

A SHORT HISTORY AND GENEALOGY
OF
ROBERT AND JANE STEWART MOODY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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The sole purpose of this history is to preserve for my children the few facts that I have been able to gather. It is hoped that others will find it useful and valuable. It is also the desire of the author that any corrections or additions will be freely given, so that he or some other will be able to write a more complete and correct history of the family,

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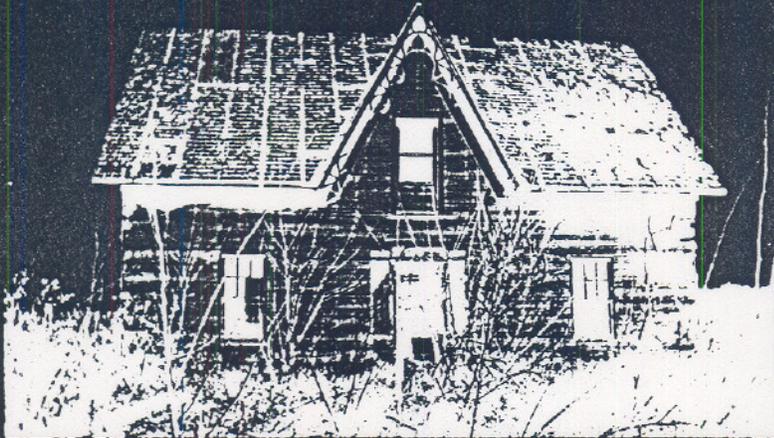
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Robert Moody and Descendents

Robert Moody and Jane Stewart were united in marriage on June 2, 1853 in Crevy-hill, Crossgar, County Down, Ireland. Some two years later on February 19, 1855, their first child Mary was born.

Because of a desire to do better financially, Robert came to America in 1856, leaving his family in Ireland. Here he worked for two years, missing only two days' work in that time. He worked for David Sterling and William McPeck. He was paid 25 cents for the first half day's work in this country. He was paid 75 cents per day for mowing hay and cradling wheat.



The picture shows the house in which William McPeck lived at the time Robert Moody was working for him.

Working for two years he was able to save enough money to return to Ireland and bring his wife and daughter, Mary, who was about three and one half years old.

Nothing is known of the relatives of Robert, who were left in Ireland. Jane Stewart Moody left her mother, one sister Eliza, and three brothers. One brother, William moved to Crevy-house. The others were James and Samuel.

After returning to America with his family, Robert lived for three or four years on the David Sterling farm. The house was located just below John Montgomery's house on the opposite side of the road. While living here Robert Moody, Junior, was born on Sept. 16, 1858, and David Moody was born on February 16, 1861. The family then moved into John Montgomery's old house, which is now moved back and used as a woodshed. Here the third son, George Moody was born on March 15, 1863. The picture shows George Moody



standing beside this shed.

Not more than a few months after George was born, Robert bought the forty acres now owned by Otto Fisher and lies across the road from his house. He cleared a spot and erected a cabin. This was during the Civil war. Before Robert had completed the cabin, President Lincoln made a call for all able bodied men. Not wishing to be drafted, Robert decided to enlist, knowing that it would necessitate leaving his family in

the green woods to get along the best they could. He enlisted for one hundred days thinking his family could get along without him for that length of time.

On the morning he was to leave, Robert arose early in order to leave before any of the children awakened. Robert, Jr., however, awakened and wanted to go along. Following his father as far as the spring, which was located near the middle of the forty acres, he was given a white penny and told to go back. This penny was carried by George Moody until he died.

Robert walked to Marysville, took a train for Columbus and enlisted at Camp Chase. Only a few of his war experiences are known. They were encamped at Stone River near Murfreesboro, when ordered to Ilks River, a two days' march distant. After arriving there and setting up their tents, they were immediately ordered back to Stone River. While awaiting here, Robert wrote home that they had gone foraging and brought back eighteen hogs and one cow, which they divided with the cavalry.

Robert bunked with three men from Union County, Jack Fout, Joe Chapman, and Ellis Manchall. Of these three, Joe Chapman was killed in battle; the others returned home. Robert wrote home that there was no danger of starving as long as Jack Fout was alive, as he could steal enough for a whole army.

Following are two letters that Robert Moody wrote home. In the first he relates his journey from Camp Chase to Tennessee. The second letter was written less than a month before he was killed. They will be given with the same spelling as was used in the letters originally.

