

MOORE

This name can be either a descriptive or location name and it is now impossible to separate them.

The English location names were from the Old English word mor (marsh, fen, moor) and there are places called Mo(o)re. William de (of) More, Lefrio de la Mora, John atte (at) Mor Adam atte More and John Bythemore lived in 1066-1327.

The English descriptive name is from the word maure or more (dark, swarthy) an Old French word. Johannus filius (son of) More, Hugo Maurus and Thomas le (the) Mor lived in 1185-1201.

In Scotland, the meaning is usually a locative name. Thomas de la (of the) More, Sir Adam More or Moores lived in 1297-1328. Many of the Scottish Mores and Moores were members of the Clan Gordon.

In France, Maure, More, Moreau, Morrel, Morin, Morot, Moron, etc., are descriptive names.

Burke's General Armory describes the Moor(e) and More arms.

In Virginia, John and Robert More, Leonard More or Moore, Edward and Henry Moore arrived in 1621-35. Leonard and seven others obtained land grants in 1635-57.

Joseph and Richard Moore arrived on the Mayflower. Joseph died the first winter, but Richard lived and fathered four or more children.

Fifty-seven of the name were officers in the American Revolutionary Army.