 Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington
buried IOOF Cemetery, Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington

1850: Washington County, Oregon, December 4, 1850; Jane Pinters (sic-Painter), 42, PA; Robt, 23, MO; Charles, 20, MO; Margt A., 16, MO; Joseph C., 9, MO; Sarah J., 6, MO [note: Jane living next door to brother, James M. Moore]

PAINTER, Margaretta A
married Nov 20 to D J Schnebly,
25 N 51, 3:2

[Oregon Spectator Newspaper Index]

“In the death of David J. Schnebly a veteran newspaper man--the oldest in the northwest--passed away. When he conducted the Oregon City Spectator in 1853, Henry Pittock of the Oregonian applied to him for work and he was even then a vigorous editor and a successful newspaper man. Although he has been out of the newspaper business for over four years, he was well known. Outside his profession his kindly and genial disposition made friends of all who knew him. His contemporaries remember him as a fair editor, a hard hitter, if need be, but just and discriminating and the news of his death will bring regret to scores of old friends from
Oregon to British Columbia. He was indeed a landmark in the progress of the great northwest in which he took a most creditable part.” [The Ellensburg Capital, January 12, 1901]

“After a lingering illness, Mrs. Margaret A. Schnebly died last Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Davidson, at an advanced age. She had been an invalid for years and much of the time was a great sufferer.

Mrs. Schnebly was one of the pioneer women of the valley and was widely known and much esteemed. She was a woman of strong personality and left an impression of her characteristics upon the community, with a strong influence for good.

Besides her daughter she leaves two sons, P. H. and C. P. Schnebly and a number of other relatives. The funeral, which took place at her late home Monday afternoon, was largely attended, the services being conducted by Rev. A. K. Smith of the Episcopal church.” [The Ellensburg Capital, February 13, 1907]

iv. Philip Painter Jr. [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 1836
d. 05 Jun 1850 Nebraska of cholera
[died 2 days travel west of the Big Sandy of Nebraska (not the Big Sandy in Wyoming). In other words, within about 30 miles of father per trail researcher Richard Rieck]

v. Joseph Clark Painter [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 14 Sep 1840 St. Genevieve County, MO
d. 17 Nov 1911 Walla Walla, Washington
buried Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington

1850: Washington County, Oregon, December 4, 1850; Jane Pinters (sic-Painter), 42, PA; Robt, 23, MO; Charles, 20, MO; Margt A., 16, MO; Joseph C., 9, MO; Sarah J., 6, MO [note: Jane living next door to brother, James M. Moore]

1860: Washington County, Oregon, Aug 4, 1860; Chas Painter, 30, farmer, $2500 $946, MO; Jos Painter, 19, laborer $125 $805, MO
STEP FATAL TO PIONEER

Joseph Painter, of Walla Walla,
Dies From Effects of Jump.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 17.—
While stepping from a moving street
car at 7:20 this evening, Joseph Painter,
one of the oldest and best known
pioneers of Southeastern Washington,
sustained a compound accident to the
skull from which he died later in the
hospital.

Mr. Painter was one of the most
prominent men in the Republican party
in this section, having served two
terms in the Legislature in the early
90s as well as various county offices
in later years.

OREGON PIONEER OF 1840 DIES
AT WALLA WALLA AS RE-
SULT OF INJURIES.

Joseph C. Painter.
vi. Sarah Jane Painter [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 22 Apr 1842 St. Genevieve County, Missouri
d. 19 Apr 1914 Clackamas County, Oregon
buried Winona Cemetery, Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
m. 06 Feb 1859 Clackamas County, Oregon
George Clay Day [Pioneer of 1852]
b. 09 Dec 1830 Fountain County, Indiana
d. 21 Sep 1897 Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon
buried Winona Cemetery, Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
s/o John M. Day and Nancy Ann Worthington

[courtesy of Patrick Timothy Day]

1850: Washington County, Oregon, December 4, 1850; Jane Pinters (sic-Painter), 42, PA; Robt, 23, MO; Charles, 20, MO; Margt A., 16, MO; Joseph C., 9, MO; Sarah J., 6, MO [note: Jane living next door to brother, James M. Moore]

1860: Washington County, Oregon, August 3, 1860; Geo C. Day, 38, farmer, $1500 $700, IN; Sarah, 17, MO; Wm, 4/12, OR; Jane Painter, 52, $5000 $0, PA

