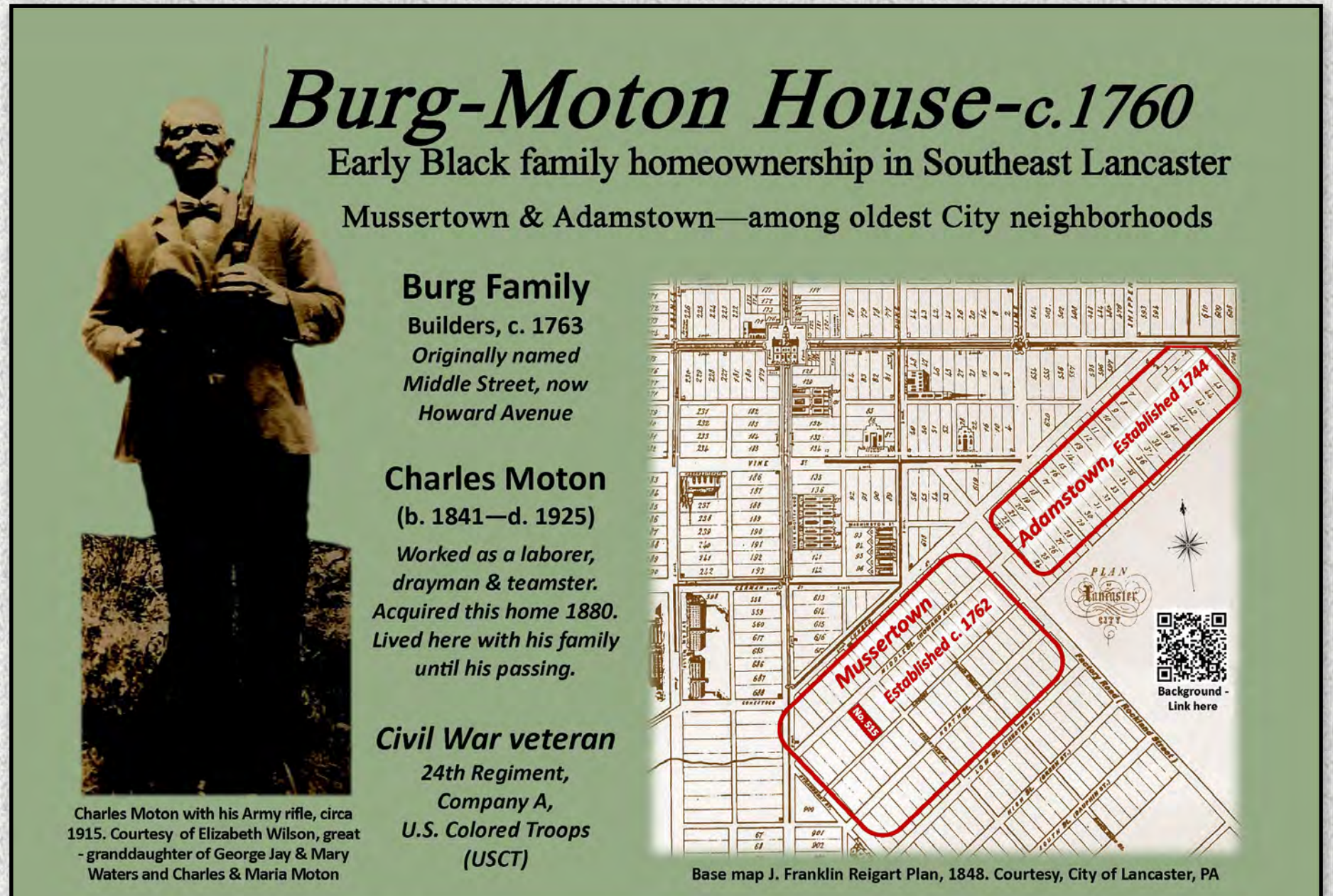


# Background Report: The Burg-Moton House, c. 1760

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Research is ongoing.  
Some property records  
must be confirmed.  
Additional information  
and/or corrections are  
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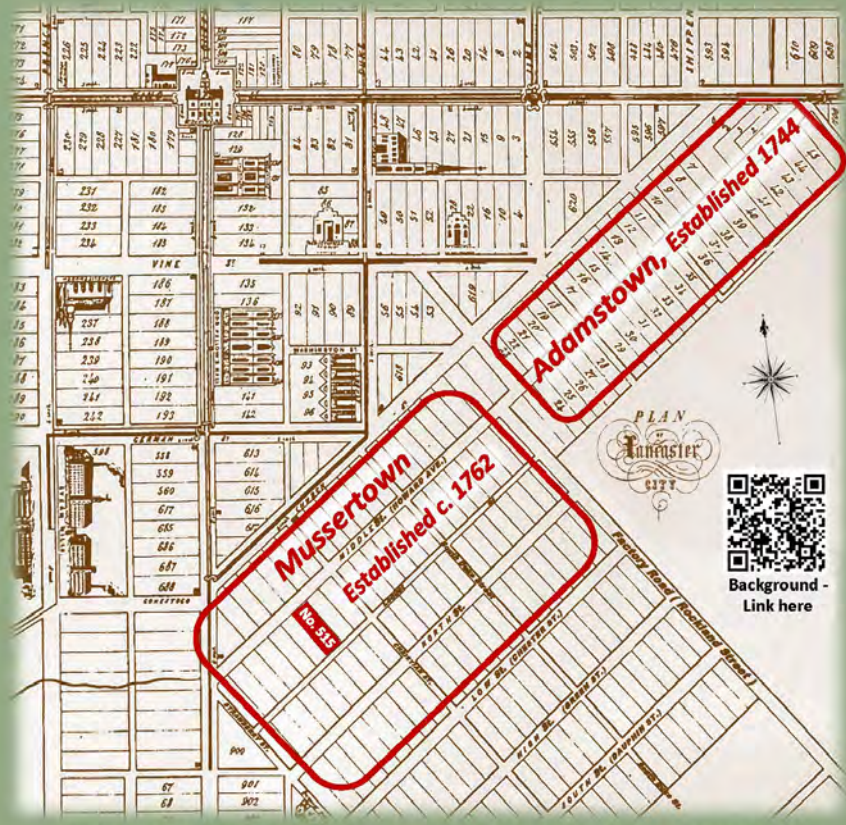
## Burg-Moton House-c.1760

