

History of Nathaniel Moore

A precious baby was born to Jacob Moore and Elizabeth Loker on 21 January 1678 in Sudbury, Massachusetts. His name was Nathaniel Moore. On 10 February 1701 Nathaniel married Grace Rice, daughter of Deacon Thomas Rice and Mary King, in Sudbury Middlesex, Massachusetts. Nathaniel and Graces' children were all born in Sudbury, except the ninth one Sybil who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Nathaniel Moore was prominent in both Sudbury and Worcester. During the time he was a selectman in Worcester the following happened:

During the Indian troubles in the years 1724 and 1725, Worcester shared in the general alarm felt throughout the frontier settlements, especially in Worcester County, and measures were taken for the protection and safety of the people.

In the Council Records appears the following, on 18 July 1724:

"A petition of the Town of Worcester to His Honr. the Lt. Govr., setting forth their great hazard of being attacked by the Indian enemy & greatly disturbed & hindered in their labour by the Enemy sculking in the said Town.

"Read & Advised that His Honour the Lt. Govr. order a Sergeant & Eight men to be posted at the Town of Worcester for the Protection of the Inhabitants in their Harvest."

The following petition was presented in May 1725:

"To his Honour The Lt. Govr., and Comander in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England

- the Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth:

"Whereas The Town of Worcester is very much Exposed to the Indian Rebels in the present War: there being a great distance between the Towns of Lanchester and Rutland, in which we Ly open to the Enemy; we do therefore (at the desire of the princeaple part of our Inhabitants) humbly lay our Diffaculties before your Honour Earnestly Intreating, that you would be pleased in your great wisdom so far to Commizerate oure Distresed state, as to send us some soldiars to strenthen our Front Garrison's and scout our wood's, otherwise we Feer the sad efects that may hapen, there being no scout in our woods or soldiers to Guard our Defencable places, or Inhabitants most Exposed. And very much Disheartened by Reason of the Present Danger they Apprehend them selves to be in, and if your Honour will be pleased to send us som Reliefe, it will be a means to cause our Front Garrison to keep their stations; otherwise we Humbly conceive that it is morally Impossible they should, And for which great priviledge To Youre Honours poor petitioners (as in Duty Bound) shall Ever Pray. Nathaniel Moore, James Mcclellem, Benja. Flagg, Jr., James Holdin, Selectmen of Worcester."

In answer to this request the Council advised that a corporal and six men to be set to Worcester, and the following month advised that a "Recruit of 3 men" be sent there.

Something was erected in Worcester in Memory of Nathaniel Moore. - "Erected in memory of Nathaniel Moore, who died 8 November 1761 age 84 years came from Sudbury - was the third settler of the

town of Worcester. He arrived here 1715 or 1716. He was a deacon of the first Church from its foundation and remained in that office until his death. Was selectman of the town 11 years, between 1722 and 1740. Town treasurer, 1725 to 1731. Married Grace Rice, sister of Jonas Rice, the first permanent settler. She died 1768, age 94 years."

History of Sybil Moore

Sybil Moore, the daughter of Nathaniel Moore and Grace Rice was born 13 June 1717 in Worcestor, Massachusetts.

She being the youngest of nine children was probably spoiled by the other members of the family. But she grew up to be a nice lady and married a wonderful husband; both having a good background and being taught to obey God's Commandments couldn't help but raise a lovely family.

Sybil Moore married Isaac Ward, son of Obadiah Ward and Joanna Mixer about 1734. The had eleven children.

She died 1775 in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Isaac died 1776 in Leverett, Massachusetts.