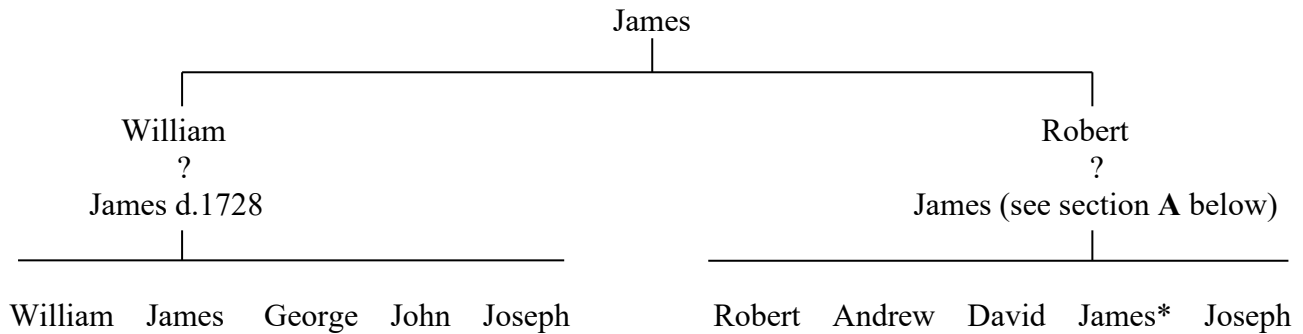




THE MOORES OF BALLYMONEY, [Co. ANTRIM] IRELAND

The first Moore in County Antrim, Ireland, appears to have been James Moore who migrated from Cumberland, England, before 1625. In 1669 there were several Moores listed in Ballymoney including William, James and Robert. If William and Robert were sons of James, a tentative tree can be worked out.



* See section **B** below.

Some idea of this Quaker colony in County Antrim can be got by studying the names appended to various documents: (all named MOORE)

- 1724 men's meeting at James Moore Sr's (Myers p.230)
James Jr, James, William
- 1729 certificate for Olivia McCool (Myers frontispiece)
Robert, William, James, James
- 1733 marriage of Samuel Clark and Jane Knock (PRONI T1062/39/9)
George, James, James, William, James, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Susanna, Susanna, Robert
- 1737 marriage of William Moore and Mary Gregg (Myers p 431)
William, Samson, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, James, John, Joseph

The best known Moore is James who lived at Ballinacree, three miles west of Ballymoney. He was likely a cousin of James Moore (see section A below). His name appears in Quaker records from 1675 until his death in 1728. His will was written 29 December 1727 and probated in 1728. A number of Quaker services and meetings were held at his house. His wife was Elizabeth. He had ten children:

1. William Moore born c.1674, marr. Miss Clotworthy, settled at Killead in 1702.
He was High Sheriff of Co. Antrim in 1718.
Children: John, Clotworthy, James, Jean (Whitsitt)
One genealogical website suggests that William's son, John, of Moore's Grove married Mabel Bristow on 7 January 1719. John was also High Sheriff in 1733. John's son, in turn, was Capt. Roger Moore (1723-1784), Clover Hill, Killead. High Sheriff in 1750. He married Letitia Sharman.
One of Roger and Letitia's sons (I assume) was Roger Moore (c.1763-1834). He too was High Sheriff of Co. Antrim in 1794.
Another son was Henry (1771-1827) who settled in Sheffield, Ontario, Canada. He married Sarah Cornell
2. Alice Moore born c.1676, marr. 17 October 1697, at her father's, Thomas Erwin

3. James Moore born c.1678, marr. 24 October 1701 Susanna Whitsitt – Ballinacree
Son: William, marr. Mary Gregg
4. George Moore born c.1680, marr. 2 July 1702, at Lurgan, Mary Hoope
Children: William, James, George, Sarah, Elizabeth
5. John Moore born 9 June 1682, marr. 24 April 1702, at Lurgan, Ruth Hoope
Children: William born 21 August 1704, Francis born 1 February 1705, Eleanor born
24 February 1707, James born 9 May 1708, Robert born 9 April 1709
6. Joseph Moore born c.1684, marr. 6 December 1706/07, at Grange, Susanna Brady
Children: William born 1708, James born 1710, John born 1712, Joseph born 1716,
Samson died 1775, George
7. Sarah Moore marr.(1) Henderson, marr.(2) 19 December 1708, at her father's, Joseph Court
8. Elizabeth Moore marr. 2 November 1705, at her father's, Joseph Whitsitt
9. ? Daughter marr. Crockett
10. Frances Moore marr. Wilkinson

Sources:

Landed Gentry of Ireland by Burke;

Ancestors & Descendants of Andrew Moore by J A M Passmore, 1897;

Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania by A C Myers, 1902;

Public Record Office, Belfast.

