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Memorial to John S. Moore

John Sanders Moore, son of Curtis P. and Smithy Jinnette Moore, died December 2, 1938, at the age of 90 years and 4 months. He spent his entire life, with the exception of a brief period spent in Indiana, in the vicinity of Woodland Monthly Meeting.

In 1870 he married Sarah Elizabeth King. From this marriage two daughters survive, Minnie Moore Southerland, Mt. Olive NC, and Laura Moore Edgerton, Rocky Mount NC. In 1890 he was married a second time to Luelma Barker, who died a few years ago. Two of their children survive, Hugh Watson Moore, a member of the Friends Services Committee in Philadelphia and Frances Moore Herring of Wilson NC. Another son Ezra Alexander Moore died in France following the close of World War being in the personnel of the Friends Service Committee. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren among whom is Ezra's only child, Marjorie, who is at present a junior at Guilford College.

John S. Moore spent 66 years in the work of the ministry, being recorded as a minister by Contentnea Quarterly Meeting 3rd month 4th, 1882. Woodland Monthly Meeting became the center of his activities where he preached regularly until a few months before his death. He was organizer of the Rhodes Monthly Meeting and for 48 years its pastor. He was actively engaged in the meeting at New Hope for 20 years, also he was a visiting minister at Bethesda and Hood Swamp. He was fortunate enough to visit about half of the Quarterly Meetings in the Yearly Meeting. Some of those visited were: Eastern, Western, Southern and Deep River. He loved to attend Yearly Meeting and tried to be there unless greatly hindered.

A quiet but effective worker, he was one of the oldest ministers of the gospel in the Friends Church and one of the most widely known and highly esteemed citizens of his county. We feel that his life was worthy of our emulation; that his was a rare religious experience; that he lived in close communion with the Heavenly Father and availed himself of every opportunity to testify in His name. His example and precepts have helped many who he met. In whatever situation placed he looked forward to a brighter and better time as he pressed on in the future. We have in mind a tribute to him by the Editor of a local paper, we quote: "He was one of the best men I ever knew and that is not my opinion alone but is the opinion of hundreds who knew him. No only was he good, but his goodness was reflected in the lives of his family and close friends. He didn't try to gain favor for himself, he sought only to serve humbly; and according to the Christian standard of greatness, he was great. In the words of Dr. W.L. Poteat, 'The height of distinction varies directly in proportion to the area of the base of service', according to that definition John S. Moore was great".

Truly his life has been owned and blessed of our Heavenly Father. He will not only be missed at Woodland, but to the limits of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting and throughout North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

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Memorial of Louelma E.B. Moore

Louelma E.B. Moore was born in Randolph County NC on May 27, 1853. She was the daughter of the late Alexander and Louisa Barker. For a number of years she taught school and was instrumental in helping several young people to attend college. She was always very much interested in education, peace and temperance.

On August 15, 1890 she was married to John S. Moore and to this union were born three children: Ezra Alexander who died in France where he had been in the service of Friends' Reconstruction work; Hugh Watson, a minister in Philadelphia, who at the time of his mother's death was in Europe in Friends Service work; and a devoted daughter, Frances Willard Herring of Wilson NC. In addition to the two surviving children she is survived by her husband and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Minnie Southerland of Mt. Olive NC, and Mrs. Laura A. Edgerton of Rocky Mount NC. Also surviving are several step-grandchildren, two granddaughters, Marjorie Moore and Nancy Lou Herring, two sisters and four brothers.

Louelma Moore was a loyal member of Woodland Monthly Meeting, being an overseer for a number of years. She served in many capacities and with untiring interest gave herself for the good of the Church and the community until failing health compelled her to relinquish some of her activities. She was a great help to her husband and his work as a minister, always assisting and encouraging him in every way possible.

For a number of years she was a member of the local school board, being the first woman to serve in that capacity in Wayne County.

She was taken ill on her way to attend North Carolina Yearly Meeting and was carried to the Clinic Hospital in Greensboro where every attention was given her. But in spite of the efforts of attending physicians, nurses and loved ones, God saw fit to take her from us on August 12, 1936.

The funeral was largely attended, services being conducted by her pastor, Calvin Gregory. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery.

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