

# DEPARTMENT of GENEALOGY

## Moon Family Traces Ancestry Back to Royal Lines and American Pioneers

## CRAFTSMAN'S AWARD

A history of the famous Moon family and its intermarried lines of Adcock, Baggett, Baldwin, Bookout, Bullard, Coles, Cox, Croker, Dabney, Echols, Farmer, Fulse, Hardy, Irwin, Long, Moore, Shipp, Siminton, Sorrells, Summers, Willingham and many others is in process of compilation.

These lines were intermingled with Patrick Henry and Dolly Madison; Salmon Chase, first Governor of Ohio; Abraham Baldwin, first United States Senator from Georgia and one of the framers of the Constitution and founder of the University of Georgia; Isaac Winston, colonel in the Revolutionary War; Edward Coles, first Governor of Illinois; Colonels John and Isaac Coles, members of the first Congress from Virginia, and many others.

They have lines of ancestry to Alfred the Great and to the Dukes of Flanders, one of whose daughters, Matilda, married William the Conqueror; to King Baldwin I of Jerusalem; to Baldwin I, Emperor of Constantinople, down through the Earls of Devonshire to their descendants in America.

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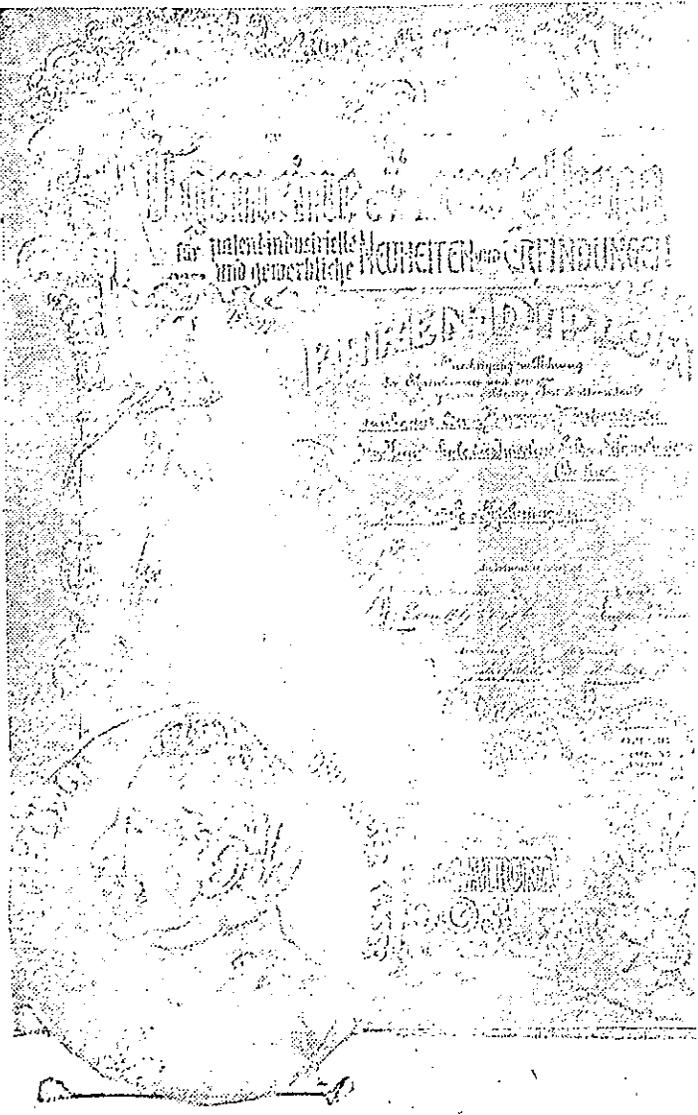
Colonel William Coles, owner of Coles' Groves, Hanover County, Virginia, was the brother of John Coles, the immigrant of 1710, who married Mary, sister of Colonel Isaac Winston, whose son, John, built the first house in Richmond, Va. Colonel Coles married Lucy Winston, daughter of Colonel Winston. His son, John, was the owner of Enniscorthy in Albemarle County, Virginia, named after the famous castle home of the Coleses in Ireland.

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**David Baldwin Captain of Minute Men**

John Moon married a daughter of David Baldwin, captain of a company of Minute Men in the Revolutionary War, whose sons, David, Jr., and William, served in his company, John Moon also served. Captain Baldwin and his son, David, Jr., died of fever during the second siege of Augusta, Ga., and John Moon was executor of the will of his father-in-law and secured for the heirs as a bonus 535 acres of land in Washington County, Georgia. Abraham Baldwin, who was chaplain of Captain David Baldwin's company in the Revolutionary War, became a member of the convention which framed the Constitution of the United States, and wrote several articles in it. He became the first United States Senator from Georgia and founded the University of Georgia. Roger Sherman Baldwin, his half brother, was twice Governor of Connecticut and was twice elected United States Senator from that state.

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**Descendants Are Found in Many Sections**

John Moon, the Georgia pioneer, who married a Baldwin, was the son of John and Mary (Farmer) Moon, of Virginia, who moved to Randolph County, N. C., 1786. Their daughter, Rachael, married Marmaduke Bookout, and they were the progenitors of the Bookout family scattered throughout the South. John's son, Joseph, married Ann Brown, and they had twelve children. This family has now increased to about 1,000 in Clinton County, Ohio, alone, while many others are scattered over the western states. One of them is Joseph Moon, of the Moon Motor Company, of St. Louis. Mary (Farmer) Moon



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