

# Moorman Family Notes

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1989

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Dear Mrs. Pope:

I finally found the time to do the research on the Moorman farm in Daviess County, Ky. which you requested earlier in the year. Sorry I could not get to it earlier. Enclosed is a report on what I found.

Also enclosed is a couple of pages, containing a reference to the Moorman family, from a book on Mark Twain's mother, Jane Clemens. Have you collected any data on the family of John Marshall Clemens & Jane Lampton? Jane was the daughter of Benjamin Lampton & Margaret Casey and the Casey family was related to the Rogers family, which I am presently compiling a book on. I would like to include family group charts on the families of Mark Twain's parents, his Lampton grandparents and Casey great-grandparents.

I have sent the papers from the case file of the Daviess County Circuit Court suit involving the settlement of the estate of Charles Patterson Moorman (1838-1908), referred to herein. And I have returned the check which is now long outdated. In all I spent six hours researching & compiling the enclosed data. For my time & copying expenses I will request \$25.00

Would you like me to research the Owensboro newspapers for the Moorman family - to see if there were any obits or death notices for Charles P. Moorman, his wife, Kitty Ann, his children and half-brothers & sisters? Do you have a copy of an obituary for John T. Moorman (1860-1941)? Have you made any recent Wilson discoveries? I hope to have some time after the first of the year to get back to doing some research on the Wilsons. Bye for now and hope all is well.

Yours truly,  
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**Moorman Farm in Daviess County, Ky.**  
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Charles Patterson Moorman (1838-1908), son of Thomas Clark Moorman & Maria Bruner, in 1905 moved from Hancock County, Ky. to the Browns Valley area of Daviess County, Ky. On 9 November 1905 he purchased a 25 acre farm on the Fitts Road, in Daviess County, about 2 miles west of Browns Valley & highway 431. The farm, in the Moorman family for 65 years, is today part of "Delacey Farms", owned by Floyd H. Delacey.

To travel to the farm from Owensboro drive to Delacey Farms, located on the west side of highway 431 about 6 miles south of Owensboro. Just past the entrance to Delacey Farms turn west onto Burns Road (no.2). A little more than a mile, at the intersection with the Fitts Road, turn south onto the Fitts Road. About 1/4 mile is an "S" curve in the road. In this curve the Moorman farm fronts the Fitts Road on the west side. One can also turn west onto highway 554 at the Panther Creek Church on highway 431, turn south at first road off 554 (Fitts Road) and from here the Moorman farm is a little more than 2 miles. The land is now farmed and contains no buildings.

On the 1876 Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, Ky. (p.42) the Moorman farm is shown as being part of a 227 ½ acre tract owned by J. R. Fitts. On 5 July 1879 John Randolph Fitts (1845-1932) & wife Martha sold 100 acres of this tract to his father John L. Fitts (1811-1891) [Daviess County, Ky., deed book 34, p.121]. John L. Fitts was murdered by a neighbor on 17 Aug. 1891. The will of John L. Fitts directed that the same 100 acre tract was to be divided into 25 acre lots and one lot each was to go to: his son John R. Fitts, his daughter Emma Fitts, grandson John Handley Fitts & granddaughter Verrena Fitts. The 25 acre lot inherited by the latter was subsequently the Moorman farm.

Miss Verrena (Rena) Fitts (1866-1955) was the daughter of Richard M. J. Fitts & Sarah B. Baird. Her father on the 1876 Atlas Map of Daviess County, .Ky. was shown as owning 79 acres on the east side of the tract owned by J. R. Fitts, originally part of the lands of his father-in-law James Baird, it is located on the east side of the S curve in the Fitts Road and on the other side of the road from the Moorman farm. Fitts data from the will of John L. Fitts, written 21 Feb. 1883, codicil added 6 July 1891 & recorded Daviess County Will Book D, p.350; & "Some Descendants of William Fitts and Frances Johnson", Kentucky Family Records, West Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, Ky., Vol. 12, 1987, pp.96-97.

