

Past Is Ever Present For Student Moore

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she inherited three family fortunes and in 1853 married John Wheeler Moore in the living room of this very house," Jimmy stated with pride.

Law Office

Major Moore, whose law office still stands in a nearby structure and whose portrait and sword are in prominent places in the home, was in the Confederate Army. He wrote the first school history of North Carolina in 1879 and in 1880 published a two-volume history of the state.

In 1881, the Major published a novel, *Heirs of St. Kilda*, about an island off the coast of Scotland. In 1882, he wrote a *Roster of Troops Contributed by North Carolina to the Defense of the Confederate States*. Jimmy said as far as he could determine, this was the first work of this kind.

When "Anniesdale" burned in 1866, Major Moore and Anne moved back to "Maple Lawn" where her mother still lived. Ironically, Parker Hall at Chowan, where Jimmy now lives while attending college, was the site of Anne's home.

Land Divided

Anne died in 1901 and the land was divided among her seven children with the house going to her eldest son, Arthur Cotton Moore—"by this time the spelling of Cotton had been changed from Cotten—" his portion of the plantation.

The house was inherited by Jimmy's grandfather, John Raynor Moore, in 1926 and "it was a dream of my grandfather's to own all the land that had been the property of Major and Mrs. Moore at the time of their death. So he bought all the land owned by the six other children," Jimmy observed. "There are 800 acres of the original 1,000 acre grant with some 200 under

cultivation. My grandfather died in 1969 so now it is my grandmother's."

During the depression years, several relatives thought some of the furniture should be sold and two daughters, who had let the household items remain there until 1920, wrote and said they were coming down to hold an auction.

"My grandfather put his foot down—there would be no auction. This caused a break in the family that has never healed," Jimmy stated.

Furnishings Remain

When Major Moore and his wife died, the furnishings and draperies stayed in "this room until 1958. They were hanging in shreds and my grandmother sent the drapes and old rug off and the rug we are now using is woven from these almost disintegrated pieces."

Throughout the house hang old and beautiful paintings, either painted or collected by members of the family for four generations. Almost covering one wall of the living room is a painting of Sir Walter Raleigh spreading his cloak for Queen Elizabeth painted by an early Chowan College Art Professor in 1854, Miss Julia Reuger. According to legend, Anne Ward Moore posed for the figure of the Queen and the others were provided by history books. The painting, including the lovely gold colored embossed frame, is five feet high and six feet wide.

At one of the paintings in the hall, which depicts a team of oxen pulling some logs through snow, Jimmy stopped and told the story that when one of his ancestors was in some sort of trouble in Canada, the picture and one other were sent to Achoskie. Also included in the shipment were some diamonds wrapped in a rug



PRE-STEINWAY PIANO, one of the many old and prized pieces of antique furniture in the John Raynor Moore home, has an interesting story behind its purchase. Young Jimmy Moore says his great-great-grandfather traded Augustus Stein, a personal friend, a horse for the instrument.

"but these were never found."

Modern Conveniences

The only modern conveniences in the home are lights, running water and oil heating. All the furniture is from the period following the Civil War because all original furnishings were destroyed with the exception of a large crystal hurricane lamp shade, Jimmy believes.

This young man gives a vivid impression that he is keenly involved in the past and enjoys all time and research spent tracing his family background. While sitting in the living room and listening to Jimmy talk, one

expected to be served a mint julep by a daughter of the house in an off-the-shoulder dress, hoop skirt and wearing a cameo on a black ribbon around her neck.

No such luck. In a few minutes this visitor was back on the highway amid the signs of "progress"—automobiles emitting pollution from their exhaust and

monstrous trucks whizzing by all the time and thinking, "I believe I'll turn around and go back."

But you can't go back, can you? Only in your mind's eye can you return to the peace and contentment of such an era and Jimmy, as he talks, seems to live the era to the hilt.

Alumna Now Teaching

A new faculty and a new staff member have been employed by Nash Technical Institute for the fall quarter, it was announced today by Jack Ballard, president of the institute.

Carolyn Faye Brinkley has been employed by Nash Technical Institute as an instructor in the business department, and Roy Walston has been obtained as an out-reach counselor.

"We are very happy to have these two fine people join our staff here at Nash Tech, and we feel that they will be an asset to the furthering of education in the Nash County community," said Ballard.

Miss Brinkley is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, where she earned a B.S. degree in Business Education. She also

holds an A.A. degree in Secretarial Administration from Chowan College.

The new business instructor is also included among the listings of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities and has also won several honors and awards in business related fields. She was a frequent member of the Dean's List and Honor Roll in college, maintaining a 3.15 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Walston, 26, was recently employed by Learning Consultants of North Carolina before coming to Nash Tech. He is a native of Scotland Neck, attended two years at Chowan College and then received his degree in Physical Education from East Carolina University in Greenville.



1,460 PAGE BIBLE printed in 1851 in Philadelphia lies in a prominent place in the Raynor Moore home—on a table in front of a 150-year-old couch. The piano was bought by Jimmy Moore's ancestor at the 1896 Chicago Exposition and though slightly out of tune, can still be played. The Bible contains dates and records of the history of the Moore family.

Professor Emeritus Loses Husband

Mrs. Frances White Coleman of Boykins, Va., who served as professor of religion and English from 1953 until her retirement in 1968, recently lost her husband, Henry Gordon Coleman, who died on August 10, 1972. Mrs. Coleman serves as a member of the Endowment Committee of the college. A sister of Coleman, the late Miss Anabelle Coleman of Durham, was a foreign missionary and a brother, Dr. T. Rupert Coleman, is pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla.

Coleman was a frequent visitor to the campus with Mrs. Coleman for such events as the Planning Conference and President's Banquet at the beginning of the new academic year.