

Arthur John MOORE

Born Dawlish, Apr-June 1886
Private Service No: 20785

Died 27 August 1918, France, aged 32
Coldstream Guards, 2nd Battn

Arthur John Moore was the grandson of Jacob and Eliza Moore of Dawlish.

Jacob (1811-) was a Bootmaker and was born in Dawlish, as was his wife Eliza (1814-). In 1861 they were living at 2 Norfolk Place, Dawlish where he is described as a Master Shoe Maker and four of their children, all born in Dawlish, are listed:

John, son,	22,	(1839-1892)	Master Marble Mason
David, "	14,	(1847-1915)	Journeyman shoe maker
William "	8,	(1853-)	Scholar
Charles, "	4,	(1857-)	

By 1871 Jacob and Eliza Moore had moved to 18 Brunswick Place. William had become a stone mason, and Charles was a painter.

David Moore was away from home and later that year married Mary Ann Elizabeth ? who was born in London. (a precise reference has not been found)

Meanwhile,

John Moore married Elizabeth Christian Allen Windeatt (1841-1920) in 1864 (GRO ref 1864, Jan-Mar, Newton Abbot, vol 5b, p235). She was from a Teignmouth family and was born in 1841 (GRO ref 1841, Apr-Jun, N.A., vol 10, p 411) to John Windeatt (1805-1855) and Mary Ann Froom (1809-1884).

John and Elizabeth Moore had seven children of which one had died by the 1911 census. They are shown in the censuses for 1871 and 1881 and were: Eliza Ellen Windeatt Moore (1865-), Frances Moore (1867-), Amy Moore (1869-), Annie Moore (1870-), Arthur Moore (1872-), John Moore (1874-) and Charlie Moore (1876-1967).

John Moore, marble mason, was a patient of the Exminster " Devon County Lunatic Asylum" in 1881, aged 43. He appears to have died there in 1892 (GRO ref St Thomas, 1892, Apr-June, vol 5b, p 51).

In 1901 their mother was a widow; 'Bessie Moore' was a Lodging house keeper at 5 Strand, Dawlish with Frances, dau, 34, Annie, dau, 30 and John, son, 27 and a niece, Adelaide Windeatt, 13, born in Aldershot (she was actually 14 – see the wife of Charles Moore, below)

The 1911 census shows Elizabeth Christian Allen Moore as a lodging-house keeper at 'Southville', Strand, Dawlish with three children, still single, including Charles, mentioned below:

Frances Elizabeth Anne Moore,	dau,	42		born Dawlish
John Moore,	son,	38,	carpenter	"
Charles Moore,	son,	35,	clothier	"

Their widowed mother was living still at 'Southville' when she died on 21 February 1920, aged 79. She left her proceeds to her son, Charles Moore, Clothier's Manager.

Charles Moore married Adelaide Mary Ann Windeatt (1887-1969) in 1912. (GRO ref 1912, Oct-Dec, N.A., vol 5b, p357) She is the Adelaide who appeared on the 1901 census with Bessie Moore.

Adelaide was born on 6 July 1887 to a carpenter from Teignmouth, but in Aldershot, Surrey (GRO ref 1887, July-Sept, Farnham, vol 2a, p 94). Her father, John H Windeatt (1856-) was married to Adelaide - (1863-) from Plymouth

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In the 1939 Register, Charles and Adelaide Moore were living at 13 Iddeleigh Terrace, Dawlish with their son, Harold J Moore, born 16 May 1924.

Adelaide Mary Ann Moore became a cousin by marriage of **Arthur John Moore**. He was living with her in the household another cousin, Eliza Ellen Windeatt Moore at 7 West Cliff in 1911.

David and Mary Ann Elizabeth Moore moved into 18 Brunswick Place shop by 1881 and David was in business as a Boot Dealer. The family at that time were:

David Moore, Head	33
Mary A Moore wife	34
Chas Moore	6
Wm Moore	4

18 Brunswick Place appears in the census next to the Mill house but modern numbering places this at the site of St Mark's Church which was demolished and re-developed for housing post-1945.

They were there in 1891 with their children, all born in Dawlish:

William	son	16	(1877-)	carpenter
Charles	"	14	(1876-)	scholar
Henry	"	8	(1883-)	"
Arthur	"	4	(1886-1918)	"
Ethel Elizabeth	dau	3		

Note: Here Charles and William are reversed in order of birth, see naval records below.

Arthur John Moore is registered as being born in April-June 1886 (GRO ref Newton Abbot, vol 5b, p 116).

By 1901 the three older boys had moved away from home, and **Arthur** is described as a Solicitor's Clerk and Ethel is shown as Hetty.

