With the family name variations encompassing More, Moor, Moore, Moore, Mower, Mowear and Mower, one can find many possible – but not probable – family members in the early records of Lynn, Essex co., MA: "Dorythy More, d. George" born in Lynn on 8d:11m:1658^[4]. "James More and Ruth Pinnion married in Lynn on 28d:10m:1657"^[5]. "James Moore of Hammersmith", who died in 1659^[6]. His Hammersmith address indicates he was sent over to work in the Iron Works. "Sara More and Eleazer Giles married in Lynn of 25d:11m:1664"^[5] and a "Joanna Mowre and William Williams, int. of marriage on July 31, 1699" – she was probably a daughter of Samuell^[3].

The proven branch rose from the Richard Mower – a simple, emigrant Devonshire mariner – to one of prominence and eminence in the the City of Lynn, Essex co., MA. A quintessential illustration of the classic American Dream.

First Generation

1. Richard¹ MOWER was born in England circa 1596^[1]. He died in "first of" January 1668/9 in Lynn, Essex co., MA aged about 73 years as "Moore, Richard, father of John"^[1,2,3]. It is believed that Richard was from Devonshire and was a mariner^[9].

Richard was a passenger on the *Blessing* -- John Lecester [Lester], Master -- embarking at London between 17 June and 13 July 1635 for passage to New England. On the manifest, he is listed as "Richard More, aged 20". Richard came legally, being among the "...men [who] are noted as having brought certification from the Minister & Justices of their conformitie being no Subsedy Men, tooke ye oaths of Alleg: & Supremacie..." His name appears within that of the Vassall family, so perhaps he was affiliated with them or a servant of theirs^[7,8]. Also on this ship was Henry Beck, of my father's side of the family.

Richard was in Salem, Essex co., MA by 1638, when he received a land grant there, and had removed to Lynn, Essex co., MA by 1650. He was made Freeman to the Massachusetts Bay Colony on 28 Feb 1643, probably in Salem, which means he must have been a member of the Church at Salem, as well.

In Lynn, he served the town in modest capacities, being employed by Government in 1654; and a petitioner against imports in 1668^[9]. Richard's will is dated 19 November 1688.

Circa 1640, before the birth of his eldest son John, Richard first married **Alice [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[2,9,10,11,12]. Alice died on 29 May 1661/2 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,2,13] and is listed in the Lynn death records as "Moore, Alce, w. Rich[ard]".

They had the following children:

- 2 i. John
 - ii. Samuel was born circa 1642 in Lynn, Essex co., MA and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 22 November 1694; he was 52^[3]. He is listed in the Lynn death records as "Moor, Samuell, sr." Samuel was a Blacksmith. All of Samuel's children are listed under "More" or "Moore" in Volume 1, page 266 of the Lynn VRs. Before 1676 when Samuel was 34, he married Joanna MARSHALL, daughter of Captain Thomas MARSHALL & Rebecca [surname not known], in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[2,9,14,15,16]. Joanna was born on 14d:7m:1657 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[17].
 - **Thomas** was apparently estranged from his family. In his father Richard's will, the following legacy was left to Thomas: "...[that] he be paid five shillings if he be now alive and demand the same..." [6]
 - iv. Mary was born in 15d:11m(January):1661/2 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[27], married [not known] CHILLE and had a daughter named Hannah.

Generation: G9 Grandparents Person Numbers: 4032/4033

On 6 November 1662 Richard second married **Elizabeth [surname not known]** of Ipswich, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,2,9,18,1,19].

Second Generation

2. John² MOWER (*Richard*¹) was born circa 1640 in Lynn, Essex co., MA and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 22 October 1694; he was 54^[1,3]. He is listed in the Lynn death records "Moore, John".

As the oldest son, he received 2/3 of his father Richard's estate by will. Samuel received the other third and Thomas, apparently estranged, received "five shillings if he be now alive and demand the same" [6]. It is interesting to note that John apparently felt quite a kinship with his absent younger brother, since he named his first child after Thomas and not their father Richard, other brother Samuel or John himself. It was common at the time to name the children first after the parents, then grandparents, then after siblings or other relatives who had died. It could be that Thomas had died by 1674 or that John was on Thomas' side for whatever dispute estranged his little brother from their father.

