

Delphi

Cameron Moore: A touch of New York in Delphi



The dwelling of Cameron Moore at 220 W. Front Street. | HJ photo by MARK SMITH

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The next in our subjects of unique homes and merchants in the City of Delphi and Front Street homes involves the dwelling of Cameron Moore at 220 W. Front Street.

According to an entry in the Legacy Book, 2005, the Moore family was no stranger to Carroll County – as the patriarch William entered the Carroll County scene in 1838, coming from Penn Yan, New York with his children Phebe, George, Henry, Charlotte, Isabelle, Cameron, and Gobrias where they purchased land due east of the Zion Cemetery.

Father William was a Baptist pastor who preached at several churches in Carroll County and founded the Sugar Creek Baptist Church which was constructed



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on the adjoining farm of his son, George. The church is no longer in existence.

More specifically, the builder of this home was Cameron, who was born on Dec. 6, in Penn Yan, New York, and who was married to Jennie Webber in 1861.

Jennie was the daughter of Robert Webber, who in typical versatile pioneer fashion served as a newspaper publisher of The Western Banner with George Clymer.

Cameron and his brother George erected the structure which is still standing on the corner of Main and Washington which came to be

known as the Moore Block in 1863, and carried that name into the early part of the twentieth century.

Cameron was a pioneer dry-goods merchant in the city of Delphi who would periodically make his way back to the land of his birth on the Wabash-Erie Canal as his own purchasing agent for his store which was originally situated on the east side of the square.

It should be mentioned here that Cameron's other sibling, Isabella, was married to Enoch Rinehart, whose residence was on the other end of Front Street, and who was Enoch's second wife at the death of his first, Elizabeth Parker.

Cameron's son was Jesse Cameron Moore, whose death was recorded in the Logansport Press of May 9, 1957.

Jesse Cameron Moore was born in Delphi in 1868, and was an attorney who established a law practice

in Indianapolis in 1894 and in 1940 started the Columbia School and Supply Company and served as its secretary-treasurer. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge. He was a trustee of the Indiana Baptist Home since 1899 and trustee of Franklin College for thirty years. After his graduation from school at Ann Arbor Michigan he studied law at Harvard. He was married in 1903 at Sterling, Illinois to Frances Hershey.

Jesse's progeny included a daughter, Mrs. Paul Hoffman, of Michigan, two grandsons, Peter and Paul and one great-grandchild. He was a cousin of the late E.W. Bowen of Delphi. His daughter Grace announced her engagement to Mr. Hoffman in 1929.

Later residents of the Moore home were Miss Anna Hardy and Julia Hardy Irelan. Miss Hardy

was at the time of her death which was recorded on July 15, 1954, a retired school teacher, being graduated from Rockfield High School and St. John's Academy of Indianapolis and the Terre Haute Normal School.

She taught in the schools of Carroll County for a number of years, was a member of the Delphi Presbyterian Church, and also the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Julia Irelan was a widow of T.M. Irelan and daughter of David Hardy of Carroll County and Angeline Martin.

At her passing on November fifth of 1945 at 73 years, two months, and 28 days she was laid to rest in the Woodville Cemetery in Liberty Township of Carroll County.

Current residents of the home are Lloyd and Nancy Cripe.