

Ancestors of Agnes Elizabeth Moorhead

Generation No. 1

1. Agnes Elizabeth Moorhead, born August 29, 1817; died September 06, 1903 in New Alexandria, PA. She was the daughter of **2. Samuel Moorhead** and **3. Martha Bell**. She married **(1) Joseph Shields**.

Notes for Agnes Elizabeth Moorhead:

- Agnes Elizabeth Moorhead born August 29, 1817, died September 6, 1903. Married Joseph Shields of New Alexandria, PA. Grandson of Col. John Shields, the settler of the name in this locality in 1765. Had 11 children, Pages 125-126 "Pi On The Floor"

Generation No. 2

2. Samuel Moorhead, born Abt. 1794. He was the son of **4. Samuel Moorhead** and **5. Agnes Nancy Craig**. He married **3. Martha Bell** 1812.

3. Martha Bell, born Abt. 1790.

Notes for Samuel Moorhead:

Honorable Samuel Moorhead, born in Derry Township (our neighboring township). Married to Martha Bell in 1812 (no date of birth). Spent most of his life farming. He also built a dam below Blairsville on the old Penna. Canal. Was Associate Judge of Courts in Indiana County. Was appointed by Governor Wolfe in 1830. Served very creditably for a period of six years. His keen perceptions and remarkable good judgement making him a valuable man in that position. He was a Democrat and a Presbyterian. (Our Librarian friend lists nine children while the Craig genealogy lists eleven - we will continue to quote) Nine children were born to this union: - Agnes, Elizabeth, Samuel V., Rebecca, John, Joseph, Myrtella, Wallace and Alexander. The eldest son, Samuel helped capture the City of Mexico under General Winfield Scott in 1815. Of the five sons, four, including himself, were in the Union army. (Grandfather Joseph Moorhead had four brothers.) Joseph Moorhead got his education in schools of that time and worked as a farmer. Entered Union Army July, 1863. Honorably discharged April, 1865 at Camp Reynolds in Allegheny County. Returned home to farm until 1866 when he moved to Blairsville and took over the Enterprise (with an eight column quarry) which under his direction acquitted a high reputation as a well conducted sheet. He pursued a clean independent policy which won him the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens. He was a Republican. On July 24, 1890, under Harrison's administration was appointed Postmaster and served for four years. Our Librarian friend then lists the children which we list elsewhere. She then continues, "I found in another book a Dr. Thomas Moorhead, native of White Township (Indiana suburb now) educated at Indiana Academy, studied medicine with Dr. Stuart, practiced in Indiana and Clearfield counties - no dates given.

You have your Judge, Doctor and Postmaster all in your family."

More About Samuel Moorhead:

Occupation: 1830, Appointed Associate Judge of Courts in Indiana Co., PA

Children of Samuel Moorhead and Martha Bell are:

- i. Agnes Elizabeth Moorhead, born August 29, 1817; died September 06, 1903 in New Alexandria, PA; married Joseph Shields.
- ii. Elizabeth Moorhead, born Abt. 1820.
- iii. Samuel V Moorhead, born Abt. 1820.

Notes for Samuel V Moorhead:

Samuel helped capture the City of Mexico under General Winfield Scott in 1815. Of the five sons, four, including himself, were in the Union army.

- iv. John Moorhead, born Abt. 1820; married Sarah Erhart.

Notes for John Moorhead:

John Moorhead, married Sarah Earhart. Six children. Page 126.

- v. Joseph Moorhead, born Abt. 1820.

Notes for Joseph Moorhead:

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Joseph Moorhead (our grandfather); Full information Page 126, also pages 34, 35 and 36 of "Pi on the Floor."

- vi. Martella Moorhead, born Abt. 1820; married Dr. James McClure.

Notes for Martella Moorhead:

Myrtilla Moorhead, married Dr. James McClure. One son Charles McClure. Page 127.

- vii. Alexander Cunningham Moorhead, born Abt. 1820; married Mary Hazlett.

Notes for Alexander Cunningham Moorhead:

Alexander Cunningham Moorhead married Mary Hazlett. Four children. Page 127. This page also lists John Moorhead, born April 23, 1793, died December 8, 1858. In 1848 an Associate Judge of Westmorland County, PA. Married Margaret Hill, daughter of Rev. George Hill.

- viii. Dr. Thomas Moorhead, born Abt. 1820.

Notes for Dr. Thomas Moorhead:

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- ix. Samuel C Moorhead, born Abt. 1820.

Notes for Samuel C Moorhead:

Samuel C. Moorhead served in the Union Army in the Civil War, Page 126.

Generation No. 3

4. Samuel Moorhead, born 1770 in Cumberland Co., PA. He married **5. Agnes Nancy Craig** 1792.

5. Agnes Nancy Craig, born February 15, 1773; died July 30, 1817. She was the daughter of **10. Lt. Samuel Craig** and **11. Jane Boyd**.

