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IN MEMORY OF OLD FRIENDS OF TOLLAND
HATTIE HALL MOORE

IN THE PASSING OF EUGENE M. MOORE OF TOLLAND, MASS., WE ARE REMINDED THAT HE IS THE THIRD ONE OF THE OLDER GENERATION OF TOLLAND FRIENDS WHO WITHIN A YEAR HAS ENTERED THE LIFE BEYOND.

MISS JULIA SELINDA IVES, THE FRIST OF THE GROUP, WAS THE DAUGHTER OF TRUMAN AND ELIZABETH (PRIEST) IVES AND WAS BORN IN WEST GRANVILLE, MA. SEPT. 12, 1848.

SHE CAME TO TOLLAND WITH HER PARENTS WHEN ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OF AGE AND LIVED IN THE FARMHOUSE WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE MAIN ROAD ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF THE CENTER, WHICH WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND BURNED DOWN IN 1929. SHE THEN WENT TO LIVE WITH HER NEIGHBOR, MRS. JENNIE DEMING, WHERE SHE PASSED AWAY SEPT. 10, 1942 HAVING ATTAINED THE GREAT AGE OF 94 YEARS.

SHE JOINED THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER, 1869. LATER, BY LETTER, SHE UNITED WITH THE NEW BOSTON CHURCH, WHERE SHE WAS A REGULAR ATTENDANT.

SELINDA IVES WAS A WOMAN SMALL OF STATURE, BUT OF GREAT COURAGE AND DETERMINATION, AND A GOOD NEIGHBOR, WHICH MEANT IN THOSE DAYS, WHEN NURSES OR HOSPITALS WERE UNAVAILABLE, CARING FOR THE SICK OR HELPING IN ANY EMERGENCY WITHOUT REMUNERATION. SHE ALSO DID A GREAT AMOUNT OF FARM WORK BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE HER HOME. OF GOOD OLD PURITAN STOCK, SHE TRACED HER LINE OF DESCENT, BEING OF THE EIGHTH GENERATION, FROM THE IMMIGRANT ANCESTER, CAPT. WILLIAM IVES OF ENGLAND, WHO WAS LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY IN NEW HAVEN, CONN., IN 1646.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO NEPHEWS AND TWO NIECES AND MANY OTHER RELATIVES. A SISTER, ELIZABETH, AND TWO HALF-BROTHERS, CYRUS OF WEST GRANVILLE AND ADELBERT OF SANDISFIELD, PASSED AWAY SOME TIME AGO.

MRS. JENNIE DEMING, WIDOW OF FRANK DEMING, SOON FOLLOWED MISS IVES, ON NOV. 18, 1942. SHE AND HER FAMILY LIVED IN THE OLD HISTORIC COLONIAL HOUSE IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE TOWN WHICH WAS BUILT BY DEACON THOMAS TWINING, AN EARLY SETTLER, IN 1783. THE DEMINGS BOUGHT THE FARM OF HOMER P. DEMING IN 1887.

MRS. DEMING WAS THE DAUGHTER OF HENRY AND FRANCES (SNOW) SOULE AND WAS BORN MAY 21, 1864, IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF TOLLAND KNOWN AS THE SOULE DISTRICT, WHERE HER SNOW ANCESTERS ALSO LIVED. HER GREAT-GRAND-FATHER, TILLEY SNOW, AND HER GRANDFATHER, ORISON SNOW, WHO MARRIED JANE SLOCUM. THE SLOCUMS LIVED OR SETTLED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE TOWN AND TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY BACK TO THE IMMIGRANT, ANTHONY SLOCUM OF ENGLAND, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PURCHASERS OF TAUNTON, MASS. IN 1637, WHERE HE HELD MANY PUBLIC OFFICES AND WAS KILLED IN KING PHILIP'S WAR IN 1675.