Verrrena Fitts sold the 25 acres left to her by her grandfather to R. Lee English on 26 Oct. 1892 [Daviess County, Ky. Deed Book 58, p.19]. R. Lee English & wife Rosa T. sold the same to S. E. wife of W. A. Miller on 18 Dec. 1894 [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 62, p.226]. W. A. Miller & wife S. E. sold the same to W. F. Rapier on 18 Dec. 1894 [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 62, p.4261]. W. F. Rapier sold the same to H. H. McCain on 22 Sep. 1898 [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 68, p.400]. H. H. McCain sold the same to Lydia Hagan on 1 Jan. 1900 [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 104, p.254]. In the Daviess. County Circuit Court suit of H. H. McCain versus the infant heirs of Mrs. Lydia Hagan, dec'd (Charles, Arthur, John, Fannie, Ella, Pearl &

Emma Hagan, all under age 14) the same 25 acres was ordered to be sold at auction. C. P. Moorman was the highest bidder and on 9 Nov. 1905 John Kirk, commissioner for Hagan heirs, deeded the 25 acres to C. P. Moorman [Daviess County, Ky. Commissioners deed book G, p.638].

Charles P. Moorman of Daviess County, Ky. on 5 Oct. 1908 died intestate. Louis I. Igleheart (1878-1940), an attorney of Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky., was appointed the administrator of the estate of C. P. Moorman, dec'd, in April 1909 To settle the estate Igleheart brought suit against the heirs of C. P. Moorman [Daviess County, Ky. Circuit Court suit #9519, file #1803] on 7 April 1909.. The heirs named in the suit were: Widow, Katie Moorman of Daviess County, Ky.; children, R. B. Moorman of Daviess County, Ky., Melvina wife of J. O. Brown of Pellville, Hancock County, Ky., Emily J. wife of O. D. Brown of Daviess County, Ky., Maggie F. wife of Estil Euan of Eldorado, Ill., Dudley G. Moorman & wife Clyde of McQuady, Breckinridge County, Ky., John T. Moorman & wife Annie of Prentiss, Ohio County, Ky., C. H. Moorman of Lexington, Ks., Flora B. wife of Elmer Euan of Eldorado, Ill., & granddaughter Elton K. wife of Winfred Nicely of Daviess County, Ky. (daughter of Ida wife of John Chappell, who preceded her father, Charles P. Moorman, in death). The court ordered the 25 acre farm to be sold at auction. Robert B. Moorman (1877-1963), son of Charles P., was the highest bidder and on 10 Jan 1911 Louis I. Igleheart, adm'r of C. P. Moorman, dec'd, & the above named Moorman heirs deeded the 25 acres to Robert B. Moorman. [Daviess County, Ky. Commissioners deed book I, p.276]. On 3 March 1914 R. B. Moorman purchased from Florence & William F. Stout another 25 .acres on the Fitts Road, which adjoined the 25 acres purchased by his father [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 94, p.413].

Robert B. Moorman died intestate in Daviess County, Ky. on 19 Aug. 1963. His, estate descended to his three children as proven by an "Affidavit of Descent" recorded on 23 March 1964. France Newcom of Kirkwood, Mo., Robert W. Moorman of Yakima, Wash. & George T. Moorman of Owensboro, Ky. each had a 1/3 interest in the estate of Robert B. Moorman, dec'd (Daviess County, Ky. deed book 327, p.209). Frances & husband William E. Newcom on 27 March 1964 sold her 1/3 interest in the two adjoining 25 acre tracts, to her brother George T. Moorman [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 327, p.210]. Robert W. Moorman (single) sold his 1/3 interest in the same to his brother George T. Moorman on 25 March 1964 [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 327, p.212].

George T. Moorman & wife Marjorie Howard Moorman, of Owensboro, Ky., on 25 Feb. 1971 sold the same 50 acres to Floyd H. Delacey & wife Cora, for \$35, 250.00 [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 399, p.222]. In a Deed of Trusteeship for the lands of Floyd H. Delacey, recorded on 27 March 1985, the same 50 acres was referred to as the "Moorman Farm" [Daviess County, Ky. deed book 542, p.445]. Floyd H. Delacey, as of this writing, 17 Oct. 1989, is the owner of the farm which from 1905 to 1971 had successively been owned by: Charles P. Moorman, his son Robert B. Moorman, and his grandson George T. Moorman.

