



# Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter

Designed by Paul Sullivan

Issue VI

## History & Facts

By: June Burks

### Dr. Charles H. Moore

As we conclude our series of articles on the doctors who are buried in Pearl Webb Cemetery, we will be remembering and honoring Dr. Charles H. Moore. As said before, the Canmer, Hardyville, and surrounding areas were most fortunate to have so many dedicated young doctors who chose to locate here and serve the local people so nobly in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Dr. Moore was born on March 15, 1881 to William J. Moore and Mary (McDaniel) Moore. He had two sisters, Amanda and Laura. Dr. Moore moved to Canmer in the early 1900's from Owsley County. He was a cousin of the late, Mr. Jeff Callahan of Canmer. Dr. Moore's great grandfather, Elias Moore gave the land to build the first courthouse in Owsley County.



The former Miss Ava Leah Lafferty, who grew up in Canmer, in the early 1900's remembers the good doctor's early arrival in Canmer. She states that he was the first doctor to arrive in Canmer, after Dr. Bowling. Her father, Mr. Alvis Lafferty, then owned a home and land on HWY 31-E on the south end of Canmer.

This large and beautiful home burned in the early 1950's. Dr. Moore asked Mr. Lafferty to sell him a few acres of land adjoining and north of his home. After buying some acreage from Mr. Lafferty, he built his new home in what was then known as the "New California Bungalow" style. He also had his office in his home. This home and acreage is now owned by Enola Davis.

Dr. Moore and his wife had one child, a daughter Marjorie; whom Ms. Ava Leah states was about her age and remembers them as being playmates.

At this time, Dr. Moore made his rounds with a horse and buggy. Ms. Ava Leah also states that many grateful mothers named babies for him in appreciation of his expertise. Her brother, Edward Moore Lafferty, being one of them. He taught the mothers how to use irons, as hot as possible, to sterilize clothing and bedding and how to practice hygiene in the home.

Many Canmer citizens of late had fond memories of Dr.

Moore. One of them was the late, Mr. Fred Davis of Canmer. I went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Davis many years ago, when they owned and lived in the Dr. Moore house. He enjoyed sharing stories of Dr. Moore having lived there and showed me the room he used as his office. He said Dr. Moore also kept a milk cow or two on the land to have milk for the family's use. The Davis and Moore families were very good friends.

My mother, the former Lavora Smith, once told me of her remembrance of the doctor. The Smith family (D.T. Smith) used him often. He always came when called and needed. He delivered several of the Smith babies. It was quite a distance for the doctor to travel by horse and buggy, because they lived on the LeGrande-Pascal Road, but the good doctor didn't seem to mind. Mother recalled him sitting down at the family table and eating many meals there. He was especially fond of cherry preserves. My grandmother would keep a preserve stand setting in the middle of the table. The doctor enjoyed eating cold homemade biscuits and preserves. He seemed as family to many who knew him well and was loved by everyone.

After selling his home in Canmer, he moved his practice to Horse Cave. In the 1920



census, he is listed as being in Horse Cave. At the time of this census, his family was listed as consisting of himself, Charles E. Moore, 39; his wife, Kathryn, 30; Charles E. Baker, 12, step-son; Margaret E. Baker, 10, step daughter; and Marjorie M., 9 months, daughter.

The doctor later moved to Louisville, so he could further his education. He went back to school and became a surgeon. Mrs. Christine Meadows recalls him operating on her father-in-law, Mr. Ed Meadows in 1946. He is known to have operated on several other local people while practicing in Louisville.

A newspaper clipping was found in my mother's scrap book announcing Dr. Moore's death in Texas and his imminent burial in Pearl Webb Cemetery. This article gives the following information: Moore 1973, Canmer, KY, Graveside service for Dr. Charles H. Moore, 92 of Huffman, Texas will be held Saturday, March 3, at 1:30 pm, at Pearl Webb Cemetery, Canmer. Dr. Moore, a native of Owsley County, KY began his practice of medicine in Canmer, about 1905. He moved to Horse Cave and practiced there until 1925, when he moved his office to Louisville. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. Moore died February 7 in

Texas and funeral services were held in Dayton, Texas, February 9. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jane Neybauer Moore; a daughter Mrs. Marjorie McDougal of Lake Wales, Fla., and two grandchildren.

The information on his stone reveals that his practice in Canmer was interrupted for a brief time due to his service in the Army during World War I. It simply states:

**Charles H. Moore**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant**  
**U.S. Army WWI**  
**M.D.**

**3/15/1881 - 2/07/1973**

At age 93, his wife Jane, passed away some fourteen years later and was buried beside her husband. Her stone simply states:

**Jane Moore**  
**U.S. Navy WWI**  
**1894 - 1987**

After having been gone from Canmer some 50 years, evidently the doctor called Canmer his home and requested that his ashes be brought back to Pearl Webb for his final resting place.

Note: Again, thanks to Jean Hedgepeth for digging into her files and coming up with a wonderful picture of the doctor, as well as, some additional information. Also, some information came from Francis Moss's book, "Hardyville: A Big Little Town."

## From the Treasurer's Desk

By: Brenda Dudderar

Greetings from your treasurer. Thanks to all of you who send such kind notes with your donations.

We have a couple of people that deserve our heartfelt thanks. Mr. Stokes A. Baird IV donated some trees, and the labor to set them, to beautify our cemetery. If you did not see the dogwoods in bloom this spring, then you missed an awesome sight. Mr. Baird's gift will only enhance the beauty of Pearl Webb Cemetery. Also, Mr. Bob Hunt (mayor of Cave City, KY and owner of the Bob Hunt Funeral Home) donated us an American flag. We try to keep a flag flying all year at the cemetery and we always need a new one for Memorial Day.

Marie Smith Wilson left us a donation from her estate. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this is a wonderful memorial for your loved ones.

Once again, we will be collecting donations at the cemetery during Memorial Day weekend. We can always use help with this project. Anyone wishing to help can call me at 270-528-5042. It is a fun, interesting, and helpful way to spend your time.

Our donations were good again this year. However, our mowing charges have gone up



and we have already had several mowings this spring.

Flags will be placed by each veteran again this year during Memorial Day weekend. If you have a loved one that does not have a flag, please notify us. This means they are not on our list.



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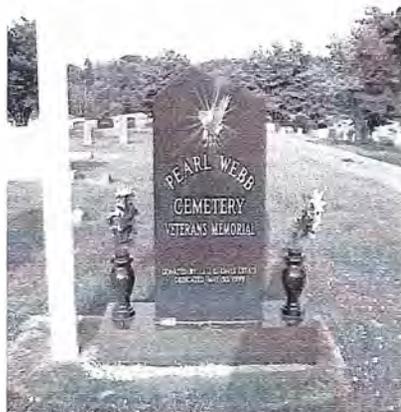


Photo of the Pearl Webb Cemetery's Veterans Memorial, which is located next to the flag pole.



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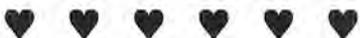
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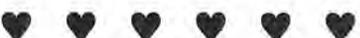
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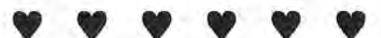
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