“Mr. George Day, an old pioneer of Tualatin, passed away at his home, Monday, after a protracted illness.” [Hillsboro Atgus, Hillsboro, Oregon, Thursday, September 27, 1879 p.3]
Geo. C. Day, an old pioneer of Washington County died at his home near Sherwood last Monday after an illness lasting over several months. A correspondent contributed this biographical sketch of the deceased to the Oregonian: Geo. C. Day came across the plains with an ox team in 1852, and for a number of years was engaged in logging and school teaching, on French prairie, and steam boating on the old Hoosier on the Willamette River. In the spring of 1854, he went to the gold mines on Rogue River, and while there did duty in the Indian War. Mr. Day, was married in February 6, 1859, to Mrs. Sarah Jane Painter of Linn City, daughter of Judge Painter, of Missouri. He purchased 320 acres of land in Washington County where he resided and prospered. He was the ___ of a very valuable farm and the father of 16 children. His wife and 14 children survive him. The children are: William R. Day, of Tualatin, Mrs. Maggie Barstow of Walla Walla, Joseph Day of Whitman county, Washington; George and Robert Day and Mrs. George Schuster, of Waitsburg, Wash. Mrs. Anna Andrews, of Northern California, Mrs. Joseph Ford who lives in Sand Pit, Mrs. Jessie Adams, who lives near the Nez Perce reservation and John, Benjamin, Chester, Walter and Francis Day who are at home. From the organization of the Party, Mr. Day was a reliable Republican, and in 1866 he was elected a representative in the State legislature. He was justice of the peace from 1878 until his death, except one term, and none of his decisions was ever reversed by a higher court. He was a prominent member of the Grange, and at different times had been elected to all the leading offices in it. He was liberal in his religious views, and well thought of by a wide circle of friends. While in Josephine County at an early day, he was a candidate for school superintendent, and taught the first school in the county at Ford Briggs. The funeral services were under the auspices of the Grange, and were largely attended. The burial was at Bird's cemetery. (Hillsboro Independent, Hillsboro, Oregon, Friday, 24 Sept. 1897, p. 3, c. 1)

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**Pioneer Buried at Tualatin.**

SHERWOOD, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. J. Day died at the home of her son, Chester G. Day, at Finley, Wash., March 30, aged 71 years. The body was brought to Tualatin for Interment Thursday. Mrs. Day was born in St. Genevieve County, Missouri, April 22, 1843. She crossed the plains by oxteam in 1850. She was the mother of 16 children, 12 of whom are living.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Monday, April 6, 1914 contributed by Patrick Timothy Day]

Children of George Day and Sarah Painter:

i. William Rhinehart Day  
b. 30 Mar 1860 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 1921

ii. Margaretta “Maggie” Jean Day  
b. 07 May 1861 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 1938

iii. Charles Schnebly Day  
b. 24 Feb 1863 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 12 Oct 1892 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
iv. Joseph Henry Painter Day  
b. 05 Oct 1864 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 1943

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v. George Halbert Day  
b. 08 Apr 1866 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 06 Aug 1886 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon

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vi. Jessie May Day  
b. 01 Jun 1867 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 1950

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vii. George Phillip Day  
b. 13 Oct 1868 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon  
d. 1906
viii. Robert James Day
b. 13 Sep 1870  Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1943

ix. Annie Cassie Day
b. 23 Jul 1872 Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1960

x. Grace May Day
b. 06 May 1874 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1949

xi. Josephine Ella Day
b. 27 Feb 1876 Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1949

xii. John Edward Day
b. 07 Jul 1877 Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1962

xiii. Benjamin Franklin Day
b. 03 Mary 1879 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1948

xiv. Chester Garfield Day
b. 01 Mar 1881 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1956

xv. Walter Harvey “Cap” Day
b. 25 Dec 1883 Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1957

xvi. Francis Elvada Day
b. 19 Sep 1885 Tualatin, Washington County, Oregon
d. 1908

vii. Thomas Courtney Painter  [Pioneer of 1850]
b. 1847 St. Genevieve County, Missouri
d. 05 Jun 1850 Nebraska of cholera
[died 2 days travel west of the Big Sandy of Nebraska (not the Big Sandy in Wyoming). In other words, within about 30 miles of father per trail researcher Richard Rieck]