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5 November 1989

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Dear Mrs. Pope:

At the Owensboro Library we have indexes of the obituaries in the Owensboro newspaper from 1920 to the present. We have just started on the decade of 1910. Robert McManaway has compiled indexes for the papers prior to 1890. We thus have 30 more years to go. I checked these indexes for members of the family of Thomas Clark Moorman (b.c1813-d.1883, ml Maria Bruner & m2 Catherine C. Miller).

I found & copied articles on 15 of the 33 members of the family I checked for. Enclosed are copies & a list of those that I checked for, as well as a couple of more pages of notes. I will ask \$4.00 for my copying expenses (the library asks 20c/copy from the microfilm printer) and \$10.00 for my time or a total of \$14.00

I did not check for obits for the children of John T. Moorman & Anna Laura Haynes. I did not have a list of their children. Would you please share a family group chart on their family? The Owensboro, Ky. City Directories indicate that William David Moorman (b.1854, s/o Thomas C. Moorman & Catherine C. Miller) died between 1907-1909. He is listed in the 1907 edition & in the 1909 volume his wife, Mary E., is listed as the widow of Wm. D. Moorman. I have not yet checked the records at the Daviess County Courthouse for some indication of his death. If an administrator was appointed for him I may be able to locate his obituary from that date (his wife was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro in 1922, the records there do not start until 1914).

George Truitt Moorman (s/o Robert B. Moorman & Iva Nicely) is listed in the 1980 Owensboro City Directory but not in the subsequent issues. He does not appear in the 1980-1989 Owensboro obits. He must have moved elsewhere. Do you know where he is living? He is the last member of the family to own the old Moorman farm in Daviess County, Ky. If you do not know where he is, would you like me to try to locate him?

Bye for now.

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12 December 1989

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Dear Cousin,

Here are your books. I hope I did not keep them too long. I enjoyed looking at them. I copied about 100 pages related to our Dubois-Vanmeter ancestry. I plan to have them all bound into one volume. Most of these pages are from the first 4 volumes which you so graciously loaned me. I have also added a few pages from the 4 volumes which I have, vols. 17-20. Would you please tell me a little about the other volumes published by the Dubois family association? Would you, if it is convenient, copy the sections from Vols. 5-16 that pertain to the lines of: G-1271 William B. or Josiah Vanmeter, (G-1272 Nancy Davis Bruner (line contributed by Ruth Bruner Sims), (G-1273 Elizabeth V. Davis Tabb, or any other info related to the family of Capt. Jacob Vanmeter & Catherine Covenhoven. From these volumes there shouldn't be too many more pages related to the above lines. Also in vols. 5-16 is there any other sections pertaining to the Dubois line in France, the immigrant Louis Dubois, or the early Vanmeters. If there are any pages in these volumes or in volumes subsequent to vol. 20 on our early Dubois-Vanmeter ancestors, could I also request copies? Was vol. 21 a book of corrections and if so, are these the pages you incorporated into the Vanmeter sections of the earlier volumes? Since vol. 20, issued in 1984, the last book I have a copy of, how many other volumes have been issued & what is their nature? Does the association have plans for any future publications? If the above requests are not understandable or too much, please do not bother. Thank you for letting me borrow your books, I am complimented by your trust.

The obituary for Catherine (Kitty) Ann Glover Moorman that was published in the Owensboro, Ky. newspaper in 1918 mistakenly appeared under the name of Mrs. Mary Moorman. Many mistakes in the reporting of names in the old newspapers are common. In abstracting the old Owensboro newspapers I have found numerous errors in spelling & substitution of wrong first names. Apparently accuracy in reporting had not yet been adopted as the guiding light of Journalism.

