



Yarrington-Moore House
309 Park Lane
Austin, Texas 78704

Elizabeth and Nathaniel Chapin, Owners



Oblique view of
Northeast corner

309 Park Lane
Austin Landmark designation



West Elevation

309 Park Lane
Austin Landmark designation



East Elevation

309 Park Lane
Austin Landmark designation



Oblique view of
southeast corner

309 Park Lane
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Oblique view of
Southwest corner

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Original interior staircase
was removed ca. 1930s;
new staircase added 2012



Interior Photos

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Upper left: Dining Room
Left: Bathroom on second level, turret
Upper right: Second floor Living Room

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Upper left: Original Corinthian porch capital and column
Left: Reinforcement added to turret
Upper right: Original fish scale shingles on turret

Details

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Original turret at
Northeast corner
Photo ca. 1999

Addition for living
space; pre-1935



Exterior stair added in 1930s;
removed during rehabilitation

Before Rehabilitation East Elevation

Photo ca. 1999 by owner

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West and southwest corner enclosed
for living space

Before Rehabilitation

Photo ca. 1999

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Turret balcony railing removed and enclosed for living space

Original entry infilled for living space

Before Rehabilitation North Elevation

Photo ca. 1999

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DAILY STATESMAN.

AUSTIN TEXAS.

A GRAND ENTERPRISE.

To the public:—In announcing the formal opening of Fairview Park, which will occur on the 1st of May, 1886, the undersigned desires to state in brief the object of his undertaking, and what he hopes to accomplish.

April 14, 1886

Austin American-Statesman

FAIRVIEW PARK.

The attention of the public is called to the pre-eminent place occupied by Fairview park among the many sub-divisions surrounding Austin. In the first place, all sites are located on prominent points, overlooking the city and surrounding country; the roads being laid in their proper places, without the conventional regard for right angles. In the second place, the surface drainage is perfect, water being carried off by the ravines as soon as it falls. Thirdly, a thorough system of underground sewerage has been planned, a portion of which is already in operation, and will be connected to each residence, it being a part of the contract with purchasers of sites that connection with the sewer must be made, no outhouses being allowed. Fourth, the water supply in the park is now complete, the force being unequalled by any other section of city or suburbs. Fifth, a large livery stable has been erected capable of accommodating the horses of every citizen of the park at a minimum cost, thus rendering the expense and annoyance of private stables unnecessary. Each residence will be connected with the stable by electricity, enabling residents to summon their carriages at short notice. Carriages will be delivered and called for at all hours, thus equalling, at least, the facilities of city stables.

September 1, 1886

Austin American-Statesman

EAST SIXTH STREET FIRE DID BUT LITTLE HARM

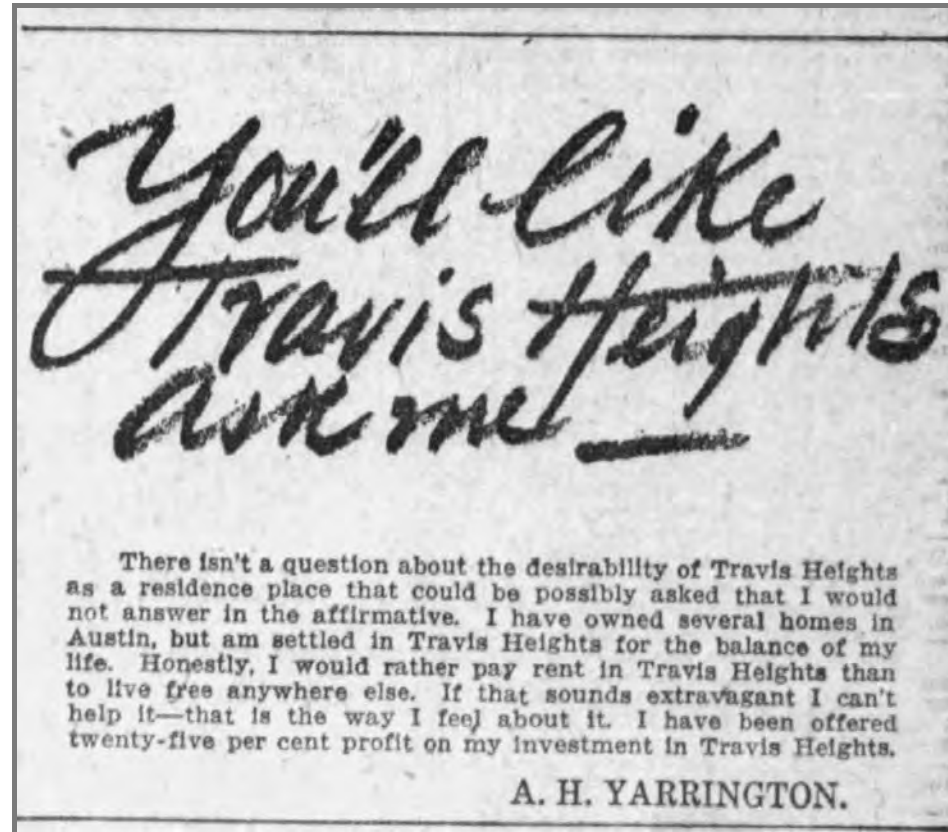
COTTON OVER YARRINGTON'S
STORE WAS IGNITED AND AN
ALARM WAS TURNED IN—NO
DAMAGE EXCEPT BY WATER.

