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Born: 1750 New Hanover County, NC

Married: 1763 George Newton

Died: 1830 Screven County, GA

Parents: John Moore & Unknown

"Aldermans in America"; Wm. Alderman Parker, Edwards & Broughton Co., Raleigh, N.C., 1957

Nancy Moore was of Irish descent, her parents having come direct to Duplin County (NC) from Ireland some time prior to the Revolutionary War.

Ann "Nancy" was of German-Irish descent, her ancestors having come directly to North Carolina from Germany and Ireland prior to the Revolutionary War. [The names of her parents - Dennis Mohr/Moore and Sarah (possibly) Pettigrew - were found by Elizabeth Newton Turner, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, now deceased. The source of her discovery is unknown to this researcher, though a search of the Internet has found information supporting this theory, posted by John Croom.]

When George died in 1782 at age 40, he left his 33 year old wife with eight children, the oldest, son Samuel, being 19 and the youngest, daughter Catherine, being less than one year old. Ann never remarried.

The State of North Carolina conducted a census from 1784 through 1787. The census taker visited the Black River District of New Hanover County on 1 April 1786, and recorded this about the Newton household: Anne Newton, head, 3 white males between the ages of 21 and 60 years; 2 males under 21 and over 60; 6 females of all ages; no Blacks. Surnames of some of the neighbors were Bloodworth, Devane, Fennell, Herring, Howard, Rogers, Carr, Lee, Bland and Baker; many of these names show up on deeds and other court documents with the Newton family. Source: State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787, pg 104.

In 1790, when the New Hanover County census taker visited the Newton home in the Wilmington District, he recorded: Ann Newton, head of household; 3 males over age 16; 1 male under age 16; 6 females of all ages; no slaves. Upon study of the ages of the children, it appears that they were probably sons - James, age 24; George, Jr., age 22; Isaac, age 20; Reuben, age 16; daughters - Ann "Nancy," age 18; Susannah, age 14; Rachel, age 11; and Catherine, age 8. The 6th female was probably the wife of James or George, both of whom married about 1790. Son Samuel, age 26, had married in 1790 and lived nearby. Source: 1790 New Hanover County, North Carolina census, pg 55, column 1, line 19.

Ann has not been found by name in the 1800 census. There was no female of her age recorded in the households of any of her sons at the time the census taker visited. Her daughter, Ann "Nancy" Newton Alderman, died about 1800; it is possible that the mother Ann was staying with her daughter in Duplin County, though that is pure conjecture.

Ann's brother, Pettigrew Moore, wrote his will in 1798, and died in 1802. Pettigrew's will contained this legacy: Item, I give devise and bequeath to my dear sister Anne Newton in testimony of my Sincere regard for her, the Sum of fifty Dollars, out of the ready Money I have by me, to her, her Heirs and Assigns forever. ~ Source: Will of Pettigrew Moore, obtained from the North Carolina State Archives 11 August 2009, by Janice Newton Thurmond. [The relative value of

\$50.00 in 1798 compared to 2009 is \$903.12. Source: *"Six Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774, to Present"* by Samuel H. Williamson, found at URL <http://www.measuringworth.com/uscompare/>.

A widow, she moved to Scriven (now called "Screven") County, Georgia, with two of her sons - George and Samuel - and their families sometime between 1810 and 1815. There is no 1810 Georgia census and it is impossible to read the 1820 Scriven County census page on which her son George and his family were recorded; however, the page where her son Samuel and his family are recorded is partially legible, but not perfect - perhaps Ann was living with that family, for it appears to have a female over age 45 residing there. Sources: (1) *"Aldermans in America"* by William Alderman Parker, 1957; page 331; (2) 1820 Scriven Co., GA census, pg 235, line 11.

The Creek Indians signed a treaty with the State of Georgia on 12 February 1825 at Indian Springs, ceding vast tracts of land to the state. That land was divided into new counties, some being Lee, Muscogee and Coweta. In 1827, that land was distributed to the citizens of Georgia by way of a lottery. One category of persons who were eligible to participate in the lottery was Revolutionary War veterans or their widows. On 21 April 1827, the fortieth day of the lottery, Ann Newton, of Captain Hunter's District, Scriven County and widow of a Revolutionary Soldier, was a "fortunate drawer," meaning that she drew land. [The original county name was spelled "Scriven"; presently, it is spelled "Screven."] Source: 1827 Georgia Land Lottery Records.

The lot of land which Ann won was number 83, District 1, in newly created Lee County. That 202 and half acres were on Muchalee Creek and swamp, which is situated a few miles southeast of present day Leesburg. The grant was made in Ann Newton's name to her heirs by Georgia Governor William Schley on 19 December 1835, five years after Ann's death. There is no way to know just how or when the Newton family disposed of that land, for the courthouse in Lee County burned with most of the records in the 1860s and again in 1896; however, a deed was found, dated 13 June 1844, where one James Oliver of Wakulla County, Florida, sold land lot 83, District 1, Lee County, Georgia, to an Edward Pennington for \$150.00. The deed was recorded 20 May 1858. Since there is no record of any of Ann's children moving to Lee County, it seems safe to assume that her heirs sold the land, sight unseen, soon after 1835. Sources: (1) Georgia Survey General Grant Book, pg 64, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Morrow, GA; (2) Lee County, Georgia, Deed Book A (1858-1863), pgs 67 & 68.

Upon her death in 1830, Ann Moore Newton was reportedly buried in the Newton Family Cemetery near Rocky Ford, Screven County, Georgia. Source: *"Aldermans in America"* by William Alderman Parker, 1957; page 331.



Remnants of the cedar plank, which was used to mark Ann "Nancy" Moore Newton's grave in the Newton Family Cemetery, Rocky Ford, Screven County, Georgia. It appears that the ravages of time have almost completely destroyed the marker.

Above picture and information from online research at: Ancestry.com