

## **Walter S. Moore ( 1867 – bef. 1935) and family**

**Walter Samuel<sup>8</sup> Moore** (Eli W.<sup>7</sup>, Lewis M.<sup>6</sup>, Eli<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Andrew<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born May 22, 1867 in Ann Arbor, Mi, and died Bef. 1935. He married **(1) Mary Blodgett** August 01, 1894 in Webster, daughter of Worcester Blodgett and Frances Derby. She was born August 01, 1872, and died March 20, 1901 in Ann Arbor, Mi. He married **(2) Fannie Van Gieson** August 19, 1903. She was born December 30, 1872 in Washtenaw County, daughter of David Van Gieson and Fanny McComber.

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“WALTER SAMUEL MOORE, D.D.S.

The practice of dentistry is unique in the professions in that it demands of its successful followers three distinct, yet essential, elements—mechanical ingenuity, scientific knowledge and financial ability. Dr. Moore as a representative of his calling has gained for himself an enviable place in the ranks of the dental fraternity in the state and has a well appointed office in Ann Arbor. His birth occurred in Ypsilanti, Michigan, May 22, 1867, his parents being Eli W. and Elizabeth C. (Moore) Moore. The father is a manufacturer and now makes his home in Ann Arbor. In the family are three sons: Wendell P., who is manager of the Ann Arbor Machine Company; Eli L., a dentist of Bay City, Michigan; and Walter Samuel.

Dr. Moore of this review is a product of the Ann Arbor schools, having continued his studies here until he passed through the successive grades and completed a high school course. Subsequently he entered the University of Michigan and was graduated from the dental department with the class of 1893. He then located for practice in this city and maintains a well equipped office on Main Street, South. He stands high in his profession because of his thorough master of scientific principles and his excellent workmanship in the practical duties of the laboratory and the operating room. He has all the modern appliances for the successful conduct of the profession and his labors are certainly highly satisfactory to the public is a large practice is any criterion of public trust. He is a member of the State Dental Society and also of the Washtenaw County Dental Society.

In 1894 Dr. Moore was married to Miss Mary Blodgett, of Washtenaw County, and they had three children, Walter Edwin, Lawrence W., and Mary Blodgett. The wife and mother died March 20, 1901, and the Doctor was again married August 19, 1903, his second union being with Miss Fannie Van Gieson, a native of Washtenaw County.

Dr. Moore is a republican in his political views and in religious faith a Congregationalist, while fraternally he is connected with Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, A.F. & A. M. His church and society relations indicate the character of the man and in his native county his best friends are numbered among those who have known him from early life—a fact which indicates his fidelity to truth, justice and right. In his practice he has won a reputation than many an older man might well envy, being now classed with the leading dentists of the city.”

Walter and Mary's children were: Walter Edwin, born Feb 7, 1897; Lawrence W., born May 1, 1899; and Mary Blodgett, born Feb 2, 1901. Walter and Fannie had no children.

Walter is mentioned in a news article published in the Bay City Times April 10, 1907 about the death of his brother, Eli, which occurred due to an apparently accidental gunshot. At an earlier time, Walter had accidentally discharged a firearm at the family cottage on Portage Lake, Pinckney, and had struck his daughter in the leg. The limb had to be amputated. Mary Moore would have been about 6 years old at the time.

The Walter Moore family resided at 930 Forest, Ann Arbor, and his office was located at 201 S. Main St. Later (1912) he moved his office to 612 First National Bank Building, and by 1920 was living at 605 Swift Rd, Ann Arbor. He is found at that address on the 1930 census, but in the 1935 Ann Arbor City Directory, Fannie B. Moore, widow of Walter, was living at 661 Swift, Ann Arbor. Walter died at age 65; cause of death Arteriosclerosis. (Source: Cemetery record) He is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Ann Arbor. (Block 9, Lot 30). Fannie died at age 68, Feb 27 1941; cause of death: coronary thrombosis. (Cemetery record). Fannie is buried at Fairview Cemetery in the plot with Walter, and son Lawrence, who died May 28, 1926 at the age of 27.

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