JENNIE DEMING WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND WAS KNOWN FOR HER GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT AND FOR HER KINDNESS, WHICH KNEW NO BOUNDS. HER HOME WAS A SHELTER FOR MANY OF HER RELSTIVES AND ESPECIALLY HER NEIGHBOR, SELINDA IVES, WHOM SHE CARED FOR DURING HER DECLINING YEARS WHILE SHE HERSELF WAS IN FAILING HEALTH.

EUGENE MOORE WAS THE SON OF FOWLER TITUS AND ADELIA CELESTIA (GRANGER) MOORE AND WAS BORN IN TOLLAND DEC. 24, 1857 AND PASSED AWAY JUNE 9, 1943, AT THE HOME OF HIS SON, CLIFFORD MOORE OF TOLLAND. HE MARRIED SEPT. 19, 1889, MARY A. ROGERS, WHO DIED FEB. 3, 1934, AGED 71 YEARS. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF RUSSELL SKINNER AND ORPHA (SPEAR) ROGERS. THE ROGERS WERE AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS OF TOLLAND AND CAME UP FROM CAPE COD, MASS., WITH THE TWININGS ABOUT 1783. THEY TRACE THEIR LINEAGE, WHICH IS A VERY ENVIABLE ONE, BACK TO THOMAS ROGERS, WHO SAILED FROM SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, WITH THE PILGRIM FATHERS IN THE MAYFLOWER, AUG. 5, 1620, AND WAS ONE OF THE SIGNERS OF THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT. HE SETTLED AT EASTHAM, MASS., ON CAPE COD, ALSO THE HOME OF THE TWININGS.

DEACON RUSSELL ROGERS, SIXTH GENERATION IN LINE OF DESCENT FROM THOMAS ROGERS, SERVED AS ONE OF THE FIRST DEACONS OF THE TOLLAND CHURCH, FROM 1826 TO HIS DEATH IN 1842. HE WAS THE GRANDFATHER OF MRS. EUGENE MOORE, A WOMAN OF ABILITY, INTELLIGENT BUT UNASSUMING, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER.

MR. AND MRS. MOORE WERE THE PARENTS OF FIVE CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN TOLLAND--ORVILLE EUGENE; JOHN RAYMOND, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY IN WORLD WAR I; CLIFFORD RUSSELL, FRANK FOWLER AND MRS. FLORENCE MAY (MOORE) SUSSMAN. THOSE WHO SURVIVE ARE ORVILLE, CLIFFORD AND MRS. SUSSMAN.

MR. MOORE WAS BORN IN THE LARGE COLONIAL HOUSE JUST EAST OF THE CENTER AND WHERE HE BROUGHT HIS BRIDE TO LIVE WITH HIS PARENTS AND WHERE THEY REARED THEIR CHILDREN.

IN 1938 THE BARN WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, THE FLAMES QUICKLY SPREAD TO THE HOUSE FILLED WITH VALUABLE ANTIQUES, AND ALL WERE BURNT TO THE GROUND. THEN MR. MOORE AND HIS SON, ORVILLE, ACQUIRED THE MODERN BUNGALOW BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE BETSEY FOWLER HOUSE AT THE CENTER, WHERE THEY MADE THEIR HOME.

EUGENE MOORE, OR GENE, AS HE WAS FAMILIARLY KNOWN, WAS A PROMINENT MAN IN THE TOWN, HAVING HELD MANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICES, SUCH AS ASSESSOR, SELECTMAN AND UPON THE DEATH OF WILBERT MUNN, SUCCEEDED HIM AS TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

AS A YOUNG MAN HE WAS FOND OF SPORTS AND GAMES, BASEBALL BEING A FAVORITE, IN WHICH HE WAS A SKILLFUL PLAYER; ALSO WICKET BALL, WHICH HAD LIKEWISE BEEN ENJOYED BY EARLIER GENERATIONS. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE COMPETITION AMONG THE TEAMS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND AT THE CLOSE OF THE GAME A FINE SUPPER WAS SERVED AND PAID FOR BY THE DEFEATED TEAM.

