

# The Moore Lot

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Approximate location of Moore and Dower Lot on Open Street Map

## Summary:

In 1805, Michael Keiver (1747-1817) purchased 100-acre lots 15,16, and 17, located in Amherst Township. In his will, Michael Keiver left the 350-acre homestead farm to his wife Margaret (Hunter) and to his three youngest sons with instructions to care for their mother. However, by 1842, Michael's son William Keiver (1800-1860) and Michael's son-in-law Robert Pugsley (1791-1864) owned the entire homestead jointly.

The Moore Lot was located north of today's Nappan Road in the northeast corner of Michael Keiver's original homestead. In 1842, Robert Pugsley sold the lot to George Cruickshank, the local schoolmaster. The school was conveniently located on the neighbouring lot to the west. The property passed from Cruickshank to Jacob Purdy and then to Jacob Corbet. In 1862, Corbet sold the property to George B. Moir. On the plan of William Keiver's original homestead included in his probate papers, the lot is identified as the "Moore" lot.

George B. Moir sold the property to Robert R. Coates in 1881 and Robert's family resided there until 1903 when Robert's widow and son sold the property to Robert Bacon. Robert Bacon sold the property to his son Walton Isaac Bacon in 1914 along with the northern half of the neighbouring Nancy Keiver dower lot. Walton's widow later sold both properties to Harry W. Bacon.

**1842 Robert Pugsley to George Cruickshank (Deed Book R, p. 93)**

Grantor: Robert Pugsley of River Hebert, Yeoman

Grantee: George Cruickshank of Nappan, Teacher. George Cruickshank was likely the schoolmaster. The schoolhouse was located on the lot to the west, allocated to Nancy Keiver after her husband William's death.

Price: 100 pounds

Property: 23 acres "being part of the farm lately in possession of Michael Keiver and sold to Robert Pugsley"

Terms: "save and except for a Barn now upon the place which the said Robert Pugsley reserves to himself his heirs and assigns forever on condition he removes the same from the premises on or before the Middle of January eighteen hundred and forty four, and save and except all the Manure Now about said Barn or under the frame of said Barn at the time of removing the same"

Rights for access to a spring were also reserved.

**Boundaries:**

<b>Boundaries as described in the deed</b>	<b>Clarification</b>
lying on the north side of the main road leading through Nappan from Amos B. Pipes to John Bents	Nappan Road. Amos B. Pipes had purchased a portion of the original William Pipes Jr. homestead near the confluence of the Nappan and Maccan Rivers and John Bent's property lay close to Cobequid Road on the east.
and bounded by Cochran's lands on the North	The Cochran lands on the north were part of the 1000-acre Henry Denny Denson Grant that had been purchased by Thomas Cochran.
the lands lately owned by Charles Stuart on the east	Charles Stuart was then in possession of 100-acre lot 14, inherited from his father John Stuart and acquired by John Stuart from Peter Porter. The property was later acquired by the Noiles family.
by the road aforesaid on the south	Nappan Road
and on the West by lands now in the possession of William Keiver	William Keiver had inherited his father Michael's estate and sold a half-share to Robert Pugsley.

**1844 George Cruickshank to Jacob G. Purdy (Deed Book R, p. 431)**

Grantor: George Cruickshank of Amherst, Teacher

Grantee: Jacob G. Purdy, Esquire of Westchester County, Yeoman

Price: 172 pounds, 6 shillings

Property: 23 acres

Boundaries:

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
Bounded on the north by lands owned by William Cochran and presently occupied by Edward Noils	William Cochran had inherited Lot S from his father Thomas Cochran's estate. The property was likely leased to Edward Noils Sr. at the time. Lot S was later sold to Moses Lowe and Moses Lowe sold a portion to Edward Noils Sr..
On the east by the lands of the aforesaid Edward Noils	Edward Noils Sr. purchased Lot 14 on the east from Charles Stuart in 1842 (Deed Book Q, p. 530)
On the south by the road leading through the settlement of Nappan	Nappan Road
And on the West by the lands now owned and occupied by William Keiver containing in the whole twenty three acres more or less	William Keiver had inherited his father Michael's estate and sold a half-share to Robert Pugsley.