September the 28th 1864

Dear Jane I embrace this opportunity to let you know where abouts I am I am in tennessee we are encamped about one mile from mufreesboro between the railroads and the mufreesboro pike on the old battle ground it is a desolate looking cuntry we cant see a fence looke what way we have to mind to nor any crop of any kind on wednesday the 14th after dinner we went out on batallion drill when we was out in line for drill lutennent Curnel Sterling came and told us that we hade not time for to drill for we had marching orders so we went to packing up things night come on and no orders to march thirsdlay come and no marching orders thursday night about tenn oclock word came to be ready to march in thirty minutes so we started for Columbus and got about two miles from camp when we got the word halt no cars could be got till morning so we got the word about fais march back to cemp so we marched 3/4 back to camp there we received orders to be up and have brackfast and be redy for to march again six oclock so we left cemp chase a friday morning and got to Columbus about nine and we left Columbus about 11 oclock for Cincinnati and got there between 11 and 12 oclock at night then we was marched up to the soldiers home and stayed there till morning saturday morning we got into the boat for louisville kentucky and landed there about one oclock saturday night saturday we remained in the boat till about nine oclock sunday morning then we marched up into town and stayed there till monday morning then we started for nashville tennasee got there about sundown a monday evening then we was marched to what is called Zoleyocffe house and there we got our suppers that was the largest building I ever saw they say it hade a room in it for every day in the year after we got our suppers we marched out to the edge of town and cemped till morning tuesday morning we took the cars for mufreesboro and got there about 11 oclock and then we marched about one mile out to the cemping ground and pitched our tents and there we now reside. we dont know how long we may stay here we may stay all winter and we may not more than two or three days I dont think we will leave very soon we are looking for to have a little briah with generell forrest one of these days he is reported to be within six miles of here with three thousand cevalry our redgment numbers eleven hundred strong and there is a good many old troops here and there is good fortifycations here and a good many conons I dont know how many but they boys ar all wishing for him to come the say that the would give him h---l I think that kentuck and tennessee is pretty much union you can see the cullers flying all over the stetes I will soon have to bring my letter to a close Jackson fout and ----- ellis minchel and myself is in one meos and bunks to together Jackson fout can hock enough for to doe the other three Henry C., moffet got himself badly hurt on the cars I myself ar in pretty good helth excepting a

bad cold I dontconcidder that a very deathly diseas I hope these few lines will find you and all the children enjoying good health and my well wishing neighbors pleas write soon and direct your letters to Robert Moody murfreesboro tennessee Co. BOVI 174 Regement cer of Captain Cole

those stamps that I spoke of in my other letter you need not send them to you here from me again let ne know if you got my likeness that I sent you R Moody to Jane Moody.

Decetor Alsbame November the 10th 1864

Dear wife I am on picket today we have to stand two hours on and four off and I thought I would embrace the four that I was off in writing you a few lines to let you know that I am enjoying good helth hoping that these few lines will find you and the children enjoying good helth I wrote a letter to David Sterling on the first day of November telling him that I hade not got any letters from home but I received a letter from you the evening of the day that I wrote to D Sterling it was wrote by roday Speck I was glad to see and to here that you and the children was all well when yours left and I was glad to here that you was getting along so well with your work inn the letter that I wrote to David Sterling I told him that I would have to stop writing because we hade orders to peck our things and be ready to march at a moments warning so we left the next morning and marched thirty miles to a place the call elk river it took ous two days and a half to gow to elk river when we got there all was quiet no rebils to be seen when we got there we was out of provisions so the detailed tenn men out of every Copeny to go out into the cuntry to get forage so I was one of the tenn that went from our company we took eight six muls teams with ous and there was about fifty cevelry men went with our to show ous where the things was we tooke sexen wegons lods of corn and oats and we killed fourteen hogs and ~~Wt~~ brought them into camp. we only stayed one day and one night at elk river but while we did stay we lived fat and hade plenty for to march back on to decator we landed back to decetor on the seventh night of.....

Either in this letter of which I have given only a part, Robert asked his wife to send him some things, including some tobacco and cheese. Before she could get the desired articles ready to send word came that he had been killed. He fell in the battle of Stone River, just outside of Murfreesboro. His body lies in the Stone River Cemetery near the spot where he fell. As far as I know, only two relatives, George Moody, his son and Lowell Fisher, a great grandson have visited the grave.

When Robert Moody and his family came to America, they were accompanied by two nephews of Jane Moody, Samuel and Hugh Hamilton. They were sixteen years of age. Samuel was working for George Coons when he was sent over to help a neighbor, West Tracy. In an argument, he slapped West Tracy and fearing arrest, he fled to Minnesota and was not heard from for thirty-five years. He lived and reared a family in Minnesota at East Chain Lake in Martin County. Hugh Hamilton went to Australia after being in America for some time.

Most of the descendants of Robert and Jane Stewart Moody live in Ohio. Following is given their names and information concerning them. It is hoped that those who receive copies of this history will keep the following pages up to date.

