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As with the Mower family, the variations on the name "Moore" include More, Moor, Moors, Moore, Moores, Mooers, Mowre, Mowear, Mower and even Mare. I am deeply indebted to Carolyn Depp who provided the research you see below. She also cites the work of Norma Karram.

Indian Raids were a well-founded fear and hazard of living in the wilderness. Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, in her book Good Wives... points out that "...[b]etween 1689 and 1730 nearly three hundred women, men and children were taken captive from northern New England..." thus lending "...an augmented fear of going to the well after dark or of sending children to a nearby wooded fringe to gather berries..." (p.202). Thus the fate of two of William Moore's children – William, Jr. & Mary – illustrate the fact that in the 1600s and early 1700s, what is now the state of Maine was very much the "wilderness frontier" of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Both William, Jr. & Mary were captured during an Indian Raid in 1694. William was later found living in Canada, Mary was never heard from again.

The period 1689 – 1730 is also commonly known as the time of the "French & Indian Wars".

The HANSON family (*see*) on my mother's side of the family tree also suffered greatly from the effects of Indian Raids. In the Moore's case, it appears that the children were taken by either a Canadian tribe or a Northern New England tribe doing work for the French. No ransom demand was apparently made. Mary either married a Frenchman in Canada, disappeared into the world of the "White Indian" as a member of a Northern tribe or died along the way after her capture. We know that William was discovered living in Canada in 1711, but it is not said whether he was living amongst the French or the Indians.

I shall continue to look for evidence of their fates.

First Generation

1. **William¹ MOORE** died before 12 May 1691 (when his estate was inventoried) in York, York co., ME^[1,2].

We know that William was a resident of York, York co., ME^[1] from probably 1640 and certainly 1652 onward – at the time, Maine was part of Massachusetts. He received grant from Mr. GODFREY "probably prior to 1640"^[3]; was also on the list of "Inhabitants of York at submission to Massachusetts" in November 1652^[4]. In 1653, he was granted 20 acres with John HARKER in Maine. In 1655, he and Philip Adams received 80 acres at Hull's Cove from Mr. GODFREY – this despite the fact that Moore & Godfrey had court actions in October of 1651 and also in 1653^[1]. Finally, he received a grant from the town of York, York co., ME in 1674^[1].

William was primarily a Fisherman and Ferryman. In fact, he was given a Ferry monopoly in 1683. He apparently dabbled in retail, being granted a Retail License in 1687 and cited for "retailing without lic." a scant three years later in 1690^[1].

William was a Freeman, having taken the Oath of Allegiance in March of 1679/80^[1]. He served the Town via Jury duty in 1678 and 1691^[1]. He also signed the "Yorkshire Petition" (as "Will: More") requesting that Major Richard Waldron be restored to his magistorial authority over York county on 5 July 1676 or in 1680 (sources give the two different dates. However, if he was only made Freeman in 1679/80, 1680 is a more likely date for him to have signed a petition.)^[1].

His will was dated 31 March 1691 and the inventory of estate was made on 12 May 1691. On 28 October 1691, administration of the estate was granted to his oldest son John^[1].

Circa 1650/1655 William married **Dorothy [surname not known]**^[1], whose father is unknown and whose mother **Joane's surname is unknown** (*see*), in York, York co., ME^[2,5]. We know the name of her mother's second husband is **William DIXON**, as Joane was named in his will dated 13 February 1666, but Dorothy was apparently his stepdaughter^[5]. In 1686, the Court ordered William and Dorothy Moore to take their mother,

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Joane Dixon, into their home and maintain her out of the estate willed to her by her husband, William Dixon, deceased^[1].

Dorothy died before 28 October 1693 in York, York co., ME^[1]. She was still living on 5 April 1693, but administration of her estate was given to her son John on 28 October 1693. A division of property was made 10 Jan 1693/4 among her "five daughters", omitting daughter Dorothy, a known cousin of James Dixon, for some as yet unknown reason^[1].