Early Black family homeownership in Southeast Lancaster  
Mussertown & Adamstown—among oldest City neighborhoods

**Burg Family**  
Builders, c. 1763  
*Originally named  
Middle Street, now  
Howard Avenue*

**Charles Moton**  
(b. 1841—d. 1925)  
*Worked as a laborer,  
drayman & teamster.  
Acquired this home 1880.  
Lived here with his family  
until his passing.*

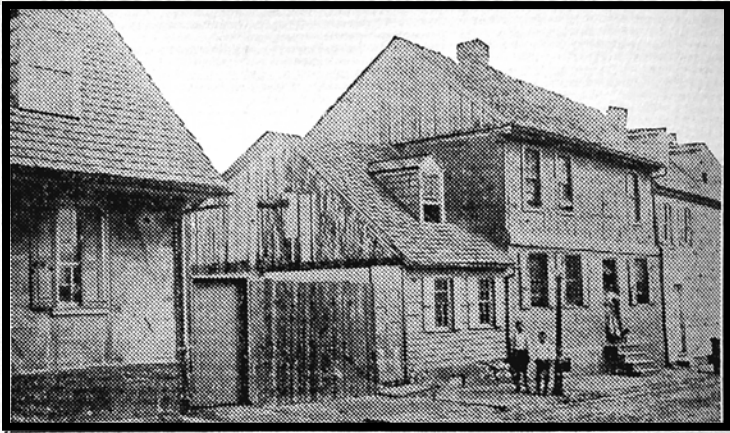
**Civil War veteran**  
24th Regiment,  
Company A,  
U.S. Colored Troops  
(USCT)



Base map J. Franklin Reigart Plan, 1848. Courtesy, City of Lancaster, PA

Charles Moton with his Army rifle, circa 1915. Courtesy of Elizabeth Wilson, great-granddaughter of George Jay & Mary Waters and Charles & Maria Moton

Above: Reproduction of commemorative marker installed at 515 Howard Avenue (formerly Middle Street) Lancaster, PA. This marker and Background Report are part of a series of community history initiatives undertaken in connection with the Commemorative Marker Program of Southeast Lancaster, sponsored by SACA Development Corp. with the support of grants from Wells Fargo Regional Foundation and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Sources of images are shown on the pages where those photographs or illustrations appear. Research support by the following members of the African American Historical Society of South Central Pennsylvania and members of the Southeast Lancaster Oral History Project: Leroy T. Hopkins, Jr. PhD, Gerald Wilson, Nelson Polite, Jr. Research, photography & design by Randolph Harris, consulting historian, Lancaster, PA, with advise and guidance from Stephen Campbell, current property owner, May 2022.



THIS HOUSE STOOD ON THE EAST SIDE OF MIDDLE STREET (NOW HOWARD AVENUE), NEAR EAST KING STREET. It was erected as a barracks for General Forbes's troops, on their return from Fort Pitt. British prisoners were confined in it during the Revolutionary War. Taken down in 1886, when Shippen Street was opened.

From "Old Lancaster: Tales and Traditions" by William Frederic Worner, Librarian, Lancaster County Historical Society. Published by the Author, Lancaster, PA, 1927

There are many examples of early homeowner-ship by families and individuals of African descent throughout the Mussertown and Adamstown neighborhoods of the historic City of Lancaster. These families were able to acquire their homes in the 18th century due to employment opportunities in extraction industries, manufacturing and various services that provided sufficient income, according to tax and census records. Some are described in this report.

The Burg-Moton dwelling is notable because of its association with Christian Burg, See *Site No. 9—African American Domestic Spaces-Page 5*. And Charles Moton, a Civil War veteran. This home continues today as a residence and is one of the few existing homes in the southeast area that has been restored its original appearance as a mid-18th century story and a half log home. This was a common style of home throughout this area of the City which was settled during this early period. Many homes of this original construction and style still exist behind modern exterior siding materials.