**1848 George Cruickshank to Jacob G. Purdy (Deed Book U, p. 546)**

Grantor: George Cruickshank and his wife Almira Lavinia of Nappan

Grantee: Jacob G. Purdy of Westchester

Price: 200 pounds

Property: 23 acres lying on the north [sic] side of the Nappan River

Terms: reserving a right of way to the spring, a watering place, at the read of the dwelling house, now in possession of the said George Cruickshank

Boundaries:

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
Bounded by the Cochran lands, on the north,	Thomas Cochran had purchased the original 1000-acre grant to Henry Denny Denson. Cochran's heirs then owned and had begun to sell the property.
The lands owned by Edward Noils Senior on the East	Edward Noils Sr. purchased Lot 14 on the east from Charles Stuart in 1842 (Deed Book Q, p. 530)
By the road aforesaid on the south	Nappan Road
And on the west, by the lands, now in possession of William Keiver	William Keiver had inherited his father Michael's estate and sold a half-share to Robert Pugsley.

**1850 Jacob Purdy to Jacob Corbett (Deed Book V, p. 556)**

Grantor: Jacob G. Purdy of Westchester, Yeoman  
Grantee: Jacob Corbett of Minudie “Currier and Taner”  
Price: 240 pounds

Terms: reserving the use of the common road to the spring in the rear of the dwelling house for the use of Robert Pugsley and heirs

Property: 23 acres in the possession and occupation by George Cruickshank and formerly purchased by the said George Cruickshank from Robert Pugsley

Boundaries:

<b>Boundaries as described in the deed</b>	<b>Clarification</b>
On the south by the main road leading through the settlement of Nappan from the late Amos B. Pipes to John Bents on the Amherst road,	Nappan Road
On the East by the lands lately owned by Charles Stewart and now in the possession of Edward Noils Senior	Edward Noils Sr. purchased Lot 14 on the east from Charles Stuart in 1842 (Deed Book Q, p. 530)
On the north by lands belonging to the Estate of Col. Cochran	Thomas Cochran had purchased the original 1000-acre grant to Henry Denny Denson. Cochran’s heirs then owned and had begun to sell the property.
And in the West by the lands of William Keiver	William Keiver had inherited his father Michael’s estate and sold a half-share to Robert Pugsley.

**1863 Jacob G. Corbet to George B. Moire (Deed Book HH, p. 231)**

Grantor: Jacob Corbet of Nappan, Tanner and Courier, and Elizabeth his wife  
Grantee: George B. Moir of Westmoreland  
Price: 300 pounds

Property: “being the same land formerly purchased by George Cruickshank from Robert Pugsley containing by estimation 23 acres more or less

Boundaries:

<b>Boundaries as described in the deed</b>	<b>Clarification</b>
On the South by the Main road leading through the Settlement of Nappan from Nicholas Keivers to William Bents	Nappan Road. In 1862, Nicholas Keiver had purchased 2/3 of the original homestead of William Pipes in Maccan near the mouth of the Nappan River from Leveritte deWeber. John Bent’s property lay close to Cobequid Road on the east.
On the east by the lands lately owned by Edward Noiles Senior deceased	Edward Noils Sr. purchased Lot 14 on the east from Charles Stuart in 1842 (Deed Book Q, p. 530)
On the north by lands lately belonging to the Estate of Colonel Cochran and now owned by Moses Lowe	Moses Lowe purchased Lot S from the Cochran estate in 1859 (Deed Book CC, p. 398 and Deed Book KK, p. 492).
And on the West by lands lately belonging to the late William Keiver deceased	William Keiver died in 1860. A drawing in his estate papers show the “Moore” lot in the northeast corner north of Nappan Road.

