

# LEO ROY MOORE, SR.

I, Jack E. Moore, am the grandson of Leo Roy Moore, Sr., through his son Leo Roy Moore, Jr.

Leo Sr. was born 27 June 1888. in what was an old Army town that no longer exists. Called Rock Bluffs, Cass, Nebraska. He was the only child of Samuel Louis Moore and Mary Elizabeth Webber.

Leo Sr. died 9 Jan 1954, five years before I was born, so I never knew him, but will pass on what I know about him. His parents came West and settled on the-then 160 acre Moore Ranch in, I believe, 1889, which is still in the family (part owned by cousin Roy Moore, my brother and sister, Jeff Moore and Mary Morby) located on Moore Road just off the intersections of Loop, Nelson Creek and Moore Roads.

I have a copy of the original deed to the property which was signed by President Grover Cleveland on 13 August 1895 (Homestead Certificate 3113, Application 9805, a copy of this should be recorded in the Skamania County Courthouse).

Leo Sr. worked for the Dept. of Agriculture as a trail packer in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. He retired 30 June 1950 with about 30 years of service, and was presented with a cabin. He had it placed on the Moore Ranch and he lived out of it for a few years.

He had a certain knack with animals and got them to work when others could not. He raced and bet with the Yakima Indians at Race track, near Red Mountain (I remember camping there years later). He usually won, but once lost his horse and all his gear. Leo Sr. knew the woods like no other. He would often tell stories about his travels through the back country and had knew every rock, stump, stream and fallen tree. Many of his stories are still being told today by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a dedicated worker and many times he sacrificed his own safety and health to get the job done.

A very cheerful and honest man who was loved by many, but could be tough if he had to. Many times his positive attitude and colorful stories made an otherwise miserable camp just a bit more bearable.

He married 15 February 1912 Ruby Margaret Foster, who was born

13 February 1888 in Roy, Pierce, Washington. She had three sons from her marriage to John Wade Bevans (married 24 Mar 1905). His death is still a mystery and the story passed down in the family was he was killed in a botched robbery attempt and body was buried along the banks of the Columbia River and Kanaka Creek.

Leo Sr. and Ruby had the following children:

All born in Stevenson, Skamania, Washington:

1. Calvin Roy Moore B: 22 Apr 1911, deceased.
2. Mary Adelia Moore B: 9 Dec 1913, deceased.
3. Iola Julia Moore B: 4 Dec 1915, deceased.
4. Dolly May Moore B: 19 Apr 1918, deceased.
5. Leo Roy Moore, Jr. B 27 May 1920, deceased (My Father).
6. Samuel Lewis Moore B: 3 Aug 1922, deceased.
7. Wayne Stanton Moore B: 18 Jul 1924, deceased (died as infant).
8. Ruby Margaret Moore B: 12 Oct 1925.
9. Ruth Arline Moore B: 14 Mar 1928.
10. Louise Aline Moore B: 14 Mar 1928

The three boys from Ruby's marriage to John Wade Bevans were:

1. Walter John Bevans B: 4 Jul 1906, deceased.
2. Wade Avery Bevans B: 14 Jan 1908, deceased.
3. Glenn Ray Bevans B: 7 Dec 1909, deceased.

Leo Sr. raised the boys as if they were his own.

Leo's ancestry is as follows:

Parents: Samuel Louis Moore

B: 28 Feb 1850

Augusta, Des Moines, Iowa

D: 30 Nov 1921

Stevenson, Skamania, Washington

(He had gone to town and was walking back on a warm day. He stopped and rested under the shade of a tree next to the old blacksmith shop and never woke up. He was found the next day and was in a cooked condition.)

Mary Elizabeth Webber

B: 7 Sep 1846

Stafford, Genessee, New York

D: 26 Dec 1883

Rock Bluffs, Cass, Nebraska

Mary's parents are buried in Kalemoo, Eaton, Michigan and were both from Devonshire, England.

Samuel's Parents were:

Joseph Benson Moore

25/26 Feb 1826

<Wheeling>, Marshall, Virginia (his brother John Ward Moore was born in Wheeling. We still need to verify this for Joseph.)

D: 26 Dec 1883

Rock Bluffs, Cass, Nebraska

Mary Elizabeth Eikenberry

B: 31 Jan 1827

Indiana

D: 13 Aug 1864

Rock Bluffs, Cass, Nebraska

For the sake of space will just give names of rest of line.

Ruby's parents: Ira Issac Foster and Floa Adelia Iman.

Grandparents: Fernon Fenner Foster and Julia Ann Babcock.

Grandparents: Felix Grundy and Iman Margaret Windsor.

Joseph's parents: Francis Moore and Anna McCormick Ward.

Grandparents: William Moore and Jane Dowler.

Grandparents: Joseph McCormick Ward and Jane Campbell.

The Moore/Campbell/Dowler/Ward line comes from County Cavan, Ireland. This line connects to Samuel Gettys, who was the founder of Gettysburg, PA. And also connects to President Lincoln through same brother's marriage to Mary Todd, an aunt of Mary Todd who married the president. The Eikenberry (various spellings) line connects to Johannes Eycheberg from Germany, and the Crawford clan from Donegal, Ireland,

The Iman/Eyman line is German and has many spellings. The Foster line, we are still working on and so far have back to Maine. It is an interesting side note that the house that Joseph Benson Moore built around 1868 in Murray, Cass, Nebraska is still standing. It was made with 20" thick limestone walls. He was a farmer and the land is still being farmed by his descendents.