

James C Moore (1843 – 1921)

60. James Chalfant⁷ Moore (Lewis M.⁶, Eli⁵, William⁴, Andrew³, James², John¹) was born August 10, 1843 in Sadsbury Twp., Lancaster Co., PA., and died September 09, 1921 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi. He married **Clara Louisa Kelly** February 19, 1873, daughter of Christian Kelly and Sarah Steers. She was born June 02, 1851 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw Co., MI, and died June 17, 1944 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi.

James Chalfant Moore was born August 10, 1843, in Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the sixth child and third son of Lewis and Sarah Chalfant Moore. James was ten years old when the family moved to Michigan and took up land in Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County in 1853.

James was the only member of his family to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War. He enlisted in the 24th Regiment, Michigan Infantry and was assigned to Company A. He enlisted late in the war, in March of 1865, and served 3 months and 24 days before the regiment was mustered out of service June 30, 1865.

This account of the activities of the 24th Michigan is from Chapman's History of Washtenaw County:

This regiment contained a good number of men from Washtenaw County, and left its rendezvous at Detroit August 29, 1862, on its way to Washington. It was on duty in Maryland and Virginia, and at Fredericksburg suffered some loss. It also participated in the engagement at Port Royal and Fitz Hugh Crossing. It was at Chancellorsville, but did not become engaged. The Twenty-fourth engaged in an expedition at Westmoreland Court-House, which resulted in the liberation of over 1,000 slaves.

It then went north and performed splendid service in the battle of Gettysburg. After the battle it started south again and participated in the movement to Mina Run on Nov. 28, 1863. It wintered at Culpepper, and on the opening of spring was in the army of the Potomac in the campaign of 1864. It engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court-House, North Anna River, Coal Harbor, and skirmished with the enemy near Petersburg, and in the battle on Aug 21 sustained a heavy loss. The regiment participated in the battle at Hatch's Run on Oct. 27. It then moved back to near Petersburg and destroyed part of the Weldon railroad, burned bridges, etc., while wintering in the vicinity. It was engaged at Dabney's Mills with a light loss. It was ordered to Baltimore, and from there proceeded to Springfield, Ill, and while there had the honor to be selected as an escort at the funeral of President Lincoln. It left Springfield for Detroit, where it arrived on June 20, and on the 30th was mustered out of service. This regiment participated in 20 battles and skirmishes during its entire service, and sustained a loss of killed in action or of wounds, 170; died of disease, 54; wounded in action, 432, taken prisoners 60; total, 716.

At the time of his enlistment, the 24th Michigan regiment was in Springfield, Illinois, so James' experience as a soldier was very limited, probably much to the relief of his

family. Following his return, James had charge of the family saw-mill for several years, and eventually became part of the Ann Arbor Agricultural Works, the firm founded by his father and brother, Eli.

James married Clara Louisa Kelly on Feb 19, 1873. Clara was born June 2, 1851 in Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the daughter of Christian and Sarah Steers Kelly. Clara was the sister of Benjamin D Kelly, who in 1869 had married James's sister Emily Ida.

*James and Clara became the parents of six children:

1. Ella Gertrude Moore, born June 16, 1874 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi; died February 1969 in Lapeer, Mi.
2. Sarah C Moore, born September 05, 1876 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi; died December 01, 1944.
3. James Garfield Moore, born June 18, 1881 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi
4. Lewis Kelly Moore, born March 28, 1883 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi; died 1965.
5. Martin Ray Moore, born February 21, 1888 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi; died August 1962.
6. Errol Way Moore, born March 20, 1894 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi; died March 1976 in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

In 1878, James bought 80 acres of land in Sec. 27, Ypsilanti Township, which he farmed for the rest his life. Sons Lewis and Errol did not marry, and remained on the family farm. James's younger brother, Pusey Moore, was a close neighbor; shown on the same page in the 1920 census, living with his daughter and son in law, Emily and Peyton Draper. Also living with James and Clara in 1920 was their daughter, Sarah Moore Gardner, age 43, and grandchildren, Winnilier Gardner, 16; John B Gardner, 14, and Ella M Gardner, 12.

James Moore died Sept. 29, 1921 at the age of 78.
His wife Clara survived another 23 years.
She died June 17, 1944, at the age of 93.
Both are buried at Highland Cemetery,
Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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