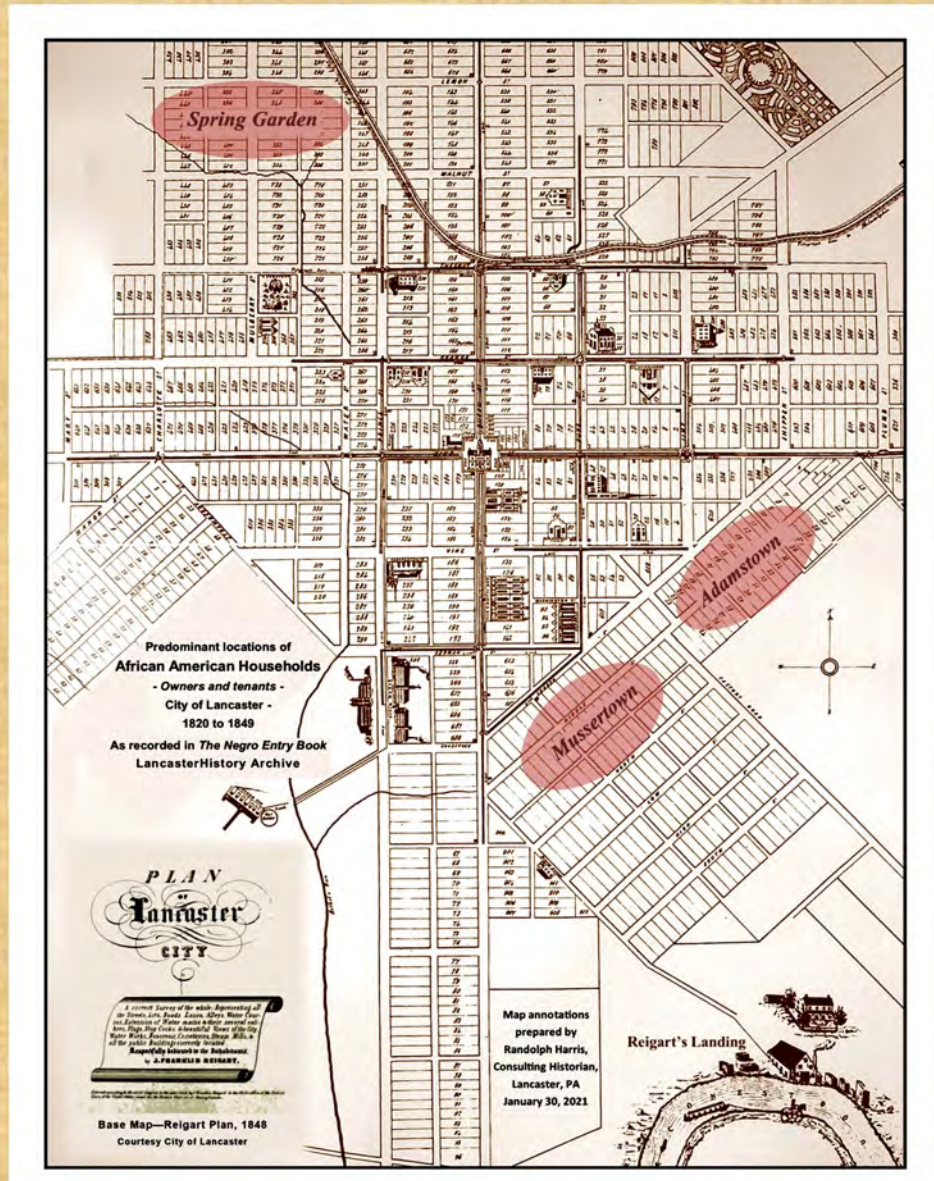
**Predominant locations of  
African American Households  
- Owners and tenants -  
City of Lancaster  
1820 to 1849**

**Adamstown - 36**

**Mussertown - 17**

**Spring Garden - 17**

**This record shows households  
of families and individuals of  
African descent living in all  
four quadrants of the City  
during this period.**



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A community history project of the African American Historical Society of South Central Pennsylvania-Feb. 2021

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# Mussertown & Adamstown

Southeast Area of Borough of Lancaster, 1744

“Sale of 15 acres from Hans Musser to Adam Simon Kuhn establishes “housing development” known as Adamstown.”

“ Who made the first move we do not know, but on September 7, 1744, John and Veronica “Frony” Musser, for the sum of 190 pounds, sold to Dr. Adam Simon Kuhn, of the Borough of Lancaster, 15 acres of their land. The piece of ground they sold was bounded on the northeast by the Provincial Road (King Street); on the northwest by land of James Hamilton (along present Church Street); on the southwest by land of John Musser (along present Rockland Street), and on the southeast by land also of John Musser (along present Locust Street).<sup>19</sup> ”

19-Lancaster County Deed Book U-Pages 679-681

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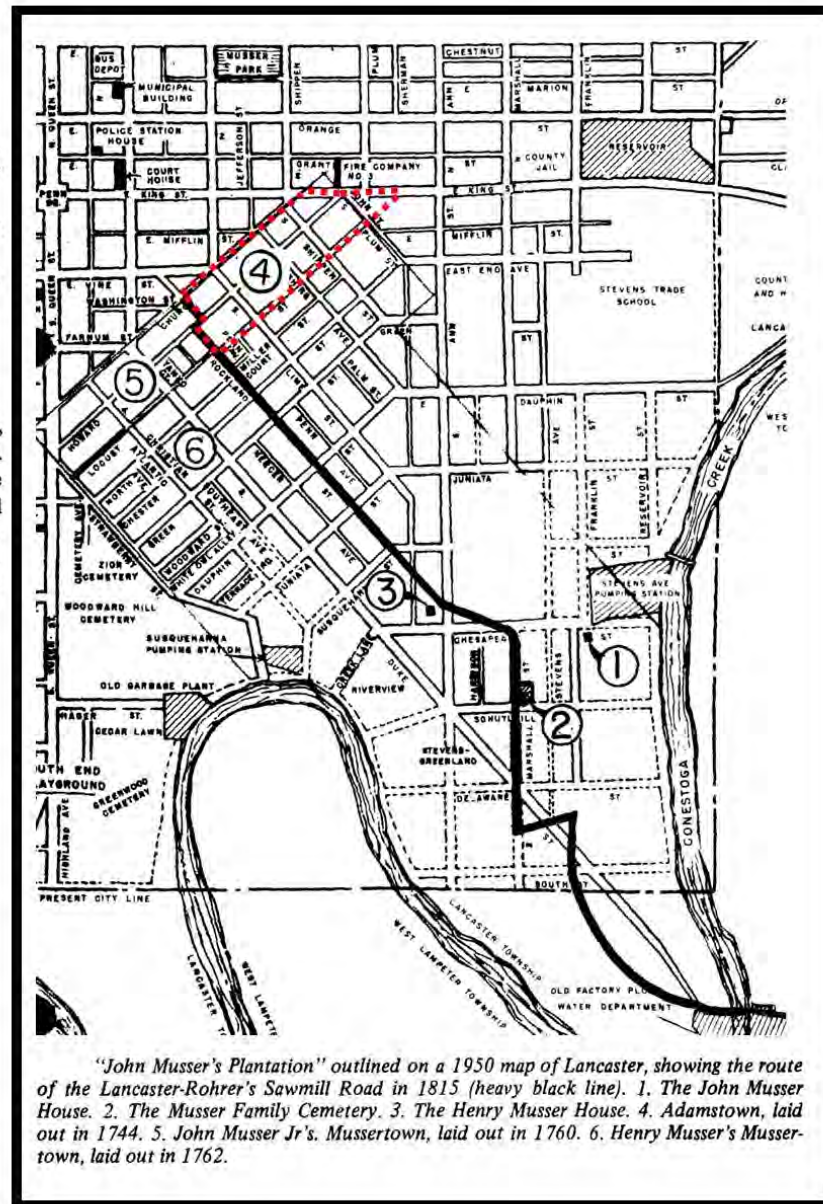
*John Musser's Plantation in Southeast Lancaster*