Notes for Samuel Moorhead:

Samuel lived not far from the city of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Penna. His land was along Back Creek and while we have no record of date of his birth we estimate it to have been in the early 1700s. He died about 1784 as his will was dated March 4, 1777. It was proved Feb. 11, 1787 in Hamilton Twp., in then Cumberland County, PA. Letters of administration dated August 16, 1785, Franklin Co., Pa., Will book A, page 45. His wife's name was Euphemia and the will listed the following children: -- Thomas, Marbba, Alexander (who died before Sept. 1798 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.) Samuel, Joseph, (for whom grandfather Joseph Moorhead was named). He died 1822 in Franklin Co., PA.; William, who died 1810 in Franklin Co., PA.; Jane and then FERGUS who was born in 1743 and died in Indiana County, Pa., in 1822. FERGUS married Jane White August 8th, 1766. br br "Great Grandfather Samuel Moorhead (see page 34, "Pi on the Floor" -, was a tanner and an active and energetic business man who accumulated so much property that after his death each of his 10 or 11 children who survived inherited a farm and I suppose the Johnson farm is the one our grandfather inherited, but it originally took in a good part of South Blairsville and I know he gave Aunt Nancy Brainerd that brick house next to the school building and I know he gave the ground that the school building is on. "I think that must be in a history of Blairsville which I have someplace, probably in my trunk."

The above has been transcribed from long-hand notes by Mrs. Jessie Mildred Moorhead Clawson and sent to her son Watson Swartz Clawson, author of "Pi on the Floor." The history of Blairsville referred to apparently has been lost to the present generation. It must be kept in mind that our mother's notes were dictated in her generation, which means one generation back to our (1968).

Notes for Agnes Nancy Craig:

Our Grandfather Joseph Moorhead's mother was a Craig and a descendant of Samuel Craig, senior.

Our friend the County Librarian wrote us as follows - "Your Grand father's history, is correct as you have it in your "Pi on the Floor." [Viola Clawson wrote some of this]

Both paternal and maternal lines from North of Ireland ancestry. Revolutionary stock through Grandmother Agnes Craig. Samuel Moorhead's Grandfather was born in Cumberland County Pennsylvania in 1769. He was a tanner by trade and became quite wealthy. Was the owner of eight or ten large farms. He died in 1853 at 84 years of age.

Our Grandmother Moorhead, Mother of Our Grandfather Joseph Moorhead, was the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Craig. Her Name is listed as Nancy (or Agnes) Craig.

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--and as we assemble some historical facts we continue to come across many items of interest regarding this family. In June of 1934 the Pittsburgh, Pa., Press published a feature article titled "Pioneer Hunter Owned Land on Which New Alexandria Stands Now," and contains many interesting items about the Craig family. We select a few in condensed form.

As Col. Bouquet's troops were returning east in 1764 after a campaign against the Indians, William Burbridge, a hermit and a hunter, had staked a "Tomahawk Claim" and built a cabin on the banks of the Loyalhanna where New Alexandria now stands. On his first contact with people in many months, he meant and proposed to Patience Bickerstaff, an orphan, and was accepted. The Indians killed this man a short time later and while the widow's claim was only a squatter's right, the newly opened land office allowed such claims to become valid. She remarried but did not get this land as she learned her first husband had transferred title to his brother before his death. Little did this second Burbridge realize the value of this land as he was a hunter and a trapper and when he had a chance to sell the property to Samuel Craig he made a quick sale, not realizing the value of the mineral wealth beneath it.

Children of Samuel Moorhead and Agnes Craig are:

2. i. Samuel Moorhead, born Abt. 1794; married Martha Bell 1812.
- ii. Jane Moorhead, born 1795; married (1) Gen. Alexander Craig; born 1807 in Butler County, Donnegal Twp.; died 1839 in Butler County, Donnegal Twp.; married (2) Maj. John Hill.

Notes for Jane Moorhead:

Grandfather's sister, Jane Moorhead, married Maj. John Hill, and they were parents of Rev. George Hill, father's first cousin.

- iii. Josiah Moorhead, born Abt. 1796.
- iv. James D Moorhead, D. D., born 1799 in Beaver Falls; married Mary Ogden; born June 16, 1802.
- v. Elizabeht Moorhead, born Abt. 1800; married Col. Amos Ogden 1818.

Notes for Elizabeht Moorhead:

Page 133 lists Elizabeth Moorhead, born 1801 as sister of Great Grandfather Moorhead. She married l. Amos Ogden 1818.

- vi. Rebecca Moorhead, born Abt. 1801.

Notes for Rebecca Moorhead:

Rebecca Jane Moorhead, married John W. Shryock. Lived in Philadelphia, Pa. Died many years ago. Three children, Page 126.

- vii. Sarah Ann Moorhead, born Abt. 1801.
- viii. John Moorhead, born Abt. 1802.

Notes for John Moorhead:

"Through Grandfather Moorhead's brother John, we are related to the Ogdens, Peoples, Updegraphes, McClures and both families of Grahams."