About 8:30 last night fire broke out in cotton store in the upper story at 325 East Sixth street, over Yarrington's Shoe Store. The cotton quickly blazed up and was soon discovered, an alarm being turned in by Officer Harrell and East Austin Hook and Ladder, Washington and Colorado companies responded. Two streams of water were soon on the blaze and it was extinguished without any damage to the floor or wood work. The second floor of the building was occupied by R. H. Melby & Co., cotton buyers, and about 100 pounds of cotton were heaped up on the floor. It is not known how the fire started.

The building is owned by Mrs. A. H. Yarrington and the lower floor is occupied by Yarrington Shoe company. The water leaking through the second floor did some damage to the stock, but all losses will not exceed \$50, fully covered by insurance.

A few minutes after the above blaze an alarm was turned in from Thirteenth street, just back of the capitol. A burning flag was quickly extinguished.

December 4, 1907
The Austin Statesman



*You'll like
Travis Heights
ask me*

There isn't a question about the desirability of Travis Heights as a residence place that could be possibly asked that I would not answer in the affirmative. I have owned several homes in Austin, but am settled in Travis Heights for the balance of my life. Honestly, I would rather pay rent in Travis Heights than to live free anywhere else. If that sounds extravagant I can't help it—that is the way I feel about it. I have been offered twenty-five per cent profit on my investment in Travis Heights.

A. H. YARRINGTON.

September 26, 1926
The Austin American-Statesman

A. H. Yarrington, Austin Resident 53 Years, Is Dead

A. H. Yarrington, 76, a resident of Austin for the past 53 years, died at his home, 811 Riverside Drive, at 7 a. m. Friday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Smith Yarrington; two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Foster of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Parker Pace of Houston; two sons, L. R. Yarrington of Austin and Bob Yarrington of Corpus Christi; and one sister, Mrs. Clara Cullinsworth of Richmond, Va.

Mr. Yarrington was born in Richmond, Va., on Feb. 12, 1860. He moved to Austin when just a young man and has lived here since that time. While he has not been in very good health for the last several months, his death came very unexpectedly this morning.

The body is at the Thurlow Weed funeral home pending definite funeral arrangements.

TIMELY ENOUGH

MIDDLETON, N. Y., April 24.—(UP)—Fred Graham, municipal sanatorium employe, today was awarded \$1300 compensation for a foot injury. He looked at the clock. It was one year to the minute from the date of injury.

April 24, 1936
The Austin Statesman

Marriage certificate
Arthur Yarrington and Mary Smith
October 1, 1885

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

H. S. Cardell and *Mattie Reardon*

Frank Brown

Frank Brown

Rev J. W. Smith

27

24 day of *Oct*, 1885

25 day of *Jan*, 1886

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

Frank Wilson and *Miss Alice Smith*

Frank Brown

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

125

125 day of *Oct*, 1885

25 day of *Jan*, 1886

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

Hiey and Keenan and *Maria Meyer*

Frank Brown

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

125

125 day of *Oct*, 1885

25 day of *Jan*, 1886

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

A. H. Yarrington and *Mary Smith*

Frank Brown

Frank Brown

Rev J. W. Smith

27

24 day of *Oct*, 1885

25 day of *Jan*, 1886

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

James Smith and *Maria Smith*

Frank Brown

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

125

125 day of *Oct*, 1885

25 day of *Jan*, 1886

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

A. H. Washington and *Maria White*

Frank Brown

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

125

125 day of *Oct*, 1885

25 day of *Jan*, 1886

Frank Brown

H. S. Wickes

MOORE REUNION A SUCCESS.