3. James Madison Moore [Pioneer of 1847]
b. 23 Feb 1809 Mercer County, Pennsylvania
d. Jun 1884 Dufur, Wasco County, Oregon

m. 25 Aug 1837 St. Clair County, Illinois
Maria Malvina Miller
b. 1816
d.
“1847; an emigrant train named the "Gordan Sawyer"; left Lacon, Marshall Co, IL Mar 27, 1847; crossed near St. Joseph, MO; train made up of related families and neighbors and included Robert and Rachel (Allen) Bird and their sons John, William and Elijah and their families, James Moore, William Larkins, the Fudge family, Mark Sawyer, Jordan Sawyer, a Mr. Smith, William and Samuel Bland, the Sols, Allens, Robert Kinney, Rev. Samuel Allen, Avery, Crawford and Ward which made about 35 able bodied men plus women and children and 30 wagons” [Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families, published by Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers 1994; p.14 Robert & Rachel Bird]

ODLC: #4253: Washington County, James M. Moore, b. 1809 Mercer County, PA; settled claim 15 Jul 1851; m’d Maria M. 25 Aug 1835 St. Clair County, Illinois. Aff: James D. Miller (knew them as h & w since Oct 1849), Moses R. Barnum.

1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; James M. Moore, 41, farmer, PA; Maria H., 34, VA; Elizth J., 14, IL; Mildred A., 8, IL; Clarence L., 5, IL; Robt, 2, OT; Melissa, 1/12, OT; Chas Madden, 20, farmer, MO; Geo H. Twitchell, 22, farmer, MA

1860: Linn City, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 20, 1860; James M. Moore, 51, miller, $15,000 $10,000, PA; Maria M., 43, VA; Robert C., 11, OR; Maria O., 9, OR; Francis A., 5, OR; Richard E., 4, OR

1868: during 1868-1872 was clerk of court in Umatilla Co; m’d Maria; s/o Robert Clark of 1839 Peoria Party” [Genealogical Forum of Oregon: Vol XIII #10 p.102]

“J.M. Moor, pioneer of 1847” [Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association 1877 p.90]

“James M. Moore, aged 76, an old resident of the Falls of the Willamette, died last week.” [Willamette Farmer, Salem, Oregon, June 20, 1884 p.5]

1880: Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, June 3, 1880; James M. Moore, 72, farmer, PA PA PA; Maria M., 64, wife, keeping house, VA VA VA; Hattie A. Taylor, 17, servant, IA KY IN

1884: Clackamas County, Estate, James M. Moore, County Record #0206

MOORE, James M
see also Moore, James
M, & Co; Moore, James
M, vs Bush, Asahel
see nominating mtg at Multnomah
Cy, 4 My 48, 3:1
signs remonstrance against Land
Claim assn, 27 Jly 48, 3:5
of Linn Co; wants 20 laborers
at mills on Tual r, 4 O 49 to
Children of James Moore and Maria Miller:

i. Elizabeth Jane Moore
   b. 18 Oct 1837 Illinois
   d. 03 Dec 1927 Seattle, King County, Washington
1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; James M. Moore, 41, farmer, PA; Maria H., 34, VA; Elizth J, 14, IL; Mildred A., 8, IL; Clarence L., 5, IL; Robt, 2, OT; Melissa, 1/12, OT; Chas Madden, 20, farmer, MO; Geo H. Twitchell, 22, farmer, MA

ii. Mildred A. Moore
b. 
d.

1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; James M. Moore, 41, farmer, PA; Maria H., 34, VA; Elizth J, 14, IL; Mildred A., 8, IL; Clarence L., 5, IL; Robt, 2, OT; Melissa, 1/12, OT; Chas Madden, 20, farmer, MO; Geo H. Twitchell, 22, farmer, MA

iii. Clarence L. Moore
b. 
d.

1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; James M. Moore, 41, farmer, PA; Maria H., 34, VA; Elizth J, 14, IL; Mildred A., 8, IL; Clarence L., 5, IL; Robt, 2, OT; Melissa, 1/12, OT; Chas Madden, 20, farmer, MO; Geo H. Twitchell, 22, farmer, MA

iv. Robert Moore
b. 
d.

1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; James M. Moore, 41, farmer, PA; Maria H., 34, VA; Elizth J, 14, IL; Mildred A., 8, IL; Clarence L., 5, IL; Robt, 2, OT; Melissa, 1/12, OT; Chas Madden, 20, farmer, MO; Geo H. Twitchell, 22, farmer, MA

v. Melissa Moore
b. 
d.

