

OUR FAMILY STORY

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Hello everyone;

Welcome to the seventh issue of our family newsletter. As the descendants of **Jerre' Moreland** and **Pearl Scruggs** we all share a common heritage. The purpose of this newsletter is to pass along to you and your families some of the chronicles and stories about our ancestors. Please consider sharing them with your children so that they can also understand how firmly rooted we are into the history of our country. In this issue I've included biographical sketches of Jerre' and Pearl Moreland taken from The Methodist Church Yearbook and Minutes of the Southern New Jersey Conference. I'm sure that her husband provided the information on Pearl thus it has great detail. It is evident that the author, Sherman Robinson, knew her in life. The second sketch lacks the same detail but does allow us to gain knowledge about Jerre's work as a pastor in the Methodist Church.

PEARL SCRUGGS MORELAND

Mrs. Pearl Scruggs Moreland was called to her Heavenly Home on October 24, 1957. She was the wife of Dr. Jerre F. Moreland, superintendent of schools in Florence Township and pastor of the Methodist church at Fieldsboro.

Mrs. Moreland was born on December 12, 1901, in Poplar, California. She attended elementary school there and high school in Porterville, where she graduated in June 1920. She attended the University of Southern California in 1921, 1922, and the first part of 1923, when she married Jerre F. Moreland on February 17, and went with him to Colorado where he attended the University of Colorado, and graduated in 1925.

In the summer of 1927, while visiting relatives in California, Mrs. Moreland was stricken with a heart ailment which allowed her to be subject to crippling arthritis and put her in a wheel chair for the last five years of her life.

In 1933, when Dr. Moreland was elected Weld county superintendent of schools, she moved to Greeley, the county seat. In the summer of 1937 she accompanied her husband east to Teachers College, Columbia University, where he was beginning his work on a Doctor of Education degree. After two years of work here, the family, including two daughters and a son, moved to Allentown, while Dr. Moreland worked one year with the State Education Department of New Jersey. They moved to Florence in 1940, when Dr. Moreland became superintendent of schools there.

Mrs. Moreland worked faithfully by the side of her husband, who in 1950 became local pastor of the Methodist church in Marlton. In 1953 he was appointed to serve the Methodist church in Fieldsboro, and again Mrs. Moreland served with deep consecration, and although crippled with arthritis and confined to a wheelchair she still accompanied her husband everywhere in his work at the church until the morning of October 24, 1957.

Mrs. Moreland loved her lord and his Church. She was a devoted wife and mother. She revealed the true beauty of the Christian life as, with great inspiration to others, she cheerfully carried on her work even though her hands were so crippled she could scarcely write. Dr. Moreland has said that when he labored mightily with the sermon to help his people that they would glance at Mrs. Moreland and see the sermon shining in her face.

Surviving Mrs. Moreland besides her husband, are the children: Eleanor, Geraldine, and Floyd. Memorial services were conducted at Slack's Funeral Home, Burlington, on October 28, with interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Sharing in the funeral services were Rev. Francis Elwood Perkins, the District Superintendent, and the writer, who was Mrs. Moreland's pastor.

SHERMAN ROBINSON

REV. DR. JERRE F. MORELAND

The Rev. Dr. Jerre F. Moreland passed to his eternal reward May 30, 1971 in Hightstown, N.J. His widow Mrs. Lillian Moreland, a resident of Hightstown, and his former secretary, survives him. Present at the memorial service were two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Peiffer of Millville, and Mrs. Geraldine Brockett of Doylestown. Also present was a son Floyd Moreland of Northern New Jersey. All these members of the family along with a host of friends rise up to call Jerre Moreland blessed.

Dr. Moreland was an ordained local elder of the Southern New Jersey Conference. He began his career first, however, as a teacher in Colorado and New Jersey schools. He held degrees from the University of Colorado, the Colorado State College of Education and his doctorate in education from Teacher's College of Columbia University. He served twenty years as superintendent of schools of Florence Township, New Jersey. During this period he served as pastor in Marlton and Fieldsboro.

Later Dr. Moreland served with the writer of this article in St. Paul Church, Trenton; Moorestown; and Broad Street Church, Burlington; as minister of visitation.

Dr. Moreland helped many minds to reach maturity and many souls to find salvation. His imprint on education is lasting and many inspired Christians thank God for his influence on their lives. To know Jerre Moreland was to love him.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Braun, pastor of Broad Street Church, Burlington, delivered the memorial address, in Hightstown, N.J. The Rev. Edward B. Chaney, Jr. of the North-West District and the Rev. Pennington Corson of St. Paul Church, Trenton, assisted in the final service. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Yea, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

ANDREW C. BRAUN

DID YOU KNOW??? !!!

We have at least five (5) great-grandfathers besides Samuel Scott Scruggs who were patriots of the American Revolution. They are Nicholas Bishop, Michael Dickson, Robert Douglass, James Johnson, and Peter Pinnell.

A QUOTE TO NOTE

"We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is disappearing."

R.D. Laing

Always open for suggestions as to what you might want to look for in future issues of "Our Family Story".

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