

Albert Phillip Moore
1838 – 1913

Albert Phillip Moore, aka Alfred Phillip, was born in South Carolina in 1838 to a white father and black mother in Fairfield County. As a young man, he married a young Indian girl named Mary and began a career as a farmer. Phillip died in 1913 and Mary died on April 29, 1898 and both are buried in the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church cemetery in Fairfield County. In 1872, Albert Phillip Moore was elected as a Republican to South Carolina state legislature during the Reconstruction Period in the South. During this racially turbulent time after the gruesome Civil War, black legislatures were elected to office because all freed slaves were given the right to vote. On the other hand, white planters and farmers of the South could not vote until they took the allegiance oath; many did not. Phillip served four years in office until the rise of the paramilitary organizations. The Red Shirts and Democratic candidate Wade Hampton organized parades and rallies to motivate attendees and displayed force to intimidate white and black bystanders to vote Democratic or refrain from voting. Albert Phillip Moore served until 1876 when most of the blacks were removed from the legislature. The South Carolina State legislature had no blacks in any