

## THE FLEMING FARM

"In the name of God, amen. I, James Moore, of the county of Southampton, Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, thanks to Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this, my last will and testament, in the manner following that is to say . . ." Thus began the will of James Moore dated March 15, 1775.

Among the heirs to receive land in Halifax County was a son, James Moore, Jr., (1765-1851) who was married to Martha Williams, Sally Lowe, and Mary Council, and who fought as a privateer in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the earlier Moores to be buried in the Moore family cemetery on the farm. He divided most of his property among his eleven children; however, his homeplace, "Sycamore Alley," was left to two grandchildren, James Moore, III (1841-1905) who was married to Ann Little and Thomas Graham Moore (1846-1885) who was married to Josephine Stallings.

In 1886 an uncle, Bartholomew "Bat" Figures Moore (1801-1879) who was married to Louisa Boddie and Lucy Boddie, was the Attorney General of North Carolina, and for whom Moore Square in downtown Raleigh was named, purchased a large portion of "Sycamore Alley" land from other heirs. He then willed this additional land to nephews, Thomas Graham Moore and Dempsy Pittman Moore (1857-1918) who was married to Carrie Wooten.

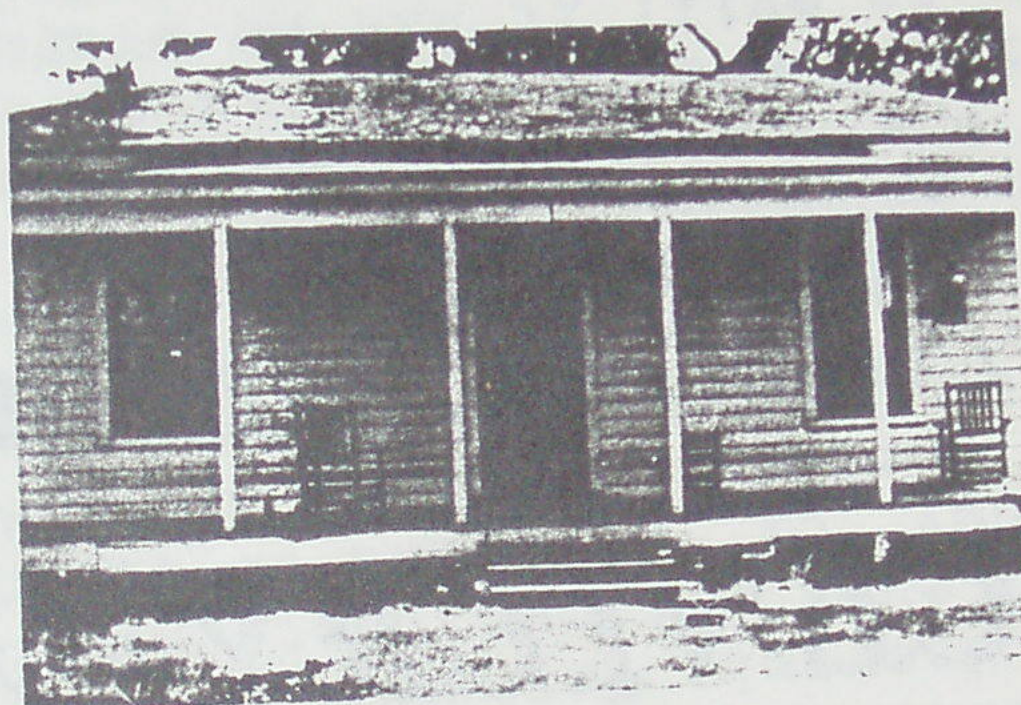
By 1912 Auburn Moore Bloomer (1874-1953) who was married to Annie Maud Draper and his brother, Hugh Bloomer (1876-

Alley" property. They are the grandsons and great nephews of Auburn and Hugh, respectively.

*Submitted by Robert B. Fleming*

## THE GARNER FARM

James H. Garner was born February 12, 1867. He was in the service with the 32 Infantry Division CSA. He was the father of five children by his first wife. She died in 1881.



*The Garner home in 1951.*

On February 13, 1883 he married Eliza W. Garner. There were two children born to them, his second marriage: Archer Lee Garner and Jessie R. Garner. James H. Garner, bought the first land in 1868, all being in Halifax County.

In 1878 he purchased land in Halifax County. Besides farming this land, he owned and operated a cotton gin on this land. James H. Garner died in 1891, leaving two children for Eliza to raise and care for. Archer L. Garner and Jessie R. Garner were not old enough to remember their father. After his death, Eliza looked after the farm as long as she could, and then had to depend on sharecroppers until her



*L to R: Ben Denning's wife, Annie, and son Floyd Lundy Denning, Zillie Ann, widow of Washington and William Arthur Denning.*

the house that was built prior to the Civil War. The house is constructed of hewn board heart pine and the nails that were made in the 1800s.

Fred Junious and son, Danny Fred, continue the farming tradition. The farm's retention pond was originally smaller, fed by a stream and enclosed by a rail fence and surrounded by a mulberry grove for livestock use. One of the family cemeteries is located on this section of the farm. The earliest settlement was in the early 1800s.

It is believed that this farm was the first in the area to grow tobacco. Wood was used for many years for curing, later oil was used and now LP gas is used.

Many eastern North Carolina Denning family members can trace their history to this farm and its original land tracts.

*Submitted by F. Junius D.*

## THE FUQUAY-PARRISH FARM

This century farm, "the Fuquay Place," is located on Northington Road in Halifax County.