

John Moore notes

The Moore family appear in the Terrington Parish Registers from their beginning in the early 1600s. They appear to be a family of some status as a number of Moores served as Churchwardens and in the Heath Tax on 1673 Joseph Moore is listed as having a house with 2 hearths making it among two larger houses in the parish.

Thomas Moore is listed in the Terrington Rentals of 1751 renting property, 2 cottages.

In the Inclosure Awards 1779 John appears to own land which formed part of the Award. At John Moore's death in 1799 he owned about 36 acres probably the acreage described in the Awards. It is possible that John acquired this land through his marriage to Mary Young in 1757 and is the subject of a Memorial (extract of a contract/Indenture) in 1790. Did this document formalise the de facto arrangement by payment of a fine? See transcription.

John Moore at his death left a wife Mary and two surviving daughters and three grandchildren of his deceased daughter Frances Jackson. The land appears to have passed to them. Other Moore's continued to live in Terrington, presumably relatives, and in the 1800s occupied Manor Farm.

I believe John Moore's land was located south of Main Street and to either side of Mowthorpe Lane. I have a plan of the Manor Farm fields from the early 1900s and my theory is it may be the same land but it may not prove to be correct.

I had a family history enquiry recently from a descent of the Moores an interesting co-incidence but no new information was forthcoming.

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