- ix. Rev. William Wallace Moorhead, born Abt. 1803; married (1) Elizabeth Barnett; married (2) Martha Donaldson.

Notes for Rev. William Wallace Moorhead:

From "Pi On The Floor" December 1968 "William, our Great, Great grandfather married a Barnett. The migrated from Cumberland Valley to Westmoreland Co., about 1776, SAMUEL, our Great grandfather and father of our GRANDFATHER JOSEPH married a CRAIG, and were the parents of our maternal Grandmother, JOSEPH, our Grandfather was the father of Harry Shields Moorhead who fathered JOHN (Jack) PAUL MOORHEAD, who survives and is the father of the sons who will perpetuate the name Moorhead as all other Moorhead children were girls. The sons of John Paul and Jeanne Jacques Moorhead are JAN PAUL, GRANT ALEX, KELLY JOHN and ALLISON DENNING Moorhead. These are all minor children still living at home (10-1-'68). Ref. Page 34 through 38 -- "Pi On The Floor." Rev. William Wallace Moorhead, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg for over 25 years. An able preacher and highly esteemed by his people. Married first Martha Donaldson, three children: - Paul deceased. Alexander, Minneapolis, Minn. Martha, a physician, Minneapolis, Minn. Page 127

More About Elizabeth Barnett:

Migrated: 1776, From Cumberland Valley to Westmoreland County

- x. Lucinda Moorhead, born Abt. 1804.

Generation No. 4

10. Lt. Samuel Craig, born 1730 in Scotland. He married **11. Jane Boyd**.

11. Jane Boyd, born in Ireland.

Notes for Lt. Samuel Craig:

Bob,

I have this information from my GGgrandmothers application to the D.A.R., in which she received a certificate dated Apr. 17, 1948 National No. 375494.

My GGgrandmother is Miranda Harriet Moorehead.

Her father is Samuel Moorehead, born Feb.29,1821, her mother is Harriet Drake born Feb 2, 1891.

Samuels father is James Moorehead born abt 1799, his mother is Mary Ogden born June 16, 1802.

James father is Samuel Moorehead born March 20, 1769 who married Agnes Nancy Craig born Feb 25, 1773

Agnes father is Lt. Samuel Craig born abt 1730 in Scotland and was married to Jane Boyd.

I have no date of birth on Jane. Since the goal was to prove the relationship to Lt Samuel Craig Sr, she probably didn't feel the need to research the dob on Jane.

My Ggrandmother is Carrie Viola Lisle whose mother is Miranda and father is John W. Lisle.

Carrie married Rudy Baumgardner.

My Grandfather (the son of Carrie and Rudy), is John Kenneth Baumgardner who married Helen Susan Charles.

They had a daughter, Carol Lucille Baumgardner, who married Verril Archie Foss.

They had a daughter named Susan Carole Foss, who of course is myself.

Hope this helps with your Moorehead side.

Sincerely,

S. C. Egan

NOTE: "Mrs. Margaret Campbell Craig began to write the history. It was finally published by the Executors of the Estate of Jane Maria Craig.

Mrs. Mgt. C. Craig was b. 2 jan. 1805, d. 20 jan., 1899.

"The History states than "an early marriage proved miserable and after a few years, when on the verge of insanity, she returned to her father's house. Two years after her return, she sued for and obtained an annulment of the marriage. She resumed her father's name and was never known by any other." It was the first case of the kind to come before the Court of Westmoreland Co., PA

She became a member of the Phoebe Bayard Chapter, DAR, Greensburg, PA. Also a member of the "Scotch Irish Society of America."

Mrs. C. Merle Craig

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Parkwood, PA" The exact copy is attached to this FTM Software and will be published to TribalPages.com under Margaret Campbell Craig name. rcraig5@cox.net.

<http://members.cox.net/rbcraig5/Index.htm>

<http://www.tribalpages.com/tribes/rbchopper>

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/r/a/Robert-b-Craig/?Welcome=1035397953>

More About Lt. Samuel Craig:

E-Mail (Facts Pg) 1: June 18, 2002, S C Egan

Notes (Facts Pg): December 21, 1974, Source

Children of Lt. Craig and Jane Boyd are:

- i. Joseph Craig, born 1870; married Nancy Moorhead; born 1777; died 1835.

Notes for Joseph Craig:

Joseph Craig, brother of Great Grandmother, married Nancy, sister of our Great Grandfather and he was one of three men who built first bridge over Lithuania river (spelling?) At New Alexandera. One of their granddaughters was married to Rev. Hunter Corbett and they were missionaries in China.

- 5 ii. Agnes Nancy Craig, born February 15, 1773; died July 30, 1817; married (1) Samuel Moorhead 1792; married (2) Samuel Moorhead 1792.
- iii. Rebecca Craig, born Abt. 1774; married Joseph Shields; born Abt. 1774.
- iv. William Craig, born Abt. 1775; married Esther McConahy; born Abt. 1775.

More About Esther McConahy:

Notes (Facts Pg): Both died soon after marriage