

1882 Record of the Moses Gunn Family

The attached letter came to light when my mother (Eunice Mae Knauff Gehrlein) asked her Aunt Hazel Griggs Sevison in the early 1990's about any recollections that she had of their ancestors. Her Aunt Hazel produced this letter dated January 1, 1882 that had recorded the names and dates of birth for Gunn Family descendants of Moses Gunn. There is no information regarding who wrote it, or why they wrote it, but it was obviously connected in some way to Eunice Gunn Cornell; who was the grand-daughter of Aaron D. Gunn and the great-grandmother of my mother. The list from Charles through Hiram definitely appear to be the children of Moses Gunn. It is difficult to determine if the one name is "David" or "Daniel", but the family had a habit of reusing the names of sons from generation to generation, and the name David never appeared anywhere else. It is known from records of Aaron D Gunn's property settlement when he died intestate in Alden, NY in 1833 that he had brothers named Daniel and Hiram. Aaron D. Gunn married Philinda Stratton in Shaftsbury, VT in 1813. Aaron and Philinda had their oldest son Spencer Clay Gunn in 1816, and there are a number of sources that state that Spencer was born in Vermont (Eunice Gunn Cornell was the daughter of Spencer and Sarah Jenks Gunn). Brothers Aaron and Daniel Gunn then jointly purchased property from the Holland Land Company in Darien, Genesee County, NY in 1817.

Further research strongly suggests that the names on the list that follow Hiram Gunn are the children of Charles Gunn. The wording in the last paragraph suggests that this letter was written by one of the children of Charles Gunn, Jr.

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Charles Gunn Feb 16 1781

Moses Gunn Apr 24 1783

David Gunn July 18 1785

Aaron D Gunn July 1790

Polly Gunn Apr 25 1793

Betsy Gunn Aug 26 1796

Sally Gunn Jan 8 1798

Hiram Gunn Oct 17 1803

Minerva Gunn May 20 1813

Charles Gunn Feb 5 1817

Abner A Gunn Feb 12 1812

Anna Gunn wife of Charles Gunn Jan
 With in a circle of friends
 No enemies to cause her grief
 Her liberal heart and hand did give
 To all who wanted relief
 She had many friends who fill hope on earth
 As by their tears was plainly shown
 We did not estimate her worth
 Till after she was dead and gone

Moses Gunn Grand-father to

Charles Gunn Juss. and the
 head of the family from which

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all The above Gunns sprang
from. No record of birth or
death. Grand-Mother Gunn
wife of Charles of old was
said to be very good looking.

Source: Unknown, from Hazel Griggs Severson.

