

Howard Moore (1865 – 1951) and Mary E. (Lord) Moore (1864 – 1949)

Howard Moore was born August 29, 1865 in Washtenaw County, Michigan, the son of George C and Harriet Dresie Moore. In March 1888, Howard married Mary E. Lord, born July 1864, daughter of James B and Susan Lord of Augusta Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Early in their marriage, Howard and Mary lost a son in infancy, and also established a Sunday school and prayer meeting that ministered specifically to a neighboring African American community. This community had been established by former slaves who had escaped to Michigan via the Underground Railroad. In 1892, Howard and Mary enrolled in the first class of the Friends Training School. Both were recorded as Friends ministers in 1893.



Howard and Mary Moore

Taken from a group photo
of their class at Friends
Training School, 1893.

Following graduation, the Moores moved back to Michigan, eventually pastoring churches in Traverse City, Maple City, Manton, Ypsilanti, Hanover, Rollin, Raisin Valley, and pioneer outposts. Howard was known for his warm sense of humor, and was skilled at defusing tense situations. They pastored in Adrian, Michigan Quarterly Meeting for more than fifty years.

Howard and Mary were parents of four children: Emily R. Moore, born 1896; Willis Lord Moore, born 1901; died 1981; Marjorie S. Moore, born 1904; and George H. Moore, born 1907.

Emily graduated from Cleveland Bible College in 1920 and served as a missionary to China, also serving on the faculty Cleveland Bible College.

Willis became a farmer in the Adrian area and also served for a time as Lenawee County Treasurer.

Marjorie married Dr. Perry Rawson and they served as missionaries in Africa, founding a hospital in Burundi.

George entered ministry and education, teaching at George Fox and Biola Universities.

Howard and Mary Moore were married sixty-one years. Mary died in 1949, and Howard died 1951 at the age of eighty-six. Both are buried at Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.



Charter class members Howard and Mary Moore with their four children.



Sources:

- Malone Magazine, Malone College Newsletter, courtesy of Lelanel Malick.
- Ypsilanti Evangelical Church Records, Bentley Historical Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Heritage Quest Census Records