

Carroll County GaArchives Biographies.....MOORE, JAMES P. 1839 -

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JAMES P.MOORE; capitalist, Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ga., son of John and

Levisa (Petty) Moore, was born in Spartanburg district, S. C, in 1839. His paternal grandparents, Hugh and Elizabeth (Thomas) Moore, were natives of South Carolina. His grandfather was a soldier in the revolutionary war and his grandson -the subject of this sketch, is "a chip of the old block"-has the musket he "toted" all through that memorable struggle. His maternal grandfather, Charles Petty, was also a soldier in the patriot army. Mr. Moore was reared in South Carolina and received a limited education, and when a mere child had to walk three miles daily to obtain it. April 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company H (Capt. Joe Walker), Fifth South Carolina regiment (Col. Jenkins), which was assigned to the command of Gen. Beauregard. He served in this company nearly a year, when another company was formed known as the First Palmetto Sharpshooters, which caused some changes, and in the reorganization of Company H { Mr. Moore was made captain, which he continued to be until the surrender. He was present at the firing on Fort Sumter. When it fell he went to Virginia, and beginning with First Manassas, participated in many of the bloodiest and most fiercely contested battles during the entire war-including every battle in which Jenkins' brigade was engaged. That he was in the foremost on every battlefield it is needless to say, for with a double strain of revolutionary blood in his veins, and South Carolina blood at that, nothing else could be expected. It has been stated above that he had in his possession the musket which his Grandfather Moore carried during the war for independence. The following incident will show why he should be doubly proud of it-first, its family and historic interest; second, the circumstances attending its retention. After the war, in pursuance of a military order, the union soldiers. proceeded to gather up all the arms in private hands in the south. When this old musket was demanded Mr. Moore refused to give it up, and when the soldiers attempted to take it by force he foiled them and made his escape with it. It is asserted that many a Federal soldier "bit the dust" in after attempts to capture him, and on roll call was reported "missing." Although he escaped capture, the continual danger he was in determined him to leave the state; so, in 1873, he came to Georgia and settled in Carroll county. He was a brick-mason, and worked at his trade, but he has done so well and managed and invested his gains so judiciously that he now ranks as one of the moneyed men of the county. In 1867 Mr. Moore was married to Miss Honora Elkin, daughter of Elbert and Mary Elkin. Mr. Moore stands well in Carroll county and is very much esteemed by all privileged with his intimate friendship.

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