

JOHN HARRISON MOORE

Was born the first day of June, 1861, at Abbotfords Place, Bloor St. East, in the village of Yorkville, now Toronto, in which city his father practised law for over twenty years.

His grandfather on his father's side, Robert Moore, was born in Newhampshire, 1771, of English and Norman descent. He was a United Empire Loyalist coming from the New England States, and settling in the Niagara Peninsula after the close of the Revolutionary War. During the war of 1812, he had charge of the Commissary Department, at old Fort Niagara. When the Fortress was taken by the American troops he was taken prisoner, and, after the close of hostilities he settled on lot 31, con. 6, in the township of East Gwillimbury in the county of York. He was educated for a Presbyterian Minister. He gave his son, Robert, his first studies in Latin. He died on November 19th, 1845, and was



buried in the Selby burying ground on Queen St. north of the village of Sharon. The remains a few years ago were removed to the Queensville cemetery north of the village. His grandmother on his father's side, Maria Young, daughter of George Young, the latter who was born in the Parish of Curleeke, Lanarkshire, North Britain, on the 17th February, A.D. 1754.

He married Miss Elizabeth Clemens of Boston, New England. He was a Loyalist and was a Military Engineer in the English Army. He laid out the Fort at old Niagara village, formerly called Newark. He was also a faithful Commoner when Governor Simcoe first met the Legislature of Upper Canada at Newark on September 17th, 1792. He and his wife were laid to rest at St. Mark's cemetery, Niaraga village. His

daughter, Maria, was born July 2nd, 1798. She married Robert Moore of Niagara, August 20th, 1815, and died in East Gwillimbury, February 22nd, 1837, and was buried in the Selby burying grounds. The remains later removed to Queensville cemetery. His grandfather on his mother's side, the late Captain Robert Fortune, was born at Plymouth Dock on November 9th, 1807, and died during the Crimean War of cholera. He was a British Officer in the 50th Queen's Own Regiment. He transferred to the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusileers. He served with the British Army in the Carlist war in Spain. His Regiment at one time was quartered at Lower Chambly at Quebec, also at Montreal and London and Toronto. He returned to the Old Country and was in the Imperial force during the Crimean War. He died December 11th, 1854, aged 47 years. His grandmother on his mother's side was Mary Ann Jenkin, born at Brecon, Wales, March 29th, 1801. On her mother's side she was descended from the house of Dynevor (Bart) Geo. Talbot Rice. She came to reside in Canada in London after her husband's death. She died in that city on July 1st, 1879, and was buried in the cemetery there. His father, Robert Moore, was born at Willoughby, Niagara Peninsula, October 17th, 1818, and died at the residence of his son at Smith's Falls, August 14th, 1909, and was buried in Newmarket cemetery. His father was a strong supporter of William Lyon Mackenzie in the trouble of 1837 with the old Family Compact and was present at the skirmish at Hoggs Hollow, outside of Toronto, when John Montgomery's hotel was burned. After which he escaped through the Oak Ridges, and after hiding around his home in East Gwillimbury until he and a friend decided to escape to the U.S.A. He crossed with his friend at Black Rock near Buffalo into New York State. He received his education at the Whitesborough Academy, Whitesborough, N.Y. After the close of the troubles he returned to Canada and after teaching school at Newmarket for 2 or 3 years he entered upon the study of law in the Office of the late John McNab, Barrister. In due time, being called to the bar, he practised law in Toronto for 20 years or more. He removed his family about the year 1866 to the village of Queensville. Here the family remained until about 1869, when they moved to a farm, lot 30, 2nd con., E. Gwillimbury, remaining on the farm until summer of 1883, when they moved to Newmarket to the old Gorham Homestead where his father resumed his legal practice until 1896. After spending some time with 2 of his

sons and his married daughter, he came to reside with his eldest son at Smith's Falls with his now widowed daughter and her infant son, where he continued to reside until his death August 14th, 1909. The mother of the subject of this sketch was born at Gibraltar when her father's Regiment was stationed there in the year 1834, on September 22nd. After her father's death during the Crimean War, she moved to Canada with her mother and brother Thomas, where her father had purchased some property. She was a gifted musician, fond of poetry and of strong and sterling character. Her marriage to Robert Moore, Barrister, took place in London, June 25th, 1857. She died at Newmarket, February 4th, 1888, and was buried there. The son of Robert Moore and Mary Ann Moore was educated at Queen St. Public School, E. Gwillimbury, and the High School at Newmarket in 1880 and in June 1883 matriculated at Toronto University with honors in Mathematics and English, and in the fall entered School of Practical Science. He spent the summer of 1884 as assistant to late Henry W. Selby, D.L.S. in Subdivision of Tps. 44 and 45 Ranges 6 and W. of 3rd M. He spent summer of 1885-86 on the Geological Survey of Canada on Thunder Bay in the Rabbit and Silver Mt. district as assistant. The summers of 1887-88-89 were spent with late Andrew Bell, O.L.S., of Almonte, with whom he served, and was appointed Land Surveyor for Ontario on November 11th, 1889, and on January 12th, 1890, came to Smith's Falls, where he opened an office, where he remained for 43 years. He acted as engineer in Lanark for Tps. Pakenham, Ramsey, near Elmsley and N. Burgess, Beckwith, Montague, Lanark, Drummond, and County Engineer of Perth. He was Tp. Eng. in Carleton Co. of Huntley, Gouldbourne, Marlboro, village of Richmond, March, Nepean, North Gore, Osgoode. In the united Cos. of Leeds and Grenville, South Elmsley, Walford, Oxford, Elizabethtown, the fronts of Young and Escott. In the Co. of Dundas, Mountain. In addition to his private practice he made the following Govt. Surveys, 5th, Con. Rd. All Montague in front of first 15 lots. Town line between Pakenham and Ramsey across 9th Co. The Town line between Beckwith and Montague, ten miles. Side Rd. between lots 20-21, Con. i. Beckwith Tp. The 9th Con. Rd. All of Beckwith from Drummond boundary to lot 6, all in Co. Lanark. In the Co. Carleton, the town line between March and Lorbolton across 2nd Con. The 11th Con. Rd. All of Osgoode from lot 12 to Gloucester boundary. Ten miles of boundary between