By Edgar A. Musser, 1979

Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society

Volume 83-No. 3-Pages 158-185

Excerpts and map annotations prepared by Randolph Harris  
Consulting Historian, Lancaster, PA— January 30, 2021



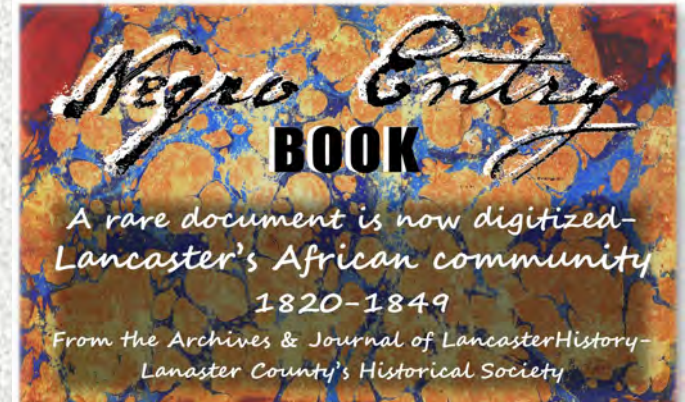
“John Musser's Plantation” outlined on a 1950 map of Lancaster, showing the route of the Lancaster-Rohrer's Sawmill Road in 1815 (heavy black line). 1. The John Musser House. 2. The Musser Family Cemetery. 3. The Henry Musser House. 4. Adamstown, laid out in 1744. 5. John Musser Jr's. Mussertown, laid out in 1760. 6. Henry Musser's Mussertown, laid out in 1762.

# African American Domestic Spaces

*Itinerary for a Walking Tour - Excerpts from Negro Entry Book, 1820*

*By Dr. Tracey Weis, Millersville University*

September 25, 2000



At the time of the 1820 ordinance requiring free people of color to "appear before the Mayor and enter their Names," African Americans lived in all four quadrants of the borough. Included in the ranks of free black property owners were James Clendenin and Benjamin Galloway (of Middle Street); Dinah McIntire of Strawberry and Vine; Joseph Aarons of Spring Garden (probably present-day Lemon Street); and the family of Issac and Charlotte Gilmore on Water Street.

According to the Negro Entry Book, a number of African Americans lived in houses on Middle Street (present day Howard Avenue). Further research may reveal that some of those houses are still standing today. In any event, the combination of extant buildings that are comparable to the ones lived in by African Americans (identified in the 1798 and 1815 Federal Direct tax Lists and other property records) and household lists (drawn from the Negro Entry Book) make it possible to reconstruct African American residence patterns.

## 1. William Montgomery House, 19-21 S. Queen Street

NEB 96: *Dinah Gillepsy, negress, aged about twenty-eight years, resides with William Montgomery, Esq., by occupation a house servant, has no family [June 9, 1820]*

NEB 104: *Thomas Johnson, mulatto, aged about twenty nine years, resides with William Montgomery, Esq., by occupation a house servant, has a wife named Maris Johnson who is also hired with Mr. Montgomery & has no other family [June 30, 1820]*

## 2. Pennsylvania Arms [Slaymaker Tavern], E. King Street

"Since Samuel Slaymaker owned a public house in the first block of East King, it seems likely that this tavern or public house provided temporary shelter for Bethel's small congregation [from 1817-1821]." (Leroy Hopkins)

Henry Slaymaker held the license for the tavern and Samuel Slaymaker was the landlord in 1815, and again in 1825. (Ellis & Evans)

NEB: 22, 25, 26, 42, 43, 61, 93, 189, 214, and 219 include mention of living with Samuel Slaymaker (25 & 26 in Orange Street); occupations reported include house servant, cook, kitchen servant, and waiter.

## 3. Peter Biers House, 111 Church Street

NEB 83: *Ellen Curry, widow, mulatto, widow aged about forty years, resides in Peter Biers' house in Adamstown, by occupation a washerwoman, has a child of David Lewis and another child boarding also (illegible) Pampatines & no other family [June 5, 1820]*

## 4. 130-132 Middle Street [Howard Avenue]

## 5. Mrs. Stockslager 217-223 Middle Street [Howard Avenue]

NEB 41: *Nancy Carter, negress, widow of Charles Carter dec., aged about fifty three years, resides in Mrs. Stockslager's house in Adamstown washerwoman, has no family except her daughter Letitia Portland, who lately returned home and her son Charles, who is about to leave town, also Mary Carter, her daughter about 7 years old [June 1, 1820]*

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NEB 45: *Letitia Portland*, negress, aged about 24 years, wife of *Peter Portland* now in Chambersburg, resides with *her mother* in Mrs. Stockslager's in Adamstown, washerwoman &, has three children residing with her, viz. *Ann, Joseph, and Abba*, has no other family [June 2, 1820]

NEB 46: *David Henderson* also *Anderson*, negro, aged about twenty eight years, lives in Mrs. Stockslager's house in Adamstown, by occupation a Distiller, has a wife named *Elizabeth* & one child named *Rebecca* [June 2, 1820]

NEB 106: *Charles Carter*, negro, aged about 21 years, lives with his mother *Nancy Carter*, by occupation a laborer, has no other family [August 16, 1820]

#### 6. Benjamin Galloway--Middle [Howard] and Diamond [Duke]

NEB 67: *Benjamin Galloway*, mulatto, enters that he is forty nine years, resides in his own house in Mussertown, has a wife named *Hannah* and two children viz. *Benjamin* learning the trade of Tanner with Ent. Reigart, one daughter *Eliza Atlee*, widow, both under the age of 21 and two grand-children viz. *Eliza Brown* and *Constant Atlee*. By occupation a glazier and has no other family. The reason why he did not enter was, that he was about. [June 5, 1820]

NEB 151: Negro *Adam Smith* aged about twenty eight, about five feet ten inches high of a light complexion, stern make, saith that he is a freeman serving his term with Atty. Francis Boggs near Marietta--single man has no family, has his home at *Benjamin Galloway* in Adamstown, by profession a laborer [September 20, 1822]