This document also includes information from the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, then at http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/virtuallibrary/documents/whsfreturned/WHSF_Box_10/WHSF10-12.pdf but that now comes up as 'Page not found'.

And from <https://boards.ancestry.com.au/localities.britisles.ireland.ant.general/3532.4970/mb.ashx>

Section A

JAMES MOORE

Lived Ballinacree, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, Ireland. son of ?Robert; grandson of ?James

1. ?Robert Moore marr. 6 June 1703 at house of Widow Henderson, Jennet Miller of Dunclady
2. Andrew Moore born June 1688 in Co. Antrim, died 5 July 1753, Sadsbury, Lancaster Co, Pa
marr.(1) 27 February 1715, at house of Widow Katharine Henderson, Margaret
Wilson of Dunclady (died 1722 or 1723) –
Children: James born 1716, Mary born 1718, Margaret born 1719, Thomas born 1722
Andrew to America 3 August 1723, settled Sadsbury Township, Chester and Lancaster
Counties, as a miller and farmer.
marr.(2) 24 April 1725 Rachel Halliday (daughter of William Halliday from Ireland)
Children: William born 1726, Robert born 1728, David born 1731, Andrew born 1733,
Joseph born 1736, Robert born 1739, John born 1742, David born 1745,
Rachel born 1747, Sarah born c.1749 – (several died young)
3. David Moore born c.1690, marr. 7 April 1715 Mary Wilkinson, at house of James Moore.
David died 1726 Chester Co, Pa; produced certificate 7 November 1722 at Concord Meeting
from Ballinacree Meeting – Mary marr.(2) Thomas McCollum
4. James Moore (see section **B** below)
5. ?Joseph Moore marr. 3 March 1721, at house of Katharine Henderson, Mary Henderson of
Dunclady

Sources:

Public Record Office. Belfast.

Landed Gentry of Ireland by Burke.

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Section B

JAMES MOORE & SUSANNA FORSTER

James lived Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, Ireland, died 1759, marr. 7 May 1714, Susanna Forster of Antrim – they were interviewed by Francis Wilkinson, John Jameson, Hannah Reford and Elizabeth Wilkinson. Lewis Reford and Samuel Wilkinson were commissioned to prepare a marriage certificate.

Children: 1. James Moore

Source: Public Record Office, Belfast

Section C

JAMES MOORE & ELIZABETH DICKINSON

James born Ballymoney, Co Antrim, Ireland; died 1777 Atglen, Sadsbury Twp, Chester Co; marr. 5 April 1759 Elizabeth born 13 July 1739

The marriage certificate of James and Elizabeth (Sadsbury Meeting, Lancaster Co, Pa) lists him as “James Moore, son of James Moore, deceased, of Ballymoney, in the Kingdom of Ireland”. It is signed by these Moores:

William, Joseph, James, William, Lydia, Rebecca, Jane Rachel. James Moore did not bring a certificate from Ireland, but joined Sadsbury Meeting 5 February 1759. He was dropped in 1764. His widow is mentioned 21 January 1778.

Children:

1. Joseph Moore (44)
2. James Moore, born 20 December 1761, marr. Magdalene Hastings – Centre Co, Pa
3. Susanna Moore born 9 October 1764, died 17 October 1764
4. William Moore born 16 March 1767, died 30 September 1830 Pittsburgh, Pa
marr. Mary Mooney
5. Elizabeth Moore born 6 June 1769, marr. Isaac Taylor - Erie Co, N Y
6. Margaret Moore born 6 June 1709, marr. Clemson Henderson
7. Susanna Moore born 27 November 1771, marr.(1) 3 December 1794 Joshua Williams
marr.(2) 10 March 1813 Joseph Moore
8. Mary Moore born 7 July 1774, marr. Peter Gamble
9. Sarah Moore born 19 July 1777, marr. James Moore