Day Is Spent at Barbecue, With Big Dance at Night.

The reunion of the J. B. Moore family, which was held yesterday, proved to be one of great success. Many members of the family from different parts of Texas and Oklahoma were present and the day was an eventful one for all. This is the first reunion of the family since 1897, at which time the parents and nine children were living.

The party gathered at about noon and went from the home of Mr. Moore, 309 Park Lane, Fairview Park, to the old Moore homestead on Onion Creek, where a barbecue and dance was tendered. About 100 Austin people motored and drove out last night for the dance. Many more planned to attend, but owing to the threatening weather were kept from doing so.

Among the members of the family who were present were: J. B. Moore and wife, Floy Moore, J. B. Moore Jr., Mrs. Maud Morrell and her husband, Ben Morrell Jr., and their daughter, Dorris Virginia Morrell; A. L. Hughes and wife and son, Bob Hughes, and daughter, Lovely Hughes, of Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Craft and daughter, Mrs. Claudia Sanders; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Herry and daughter of Enclinal; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Proctor and daughter, Elizabeth, of Enclinal; Dud Moore of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Martha Burleson Moore, Mrs. Bettie Moore, widow of T. A. Moore, and two daughters, Josephine and Boulah; Mrs. A. B. Moore and daughters, Emma Bell, and Mrs. Harry Bouchard; Harry Bouchard and others.

July 20, 1912
The Austin Statesman

BULL BELONGING TO J. B. MOORE DECLARED GRAND CHAMPION

Award On 9-Months' Calf In
Hereford Section May Be
Contested By Kyle Breeder.

Formal protest in declaring "Sam Sparks," nine-months-old Hereford bull owned by J. B. Moore of Austin, as grand champion may be made by J. M. Miechales of Kyle, whose two-year-old bull, "Superior Harmon," had been matched with the calf in the final judging.

The decision was made Wednesday afternoon by Professor Walcott of Texas A. & M. College, who is acting as judge of the cattle at the Central Texas Fair and came after all fair officials and contestants had expressed satisfaction with his work.

Mr. Miechales accepted the decision under protest, and while he did not indicate whether he would file a protest, he intimated he was not entirely satisfied with the award as made.

The complete list of prize winners in the herd follows:

Durham Shorthorns.
Bull, 2 years old: K. M. Trigg, first; Marvin Hughes, second.
Bull, 1 year old: Marvin Hughes, first; K. M. Trigg, second.
Cow, 3 years old: K. M. Trigg, first; Cow, 2 years old, K. M. Trigg, first and second.
Cow, 1 year old: K. M. Trigg, first, second and third.
Calf herd: K. M. Trigg, first, second and third.

Herefords.
Bull, 3 years old: J. B. Moore, with Polled Elton 697401.
Bull, 2 years old: Mr. Miechales, with Superior Harmon 954056.
Bull, 1 year old: J. E. Barker, with Neff 990963.
Bull, under 1 year: J. B. Moore, with Sam Sparks 1105386.
Grand champion bull: J. B. Moore, with Sam Sparks 1105386.
Cow, 3 years old: J. B. Moore, with Sparks Lass 757653.
Cow, 2 years old: Sam Cruse.
Cow, 1 year old: Sam Cruse.
Heifer calf: J. B. Moore, first and second.
Calf herd: J. B. Moore, first and second.

November 22, 1922
The Austin Statesman

Austin Nonagenarian Defends Youth

Mrs. Martha Burleson Moore, Celebrating Her Ninetieth Birthday Anniversary, Advocates Modern Thought.

MRS. MARTHA BURLESON MOORE, celebrated her ninetyeth birthday yesterday at the home of her son, John B. Moore, at 309 Park Lane.

Mrs. Moore's life is an outstanding example of truth stranger than fiction, as she was born June 27, 1835 at what is now Hills Prairie in Bastrop county during the Indian raid which has been made an unforgettable part of pioneer history by "Wilbarger's Dream," which tradition has crystallized into accepted fact and by the murder of Jim Gillean. This tragedy took place at Blue Bluff at a time when what are now Travis and Bastrop counties were one and there were only about three families in the territory which it covered. These were the Burleson, Hornsby and Moore families.

Her parents, John and Rebecca Burleson had been driven to seek protection from marauding Indians, and while they were resting in what is now Hills Prairie, to take advantage of the protection of its few inhabitants, the little girl Martha, was born.