Osgoode and Mountain, which is also the boundary between Cos. Carleton and Dundas. The following drains under Municipal Drainage Act in Lanark Co., viz.:—McIntyre Creek, affecting Tps. Drummond and Bathurst, Burdsdale Creek, Black Creek, Leach and Crawford drain, Ramsey creek drain, Co. Carleton, Carp river, John Taylor drain, Joe McFaden drain, John Paden drain, Mud creek drain, North Gore and Nepean, Tp. of Osgoode, Geo. Cassidy drain, John O'Connor drain, Saunders and Bowers drain, Silver Creek and Caston river, County of Dundas, Van Camp creek, Henry Bigford drain, R. J. Patton drain, Survey of Escott pondflooded lands, Survey for damages of Tay Canal, in addition to those drains a great many were laid out by him under the Ditches and Watercourses Act. He also laid out sewers and sidewalks in Perth. His land Surveying practice was extensive and took him into Kennebec, Oso, Olden, N. and S. Sherbrooke, Blythfield, Lavant, Dalhousie, Lanark, Bathurst, Drummond, N. and S. Crosby, Bedford, N. Burgess, South Burgess, Bastard, N. Elmsley, Kitley, Elizabethtown, Fronts Young and Escott, Lansdowne, Kingston, Augusta, Edwardsburg, Williamsburg, Cornwall, Winchester, Mountain, South Gore, Oxford, Wolford, S. Elmsley, Marlboro, Montague, N. Gore, Osgoode, Gloucester, Caledonia, Alfred, Nepean, Gouldbourne, March, Huntley, Ramsey, Beckwith, Fitzroy, Pakenham, McNab, Torbolton. In spring of 1885 he drilled under late Dr. Widdifield, M.P.P., for service in Riel Rebellion. He volunteered, but services not required. In summer of 1884 he went with Henry W. Selby, D.L.S., to Moose Jaw on N.W. sub-division which was end of C.P.R. steel, Mr. Selby having married that spring, she accompanied him on their wedding trip. They travelled through the scenes of the Riel hostilities the following year, the work being about 250 miles north of Moose Jaw, six of the assistants walking the distance. The subject of this sketch made surveys for and gave evidence at Pembroke, Ottawa, L'Original, Cornwall, Brockville, Kingston, and Perth. He also made subdivisions and plans for Registration of Rodas Point, Carp village; "The Pines," Brockville, Sharbot Lake; survey and plans of water lots on St. Lawrence at Brockville; survey and plans at Charleston and Rideau Lakes; survey and plans for extending C.P.R. yards at Smith's Falls; plans and report for Gananoque Power Co.; survey, levels and plan of Rideau from Smith's Falls to Poonahmalee; survey and examination of pt. Greenwood or Jock river in Carleton; exam-

ination of Carp extension; plans and specifications bridge over Carp river in Tp. Huntley; plans and specifications for abutments over Nation river in Mountain; plan of culvert over Hayden Gully, Tp. Pakenham; plans, etc., Abts. for McIntyre creek in Drummond. He was also called to give expert evidence in the county of Russell, Carleton, Renfrew, Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville and Frontenac. Also before the Ry. Com. and the Court of Exchequer, Ottawa. The following graduates of the School of Science were articulated to him for O.L.S. Viz:—H. A. Dixon, J. H. Bird, Fred Code, S. B. Code, Geo. S. Jones, A. V. Chase. He belonged to and was an ardent adherent of the Church of England. In politics independent with conservative leanings. He was a member of the Foresters. He was generally successful in court. Although he never made any surveys for the Dominion Government, he was very faithful in his services to the public, and a great reader. His was a well rounded life. He died February 26th, 1934, at his home in Smith's Falls, and was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery there. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Maud Miller of Smith's Falls, and two brothers, Charles E. S. Moore of Chicago and Selwyn T. Moore of Smith's Falls and Moose Jaw.