I have done a little more research on the Moorman families that moved to Owensboro from Hancock County, Ky. in return for the use of the Dubois books. I tried several ways to locate the deathdate of William D. Moorman (1854-1907/1909) but was unsuccessful. At the Daviess County Courthouse I checked the will, settlement, order & administrator bond books but found no record pertaining to William D. Moorman. I went to Elmwood Cemetery to locate the grave of his wife, Mary E. Harrison Moorman, I had thought he may have had a monument in the same lot. I found her monument, it read: Mary E. Moorman (Mother, 17 Oct 1858 - 17 Oct 1922). He did not have a monument by her (the cemetery's records of burials do not start until 1914). On the right side of her grave is an open space which is possibly her husband's unmarked grave. On the left side of her grave is a monument for her son, James F. Moorman (28 Aug 1881 - 15 Jan 1926) & his wife, Claudia (23 Sep 1886 - 24 Jan 1979). I next tried to research the children of William D. & Mary E. Harrison Moorman in hopes of locating some descendants. Enclosed is an abstract of their household from the 1900 Daviess County, Ky. census.

William D. Moorman & Mary E. Harrison had three children: Chester W., b. Feb 1880, d. 23 Jul 1930 Owensboro, Ky., buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky., he was married (did not marry in Daviess Co., Ky.) but had no surviving children. James Franklin Moorman, b. 28 Aug 1881, d. 15 Jan 1926 Owensboro, Ky., buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky., he married Claudia. Bader 17 Oct 1923 Owensboro, Ky. (according to Daviess Co., Ky. marriage book 51, p.47, he was age 42, born in Hancock Co., KY, it was his first marriage, & he was the son of W. D. & Mary E. Moorman), they did not have any children. Birdie Moorman b. Oct 1889, married Ivory Phillips (not in Daviess Co., Ky.). Ivory Phillips was b.29 Jul 1889 in Hancock Co., Ky., d. 19 Oct 1937 Owensboro, Ky., he has a monument at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro but his wife is not shown in a listing of the cemetery. Ivory Phillips was the son of Alfred B. Phillips (1866-1944) & Addie B. Dunn (1867-1924), and grandson of David Jerald Phillips (13 May 1847 - 9 Jan 1911, he was a Baptist minister & was jailer of Hancock County, Ky. in 1907) & Sarah Frances Freels (9 Jan 1848 -15 Oct 1930, after her husband's death she operated a hotel in Pellville, Ky., she & her husband are buried at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Hancock County, Ky. Birdie Moorman Phillips last appears in the Owensboro City Directories in 1937, no remarriage for her appeared in Daviess County, Ky. & under the Phillips name she was not found in the Owensboro obits 1937-1989. Ivory Phillips was survived by three sons, Alfred B., David & Ivory Jr., did not find them in the Owensboro obits or in the Owensboro cemeteries. Enclosed are copies of the obituaries Of James Frank & Chester Moorman & their brother-in-law Ivory Phillips.

At the time of the 1900 Daviess County, Ky. census Benjamin Franklin. Moorman (Dec 1860 - 28 Mar 1931) was living with his brother, William D. Moorman. From the Gibson Funeral Home records at Hawesville, Ky. I found a record for the burial of his wife. It recorded that: Mrs. John Alice Moorman, d. 13 Oct 1941 in Hancock Co., Ky., age 81-11-29, b. 4 Oct 1859 Hardin Co., Ky., widow of Benjamin Franklin Moorman, father Bryant Glover, mother Martha Jane. Morrison, buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky., survived by daughter Miss Evelyn Moorman of Hancock Co., Ky. Found no obit for her in the Owensboro newspapers (sent copy of her husband's previously). The only child of Ben F. & Alice J. Moorman living in 1900 was Evelyn M., b. Nov 1883, according to the Owensboro newspaper she was struck by an automobile & killed in Dayton, Ohio in February 1950 (copy enclosed), she was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky. (probably by her parents, if so her grave is unmarked, I have seen her parents monument & she does not have a monument near them).

