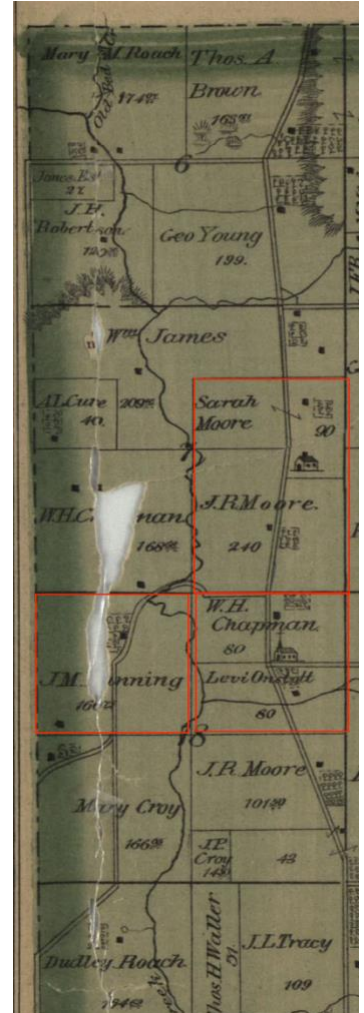


## James R. Moore

**James R. Moore (1844-1914)** was the twin brother of **Nancy Moore Kerr (1844-1916)**. The Moore twins, the youngest children of **Thomas and Sarah Rawles Moore**, were born on July 31, 1844, on the Robert Onstot farm, which was located six miles south of St. Joseph at that time. James's parents moved to Buchanan County from Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1837 and settled in Centre township. Thomas had pre-emptive rights to a land patent for 160 acres in the NE ¼ Section 18,

*Pre-emption*  
**CERTIFICATE**  
 No. *384* } **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** *324*  
**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**  
**WHEREAS** *Thomas Moore*, of *Buchanan County,*  
*Missouri,*  
 ha / deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE  
 LAND OFFICE at *Wattsburg,* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said  
*James R. Moore* according to the provisions of the  
 Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for  
*the North East quarter of Section Eighteen, in*  
*Township Fifty six, of Range Thirty five, in the*  
*District of Lands subject to sale at Wattsburg,*  
*Missouri, containing One Hundred and Sixty acres;*



Twp 56, R 35.

By 1877, as evidenced by the attached plat map, JR Moore and Sarah Moore, his mother, also owned land in the southeast ¼ of Section 7, Twp 56, R.35.

**Thomas Moore (1812-1853)** and **Sarah Rawles Moore (1804-1898)** were the parents of **Uriah C. Moore (1834-1867)**, **Samantha Mary Moore Hawley (1836-1873)**, **Ann Sarah Moore (circa 1838-1843)**, **Elizabeth Moore Waller (1840-1912)**, **Enos Moore (1842-1862)**, and **Nancy Moore Kerr (1844-1916)**.



Sarah married Thomas Moore in 1834. After Thomas' death, Sarah made her home with her son, James. As her obituary said, this grand old woman girded herself for the task of tenderly caring for her son's six children after the death of their mother in 1884.

Sarah Rawles Moore

James R. Moore married **Laura E. Morris Moore (1849-1884)** on March 13, 1866, in Buchanan County, Missouri. Laura died on September 4, 1884, at their home. The Moore's had the following children: **Thomas E. Moore (1867-1947)**, **William E. Moore (1869-1955)**, **Sarah A. Moore Dittemore (1871-1964)**, **Martha A. Moore Hutton—twin (1874-1924)**, **Mary Nancy “Mollie” Moore Hyde—twin (1874-1964)**, and **Laura Frances Moore Korf (1876-1937)**.



James R. Moore with daughters, Sarah A., Mary Nancy, Martha A. “Mattie”, and Laura Frances.  
Photo from Carol on Find A Grave.

James Moore's obituary states that he was a charter member of King Hill Lodge of Masons No. 376, South St. Joseph, in 1871. He enlisted in the state militia under Captain Fish in 1862 and served for three years.

Moore was one of the original 12 shareholders of King Hill Cemetery. In his last will, dated May 10, 1910, and probated in May 1914, he bequeathed half his interest in the cemetery to his grandson, James C. Hyde, and the other half to his grandson, James M. Dittemore. He wished for any dividends or interest assigned to be used “to keep my individual lot in said cemetery in good condition (it is not the purpose of this will to dispose of my individual lot... but leave it to them in common, to be used by any and all of them (heirs)... for burial purposes, for members of their families.