1850: Washington County, Oregon Territory, December 4, 1850; James M. Moore, 41, farmer, PA; Maria H., 34, VA; Elizth J, 14, IL; Mildred A., 8, IL; Clarence L., 5, IL; Robt, 2, OT; Melissa, 1/12, OT; Chas Madden, 20, farmer, MO; Geo H. Twitchell, 22, farmer, MA

vi. James L. Moore
b. 1854
d.
4. Mary Ann Moore  
b. 20/22 Oct 1810 Mercer County, Pennsylvania  
d. 06 Jun 1836  
   m. Apr 1834 Missouri  
       E. N. Gardener  
       b.  
       d.  

5. Thomas Moore  
b. 03 Aug 1812 Pennsylvania  
d. 26 Jul 1815 Pennsylvania  
   m. Never Married  

6. Elizabeth Brown Moore  
b. 21 Nov 1814 Pennsylvania  
d. bef 1857 Missouri  
[Note: this may have been sick daughter Margaretta Moore stayed to nurse in Missouri]  

7. Samuel Moore  
b. 26 Feb 1817 Pennsylvania  
d. 23 Nov 1833 St. Genevieve County County, Missouri  
   m. Never Married  

8. Baby Daughter Moore  
b. 21 Jun 1819 Pennsylvania  
d. 21 Jun 1819 Pennsylvania  
   m. Never Married  

9. Robert Morrison Moore  
b. 26 Aug 1820 Chester County, Pennsylvania  
d. 29 Jan 1890/9 Toulon, Stark County, Illinois  
   m1. 14 Oct 1844 Stark County, Illinois  
      “14 Oct 1844 Robert M. Moore and Maria White by James Buswell, J.P.” History of Stark County, Illinois p.77]  
      Maria White  
      b.  
      d.  
   
   m2.  
      Lucina VanDewater  
      b.  
      d.  

1850: Stark County, Illinois  
1860: Elmira, Stark County, Illinois  
1880: Toulon, Stark County, Illinois
“ROBERT MOORE—ROBERT MOORE was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on October 2, 1781, moving later to Mercer county. He married Margaret Clark, and they were the parents of ten children.

He served with the Pennsylvania militia in the War of 1812, attaining the rank of major. After the war service he went in 1822 to Missouri. He became a member of the legislature of that state in 1830. Thus he gained an insight and experience in legal and political matters that proved of inestimable value in forming the provisional government. It was in Missouri that he became a good friend of Dr. Lewis Linn, his family physician, who later in the United States Senate labored so persistently with Thomas H. Benton in behalf of Oregon.

After his term of office expired in Missouri, Major Moore moved on to Illinois. At Peoria he operated a ferry and met many immigrants going West. He interested a number of them from Vermont in founding a town in Illinois, which was called Oscola. This he laid out and helped promote until May 2, 1839, when he sold out his interest. The boom failed to meet the expectations of its founders, but it gave Major Moore experience in frontier development.

That same spring Moore linked his fortunes with the Peoria Party, which was bound for Oregon. Their journey is narrated in the life of Sydney Smith and others. It was only on their arrival in the Willamette Valley in 1840 that their miseries and misfortunes ended. Moore had been a resident of Oregon only a year, when, after the death of Ewing Young, the need arose of settling his estate, whereupon the people called a meeting on February 18, 1841. Major Moore was the only one with any practical knowledge of legislation and he was one of a committee of nine elected to draft a constitution and code of laws for this little outpost. This was the first effort to form a government, but meeting formidable opposition in some quarters, and the committee being advised by Commodore Wilkes to drop the matter, it fell through notwithstanding the obstacles.

At this time Moore was elected constable. Oregon archives indicate that the next step in forming a government was at a meeting held on February 2, 1843, at the Oregon Institute to consider measures for the protection of domestic cattle. A committee of six was appointed to notify the citizens of a general meeting to be held the first Monday in March at the home of Joseph Gervais, as has been described in the life of Le Breton.

The Second Wolf Meeting led up to the famous Champoeg meeting. Here Moore was elected one of the legislative committee of nine to try again to draw up a code of laws. This proved entirely successful and the committee began their meetings on May 10. Moore was the eldest member of the committee, and at their meeting on May 16 he was elected chairman. While presiding over the deliberations, Moore is described by Gray as "At: old gray-headed man with fair complexion, bald head, light of eye, full of face, frequent spasmodic nodding forward of head, large amount of self-importance, not very large intellectual development, with superabundance of flesh."