NEB 192: *Betsy Pierce*, a mulatto woman, a spinster, about 25 years of age, spinster lives at *Benjamin Galloway*, served her time with Judge Hamilton of Carlisle, came to Lancaster last October, married to *George Pierce*, who has left her [April 6, 1825]

NEB 194: *Joseph Buckram*, negro, aged about 25 years, residing at *Benjamin Gallaway*, by profession a labourer

#### 7. James Clendenin 500 Block Middle Street [Howard Avenue]

NEB 1: *James Clendenin*, a mulatto enters that he is about sixty-five years of age, resides in a house in Mussertown in the City of Lancaster, is a householder, by occupation a Painter and a Glazier, has a wife named *Elizabeth* but no children, has a bound mulatto boy named *William Clendenin* about 10 years of age, learning said trades, and a mulatto girl about seven years of age, named *Hannah Clark* [May 29, 1820]

NEB 82: *Richard Ward*, a mulatto, aged about fifty eight years, resides at *James Clendenin's* in Mussertown, by occupation a laborer, has no family [June 5, 1820]

#### 8. Christian Burg 515 Middle Street [Howard Avenue]



The one-story stone, log frame, and half-timber buildings found in this part of Mussertown, especially along Church Street and Howard Avenue, represent common house forms inhabited by laborers and artisans through the Borough of Lancaster.

#### 9. Joseph Aarons Spring Garden (probably present-day Lemon Street);

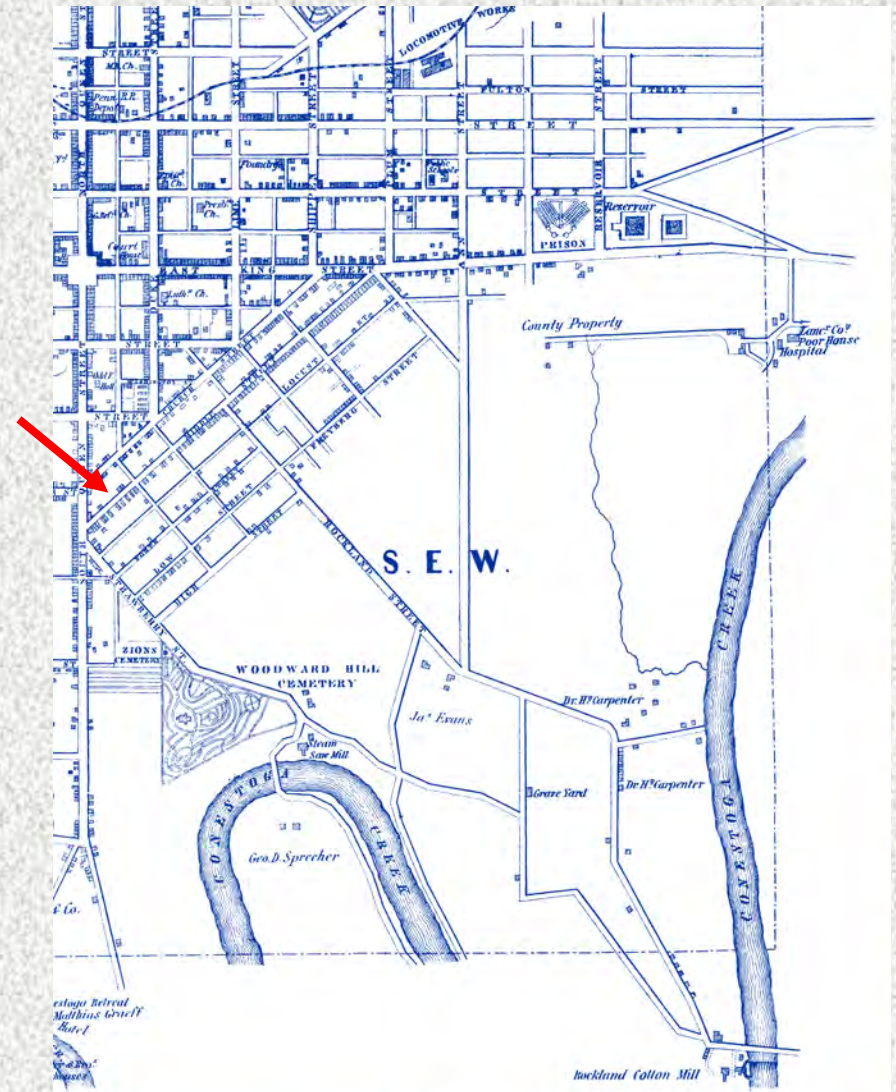
NEB 30, 84, 85, 86, and 101

#### 10. Family of Issac and Charlotte Gilmore Water Street

NEB 17, 18, 21, 36, 130, 137, 152, 175, 178, 197, 199, 224, 226, 241, 258, 290, and 291.



**Map of Lancaster County, 1851, detail-  
From Library of Congress**



**City of Lancaster, detail,  
Bridgens Atlas of Lancaster County, 1864**

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515 HOWARD AVENUE

Direct Tax of 1798.

The property is listed twice-

1. Christian Burg estate, occupant Elizabeth Burg.  
A 1-story log house, 22 ft. by 18 ft., with two windows with 12 lights, on a lot 62 ft. 6 in. by 207 ft. Value \$160.
2. Same as above with the following addition:  
1-story log stable, 16 ft. by 12 ft. Middle Street adjoining Voit Miller Estate. "In Middling order."

MUSSERTOWN

Edward Shippen to Hamilton. 9 March 1769.  
(Letters of Edward Shippen of Lancaster, America Philosophical Society)

"Dear Sir,

I have received your favour by Dr. Cox and agreeable to your request to myself as well as I can of the circumstances of Musserstown, all the deeds and papers relating to it being in Philadelphia. I find that the tenants have built 37 pretty good log houses of one story, with brick chimneys, of 16 or more foot square but (not?) all its lots are under good common pale fences."