Indians Roamed Prairies.
Indians and buffalo then claimed the country by right of possession, and the few settlers were harassed by the roving bands of savages which sneaked about under cover of darkness and drove away the stock and murdered the hapless pioneer caught away from shelter and unprotected.

Only the fact that the Indians were cowardly and lacked initiative and the qualities of leadership, protected the settlers during those perilous days, Mrs. Moore says.

General Ed Burleson, the great Indian fighter and her father, John S. Burleson were brothers and memories of her earliest childhood are of talk of Indian

raids and the breathless fright of the nights when lights were shrouded and the family talked in whispers for fear of attracting the savage foes, who attacked in the dark and rode away into their secret fastnesses of the almost inaccessible hills, over trails which the pursuing pioneers could not follow.

When she was ten years old little Martha went with her parents to what is now known as the old Moore homestead at Moore's crossing, on Onion creek and here her girlhood was spent.

Reveals Early History.
Mrs. Moore envisions the time in retrospect very clearly, and strange to say one of the principal memories which lingers is the fact that sugar was brought from a great distance in hogsheads, with care and difficulty, and was a great luxury. There were no railroads and many of the things which are a matter of course to Mrs. Moore's great grandchildren, were unknown to her childhood and young womanhood.

At eighteen she was married to Robert J. Moore and nine children were born to them.

Mrs. Moore had with her in the trials of motherhood, only an old slave who had been her nurse since she was eight years old and in fact up to yesterday her ninetyeth birthday, she proudly boasts that she has never been under the care of a physician.

John B. Moore is the only one of the nine children who is living; Austin and Mrs. Moore is the center around which the Moore home revolves. Eighteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren worship at her shrine. "I'm proud of the fact that she has kept abreast of the world's progress and still has her own opinions on questions of public interest."

Believes In Modern Youth.
One of the most interesting things about her is that she is

an ardent advocate of the modern young man and young woman whose horizon was widened with the onward march of civilization and who refuses to be limited to the scope of thought and action which was eminently proper for his or her grandparents but hopelessly antiquated for the youth of today.

She wears her hair bobbed and is willing to allow the same privilege to any one who may desire to follow her example considering it a question entirely for individual decision.

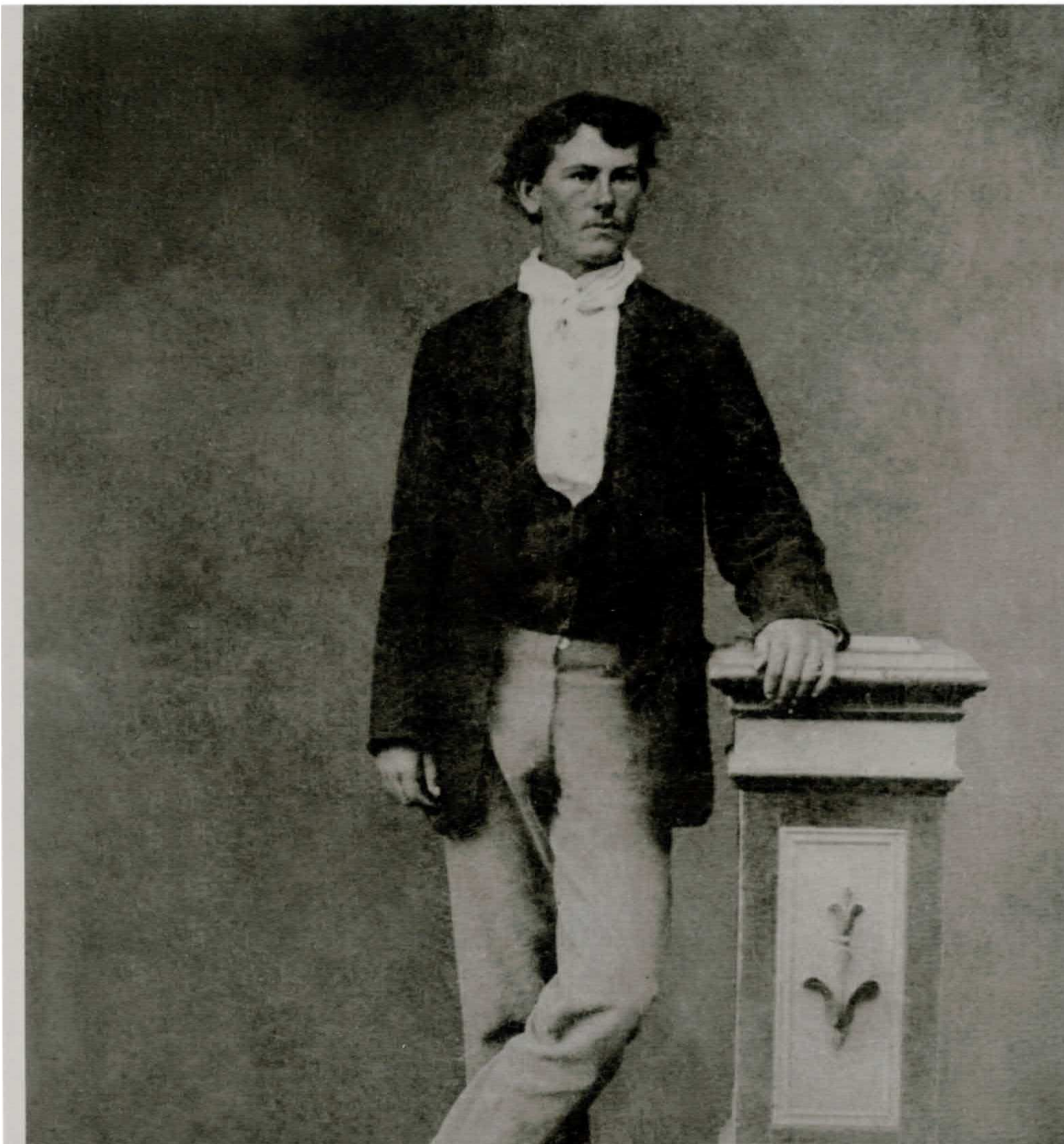
The young people of the family are especially proud of their grandmother because she always espouses the cause of youth and sees only promise of greater growth and development in the things which differentiate the youth of today from that of three quarters of a century ago.

