

## Profile of Lewis M. Moore, 1807 - 1872

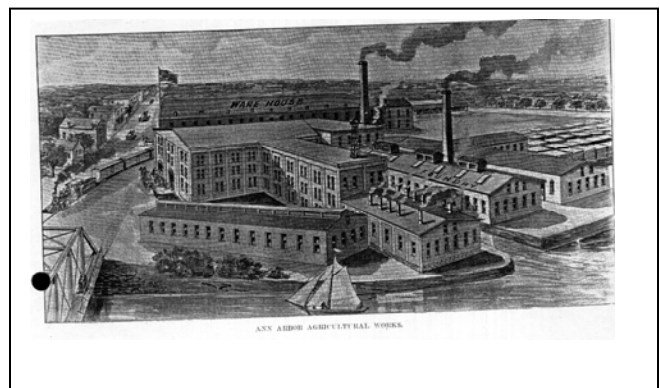
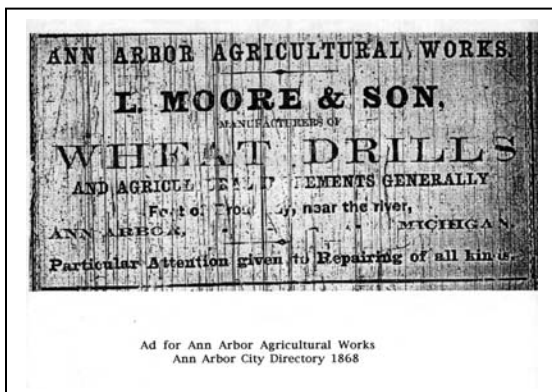
**43. Lewis M.<sup>6</sup> Moore** (Eli<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Andrew<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born December 03, 1807 in Sadsbury Twp, Chester Co, PA., and died February 12, 1872 in Ypsilanti, Mi.. He married **Sarah H. Chalfant** March 29, 1832 in West Chester, PA., daughter of George Chalfant and Martha Otley. She was born April 07, 1807 in Fallowfield, Chester Co., PA, and died October 16, 1892 in Ypsilanti, Mi.

Children of Lewis Moore and Sarah Chalfant are:

- + 55 i. Eli W.<sup>7</sup> Moore, born November 26, 1833 in Sadsbury Twp, Lancaster, PA..
- + 56 ii. Elizabeth P. Moore, born December 25, 1835 in Bart, Lancaster Co., PA.; died 1910.
- + 57 iii. George C. Moore, born January 03, 1838 in Sadsbury Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.; died February 04, 1918.
- + 58 iv. Emily Ida Moore, born October 26, 1839 in Sadsbury Twp, Chester Co, PA.; died April 01, 1882 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi.
- 59 v. Martha M. Moore, born August 29, 1841 in Pennsylvania; died March 25, 1912. She married Robert Simonds April 02, 1895 in Willis, Michigan; born 1837 in England; died in Ypsilanti.
- + 60 vi. James Chalfant Moore, born August 10, 1843 in Sadsbury Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.; died September 09, 1921 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi.
- + 61 vii. Lewis C. Moore, born October 31, 1845 in Lancaster, PA; died April 26, 1886 in Ann Arbor, MI..
- 62 viii. Martin G. Moore, born November 17, 1847 in Ypsilanti Twp, Washtenaw County, Mi; died May 20, 1918 in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Mi. He married Annie Castella Abt. 1893; born July 1854; died 1924.
- + 63 ix. Pusey W. Moore, born May 01, 1850 in Sadsbury Twp., Lancaster, PA.; died 1923

### Notes for **Lewis M. Moore**:

Lewis M. Moore grew up in Sadsbury Twp, Chester County, PA., and became a contractor and house builder at the age of 17. Following his marriage to Sarah Chalfant at the age of 25, he settled in Bart, Lancaster County, and engaged in farming and in the manufacture of agricultural implements. He came to Ypsilanti Township, Michigan in 1853 with his family of 6 sons and 3 daughters, settling on Section 36, 82A (now Bemis Road between Tuttle Hill Road and Whittaker Road), where he established a farm and saw-mill. He operated the grist mill known as Moore Mill for 16 years. Before coming to Michigan, he had applied for and received a patent for a seed-planter, known as "Moore's Grain Drill." Later patents were awarded for improvements in the seeding apparatus in 1852, 1861, and 1863. In Chapman's "History of Washtenaw County, Michigan", it was noted that like many inventors of his day, Lewis "lost much from litigation" over patent infringements. In 1866, he and son Eli founded Lewis M Moore and Son, and began the manufacture of farm implements. The business was located on property that he purchased on the bank of the Huron River in the lower town of Ann Arbor. This firm made seed drills until 1869, when they consolidated with another firm, operated at the crossing of Catherine and Detroit Streets by John Finnegan and Frank Howard. Eventually his brother Pusey, son Lewis C, and nephew Wendell Moore all went to work for the business. By 1873 shortly after Lewis Moore's death, yearly sales were \$40,000.



In 1878, the firm became the Ann Arbor Agricultural Works. The company, at the junction of Detroit and Fourth Streets, occupied a main building, three stories high, erected in 1876 by the original firm, a polishing shop, and a foundry. More buildings were added in 1880, including a boarding house for employees that was later occupied by a "Dr. Kellogg, a clairvoyant physician of considerable note" (Chapman), eventually to become the founder of Kellogg Corporation of Battle Creek.

All nine of Lewis Moore's children survived him. At the time of his death at age 65, his sons Martin and Pusey were still unmarried, as was daughter Martha; all still living on the family homestead with Sarah Moore. In 1888, the family property on Section 2, 119 acres, was assessed at \$3500.

Sarah Moore died in 1892 at the age of 85. Both are interred in, Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Block 94 Lot 5. Headstones of Lewis and Sarah use Quaker format for dates "7th day, 4th month." Quaker tradition eschewed use of the names of the month, since they were named after pagan gods.

*Lewis Moore profile  
from Chapman's  
History of Washtenaw  
County, Michigan,  
1881*

*Lewis Moore* (deceased) was born in Pennsylvania in 1807. In early life he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits. At the age of 17 years he became a contractor and house-builder. He was married in 1832 to Sarah H. Claffin, who bore him 9 children—Eli; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Milton Chase of Otsego, Mich.; George, who resides in Augusta tp.; Emily, wife of B. D. Kelley; Martha, who resides on the old homestead; James; Lewis, who married Eliza Benclair, of Detroit; Martin and Persey. Mr. Moore invented the well-known Keystone Grain Drill, and in 1854 settled on a farm on sec. 34, of Ypsilanti tp. For 16 years he operated a grist-mill known as the Moore Mill, during this time manufacturing agricultural implements. He died in 1872 and lies interred in Ypsilanti tp.



**Lewis M Moore**  
1807 - 1872



**Sarah C Moore**  
1807 - 1892



Five of the six sons of Lewis and Sarah Moore,  
ca. 1910