Lancaster Journal. May 13, 1808

Garriguss

Any person in Lancaster having business to transact with Samuel ~~Cochran~~, agent for the heirs of Doctor John Kealsly in that part of Great Britain called England, will be good enough to call on William Barton, Esq. or the undersigned at Mrs. Cochran's, South Queen Street, Lancaster.

Samuel Garriguss

Lancaster Journal. September 9, 1808

Ground Rents.

On Wednesday morning next will be sold at Public Sale, at ~~the~~ Auction Store. ALL the ground rents in Mussertown, consisting of 41 Lots subject to a ground rent of thirteen shillings each. They will be sold separate. *(and)* indisputable ~~to this~~ will be given by

*titles*

Samuel Garriguss

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515 HOWARD AVENUE

Deed Book I-10-435 May 1, 1760 (recited)  
John Musser to Patrick Agnew and wife.  
No lot number mentioned  
Ground rent: 13 shillings  
62 ft. 6 in. by 207 ft.  
Patrick Agnew was a blacksmith and had a shop on South Queen Street, west side. (F-146)  
In 1767 he was a tobacconist. (M-201)

\* \* \*

Deed Book I-10-435 October 8, 1763 (recited)  
Patrick Agnew, and wife Giles, to Christian Burg.  
Christian Burg died intestate, leaving widow Margaret and five children: John,  
Conrad, Sophia Burg Wilson, Elizabeth and Catherine Burg Bartel.

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Deed Book I-10-435 April 5, 1799 (recited)  
Heirs of Christian Burg to John Burg, eldest son of Christian Burg. Burg died during  
or before 1772. (Tax list)

\* \* \*

Deed Book I-10-435 July 8, 1814  
John Burg, and wife Barbara, to Adam Rothermel. For 250 pounds.  
Dwelling house and lot of ground in Musserstown.  
62 feet, 6 inches in front on Middle Street; 207 feet in depth to Love Lane.  
Northeast: property of George Geiger  
Southwest: property of Conrad Yost.

\* \* \*

Deed Book Q-10-15 April 15, 1874  
Jacob Rothermel, adm. of Adam Rothermel, to Elizabeth Leman.  
To be held as part of the estate of John Leman.  
Portion (one-half) of the lot which John and Barbara Burg conveyed to Adam Rothermel.  
31 feet, 3 inches front on Middle Street; 207 feet in depth.  
Identified as No. 515 Middle Street.

\* \* \*

**Chain of Title, 515 Howard Avenue, Lancaster, PA—Page 2 of 3**  
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Deed Book L-11-210    March 3, 1880  
B. Frank Leman and wife to George H. Leman.    For \$1,200  
No. 515 Middle Street.  
31 feet, 3 inches in front on Middle Street,  
207 feet in depth to a public alley.

\* \* \*

Deed Book M-11-18    March 30, 1880  
George H. Leman and wife to Charles Moton.    For \$700.  
No. 515 Middle Street.  
One and one-half story frame dwelling house.

Northeast: now or late Adam Rothermel.  
Southwest: not recorded.  
31 feet, 3 inches by 207 feet.

Charles Moton, a negro gentleman, whose occupation is listed in the city directories variously as "hauling," "carter," "teamster" and "drayman," lived in this house as a tenant as early as 1877. He is still listed as the occupant in the 1925-1926 City Directory.

\* \* \*

OCCUPANTS: 515 Middle Street (Howard Avenue)  
1877 Charles N. Moton (Molton)  
1931 John L. Doughty  
1937 Mrs. Lillie Doughty  
1946 Maurice Millen  
1952 Mose A. Brown  
1955 Mrs. Helen B. Folk. Gates Curley in rear.  
1956 Roosevelt B. Smith  
1957 Robert H. Green.    eight persons.  
1958 Vacant  
1959 John Wilson  
1963 Richard A. Wilson  
1964 Vacant

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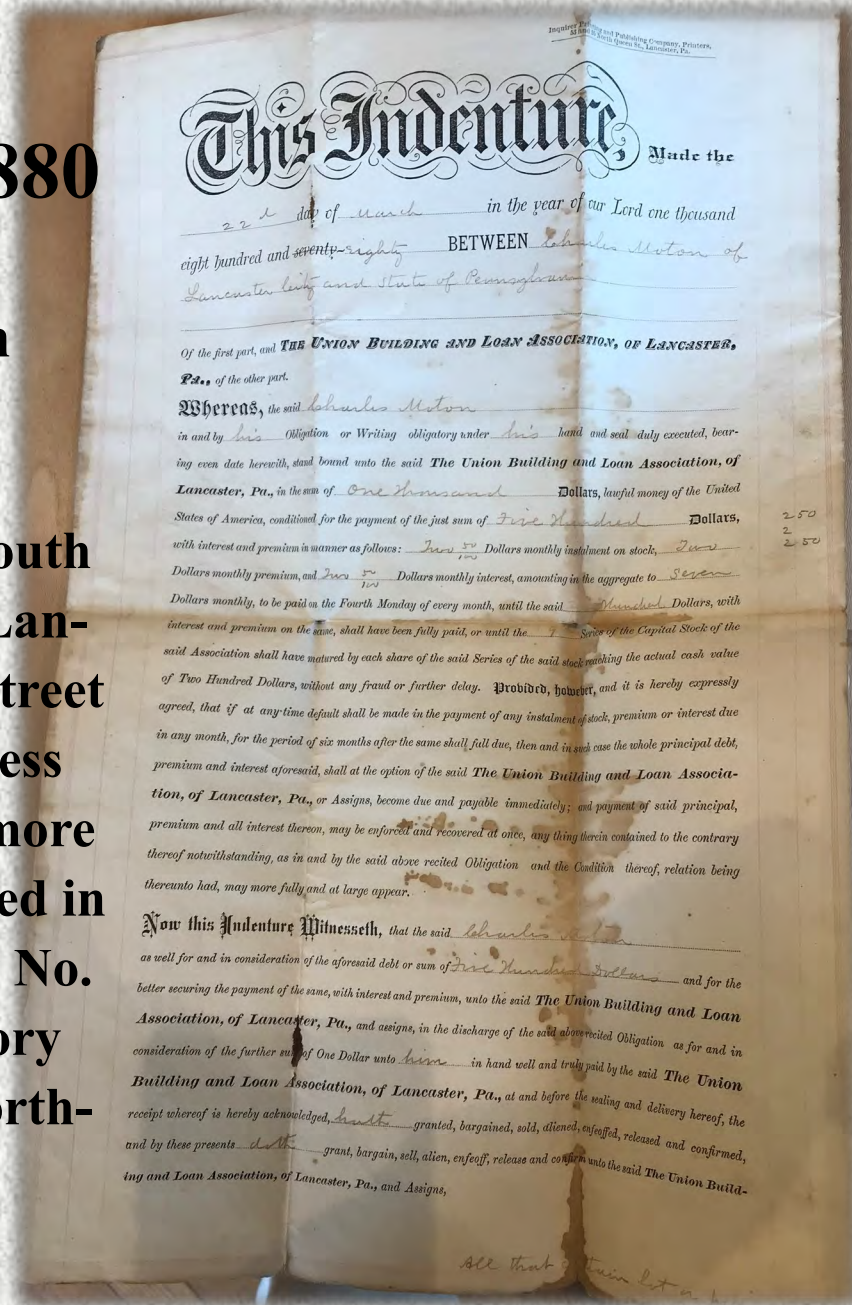
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# Charles Moton Mortgage, 1880