They had the following children:

2	i.	Eleanor
3	ii.	John
4	iii.	Ann
5	iv.	Dorothy
6	v.	Elizabeth
7	vi.	Robert
8	vii.	Sarah
9	viii.	Mary
10	ix.	Thomas
11	x.	William

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 2148/2149

Second Generation

Family of William MOORE (1) & Dorothy [surname not known]

2. Eleanor MOORE (*William*¹) was born circa 1667 in York co., ME^[1] and died in York co., ME in June 1747; she was 80^[1, 21]. Her birthdate is estimated from her death record, which indicates that she died in 1747 "in her 80th year"^[1].

Eleanor married **Richard ROGERS**^[1] who was born circa 1662 in Kittery, York co., ME^[1] and died on 8 June 1740; when he was 78^[1, 21]. As with Eleanor, his birthdate is estimated from his death record indicating that he was age 78 at the time of his death in 1740, as well as the fact that he was "about 73" in 1735^[1]. Richard settled "on the west side of Spruce Creek" in Maine and was "of Saco" in 1687 when, accused of theft along with William Erring, he fled the province^[1]. Richard's will was dated 10 July 1737 and proved 30 May 1740.

3. John² MOORE^[6,7] (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME^[1] and died before 7 July 1713 (the date when his will was proved) in York, York co., ME^[1].

John settled in York, York co., ME where he bought 30 acres at Braveboat Harbor adjoining his own land from Richard White in 1687^[1]. He took Oath of Allegiance 22 March 1679-80, probably at the same time as his father William^[1]. John was primarily a Shipwright; but, like his father, he was cited for "Retailing without a license" – John's infraction coming in 1695^[1].

He was appointed Administrator for his father's estate on 28 October 1691 and on mother's estate 28 October 1693^[1].

John Brawn, the son of John Brawn, Sr. & Ann Dixon, a daughter of William Dixon, called John Moore "cousin" in 1703. John Brawn was born circa 1643 and never married. He then "favors" his "Moore cousins" in his will dated 8 October 1703 and proved on 29 May 1704^[8].

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John Moore's own will was undated will and proved on 7 July 1713. In it he named his widow Martha, 2 sons, his oldest daughter, Martha, and 3 other daughters^[1].

Before 1679 John married **Martha WALFORD**^[1,6,9], daughter of **Jeremiah WALFORD & Mary BATCHELDER**, in York, York co., ME^[2,10,11]. Martha died after 1718^[1]. We know that she was alive in 1718 because grants given to her husband John Moore in 1688-1700 were confirmed to his widow, Martha, and two sons during that year.

They had the following children:

12	i.	Martha
13	ii.	John
14	iii.	Mary
15	iv.	Samuel
16	v.	Sarah
17	vi.	Tabitha
18	vii.	Abigail

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1074/1075

4. Ann MOORE. (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME and married **Daniel SMITH**^[1].

5. Dorothy MOORE (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME^[1]. She was given £5 in will-deed of her cousin James DIXON in 1666; yet for reasons unknown she is mentioned neither in her father's will dated 31 March 1691 nor in the division made of her mother's estate on 10 January 1693/4. However, her brother Thomas deeded 20 acres to her husband Daniel Dill circa 1678 as the "portion I am willing to allow to my own sister, Dorothy Moore"^[1,22].

Dorothy married **Daniel DILL**^[1], who was born between 1628 and 1633. His birth year is estimated from the ages he gave at several depositions given at York, York co., ME. He was a witness at a trial in York, York co., ME in 1660 and was listed as a Servant to Alexander Maxwell circa 1662. By 1666 his fortunes had improved and he bought land at York, York co., ME from Roland Young. In 1680 and 1689, he also received land grants from the town. However, "[i]n 1678 Daniel Dill was drunk and threatening to kill his wife, who was Dorothy Moore, sister to Thomas."^[1,23]

In May 1702 he deeded all to his son John in exchange for support during his lifetime with John to pay the other children's portions after his death. Dorothy was either dead or had been cut out of yet another will. All in all, Dorothy seems to be the star-crossed sibling in this family.