HE WAS POPULAR AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HIS DAY AND TOOK PART IN EXHIBITIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS AND ATTRACTED SOME ATTENTION WHEN HE APPEARED IN HIS NEAT TURNOUT WITH WELL-GROOMED HORSE, SHINING TOP BUGGY, ETC. HE WAS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF THE FAIR SEX WHO FOUND HIS COMPANY VERY AGREEABLE.

MR. MOORE COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF ANCESTORS WHO FOR MANY GENERATIONS HAVE LIVED IN TOLLAND. THE MOORES, FOWLERS, BURRITTS, GRANGERS AND HULLS, ALL OF WHOM WERE AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS OF TOLLAND.

THE MOORES, AN OLD AND WELL-KNOWN FAMILY WHOSE DESCENDANTS ARE STILL

LIVING IN THE TOWN, HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF BEING RESIDENTS OF THE PLACE FOR SIX SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS COVERING A PERIOD OF OVER 150 YEARS. THIS RECORD SEEMS QUITE REMARKABLE INASMUCH AS IT REFLECTS A LOVE FOR THEIR NATIVE SOIL WHEREIN THEIR ROOTS ARE DEEPLY PLANTED.

THEIR FIRST ANCESTOR WAS JOHN MOORE, WHO SETTLED IN SUDBURY, MASS. WHERE HE WAS LIVING IN 1643. DR. ABIJAH MOORE OF THE FOURTH GENERATION, WHO LIVED IN MIDDLETOWN, CONN., WAS THE FATHER OF DEACON REYNOLD MARVIN MOORE, WHO WAS THE ANCESTER OF THE TOLLAND BRANCH OF THE FAMILY. DEACON MOORE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST DEACONS OF THE CHURCH AND SERVED WITH DEACON THOMAS TWINING IN 1798.

MAJ. MARVIN MOORE SON OF DEACON MOORE, WHO MARRIED HANNAH FOWLER, WERE THE GRANDPARENTS OF EUGENE MOORE.

THE GRANGERS AND HULLS, HIS MATERNAL ANCESTORS, WERE EARLY SETTLERS IN THE SOUTH PART OF THE TOWN. THEY WERE PEOPLE OF REFINEMENT PROMINENT IN THE TOWN AND SOCIETY AFFAIRS AND OF CONSIDERABLE MEANS. THE IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR, LAUNCELOT GRANGER, WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, DIED AT SUFFIELD, CONN. IN 1689. ABRAHAM GRANGER HIS DESCENDANT OF THE FOURTH GENERATION WAS BORN IN SUFFIELD, CONN. IN 1752 AND DIED IN 1830 IN TOLLAND, WHERE HE SETTLED BEFORE 1787, WHICH WAS AT THAT TIME A PART OF GRANVILLE, MASS. TOLLAND WAS NOT SET OFF AND INCORPORATED AS A SEPARATE TOWN UNTIL 1810.

LAUNCELOT GRANGER, SON OF ABRAHAM WHO MARRIED ANNA HULL, WERE THE PARENTS OF ADELIA GRANGER, WHO MARRIED FOWLER T. MOORE. THEY HAD TWO SONS, FRANCIS R., CALLED FRANK, AND EUGENE M.

AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS, WE RECALL THE WORDS OF THE OLD, OLD HYMN WE USED TO SING:

SHINING SHORE

MY DAYS ARE GLIDING SWIFTLY BY
AND I, A PILGRIM STRANGER,
WOULD NOT DETAIN THEM AS THEY FLY--
THOSE HOURS OF TOIL AND DANGER.

FOR OH, WE STAND ON JORDAN'S STRAND
OUR FRIENDS ARE PASSING OVER,
AND JUST BEFORE, THE SHINING SHORE
WE MAY ALMOST DISCOVER!

LET SORROW'S RUDEST TEMPEST BLOW,
EACH CHORD OR EARTH TO SEVER,
OUR KING SAYS, COME, AND THERE'S OUR HOME,
FOREVER, OH, FOREVER!