**1881 George B. Moir to Robert R. Coates (Deed Book 4, p. 29)**

Grantor: George B. Moir, farmer, and wife Annie of Nappan

Grantee: Robert R. Coates of Nappan

Price: 1400 dollars

Property: 24 acres “being the same lot of land the said George B. Moir purchased from Jacob Corbet by deed dated the 15th day of March 1963 and registered in Book [?] p. 232

Boundaries:

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
On the south by the main road leading from Nicholas Keivers to William Bents,	Nappan Road. In 1862, Nicholas Keiver had purchased 2/3 of the original homestead of William Pipes in Maccan near the mouth of the Nappan River from Leveritte deWeber. John Bent’s property lay close to Cobequid Road on the east.
On the east by the lands lately owned by Edward Noils Senior, deceased	Edward Noils Sr. purchased Lot 14 on the east from Charles Stuart in 1842 (Deed Book Q, p. 530)
On the north by lands lately belonging to the estate of Colonel Cochran and now owned by Moses Lowe,	Moses Lowe purchased Lot S from the Cochran estate in 1859 (Deed Book CC, p. 398 and Deed Book KK, p. 492). In 1873, Moses Lowe sold the property to his son J. Seaman Lowe. (Deed Book RR, p. 208, Deed Book 6, p. 25).
And on the west by lands lately belonging to the late Keiver deceased	William Keiver died in 1860. A drawing in his estate papers show the “Moore” lot in the northeast corner north of Nappan Road. The 15-acre lot to the west had been allocated as a dower lot to Nancy Keiver after William’s death. In 1877 Nancy Keiver sold the lot to David Pugsley (Deed Book YY, p. 219). In 1881, David Pugsley conveyed the property to his son George W. Pugsley. (Deed Book 3, p. 423). In 1889 George W. Pugsley sold the lot to J. Seaman Lowe (Deed Book 23, p. 630). In 1889 J. Seaman Lowe sold Robert B. Bacon the southern half of the 15-acre lot. (Deed Book 63, p. 357).

**1903 Catherine Coates and Charles Coates to Robert Bacon (Deed Book 69, p. 136)**

Grantor: Catherine Coates of Nappan, widow, and Charles Coates of Nappan, farmer

Grantee: Robert Bacon of Nappan, farmer

Price: one dollar

Property: “all the farm and premises on which Robert R. Coates of Nappan aforesaid, farmer, (now deceased ) formerly resided situate at Nappan aforesaid and conveyed to said Robert R. Coates by Deed bearing date the ninth day of May A. D. 1881 by George B. Moir and Annie his wife”

Boundaries:

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
On the south by the Main Road leading through Nappan Settlement from what was known as “Lowe’s Corner” to the Halifax Road	Nappan Road

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
On the west [sic] by lands owned by James Wilson,	Edward Noils Senior had deeded the neighbouring lot on the east to his son Josiah in 1863 (Deed Book HH, p. 48). Unmarried Josiah willed the property to his nephew James Wilson in 1881.
On the north by lands of Robert Coates, third, [sic]	In 1891, J. Seaman Lowe sold the northern 100 acres to Robert W. Coates 4th. (Deed Book 29, p. 483). The property was bounded on the south by “lands of the widow of Daniel Casey, Peter Gould, James Wilson, Robert Coates, and lands purchased by Lowe from George W Puglsey.” Robert Coates in the boundary description is Robert R. Coates, the deceased. This would indicate that in 1891 J. Seaman Lowe still owned the northern half of the Nancy Keiver dower lot immediately to the west.
and on the west by lands of Seaman Lowe and Robert Bacon containing 25 acres more or less	The lot, bordering on the west, was known as the Ox Pasture and the schoolhouse was originally located on the lot. The total acreage of that lot was 15 acres. In 1889 J. Seaman Lowe had sold the southern half of the dower lot allocated to William Keiver’s widow Nancy to Robert B. Bacon (Deed Book 63, p. 357 reg. June 1902).

**1914 Robert B. Bacon to Walton I. Bacon (Deed Book 121, p. 347)**

Grantor: Robert B. Bacon of Nappan, Farmer, and Jane Bacon his wife

Grantee: Walton Isaac Bacon of Nappan, Farmer

Price: one dollar

Properties: the 25-acre homestead of Robert R. Coates and a 7-acre property adjacent on the west

Property 1: “land situate at Nappan aforesaid conveyed to the said Robert B. Bacon by Kate Coates and Charles Coates and known as the Robert Coates place

Boundaries:

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
Bounded on the south by the Nappan Road	
On the east by lands owned by James Wilson	Edward Noils Senior had deeded the neighbouring lot on the east to his son Josiah in 1863 (Deed Book HH, p. 48). Unmarried Josiah willed the property to his nephew James Wilson in 1881.
On the north by lands owned by Clinton Bacon	Robert Coates 4th and wife Jane sold the 100-acre property to the north to Clinton Bacon in 1903 (Deed Book 67, p. 329).