6. Elizabeth MOORE (*William*¹) married **Thomas TRAFTON**^[1].

7. Robert MOORE (*William*¹) married **Anna PENWILL**^[1].

8. Sarah MOORE (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME^[1,7]. She first married **Zaccheus WELCOM** of the Isle of Shoals off the New Hampshire coast Zaccheus died before 1700^[1,24], when Sarah's second husband, **Henry SPILLER**, was granted guardianship of her three children by Zaccheus^[1,24].

9. Mary MOORE (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME and was captured in an Indian Raid in 1694 along with her brother William. After that, her fate is unknown^[1,25].

10. Thomas MOORE (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME and died on 22 April 1718 in York co., ME^[1,7]. Thomas settled in York, York co., ME, where he received land grants in 1695 and 1699. He was a Ferryman,

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receiving his Ferryman's license in 1695 and 1696^[1,7]. He was granted administration of his father's estate on 28 October 1693^[1].

Thomas served in the militia and was "...with the York men attacked at Winter Harbor..." in September of 1707 [N.B. this is the exact wording given in my sources. Thus, I am not sure if the York Men attacked another party at Winter Harbor or if they were attacked at Winter Harbor.]. In addition, he was part of the party which recovered a stolen boat and took 4 prisoners in 1711 and served under Captain Preble on and Indian Expedition in 1712^[1,7].

Thomas married **Hannah HARRIS or WILLIAMS**, who died after 10 January 1710/11 in York co., ME^[1,7]. While we are not sure of her given surname, the Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire avers that she was the "daughter of widow Christian Kar"^[7]. At any rate, she was still living when her husband deeded his homestead and his 1699 land grant to Captain Lyons on 10 January 1710/11. Captain Lyons had previously bought Harker's Island from him^[1].

11. William MOORE (*William*¹) was born in York co., ME and was captured in the same Indian Raid in 1694 in which his sister Mary was taken. His family was uncertain if he were still alive in 1694, but he was discovered living in Canada in 1711^[1,7]. After that, his fate is not known.

Third Generation

Family of John MOORE (3) & Martha WALFORD

12. Martha³ MOORE^[1,6,12,13] (*John*², *William*¹) was born on 15 October 1683 in York, York co., ME^[1,26] and died in New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1720-March 1751/2; she was 36^[1,6,12]. One source states that she died "before March 1751-52"^[6] & the other gives her death as occurring "after 1720"^[12].

Martha was summoned into court at New Castle, Rockingham co., NH in 1718 and was living with Christopher Amazeen in 1720^[13].

She married **Christopher AMAZEEN**^[1,6,12,14], son of **John AMAZEEN & Mary BATCHELDER**.

They had one child (*surnamed AMAZEEN*):

- i. **Joseph**^[1,6,12,14,20]

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 537/538

13. John MOORE, Jr. (*John*², *William*¹) was born on 20 December 1687 in York, York co., ME^[1,7]. His birth record reads: "Jno. More: the age or beath (births) of John Moore's Children by his wife Martha, the dafter of _____ Walford of the Grate Island: John More, Borne Decem.r ye 20: 1687"^[26]. John's death date is unknown. He was still living in 1737.

In 1703 he was bequeathed one third of John BRAWN, Jr. "when of age"^[1]. This is part of the bequest given to John's father by his father's cousin John Brawn, Jr. John Brawn, Jr. was unmarried at the time of his death and preferred to give bequests to his "Moore cousins" in his will of 8 October 1703. Also, land grants given to John's father, John Sr., in 1688-1700 were confirmed to John, his mother, Martha and his brother Samuel in 1718.

John first married **Hannah JORDAN**^[1,7] and second married **Mary WOODMAN**^[1,7]. Mary was born on 1 June 1701 in York co., ME and died after 1737; she was 35^[1,27]. John had four daughters, but I do not have their information or by which wife^[1].

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14. Mary MOORE (*John², William¹*) was born on 23 May 1679 in York, York co., ME^[1]. Her birth record reads: "Jno. More: the age or beath (births) of John Moore's Children by his wife Martha, the dafter of _____ Walford of the Grate Island: Mary More was Borne May 23th 1679"^[1,26,28]. We are not sure of her death date, but the Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire says that she survived her husband by "many years"^[28]. In fact, she is included on "List of Proprietors" -- as "Roger Hunnewell's widow" -- for the town of Scarborough, Cumberland co., ME on 22 June 1720^[1].