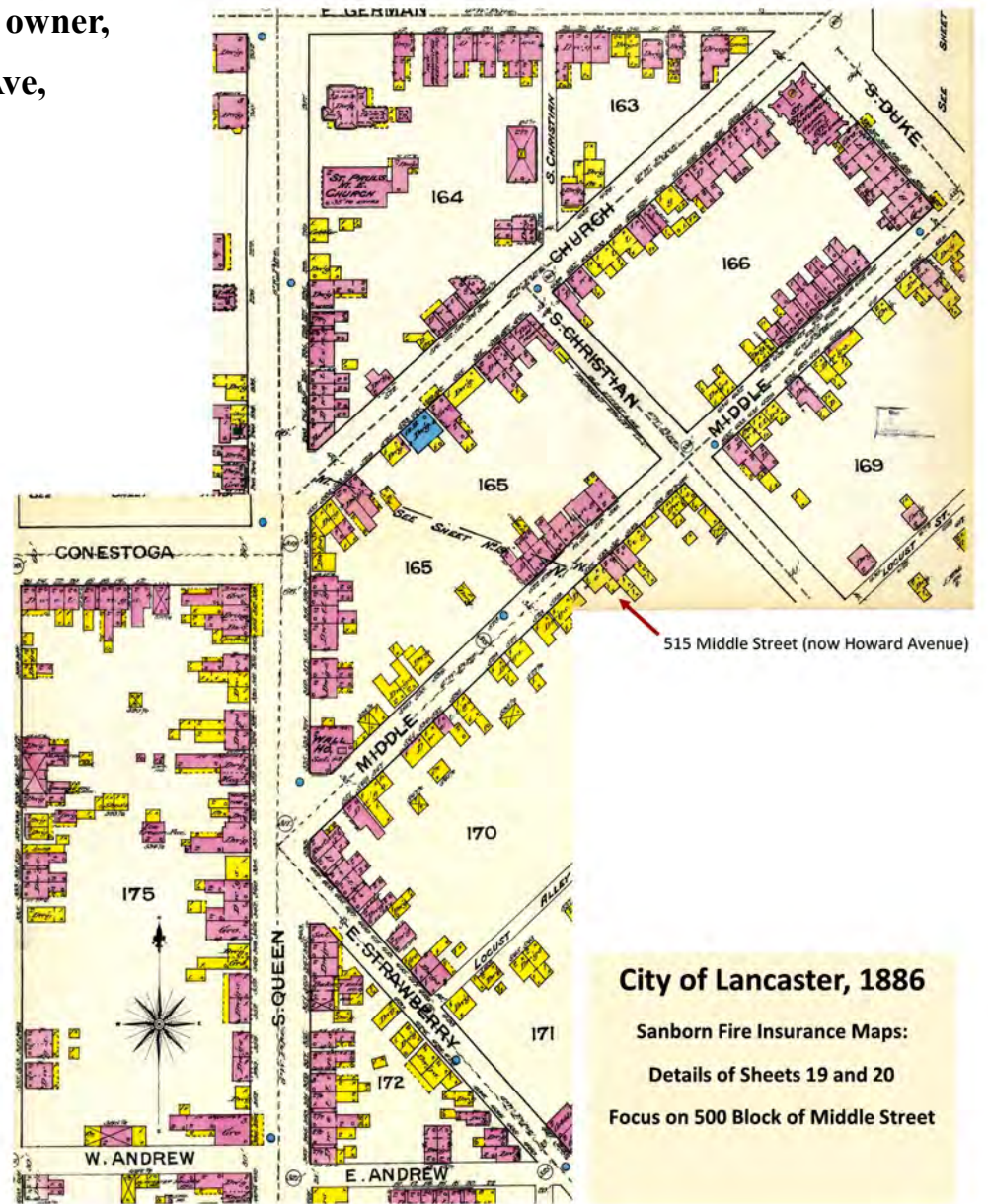
\$500 indenture

Union Building & Loan Association  
of Lancaster, PA

A parcel or piece of land situated on the South East side of Middle Street in said City of Lancaster containing in front on said Middle Street thirty one feet and three inches more or less and in depth two hundred and seven feet more or less to a part brick alley - being numbered in the present system of numbering said City No. 515 on which is erected a one and half story frame dwelling house - bordered on the north-west by Middle Street...



**Home of Charles Moton, African American property owner,  
log dwelling at 515 Middle Street, now Howard Ave,  
Lancaster, PA, built circa 1760**



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# Negro Civic League of Southeastern Pennsylvania

*Mission: to secure the American Dream for all*



Gathering at Congressman Thaddeus Stevens' monument, Shreiner-Concord Cemetery, Lancaster, ca. 1918

*Photographer unknown. Courtesy of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lancaster*

There is no established list of the people in this photograph, taken at Shreiner-Concord Cemetery in the City of Lancaster, circa 1918. The occasion was the commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Abolitionist Congressman, Thaddeus Stevens (1792-1868).