The document which they drew up will live forever in American history, and has well been called the Magna Carta of the Northwest. It embodies the organic laws and articles of compact and was presented to the people at a mass meeting at Champoeg July 5, by the chairman, Robert Moore. Read by the secretary, it was ratified and adopted by article by article. Moore was on that day chosen justice of the peace to fill the place of Hugh Burns, who had resigned.

Moore, unlike most settlers who simply took what land they wanted, purchased and received a deed to his land from an Indian chief. This transaction probably had no legal value, but was an indication of Moore's methods. The land he acquired was on a hillside by the river, directly opposite Oregon City, and was called Robin's Nest. Later, by act of legislature, on December 22, 1845, it was changed to Linn City, in honor of Senator Linn. In December, 1844, Linn City consisted of two log buildings and many tents, wherein immigrants
made their quarters. Palmer states in his journal that later there were 15 buildings, "Inhabited mostly by Mechanics." By a legislative act on June 26, 1844, Moore was authorized to operate a ferry between Robin's Nest and Oregon City.

In an article published in the Quarterly of the Washington Historical Society by J. Orin Oliphant it is stated that Moore "built warehouses above and below the falls; that he constructed a breakwater at the falls so ships could unload and cargoes be transferred to the lower warehouse and there loaded into boats again; that he had two steamers above the falls; and that Linn City was threatening the supremacy of Oregon City." Moore did propose that Linn City be declared the seat of government. A road was improved from there to Portland in 1854 by public donation of funds at a cost of $1146.

Wilkes stated in his published report of the country that "old Mr. Moore communicated to me in confidence that he intended to erect furnaces for smelting iron, etc. Although I saw the old man some time afterward and told him of his mistake (in believing iron was abundant on his land), he would not believe he had been in error."

Besides his smelting, he intended to develop the water power, and he put an advertisement in The Spectator, June 19, 1851, offering inducements to prospective buyers of water power.

His steamers and wharves were destroyed, and he believed it was at the instigation of his rivals across the river. The flood of 1853 was the death knell of his ambitions of city-building, and after his death the flood of 1861 completed the ruin. The Oregon Argus of December 14, 1861, states, "Linn City has only two houses and a warehouse at the works remaining."

Mrs. Moore had died on October 7, 1848, in St. Louis. The Spectator of December 23, 1851, carries the following: "Married at Portland 18th inst. by Reverend J. H. Wilbur, Mr. Robert Moore, proprietor of Linn City, and Mrs. Jane Apperson of Portland."

Moore was spoken of as a dour Scotchman, irascible, opinionated and eccentric. He represented Tualatin county in the convention held at Oregon City in November, 1846. Records show he spoke there with eloquence and conviction against the thinly-veiled attempt to confiscate lands of Dr. McLoughlin. On September 19, 1850, he joined with others in signing a memorial to Congress protesting against this effort to deprive the British of their just claims. The same year he became owner of The Spectator and press, the pioneer newspaper of Oregon City. The following year he gave the paper to his daughter, Jean Painter, and she in turn made it over to her daughter on her marriage to David Schnebly. The Spectator was permanently suspended in 1855.

A little note of interest during his ownership of The Spectator comes to light in the minutes of Pacific University and Tualatin Academy, dated January 10, 1851: "The trustees extend thanks to Robert Moore for his generous offer to do the printing of the board without cost."

The article in The Washington Historical Quarterly is authority for the following example of Major Moore's obstinacy: "When the church with which he was affiliated in Oregon City changed from 'The Presbyterian Church of Willamette Falls' to the Congregational church, Major Moore withdrew, organized a Presbyterian church in his own house and employed a minister to preach to him each Sunday." The minister was Wilson Blain, who also for a time edited The Spectator.

Robert Moore died on September 2, 1857, and in The Oregon Argus of September 12, the death notice ends with these words: "The mandates of heaven were submissively bowed to and not without hope of a blissful immortality." His grave cannot be located. [Men of Champoeg by Caroline C. Dobbs, p. 115-119]
MRS. J. B. DAVIDSON (Jeane C. Schuebly)

Kittitas County

I was born at Walla Walla, Washington. My great grandfather, Robert Moore, came from Peoria, Illinois, in 1840. His wife was not strong enough to make the trip. I have a letter, written with a quill pen in exquisite script, by my great grandmother to Robert Moore, in which she states that she knows she will never see him again. She never did. The letter is signed, "Your dutiful wife, Margaret Moore."

