

Peoria County Genealogical Society

Finding Aid for

Moore/Cochran Collection

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Creator of the family genealogy donation: Cleatus Moore.

History or Biographical Information related to donor/collection: Cleatus Moore donor of this collection was editor and compiler of the 2 books and the external drive files. His brother George T Moore (who passed before Cleatus) was the author and researcher of much of the family histories. Cleatus was his partner.

Cleatus was a former PCGS board member and given an honorary lifetime PCGS membership in 2020 for his generous monetary donation.

In his words, books were “Dedicated to the memory of Our parents Richard Alva Moore and Lillian Sadie (Cochran) Moore who struggled to raise five boys while trying to eek out a living on a rocky Ozark farm. Doing the best they could with the knowledge, experience and tools they had to work with. All during a time of the Great Depression with their trials and tribulations they struggled from limited payday to the next. One might question why some decisions were as they were, but they held to moral standards and Faith in God always taking us to the old country church and Sunday school at every opportunity. When they passed on to their reward and we were left with decisions about their worldly possessions, George and I [Cleatus] were struck with many unanswered questions about where certain things came from and to whom they belonged. We were instilled with a desire to learn more about our heritage and have spent the last twenty five years or more researching, recollecting and documenting our findings.

Some would say we became Genealogists while others might call us Family Historians. I like to think it became a venture into history and memories that still glows a fire in our heart to learn more about our heritage and document it for future generations.

To our children, our brothers’ children and our Cousins and their children, may they learn about their heritage, where they came from and how they got to be who they are. As they read the stories in the book and learn, may a spark encourage them to question, document and fill in the missing links for future generations.

May distant cousins and other interested researchers celebrate in finding a clue or missing link some where in these pages, even though it may appear just a bit different than most family histories. It represents many years of dedication and love.” From *The Moore Family History* by George T Moore, new edition 2003

Acquisition Information:

Cleatus donated these items directly to the PCGS President Kim Hanks in March 2021.

Access Restrictions: none

Deed of Gift: signed acquisition form

How to access: To access this collection, ask a librarian at the Local History/Genealogy Dept at the Peoria Public Library Main Branch. You can also prearrange a visit with a PCGS volunteer by using the Contact Us on the website: peoriacountygenealogy.org

Scope and Content:

Book 1 and Book 2 will be added to the shelves of the PCGS Collection in the Peoria Public Library Main Branch Local History/Genealogy. The contents of both books are in the external drive.

Book 1

The **Cochran Family History** of Green County, Tennessee, Howell County, Missouri, and Shannon County, Missouri. The Cochran Family and related lines of Green County, Tennessee and Howell County, Missouri.

The **Applegate Family History** of Hamilton County, Ohio, Knox County, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Shannon County, Missouri.

The Cochran, Applegate and Moore family connection of Howell County, Missouri Family Stories, Legends, and Documents.

Compiled and Written by George T. Moore 1994-1999. Re-compiled in 2005 by Cleatus C. Moore from the files and records of George after his death in October 2004

Book 2

The **Moore Family History** of Hamilton County, Illinois, Perry County, Illinois, and Union County, Illinois.

The **Roberds/Roberts Family History** of Wayne County, Tennessee and Union County, Illinois

The **Wayne County Roberds** in Missouri

The **Moore and Roberds** of Howell County, Missouri and Texas County, Missouri
Family Stories and Legends

Family Obituaries

Family Wills

Probate Records

This new edition of the Moore-Roberds (Roberts) Family represents a new and expanded publication of the Moore-Roberds book that encompassed numerous revisions and updated data.

Authored and Written by George T Moore. Edited and Compiled by Cleatus C Moore. New Edition 2003 [table of contents inside]

External Drive (Sabrent) (with cord)

Contents include Family Tree Maker files, audio files, correspondence, research, stories, written biographies. Families and locations: Applegate, Cochran, Haggard, Hamilton County, IL, Heard, Hutch, Moore, Phipps, Roberds/Roberts, Taylor, Woolsey

Note that additional files with copies of records and photos will be added to the collection at a later date. This includes at least 5 notebooks of documents. (kmh March 2021)

Abstract

Subjects: Applegate, Cochran, Haggard, Heard, Hutch, Moore, Phipps, Roberds/Roberts, Taylor, Woolsey

Locations: Hamilton County, Illinois, Perry County, Illinois, Union County, Illinois, Wayne County, Tennessee, Howell County, Missouri, Texas County, Missouri, Green County, Tennessee, Shannon County, Missouri, Hamilton County, Ohio, Knox County, Tennessee

Contents: family lineages, family stories, legends, documents, family legends, family obituaries, wills, probate records

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