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
And on the west partly by lands owned by William Bacon and the rest of the way by the seven acres hereinafter described containing about 25 acres more or less	In 1889 J. Seaman Lowe had sold 15 acres, the southern half of a dower lot allocated to William Keiver's widow Nancy to Robert B. Bacon (Deed Book 63, p. 357 reg. 1902). Robert B. Bacon sold the southern half of the lot to his son William S. Bacon in 1898. (Deed Book 124, p. 766, registered 1916). Robert B. Bacon purchased the northern half of this lot from J. Seaman Lowe in 1902. (Deed Book 121, p. 344, registered 1914).

Property 2: 7 acres of "land situate at Nappan aforesaid, conveyed by J. Seaman Lowe and wife to the said Robert Bacon by deed dated the 6th day of December A.D. 1902". This is the northern half of the former Nancy Keiver Dower Lot.

Boundaries:

Boundaries as described in the deed	Clarification
On the west by the road leading from Amherst to Nappan	Today's Lower Porter Road
On the south by the lands of said Robert Bacon	Robert Bacon had previously purchased the southern half of the Nancy Keiver dower lot.
On the east by the lands formerly owned by the late Robert Coates, deceased	The 25-acre homestead of Robert Coates property 1 in the deed
And on the north by Robert Coates 3rd containing 7 acres more or less,	Robert Coates 4th and wife Jane sold the 100-acre property to the north to Clinton Bacon in 1903 (Deed Book 67, p. 329). Robert B. Bacon purchased the northern half of this lot from J. Seaman Lowe in 1902. (Deed Book 121, p. 344, registered 1914).
Also a privilege to draw mud from a certain mud lot owned by Seaman Lowe on the east side of the Nappan River opposite the Robert Coates farm	In 1889 J. Seaman Lowe had sold 15 acres, the southern half of a dower lot allocated to William Keiver's widow Nancy to Robert B. Bacon (Deed Book 63, p. 357 reg. 1902). Robert B. Bacon sold the southern half of the lot to his son William S. Bacon in 1898. (Deed Book 124, p. 766, registered 1916). Robert B. Bacon purchased the northern half of this lot from J. Seaman Lowe in 1902. (Deed Book 121, p. 344, registered 1914). Apparently J. Seaman Lowe still retained a mud lot opposite the Robert W. Coates lot to the north.

**Note:**

In 1950, Walton Bacon's widow sold the original "Moore" lot and the northern half of Nancy Keiver's 15-acre lot to Harry W. Bacon.

### **Notes for further study:**

A map of the estate of William Keiver shows the location of the Keiver and Pugsley properties. (Nova Scotia Probate Records, Estate Files 1764-1938, Nos. 1065-1113 (J-K) viewable on Family Search. The estate map is on image [721](#). A written description of the allocation of the properties beginning on image 745 is very useful as it mentions neighbouring properties not shown on the maps. The map shows the “Moore” lot in the northeast corner north of Nappan Road.

An 1860 map shows a Mrs. Keiver, a D. Pugsley and Nathaniel Casey located east of today’s Lime Kiln Brook and a road called Baker’s or possibly Baken’s Rd., probably today’s Lower Porter Road.

To view this map online, go to the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives Historical Maps section at <https://archives.novascotia.ca/maps/> and search for “Cumberland County”. The map is titled “Cumberland County Grants” and dated 1860. Controls at the bottom of the page will allow you to enlarge and rotate the map. You can also download the map and then use the controls on your computer to enlarge and rotate the map.

The 1873 A. F. Church map shows Mrs. Keiver, D. Pugsley, G.B. Moore and A. Stiles east of Beaver Lake Creek, today’s Lime Kiln Brook.

Myrtle Chappell discusses the Keiver homestead in Fenwick 1778-1978, pages 80-82. She mentions several homesteads once located on the original homestead of Michael Keiver including Price Read, Charles Read, the Stiles homestead later owned by Kenneth Smith, Gordon Bacon, Jacob Porter, David Pugsley, and G.B. Moore. According to Myrtle Chappell, Walton I. Bacon’s widow Blanche sold the Muir property to Harry William Bacon after her husband’s death.