Robert and one other were the only two out of the eighteen who started west, that finished the trip to the Willamette Valley and founded the town of Linn. He was active in all the political affairs of the territory and helped to shape its laws. He was the only one in his community to possess a law book. I have an interesting copy of the Oregon Spectator, dated March 12, 1851. It is still in good condition. The Morse Telegraph code was new. A good deal of poetry
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was printed and a grandiloquent harangue on “Rome, Proud City of the East, where art thou, today?”

In 1850 my parents came from Illinois. I remember my mother hating to stop at Portland, for it was nothing but a mud hole.

Famine

In 1860 my parents moved to Walla Walla. My father had driven blooded stock up from Oregon. The winter of 1861-62 was the famine season of the big freeze. There was no food for the stock. The horses came up to the house, looking to men for help, and died in the door yard.

Walla Walla an Old City

It was this year that I was born. I grew up there and attended school. I had a piano and took for granted all the possessions that later were to seem such luxuries.

Teaches in Ellensburg

In 1884 I came to Ellensburg to teach in the Academy founded that year. My two brothers, Phillip Henry and Charles P. Schnebly, lived there. My parents later joined their sons and daughter.

Pioneer Homes

Most of the homes were of logs. There was no timber within 20 miles of the settlement. The only servants were Indians and the settlers exchanged work. I remember an Indian woodsman employed by father. He would leave for the woods before dawn and he worked until dark and never a bite of food until he returned at night, when he would eat enough to have fed six men. He never stopped until he was filled up and then would roll over and go to sleep, to be up and at it again at dawn.

There were few cabins with flooring, the Ben Whitson cabin at first had a dirt and then a puncheon floor. I recall that at some of the dances the dust would be so thick one couldn't see one's partner. Later there were spring carriages, but at first we had only “dead-ax” wagons, Bains, and these were considered the best vehicle. Springs on the seats were considered luxuries.

Primitive Food

When I came to Ellensburg there was a grist mill, built in 1875 by Robert Canady, but before that time the settlers ground corn in a coffee mill to make their bread.

Amusements

Dances were the big events. In the early days, Miss Jennie Olm-
stead, who was teaching school ten miles away, was invited to come in for a dance. She rode to the river, forded it, and then drove, and later changed to a mule. She was the only young lady at the dance. It was there she met Walter A. Bull, whom she later married.

**Fashions**

At first clothes were made for service only. The men would come in from the outer settlements with a nail for a button or instead of a stitch. To lose a button was a misfortune. Buttons as well as thread and needles must come from The Dalles, Oregon.

In 1884 clothes were becoming important. The weaving and spinning days were over. Mother and grandmother had their best dresses made by Miss Pilger in Portland. It was not unusual to pay her $75 for fashioning the intricate formal costumes of the '80s.

I remember a silk and wool plaid dress I owned. It was fearfully and wonderfully made with a ruffled over-dress, with braided ruffle heading. Grandmother wore always the same style, with tight bodice, high neck, tight sleeve and a long plain over-skirt. There was a bit of cluney lace at the throat. Her caps were always the same. They were trimmed with a few violets. One thing interesting was that grandmother always wore a number 3 shoe. To be sure, the size markings had to be changed by the shoe man, but grandmother wore a number 3 until she died.

In 1886 I married J. B. Davidson, later active in the interests of his country and state. He was twice unanimously elected to the bench. After my husband's death I moved out of my big house and built a charming cottage near my daughter. The living room is filled with books and I plan to read all the things I have been wanting to read for years. I wonder if I can be so selfish when there are so many things to be done. Although I have not kept a diary I have preserved letters and papers and photographs that tell the story of the times. An invitation to my wedding fifty years age, engraved by Altman of New York, is as correct today as then.
Washington Co., OR in 1840 from Missouri. Major Robert MOORE was the only one who had legislative experience at a meeting at Champoeg, OR in 1843 and helped draw up a constitution for the new territory. In his later years he ran a ferry from Oregon City to Linn City (West Linn) across the Willamette River.