In her father's will which is undated but was proved on 7 July 1713 she is referred to as "Marcy", which is a common version of "Mary" at the time (as is "Mercy").

Mary married **Roger HUNNEWELL**, son of [not known] **HUNNEWELL & Elizabeth STOVER**^[1]. He was born circa 1675 in Maine^[1] and died in Scarborough, Cumberland co., ME on 13 June 1720; he was 45^[1,28]. Roger was baptized on 15 October 1693 at the age of eighteen^[1,28]. This would seem to indicate that he became a member of a Baptist Church or, maybe he was just a late-comer.

Roger was a Mariner. His sloop *Yorkshire* was noted entering Boston Harbor from Barbados on June 1714. Proof of his residence at York, York co., ME is given by the fact that he was a witness in proceedings at York from 1702 – 1708^[1,28].

15. Samuel MOORE (*John², William¹*) was born on 14 January 1694/5 in York, York co., ME^[1,7] and died sometime after 1757, when he was reported still living^[1,7]. Samuel's birth record reads: "Jno. More: the age or beath (births) of John Moore's Children by his wife Martha, the dafter of _____ Walford of the Grate Island: Samuel More, Borne Janawary ye 14: 1694"^[1,26].

Also, land grants given to Samuel's father, John Sr., in 1688-1700 were confirmed to Samuel, his mother, Martha and his brother John in 1718. Samuel married **Dorcas HILTON** and they had 7 children^[1,29].

16. Sarah MOORE (*John², William¹*) was born on 7 January 1685/6 in York, York co., ME^[1,7]. Her birth record reads: "Jno. More: the age or beath (births) of John Moore's Children by his wife Martha, the dafter of _____ Walford of the Grate Island: Sarah More, Borne Janawary ye 7: 1685"^[1,26].

According to the Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire, Sarah possibly first married **Jonathan IRELAND**, who appeared in court at York, York co., ME together with his wife "Sarah MORE" in July 1718. This "Sarah" also witnessed the will of John Wells in York, 1723^[1,30]. My feeling is that this, and the marriage to Ichabod Austin were common-law marriages.

Sarah's next marriage was to **Ichabod AUSTIN**^[1,31]. Clearly they had a sexual relationship before marriage, since "Ichabod Austin (son of Captain Matthew Austin) was accused by Sarah Moore, daughter of John and Martha (Walford) Moore" of being the father of her son, Ichabod, born 12 Aug 1712."^[1,7]

Sarah next married **Ephraim AYERS**^[1]. Their relationship is ascertained by the following entry in the York, York co., ME vital records: "Epharim Aires, his Children, born in York of Sarah his Wife, the daughter of John More"^[1,7,32]. Note the difference in this record vs. those concerning Jonathon Ireland & Ichabod Austin. Sarah is referred to as "Sarah More" in those records, but here is referred to as "Sarah his Wife, the daughter of John More", thus seeming to indicate that Ephraim & Sarah were legally married. Regardless, Sarah seems to have been the wild child in this sibling unit.

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17. Tabitha MOORE (*John², William¹*) was born on 10 January 1689/90 in York, York co., ME^[1,7]. Her birth record reads: "Jno. More: the age or beath (births) of John Moore's Children by his wife Martha, the dafter of _____ Walford of the Grate Island: Tabatha More, Borne Janaw.r: ye 10 1689"^[1,26].

Tabitha first married **Thomas VINCENT**^[1,7] and died in March 1719 in York, York co., ME^[1]. They had two daughters who may have died young^[1].

Tabitha second married **William HARRIS** of York, York co., ME. William was born in York, York co., ME^[1,33]. They had 5 daughters by second husband between 1721 and 1732^[1,33].

18. Abigail MOORE (*John², William¹*) was born on 12 February 1691/2 in York, York co., ME^[1,7]. Her birth record reads: "Jno. More: the age or beath (births) of John Moore's Children by his wife Martha, the dafter of _____ Walford of the Grate Island: Abagall More, Borne february ye 12: 1691"^[1,26]. She may have died before her father^[1,7].

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