

# Morris-Moore Family photographs

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## **Summary Information**

<b>Repository</b>	Chester County History Center
<b>Creator</b>	Morris, Andrea
<b>Title</b>	Morris-Moore Family photographs
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	1940s-1960s, undated
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	circa 1905-1990, undated
<b>Extent</b>	8 folders
<b>Location note</b>	Chester County History Center Photo Archives
<b>Language</b>	eng
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	eng
<b>Abstract</b>	The Morris-Moore Family photographs comprise of 8 folders and date from circa 1905-1990. The photographs feature members of the Morris-Moore family, Coatesville-area landmarks, including the memorial service for Zachariah Walker.

## **Preferred Citation note**

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## **Historical Note**

Three generations of the Morris-Moore family are represented in this collection of photographs. The eldest generation, "Grandpa" and Annie Moore were the parents of Ella Moore (Morris), William Moore, Laura Moore (Jackson), Bess Moore (Carson), Wayne Moore, and Hannah Moore (Scott). None of their life dates are known.

Ella Moore married Samuel Morris (1874-1920).

Samuel Morris was born in Harrisburg, but came to Coatesville at three or four years of age. He was an employee of the Lukens Steel Company from a young age until his death. Both his father (John Morris) and his brother (Joseph Morris) were Lukens Steel employees as well. Samuel Morris was a melter in the steel plant and was regarded as an expert in steel making. He was a member of the Knights of Malta, the Knights of Pythias, the Brandywine Fire Company, and the First Baptist Church of Coatesville.

Ella Moore and Samuel Morris had a son, John (occasionally referred to as Jack) Morris in 1899.

Two members of the donor's maternal line are represented in the collection as well. Those two members, Ernest Johnson (1900-) and Mary Stewart Johnson (1898-), married in 1922.

### **Content warning:** lynching

The lynching of Zachariah Walker occurred on August 13, 1911 in Coatesville, PA. A white mob attacked and burned steelworker Zachariah Walker alive after Walker killed Edgar Rice, a Worth Brothers Steel company police officer.

On August 12, 1911, a drunk Zachariah Walker fired a handgun near a group of immigrant workers with the intention of scaring them. Walker was then confronted by Rice who threatened to club Walker for his actions, to which Walker said he would kill Rice if he went through with his threat. Both men pulled their guns, but Walker shot first, killing Rice.

Upon capture, Walker attempted suicide. While recovering in the Coatesville Hospital, a mob of around 2,000 white Coatesville residents surrounded the hospital, pushed past Walker's security, dragged Walker out of the hospital, and threw Walker, who was still chained to his hospital bed, onto a makeshift funeral pyre.

The response to the lynching outside of Coatesville was one of shock and condemnation, especially seeing as lynching had largely been seen as a Southern crime.

A total of thirteen men were indicted for Walker's murder, all of whom were ultimately acquitted.

## **Scope and Contents and Arrangement note**

This collection came to the Chester County History Center with no original order. They have been divided into two series: *family members* and *Coatesville landmarks*. Because the photographs are largely identified, they are arranged alphabetically by name.

*Family members* includes 3 folders with 7 black and white photographs of the Morris and Moore families, including Annie Moore, Ella Moore Morris, Samuel Morris, Harold Scott, Warren Carson, Laura

Jackson, James Scott, John Morris, Hannah Moore Scott, Jim Jackson, Alma Jackson, Bess Moore Carson, Grandpa Moore (husband of Annie Moore), Wayne Moore, and William Moore.

*Coatesville landmarks* includes 5 folders with 21 black and white photographs of the following landmarks: Coatesville School, the memorial service for Zachariah Taylor at Rock Run Sunday School, J.G. Kennedy Store in Rock Run, Kurtz Dam, and Mt. Vernon Bridge.

### **Administrative Information**

The Morris-Moore Family photographs were donated to the Chester County History Center by Andrea Morris in 2012.

### **Controlled Access Headings**

Coatesville (Pa.)

Walker, Zachariah, -1911

Lynching

Memorials

Morris, Samuel, 1874-1920

Morris, Ella Moore

Morris, John (1899-)

Moore, Annie

Moore, Wayne

Scott, Hannah Moore

Moore, William

Carson, Bess Moore

Jackson, Laura Moore

### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research use.

### **Collection Inventory**

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date	# of items
1	1	Annie Moore (mother of Ella Moore Morris)	undated	1
1	1	Unidentified member of the Moore family	undated	1
1	2	Ella (Ellie) Moore Morris	undated	2
1	2	Samuel Morris	undated	1
1	3	Harold Scott, Ella Moore Morris, Warren Carson, Laura Moore Jackson, James Scott, Sam Morris, John Morris, Hannah Moore	undated	1

		Scott, Jim Jackson, Alma Jackson, Bess Moore Carson, Grandma (Annie) Moore, Grandpa Moore, Wayne Moore, William Moore		
1	3	Wayne Moore, Ella Moore Morris, Hannah Moore Scott, William Moore, Bess Moore Carson, Grandma (Annie) Moore, Grandpa Moore, Laura Moore Jackson	Undated	1
1	4	Coatesville School class, Ernest Johnson is top row, first from left	1909	1
1	4	Mary Stewart and Ernest Johnson (married 1922)	Circa 1922	1
1	5	Memorial service for Zachariah Walker at Rock Run Sunday School	August 1911	4
1	6	David and Jane (Ainsworth) Stewart	Circa 1922	1
1	6	J.G. Kennedy Store, Rock Run, PA. David Stewart is pictured next to the store's keeper.	Circa 1892	1
1	7	Kurtz Dam taken by Mary Stewart Johnson	undated	4
1	8	Mt. Vernon Bridge after hurricane	1933	9