Children:
1. Joseph Clark MOORE b 11 Mar 1806 PA; d 15 Sep 1852 WA
2. Jean McDowell MOORE b 29 Aug 1807 PA; m 6 Jan 1825 MO Judge Philip PAINTER; d 31 Dec 1883 WA
3. James Madison MOORE b 23 Feb 1809 PA; m Maria
4. Mary Ann MOORE b 20 Oct 1810 PA; d before 1857
5. Thomas MOORE b 3 Aug 1812 PA; d 26 Jul 1815 PA
6. Elizabeth Brown MOORE b 21 Nov 1814 PA; d before 1857
7. Samuel MOORE b 26 Feb 1817 PA; d 23 Nov 1833 St. Genevieve Co., MO
8. Baby daughter MOORE b and d 21 Jun 1819 PA
9. Robert Morrison MOORE b 26 Aug 1820 PA; d 29 Jan 1899 IL
10. Margaretta Mildred MOORE b 26 May 1823 MO
11. Josephine MOORE b 7 Jun 1826 St. Genevieve Co., MO; d 26 Sep 1826 St. Genevieve Co., MO

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The grandfather of Major Robert Moore was John Moore, 1732-1777. In 1756 John married Ann Mccay who bore him seven sons and one daughter. Their third oldest son was named Robert, who married Jean McDowell in 1781. The first son born to Robert and Jean was named Robert Jr. who in 1805 married Margaret Clark in Mercer Co., Pa. To this couple were born eleven children: Joseph Clark Moore, born 1806; Jean McDowell Moore, born 1807; James Madison Moore, born 1809; Mary Ann Moore, born 1810; Thomas Moore, born 1812; Elizabeth Brown Moore, born 1814; Samuel Moore, born 1817; a stillborn daughter, born 1819; Robert Morrison Moore, born 1820; Margaretta Mildred Moore, born 1823 and Josephine, born 1826.

After the War of 1812 in which Robert Jr. became a Major, he moved to a farm near Elmira, Ill. Later his son, Robert Morrison, took over the farm where he resided until his death in 1899. From Illinois, Major Robert moved to Missouri where he served in the legislature for ten years, and it was here that he contracted the Oregon fever. In 1840 he joined the wagon train bound for Oregon under the leadership of Mr. Farnham and became one of the fifty-two immortals who decided to make Oregon a part of the United States in that historic meeting at Champoeg in 1843. As Major Robert Moore was the only one present who had had legislative experience, he was named chairman of a committee to draw up a constitution for the new territory.

In 1842 Major Robert settled on a donation land claim of 640 acres in Washington County but had to relinquish half of it because his wife, Margaret, never reached Oregon, being detained in Missouri by a sick daughter from whom she caught the disease and died in Missouri, in 1843, together with her daughter.

Only three of Major Robert's children came to Oregon in 1850, Joseph Clark Moore, Jean McDowell Moore and James Madison Moore. Joseph Clark moved to Washington Territory near Walla Walla; Jean McDowell Moore married Judge Phillip Painter in Missouri; while crossing the plains to Oregon, Judge Painter and two of his sons died of cholera near Fort Kearney in 1850. James Madison settled upon 640 acres in Washington County. His wife's name was Maria. During the years 1868-1872, James M. was clerk of court in Umatilla County, Oregon.

Major Robert Moore ran a ferry from Oregon City to Linn City (West Linn) which he had founded on the west bank of the Willamette River. A man on foot had to pay 6-1/2 cents to cross on the ferry, but a covered wagon had to pay $1.50 for a man and team. Jean McDowell Painter made her home with her father at Linn City until her father, who had bought the first newspaper published in Oregon, "The Oregon Spectator," turned the paper over to his daughter. In 1852 Jean deeded the paper to her daughter, Margaretta, who had now become Mrs. Schenby, whose husband ran the paper for a few years. In 1861 the Schenblys moved to Ellensburg, Washington. The Ellensburg DAR bears her name.

Jean and Phillip had six sons, two of whom died on the trip west as mentioned above, and two daughters. Margaretta Ann's sister married George Clay Day at Oregon City in 1859. Her name was Sarah Jean Painter. They had sixteen children. The eldest, William R. Day, was the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Luella Erickson who is a member of our Forum. The Days had five children (Mrs. Day was Weda C. Kiser whom he married in 1883). Their oldest child, Willa Frances Day, was the mother of Luella. Both Mrs. Erickson and I have more information on the descendants of Major Robert Moore if any one is interested in them.

A final word about Major Moore. In 1851 he married Jean (Gilbert) Apperson who was born in 1809, and who ran a boarding house on Third Street in Portland. Major Moore died in 1857 but no one knows where he is buried. My relationship to Major Moore consists in the fact that my great-grandfather, Samuel Moore, and Robert Moore were second cousins.
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