

Black History Month: Ingersoll

Robert Leeper Moore 1817-1899 Frederick Moore 1871-1937



Frederick James Walter Moore was born in 1871 in Ingersoll, a son of pastor Robert Leeper Moore and his wife Mary Ann Bush.

Fred married Effie Cornwell in 1901 and they raised 10 children - 3 boys & 7 girls: Fred "Dinty" Moore, Myrtle, Mildred, Beatrice, Bessie, Lillian, Lloyd, Ellwood, Marjorie, Violet and York.

In 1916, Fred volunteered for the war effort and joined the 168th Oxford's Own Battalion. Once the 168th shipped out and arrived in England, Fred was transferred to the 2nd Canadian Labour Battalion (aka the all Black Battalion) and later Canadian Railway Troops - simply because of his colour. Fred survived the Great War and returned home to resume his career with the John Morrow Screw Company in Ingersoll and his position with the Salvation Army Brass Band. Fred Moore died in August of 1937 and tragically his daughter Violet (a local star on the all-girl baseball team) died some two weeks later.

Above prepared by the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum.

INGERSOLL TRIBUNE,
THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1937

OBITUARY

FREDERICK J. W. MOORE

A well known and highly esteemed resident of Ingersoll passed away on Tuesday morning, August 31st, at the family residence, Metcalfe street, in the person of Frederick J. W. Moore, following an illness of about 10 months.

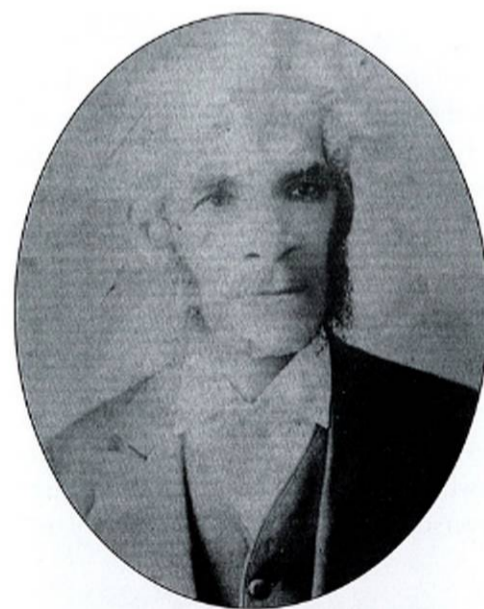
The late Mr. Moore who was in his 66th year, was born in Ingersoll and had been a valued employee of the Morrow Company for about 35 years. During the Great War he went overseas with the 168th battalion and served for three years.

Left to mourn the loss of a beloved husband and father are his widow, three sons and seven daughters, as follows: Fred, Hamilton; Elwood and Lloyd at home; Myrtle, Putnam; Mildred, Rochester; Mrs. A. Mouseau, East Rochester; Violet, Woodstock; Bessie, Hamilton; Lillian and Marjorie at home, to all of whom sincere sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

Robert Leeper Moore was an enterprising man, successful at farming, listed in various census as labourer, watchman & gardener. He was a pastor & strong supporter of the British Methodist Church in Ingersoll.

Moore & his wife, Maria Ann Bush, raised a family of six children, including Fred, at 118 Metcalfe Street in Ingersoll. He died in 1899 and rests in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

above excerpt from "A Safe Haven: the story of the black settlers of Oxford County by Joyce A. Pettigrew



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