

## Pusey W. Moore ( 1850 – 1923) and Ida Castella Darling ( 1864 – 1942)

Pusey W. Moore was born in Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania, May 1, 1850, the youngest child of nine in the family of Lewis M and Sarah Chalfant Moore. He was probably named after a family friend of his father; the surname “Pusey” was prevalent in Sadsbury Township, Pennsylvania. He was only three years old when the family migrated to Michigan and settled on a farm in Ypsilanti Township. At the time of his father’s death in 1872, he was still living on the family farm and working as a farmer with brother Martin and sister Martha.

The 1886 Ann Arbor City Directory shows Pusey Moore working as a bookkeeper in the family business, the Ann Arbor Agricultural Company. He was boarding at 3 Pontiac St. By 1888, Pusey had moved to 24 Elizabeth Street. In the same year, he married Ida Castella Darling, whose family farmed near the Moores in Ypsilanti Township. She was fourteen years younger than Pusey; born in 1864 to Andre and Angeline Darling; he born in Massachusetts; she born in New York.

In the 1900 Census, the Pusey Moore family was living in Ann Arbor, at 548 Elizabeth Street, and Pusey was still working as a bookkeeper for Ann Arbor Agricultural Company. Their only daughter, Emily Florilla Moore, born in January 1896, was four years old. Also living with the family at that time was Ida’s mother, Angeline Darling, widowed, age 64; and a lodger, E. Ida Bennett, age 22.

By 1910, the family had left Ann Arbor, and moved back to Ypsilanti Township. Pusey, age 60, was farming at that time, and the family employed a hired man, John Wint. Washtenaw County Records of 1912 show that Pusey owned 79 acres in Section 26, Ypsilanti Township, with an assessed valuation of \$2470, and an additional 45 acres in Section 23, assessed at \$1730.

Daughter Emily Florilla married Peyton Draper ca 1916, the son of neighbors Wallace and Anna Draper. In 1920, the family, including the two young children of Emily and Peyton, were living on the family farm. Peyton Draper was listed on the census as head of the family. Virginia F Draper was born in 1917; her brother Lewis was born August 24, 1918.

Pusey Moore died in 1923 at the age of 73. He is buried in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Block 94, Lot 5.

Ida C. Moore remarried ? Avery, and died August 2, 1942. The cemetery records show her as Ida Castella Avery, but her headstone reads “Ida C. Moore”