Born	Died		Married		Location
4-9-1911		Freda Mae *	4-10-1938	Earl Brush	Marysville, Ohio
3-15-1939		Shirley Eloise**			
8-3-1940		Norma Jane **			
9-6-1915		Mary Elizabeth *	1-23-1937	Ralph Stillings	Byhalia
9-10-1938		Barbara Jean **			
7-3-1918		Herbert Simpson *	9-30-1940	Ruby Davis	Army
10-26-1919		Paul Leonard *			Army
1-8-1922		Connie Avice *			
12-20-1923		Walter Ralph *			
9-16-1858		<u>Robert</u>			York Cem.
2-16-1861	7-21-1922	<u>David</u>	2-14-1885	Eliza Mulligan	Byhalia Cem.
1-3-1886		<u>Robert Preston</u>	3-8-1910	Ethel Stilwell Payne, O.	Springfield
8-26-1911		Berniece *			Cleveland
		(<u>Robert Preston</u>)	1- -1915	Hannah Huntsman	
12-18-1915		David S. *			Army
11-24-1917		Laura E. *			
11-24-1919		Charles E. *			
1-5-1924		Frank D. *			
3-28-1889	2-8-1942	<u>George Emory</u>	6-25-1908	Marian Kirk	Galion Cem.
6-19-1909	7-22-1929	Robert *			Byhalia Cem.
		(<u>George Emory</u>)	2-28-1920	Hannah Ricker D. 1-8-1939	
		(<u>George Emory</u>)	6-24-1940	Gladys Pierce	
3-28-1892	11-21-1927	Stewart	6- -1915	Alma Potts	Marion Cem.
12-23-1917		Ray *	12- -1937	Garnette Higgins	Marion, O.

Born	Died		Married		Location
1832	12-7-1864	<u>Robert Hoody</u>	6-2-1853	Jane Stewart	York Cem. Stone R. Cem.
2-19-1855	11-13-1910	<u>Mary Jane</u>		Jesse Fisher	Ada Cem. Byhalia Cem.
		<u>Orin</u>		Mae Fish	Celina, Ohio
		Mary Ellen*		William Deseke	Crawfordsville Ind.
		Don Robert**			
		**			
		Leon *		Julia Watson	Galloway, Ohio
		Donald **			
		Doris **			
11-4-1778		<u>David</u>	12-25-1900	Grace Williams	Byhalia, Ohio
				D. 1-31-1909	Byhalia Cem.
10-24-1901	12-18-1915	Ralph *			Byhalia Cem.
1-26-1904		Harold *	11- -1937	Christine Macy	Long Island
11-23-1940		David Ralph**			
12-29-1905		Lowell *	12-25-1929	Blanche Becker	Fostoria, Ohio
9-28-1930		Ruby Louise**			
2-4-1932		Esther May **			
9-11-1934		Eugene Robert **			
9-11-1934		Eleanor Ruth**			
8-27-1935		Miriam Ann **			
3-10-1942		Nancy Jane **			
		(<u>David</u>)	1-18-1911	Minnie Aurand	
10-7-1914		Louise *	8-12-1935	Clair Blue	West Jackson, O.
9-8-1936		Josephine **			
11-8-1940		David Charles**			
-1943		Janet Ruth **			
2-8-1918		Irving *			
4-12-1883		<u>Otto</u>	5-26-1910	Goldie Phillips	Byhalia, O.
7-18-1912		John Wesley *			Army
11-13-1913		Charles Brainard *			Lima, O.

6-10-1919

Harold *

4- -1940 Alberta Titus Marion, O.

(Arthur)

10-26-1926 Pauline Holderness

3-21-1886 2-24-1920

Chester

3-4-1909 Etta Waips

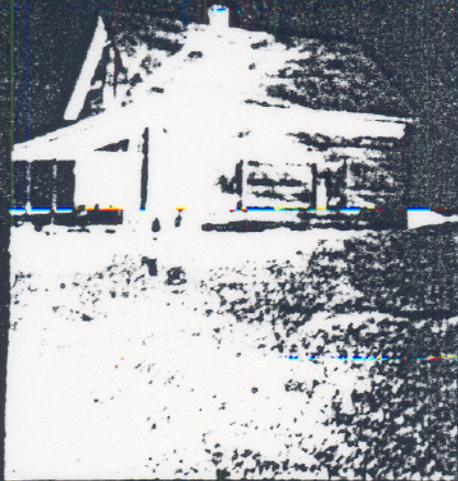
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Wynter *

Byhalia, O.

The remainder of this page will give some facts concerning some of the individuals listed on the preceding pages. These are not meant for the disclosure of generations.



The house shown here is sitting just across the road from the forty acres mentioned before. Lowell was born here.

The Moody boys were born in the house that now stands on the forty acres. George Moody became Chief of Police in Galion, dying with a stroke. Stewart was a captain on the police force in Marion at the time Harding conducted on the police force in Springfield. George's son Robert was killed in a plane crash in Nicaragua. His body was shipped back and buried in the Byhalia Cemetery.

Robert Moody, Jr. hanged himself, in the ~~was~~ across the road and a little west from Otto Fisher's house.

Arthur Moody worked for several years in the Marion Steam Shovel Company, dying suddenly on his way to work.

Orin Fisher has spent the greater part of his life as a greenhouse attendant. Otto Fisher worked for years driving an express truck in Lima. Before entering the army, John Wesley Fisher operated a Typewriter exchange in Lima. Others of the family are teachers, farmers, factory workers, etc.

There are many things that should have been included in this history that I did not know. A great part of this was furnished by George Moody, who was very much interested in the history of his ancestors.