William Thomas Moore was born in 1877 (GRO ref Apr-June, N.A., vol5b, p 163) and this is the only reference to him, until a newspaper report of the wreck of H.M.S.ARGYLE off the Irish coast on 28 October 1918 when all lives were saved, including Petty Officer William Moore of Dawlish. A careful search of Naval Ratings Records has not found him, but his brothers also joined the Royal Navy;

Charles David Moore was born on 23 July 1876 and joined the Royal Navy at the age of 19 on 15 April 1896 for 12 years as a Writer, rising to Chief Writer in March 1908 and serving mainly at shore bases.

In 1905 he married Elizabeth Grace A Wedlake in Devonport. She was from Torquay and they had a son, Charles Richard Moore, born in Dawlish ca 1906. In 1911 a nephew, Leslie Vivian Hartwill, was staying with them at 82 Townsend Avenue, Devonport.

On 2 October 1918 he was promoted to permanent Warrant Officer. On joining the Navy he had shown his previous occupation as a reporter.

Harry (Henry) Moore was born on the 19 August 1882 and joined the Royal Navy as a Writer 3rd class on 1 November 1901, aged 18, to follow in Charles' footsteps. He was made a Chief Writer in November 1914 and served variously aboard ships and shore bases until being pensioned on 2 November 1923.

The last accessible census of 1911 shows David, Mary Ann Moore and Ethel Elizabeth Moore (23 and single) still at 18 Brunswick Place. **Arthur (24)** was a Law Clerk and living with his cousin at 7 West Cliff, as shown above.

The extract from the Dawlish Gazette of 21 August 1918 (see Documents) records that **Arthur John Moore** was employed as a Clerk by Messrs Whidborne and Cole, solicitors. In that role he appears to have gained favour with all who had cause to know him.

David Moore died in 1915 aged 67 (GRO ref 1915 Apr-June, N.A., vol 5b, p 136).

Mary Ann Elizabeth Moore died aged 73 in 1919 (GRO ref 1919 Dec, N.A., vol 5b, p 129).

Their daughter, Ethel Elizabeth Moore married Walter James Frodsham Gray in 1917 (GRO ref 1917, Dec, N.A., vol 5b, p 322) and died on 13 December 1966 having given birth to two girls in 1920 and 1922.

It seems that **Arthur John Moore** was a late entrant into the War and did not enter France until December 27, 1917, and was killed "in an attack on 27 August, 1918."

The 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards was engaged heavily in 1918, at The Battle of St Quentin, The Battle of Bapaume, The First Battle of Arras 1918, The Battle of Albert, The Second Battle of Bapaume and later battles. The Battle of Amiens was launched on 8 August, 1918, which saw a major breakthrough of Allied forces that was followed by other assaults on a demoralised German Army.

Arthur J Moore was noted as 'killed in action' and subsequently awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His younger sister, Ethel Elizabeth Gray (wife of Walter James Frodsham Gray) was sole executrix and received the Death Grant of £12. 17s. 6d. and a War Gratuity of £7. 10s. 0d. She was also granted Probate with Effects of £200. 13s. 4d.

Arthur J Moore is inscribed on the Devon Roll of Honour, but date and location of death are not shown. He is also on the Dawlish Boys' School Roll of Honour.

Dawlish War memorial inscription: MOORE A.J. PTE. COLD: GDS.

Devon Heritage site info:

A.MOORE 20785 Private Arthur John Moore of the 2nd Battalion, the Coldstream Guards. Son of the late David and Mary Ann Moore. Born in Dawlish in the March Quarter of 1877. Died 27 August 1918 aged 31. (*Birth date and age at variance with our searches -ed*)

Commonwealth War Graves entry: MOORE, A J Private 20785

27/08/1918 Age: 32 Coldstream Guards, 2nd Bn.

Grave Ref: C. 9. [Mory Street Military Cemetery, St. Leger](#)

Son of the late David and Mary Ann Moore, of Dawlish, Devon.

Headstone inscription "HE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT".

Last known address: 7 West Cliff, Dawlish

Next of kin: Mother, Mary Ann Moore

References:

Free Birth, Marriage & Death refs ; Dawlish Gazette (see Documents); The Long, Long Trail

http://www.ww1wargraves.co.uk/ww1_cemeteries/memorials_easenhall.asp

refs via subscription website:

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Census data;

BMD data;

Ancestry family tree Windeatt - KmitcheII1945

Uk, Soldiers died in the Great War; UK, Army Register of Soldiers' Effects

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls

Probate Register

Naval Ratings' Service Records (National Archives)