

JAMES MOORE, IMPUNCTUAL JUROR

In SCMAR, vol. 3, p. 131, was published information taken from the Bible of Clarissa (Moore) Lindsay, which included the statement that Elizabeth Marion Moore, wife of James Moore, died in 1829. This was the only date in this Bible record which did not give month and day, and since it obviously was written some years after Mrs. Moore's death, other evidence is in order.

Such evidence is strangely recorded in the Minutes of the York District Court of Common Pleas, October Term, 1829. James Moore was a venire-man at this term of court but failed to answer roll call. He made his excuse before J. M. Ross, Q.U. with a rather poignant explanation:

Personally came James Moore before me, John M. Ross, one of the Justices for the district, and being duly Sworn saith that he Attended as Punctually as it was possible for him under his Circumstances; that on the Morning he was called he was a few Minutes too late when called, and that he left his residence as early as he could leave his Children, having lately been bereft of his Wife. Sworn to & Subscribed this 23rd Octr 1829.

The excuse was granted.