I have a couple of questions on the Haynes family. Two members of my Pate family married Haynes. Eliza Jane Pate (1836-1878) md. Charles Ellis Haynes (1828-1885), a brother to your great-grandfather, Francis Webster Haynes. Do you have any info on the family of Charles Ellis Haynes? On your chart you site as a source a newspaper clipping in Justin Simpson's bible, do you have a copy? Also do you have info on J. T. Haynes, b. c1859, son of William Hardin Haynes (another brother of your great-grandfather) & Sarah F. Hall. In Ohio County, Ky. marriage book 16 p.273, it is recorded that J. T. Haynes md. Sarah Vandiver on 1 Jan.1905, it was recorded that he was age 45, res. Horse Branch, a farmer, his 2nd marriage, father W. H. Haynes (b. Ohio Co., Ky.) & mother Sarah F. Hall (b. Ohio Co., Ky.), his bride was age 31, res. Renfrow, b. Ohio Co., Ky., d/o Mark Likens. Is J. T.'s name James T. and if so is he the James T. Haynes who married Mary R. Pate in Ohio Co., Ky. on 5 Nov 1877 (I am trying to find out what

happened to Mary R. Pate). The James T. Haynes who married her was reported to be aged 19, his 1st marriage, born Hancock Co., Ky. (Ohio Co., Ky. marriage book V, p.366). Also in Ohio Co., Ky. a James T. Haynes married Aletha Duvall on 21 Sep 1881, he was reported to be aged 23, 1 st marriage, born Hancock Co., Ky. (Ohio Co., Ky. marriage book Y, p.374). Are these three marriages all for the same person? Do you know if William Hardin Haynes & Sarah F. Hall had a son named Alva Whitely Haynes, b. c1866 (he married in Ohio Co., Ky. in 1887 to Margaret Ashford, another one of my relatives?

Bye for now and thanks again.

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Blackford Baptist Church, Hancock County, Ky.

Chas. P. Moorman	18 Aug 1838	5 Oct 1908
Kitty A. Moorman (w/o Chas. P.)	13 Dec 1840	13 Aug 1918

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hancock County, Ky.

J. C. Moorman	25 Mar 1856	17 Feb 1922
Margaret E. Moorman (w/o J. C.)	11 Sep 1866	
Fannie B. Moorman (d/o J. T. & L.)	26 Nov 1887	20 May 1890

Pellville Cemetery, Hancock County, Ky.

J. O. Brown	17 Jun 1861	28 Apr 1938
Melvina Brown (w/o J. O.)	2 Jul 1867	29 Aug 1921
Owen M. Corley	5 Mar 1895	3 Mar 1963
Zulah E. Corley	2 Feb 1890	6 Dec 1968
Hayden Harrison	29 Jan 1853	16 Jan 1921
Fannie Harrison	30 Apr 1858	

Utility Baptist Church, Hancock County, Ky.

Ida L. Chappell (w/o John C.)	7 Jun 1865	24 Nov 1884
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Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, Ky.

John C. Chappell	12 Nov 1857	7 Mar 1932
Hattie A. Chappell (w/o John C.)	23 Mar 1869	13 Feb 1940

Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky.

Oliver D. Brown [section I. lot 142]	23 Mar 1862	30 Jun 1935
Emily J. Brown (w/o O. D.)	11	11 Nov 1927
Ben F. Moorman [section F, lqt 121]	1860	1931
Alice Moorman (w/o B. F.)	1859	1941

Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky.

Robert B. Moorman	1877	1963
Iva N. Moorman (w/o Robert)	1889	1927
Robert W. Moorman	24 May 1916	7 Jun 1965
W. S. Nicely	1 Jan 1887	7 Oct 1956
Elton C. Nicely (w/o W.S.)	2 Oct 1883	5 Sep 1954
William H. Stewart	23 Oct 1856	12 Aug 1906
Hattie Stewart (w/o Wm. H.)	19 Mar 1863	30 Aug 1933

Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, Ky.

John T. Moorman	1859	1941
Annie L. Moorman (w/o J. T.)	1869	1948
Harry A. Moorman	5 Feb 1893	15 Dec 1918
Smith Moorman	1904	1931
Fred Moorman	7 Sep 1912	10 Feb 1934

Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Ky.

Mary E. Moorman (w/o Wm. D.)	17 Oct 1858	17 Oct 1922
J. Frank Moorman	28 Aug 1881	15 Jan 1926
Claudia Moorman (w/o J. F.)	23 Sep 1886	24 Jan 1979