John served as one of the soldiers from Lynn in the Narraganset Fort fight during the King Philip's War. For his service, he and others received as their gratuity the grant of "Narraganset No. 3" or "Sowhegan West" was given them and their descendants^[20]. This grant is now known as Amherst, Hillsborough co., NH.

On 21 July 1673 when John was 33, he married **Susannah MARSHALL**, daughter of **Captain Thomas MARSHALL** & **Rebecca [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,2,21,9,22]. They are in the Lynn marriage records "Marshall, Susanah and John Moore".

They had the following children:

- i. Thomas was born on 20 April 1674 as "Moore, Thomas" in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[25]. On 13 November 1711 when Thomas was 37, he married Mary LEWIS, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3].
- Richard1 was born on 26 February 1675 as "Moore, Richard" in Lynn, Essex co.,
 MA^[26]. He died before 22 August 1680, when Richard2 was born and named.
- **iii. John1** was born on 10 February 1678 as "Moore, John" in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[26]. John1 died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 24 October 1688 as "Moore, John"; he was $10^{[3]}$.
- 3 iv. Richard2
 - v. Susannah was born on 4 March 1684/5 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Moore, Susanah" [25]. On 16 January 1728/9 when Susannah was 43, she married **Jonathon JOHNSON**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3]. This seems awfully late, but is not impossible, for her first marriage.
 - vi. John2 was born on 23 May 1687 as "Moore, John". in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[26] and died on 24 October 1688; he was 1 yr. 5m.
 - **vii. Mary** was born on 5 December 1689 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Moore, Mary" [26]. In 1728 when Mary was 38, she married **William HILL**.

Generation: G8 Grandparents Person Numbers: 2016/2017

Third Generation

3. Captain Richard2³ MOWER (*John*², *Richard*¹) was born on 22 August 1680 as "Moore, Richard" in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[26]. Richard2 died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 10 February 1766 as "Mower, Richard, Capt., 'old'"; he was 85^[28].

Per his father's grant for serving in King Philip's War, Captain Richard was one of the early proprietors of Narragansett No. 3 or "Souhegan West" - what is now Amherst, Hillsborough co., NH. This territory was then part of Massachusetts. He was one of a company of three to manage the Proprietary and regulate allotments to the several claimants. His own property here was "Lott 21".

By virtue of his title as "Captain", Richard was clearly a longstanding member of the militia. He also served as Schoolmaster in Lynn, Essex co., MA in 1738.

Richard was a humble petitioner along with 31 others of "Severall of the Inhabitants of Boston, Lynn and Malden, being a new neighborhood although in three Townes and three Countyes, etc. for a road to connect them with mills, shops, etc. more conveniently."

Richard's will was proved on 7 April 1766^[1].

On 29 March 1705 when Richard2 was 24, he married **Thankfull SEAVER**, daughter of **Shubael SEAVER** & **Hannah WILSON**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,3,29]. An intention was also filed on 24 June 1704 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Richard Mower of Lynn & Thankful Sever of Roxbury (Seaver?)." In the Lynn marriage records, they are listed as "Mowre, Richard and Thankfull Sever [of Roxbury int]".

They had the following children:

- i. Thankful was born on 27 January 1705/6 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[32]. On 7 January 1727/8 when Thankful was 20, she married James PICKERING, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3]. She can be found in the Lynn marriage records under "Mower, Thanckfull".
- 4 ii. John
 - iii. Ezra was born on 19 May 1714 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 20 October 1743 when Ezra was 29, he married Lydia BURRILL, daughter of Honorable Ebeneezer BURRILL Esq. & Martha FARRINGTON, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[34].
 - iv. Richard was born on 24 December 1718 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33] and died circa 1758; he was 39. Richard was a member of the Harvard class of 1738. Richard married Lois [surname not known].

Generation: G7 Grandparents Person Numbers: 1008/1009

Fourth Generation

4. John⁴ MOWER, Sr. (Captain Richard³, John², Richard¹) was born on 17 October 1709 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. John died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 20 December 1803; he was 94.

