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MOSES

The **Moses** family is very widely distributed throughout the United States, there scarcely being a state in the Union that has not one or more of the name within its borders. It has also furnished a number of bright men to the country, among whom may be mentioned **Governor Moses**, of South Carolina, who made history for that state during the reconstruction period soon after the civil war. Also, **Bernard Moses**, an educator, writer and ripe scholar, who is the author, among other works, of "The Federal Government of Switzerland," which is generally accepted as a guide book by political students.

It is a matter of actual record that as far back as 1647 there were three New England colonists bearing the name of **John Moses**: one lived at Plymouth, one at Portsmouth, and the third at Windsor. From these three came the numerous families of the same name in this country. In 1660 **John Moses** was a juryman in Portsmouth, and **Benoni Moses**, his son, was a soldier, his name appearing in the Lexington Alarm list. The name is to be found frequently in the rosters of the companies furnished to the Continental army by the various colonies, both north and south. It is more than probable that the **Moses** family in Pennsylvania descended from **John Moses**, of Windsor, as he is thought to have come to America from Switzerland by way of England. A descendant of his settled in Philadelphia in 1750, and later located near Landisburg, Perry County, Pennsylvania. Here he warranted a tract of land, which he cleared and improved, and erected a house for his family. He was also an iron worker, and helped cast some of the cannon that were used so effectively against the British during the revolutionary war. He lived to an advanced age, highly respected for his many sterling qualities by his neighbors and friends. Among his children was **Simeon**, of whom further.

(II) **Simeon**, son of **John Moses**, and great-great-great-grandson of **John Moses**, was born near Landisburg, Perry County, Pennsylvania. It is supposed that he was afforded the best facilities for obtaining an education to be had in that day, as it is proverbial that the Swiss seek, even under the most adverse circumstances, to give their children educations. He is known to have been a farmer, and most probably purchased a part of the land warranted by his father. He married **Miss Heckendorn**, like himself of Swiss extraction, and they were both members of the Lutheran Church. Children: 1. **Joseph**. 2. **Andrew**. 3. **Samuel H.**, of whom further. 4. **Daniel**. 5. A **son** who moved to Louisiana, and there founded the **Moses** family, among the best known in the state. 6. **Fannie**, married **Mr. Roush**. 7. **Julia**, married **William Isenberg**. 8. **Mrs. Miller**.

(III) **Samuel H.**, son of **Simeon** and (**Heckendorn**) **Moses**, was born near Landisburg, Perry County, Pennsylvania, in 1830, and died February 17, 1906. He married **Mary A. Wade**, born in 1832, died May 13, 1908, daughter of and **Annie (Foulk) Wade**; the former died when **Mary A.** was one year old and his widow married a **Mr. Goss**. **Mr. Wade** was a shoemaker in Wheatfield Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, where he died. Children by first marriage: 1. **Catherine Wade**, married **John Depew**, a shoemaker, of Duncannon. 2. **Mary A.**, married **Samuel H. Moses**. Children by second marriage: 1. **William Goss**. 2. **Lawrence Goss**. 3.

Mrs. Joseph Fleming, of Altoona, Pennsylvania. 4. **Mrs. John Parson**, of Duncannon. 5. **Mrs. David Rice**, of Duncannon. 6. **Mrs. John Phillips**, of Wooster, Ohio.

Mr. Moses was educated in the common country schools. As a youth he learned the cabinetmaker's trade, and on reaching man's estate he engaged in that vocation, making many of the handsomest pieces of furniture found in the homes of that day and section. With cabinetmaking he combined undertaking, and by the dual occupation succeeded in accumulating a nice estate. He lived and died at Duncannon. He was a Republican in politics, working for the party at every election. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and he belonged to the Lutheran Company, was a generous supporter of the church, and one of its trustees. Children: 1. Name **unknown**. 2. **Elmira**, married **A. P. Nickel**, of New Bloomfield. 3. **Carrie E.**, married **R. M. Coy**, ticket agent at Lewistown Junction. 4. **Charles Grant**, of whom further. 5. **Minnie**, married **Professor J. L. Bucke**, living in Duncannon. Several **children** died in infancy.

(IV) **Charles Grant Moses**, son of **Samuel H.** and **Mary A. (Wade) Moses**, was born August 22, 1868, in Duncannon, Pennsylvania. He attended the public school in Duncannon, and later entered the Eastman Business College, graduating there from in 1887. He at once became associated with his father in his business. Since the death of his father he has introduced a line of furniture, and has one of the handsomest establishments in Duncannon. In politics he follows the family tendency, and is a Republican; and attends the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Moses** ranks as one of the most progressive and up-to-date business men of his native town.

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