Interested In Politics.
A striking thing about Mrs. Moore is her deep interest in politics and her clear grasp of public questions of the day.

The late gubernatorial contest in which a candidate from the republican party opposed the Democratic nominee, was a blow to her for, as she herself expressed it: "Texas has stood for democracy since this land of ours was settled and civilized by little bands of brave men who underwent untold privations to make Texas what she is today."

Yesterday Mrs. Moore was the honored center of a group of her children, her children's children and her children's children's children, for the annual birthday dinner at the home of her son, John B. Moore, and many and fervent were the prayers that arose for many happy returns of the day for the mother, grandmother and great grandmother, still young though the snows of many winters have silvered the aureole of her short hair and still sweet despite the trials of a long and varied life.

June 28, 1925
The Austin American
309 Park Lane
Austin Landmark designation



12. J. G. Moore

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

70978
REGISTRAR'S NO. 6239

1. PLACE OF DEATH
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY Travis
CITY Austin
DISTRICT NO. 10
IF IN AN INSTITUTION, GIVE NAME OF INSTITUTION INSTEAD OF STREET AND NO. St. David's Hospital

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED John B. Moore Sr.
RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED NO. 1602 STREET W. Ave. CITY Austin STATE Texas

3. SEX Male
4. COLOR OR RACE White
5. SINGLE Married
6. DATE OF BIRTH July 28 - 1861
7. AGE 77 YEARS 11 MONTHS 5 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1 DAY - HRS. MIN.

8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. Retired Farmer
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILK MILL, SAW MILL, BANK, ETC.
10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION
11. TOTAL TIME (YEARS) SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Lampasas, Texas
13. NAME Robert J. Moore
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Williamson Co. Texas
15. MAIDEN NAME Martha Jane Burleson
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Travis Co. Texas
17. INFORMANT Ben Morrill Jr.
Custum Texas
18. BURIAL PLACE Oakwood Cem. DATE July 5, 1939
19. UNDERTAKER C. B. Cook
Custum Texas
20. SIGNATURE AND FILE DATE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR 8-10-1939 Austin, Tex

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) July 3, 1939
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM 7/9/1939 TO 7/5/1939
23. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING: Central Thrombosis
24. WAS DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED? No

OTHER CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE:
NAME OF OPERATION No DATE OF
WHAT TEST CON- FIRMED DIAGNOSIS? WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY?
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE
DATE OF INJURY
WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR?
SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN INDUSTRIAL OR PUBLIC PLACE.
MANNER OF INJURY
NATURE OF INJURY
IF SO, SPECIFY
(SIGNED) J. E. Robert
(ADDRESS) Austin, Tex

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John Burleson Moore, Sr.