On 10 August 1732 when John was 22, he first married **Mary BURRILL**, daughter of **The Honorable Ebeneezer BURRILL Esq. & Martha FARRINGTON**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,36]. They are in the Lynn marriage records as "Burriall, Mary and John Mower" and also as "Mower, John and Mary Burriall".

They had the following children:

- 5 i. John
 - **ii. Mary** was born on 16 July 1735 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. In 1767 when Mary was 31, she married **Nathan GIFFORD**.
 - iii. Ebeneezer was born on 1 March 1737 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33].
 - iv. Richard was born on 17 March 1738 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33].

Generation: G6 Grandparents Person Numbers: 504/505

On 24 May 1739 when John was 29, he second married **Elizabeth COLLINS**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,34].

They had the following children:

- i. Thankful was born on 2 April 1740 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[32].
- ii. Rebekah was born on 8 January 1742 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 1 January 1765 when Rebekah was 22, she married **Benjamin MAYHEW** of Boston^[3], in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3].
- **iii. Elizabeth** was born on 26 December 1744 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. Elizabeth married **Daniel MEARS**.
- **iv. Susannah** was born on 16 July 1748 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[32]. On 21 May 1770 when Susannah was 21, she married **John MILLAGE**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3]. The Church record says his last name is "Smellage".

Fifth Generation

5. John⁵ MOWER, Jr. (John⁴, Captain Richard³, John², Richard¹) was born on 10 February 1733 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,33] and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 20 December 1803; he was 70^[1,38].

John was listed as a Husbandman in 1783 and a Yeoman in 1778^[34]. As for church membership, the family was probably Quaker. Hannah Breed's father Nathan was an ardent Quaker. Also, the birth dates of the children are in Old Style well into the late 1700s. This means they were taken from the records of the Friends Society. Finally, his son John & his wife Hannah were definitely Quakers.

On 11 November 1754 when John was 21, he married **Hannah2 BREED**, daughter of **Nathan BREED** & **Mary BASSETT**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,29]. Their names are thrice in the Lynn marriage records, twice incorrectly: (1) as a misentry under "Mower, Hannah" in the bible source. (2) as the correct "Mower, John, and Hannah Breed" entry in the town records and (3) as another misentry in the bible source as "Mower, John, jr., and Hannah Mower, Nov. 1, 1795".

They had the following children:

- **i. Enoch1** was born on 5 March 1755 as "Mower, Enock" in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33] and died in 1756 in Lynn, Essex co., MA. Enoch1 was buried on 14 November 1756 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[42].
- ii. Lydia was born on 26 August 1757 in Lynn, Essex co., MA and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 26d:2m:1823; she was 65^[41]. On 15 April 1778 when Lydia was 20, she first married **Jabez BREED**, son of **Isaiah BREED**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[34]. Jabez was a Cordwainer^[34]. Lydia second married **John PRATT**.
- iii. Alice was born on 17 February 1759 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 27d:9m:1780 when Alice was 21, she married **Samuel CHASE**, son of **Philip CHASE** & **Hannah** [surname not known], in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43]. Samuel was of Swansea and a Cordwainer^[34].
- iv. Abigail was born on 13 October 1762 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 11d:4m:1783 when Abigail was 21, she married **Samuel BLAKE** of Newburyport^[34], son of **Amos BLAKE**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].
- v. Elizabeth was born on 18 July 1765 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. Before 1784 when Elizabeth was 18, she married **Benjamin Hood PHILLIPS**, son of **Gideon PHILLIPS** & **Rebekah [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].
- vi. Enoch2 was born on 13 April 1768 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33] [P.R. 156 says 1767]. On 21d:9m:1791 when Enoch2 was 23, he married Lydia NEWHALL, daughter of Abijah NEWHALL & Abigail [surname not known], in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[43].
- **Mary** was born on 12 March 1770 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 20d:9m:1792 when Mary was 22, she married **Jonathon PHILLIPS Jr.**, Cordwainer^[3], son of **Gideon PHILLIPS & Rebekah [surname not known]**. in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[44].
- viii. Martha (Twin) was born on 26 March 1773 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. Martha married Enoch BREED, Tanner^[34], son of Ebeneezer BREED & Lydia [surname not known].
- 7 ix. John (Twin)
 - x. Nathan was born on 7 February 1776 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. Nathan first married **Huldah WINSLOW**. Nathan second married **Lydia NEAL**.
 - **xi. [unnamed son]** was born on 5 March 1755 in Lynn, Essex co., MA and is only known from his entry in the Lynn birth records as "____, s. John, jr." [45].

Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 252/253

Sixth Generation

6. John⁶ MOWER III (*John*⁵⁻⁴, *Captain Richard*³, *John*², *Richard*¹) was born on 26 March 1773 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,33] and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 25 October 1825; he was 52^[1,38].

On 11 January 1795 when John was 21, he first married **Hannah WOODMAN**, daughter of **John WOODMAN Jr.** & **Hannah2 SCALES**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[46]. Their marriage was recorded in the Bible of John Norwood, 369 Summer Street [P.R. 125], where her maiden name is mistakenly listed as "Mower". He and Hannah were Quakers, so she was buried in the Friends' Burial Ground.

They had the following children:

- 7 i. Hannah (1798-1848)
 - **ii. [unnamed child]** who died on 30d:3m:1798 in Lynn, Essex co., MA. This child's death is listed in P.R. 125 [John Norwood's Bible] as "John Mower's Child Died 3 mo 30 1798" There is no other mention of this child.

Generation: G4 Grandparents Person Numbers: 126/127

On 14d:9m:1803 when John was 29, he second married **Sarah BREED**, daughter of **James BREED Jr.** & **Hannah [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[1,43]. Their marriage is recorded as "daughter of James, Jr. and Hannah, dec." in the C.R. 1 [The Salem Monthly Meeting Society of Friends Records].

They had the following children:

- i. Lydia was born on 14 June 1804.
- **ii. Louisa** was born on 20 June 1807 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 1 June 1826 when Louisa was 18, she married **Lycander CHASE**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Mower, Loisa"^[34].
- iii. Amos Edwin was born on 30 August 1810.
- iv. Nathan was born on 1 March 1818 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[33]. On 9 August 1840 when Nathan was 22, he married Catharine SILSBEE, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3].
- v. Samuel Carter was born on 11 May 1823 in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[32]. A duplicate record exists in C.R. 1 as "Mower Samuel, s. John and Sarah, 11:5m:1823". Samuel Carter became a Cordwainer^[3]. On 4 May 1845 when Samuel Carter was 21, he married **J. Hurd PIKE**, daughter of **Noah PIKE** & **Abigail [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[3]. Samuel was 22 and J. Hurd was 21.

Seventh Generation

7. Hannah⁷ **MOWER** (*John*⁶⁻⁴, *Captain Richard*³, *John*², *Richard*¹) was born on 19 April 1798 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Mower, Hannah, d. John, jr. and Hannah [Sarah dup]"^[1,33,48]. She supposedly died of Dysentery in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 4 September 1848 at age 50, by reckoning from her birth date. I think her death date is 1858, not 1848. First of all, her death record refers to her as 60 years old and not 50 years old. Secondly, Edward had a living wife "Hannah" in 1850 when the US Census was taken. There is no evidence for a second marriage between 1848 and 1850 to anyone, much less another Hannah. She is buried in Old or Western Burial Ground in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

On 5 April 1818 when Hannah was 19, she married **Captain Edward CARROLL**^[1], son of **Samuell CARROLL** & **Sarah [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Mower, Hannah and Edward Carrol" [49].

They had the following children (surnamed CARROLL):

- i. Sarah L. (1818-)
- ii. Harriet Attwood (1820-1890)
- iii. Lydia Dean (1821-)iv. Auria Angelina (1824-)v. Hannah Ellen (1826-)
- vi. Louisa Ann (1829-)
- vii. Edward Herbert (1831-1859)
- viii. Charles (1834-) ix. Adeline (1835-)

Generation: G3 Grandparents Person Numbers: 62/63

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