Community oral tradition maintains that Charles Moton may be one of the people present for this photograph. Mr. A. L Polite of 540 North Street, Lancaster is centrally featured in the photograph, holding a wreath for the League's effort to honor the Radical Republican Congressman. Can you recognize him or any others?

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# Charles Moton & Family in the News

## **Brown—Moton.**

A pretty wedding occurred on Thursday evening at the Strawberry Street A. M. E. Church, when Miss Blanche Moton, daughter of Charles Moton, was married to Harry Brown, a well-known waiter. The ceremony occurred at eight o'clock and was performed by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Fariera. Miss Grace Hopkins was maid of honor, and Miss Alice Moton, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Misses Ida Belle Moton and Myra Jay were the flower girls. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The groom was attended by Oliver Quamony. A reception followed the wedding at the bride's home, 515 Howard Avenue. The couple took a trip to New York.

Brown-Moton Wedding, The Semi-Weekly  
New Era (Lancaster, PA) · 13 June 1903

## **A Colored Club Organized.**

The colored voters of Lancaster met on Friday night and organized a club. The club was named the Enterprising Colored Republican Club of Lancaster, with the following officers: Edward Millen, Sr., Chairman; Edward Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms; Charles Moton, Vice President; George Lord, Treasurer; William Millen, Secretary. The club will meet again on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All colored voters are invited.

Color Republican Club—Lancaster New Era  
(Lancaster, Pennsylvania) · 13 Sep 1890

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## **GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY BY BETHEL MEMBERS**

Charles Moton, 515 Howard avenue, was given a surprise party Saturday evening by the congregation of the Bethel A. M. E. church, in celebration of his eightieth birthday anniversary. The event was an enjoyable one. Four generations of Mr. Moton's family were represented, himself, his daughter, Mrs. Lillian Doughty, his granddaughter, Mrs. Myra Wilson, and his great granddaughter, Thelma Wilson. Entertainment was given by Miss Thelma Wilson, a six-year-old girl, who recited. Refreshments were served. Mr. Moton was presented with a purse of money.

Those in attendance were the Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Fisher, Mrs. Carrie Foster, Mrs. John Boddy, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jackson, Mrs. Bella Cooper, Miss Martha Moore, Mrs. Laura Wilson, Mrs. Harriet Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, Mrs. James Handy, William Handy, Mrs. Sarah Robinson, Mrs. Mary Henry, Mrs. Laura Carter, Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mrs. Harriet Hill, the Misses Maude Wilson, Laura Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Doughty, Charles Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. Moton.

Mr. Moton is in splendid health and never misses a day from his daily occupation.

## **Charles Moton & Family in the News**

**Memorial Day Committee Meeting.**  
The joint committee of the local Grand Army posts met on Thursday evening. Jonathan Sweeney, Charles Moton and Edward Wilson were received as members of the committee representing Sergeant Benn post, No. 607, colored. A. C. Leonard, Jonathan Sweeney and M. N. Stirk were appointed as a committee on printing. There was a general discussion of arrangements in contemplation, and definite was done.

Memorial\_Day\_Committee, Intelligencer  
Journal (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) · 25 Mar  
1892

C. Moton Surprise 80th Birthday - New Era, 1923

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Charles Moton,  
Bethel AME  
Trustee—  
The News-Journal,  
Lancaster, PA ·  
4 Aug 1904.

**Bethel A. M. E Church Officers.**

An election for officers of the Bethel A. M. E. church and Sunday school has been held with the following result: Trustees, Charles Moton, Samuel Page, Albert Wilson, Isaiah Waters and George Lord; superintendent of Sunday school, Charles Moton; assistant, Elsie Wilson,; secretary, Estella Henry; assistant secretary, Ella Murray; treasurer, Sarah Robinson; librarian, Elizabeth Woods; chorister, Vergie Miller; teachers, Edward Mellen, George Lord, Eliza Swales, Leah Hill, Sidney Scott and Lydia Epps. Rev. P. P. Gaines is pastor of the church.

U.S., Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1863-1865 - Ancestry.com  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/106075:1107>

*M* | **24** | **U.S.C.T.**

*Charles Moton*

....., *Co A*, 24 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on  
**Company Descriptive Book**  
of the organization named above.

**DESCRIPTION.**

Age *20* years height *5* feet *6 1/2* inches.  
Complexion *Yellow*  
Eyes; *Blk* hair *Blk*  
Where born *Lancaster, Tennessee*.  
Occupation *Laborer*

**ENLISTMENT.**

When *Apr 8*, 1865.  
Where *Lancaster*  
By whom *Capt Stevens*; term *1* y'rs  
Remarks: *Assigned to Coas per  
S.P.O. No 31 May 31 1865*

*Not appearing on roll (Book)*

*J. A. Morris*  
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Lancaster New Era (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) · 9 May 1890

**REV. SMITH'S LAST SERMON.**  
**To Leave for Conference at Carlisle on Tuesday—The Congregation Anxious for His Return.**

The annual election for members of the board of trustees of the Strawberry Street A. M. E. church was held on Wednesday evening, the following having been elected: Messrs. J. H. H. Butler, George Lord, Charles Moton, Charles Butcher, Edward Humphries, Samuel Morris, David Robinson. The board then elected Mr. Humphries secretary and Mr. David Robinson treasurer. The annual report was read, which showed that \$663.29 had been raised by the church for current expenses, etc.

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Seth D. W. Smith, the pastor, for the satisfactory manner in which he has presided over the Board, he being president by reason of his office as pastor. He has been indefatigable in his efforts in working for the spiritual and temporal interest of the church and people. Rev. Smith will preach his last sermon on Sunday next, when he will attend the annual conference. The people earnestly desire his return, and the good work he has performed while here will doubtless assure his being sent back by Conference. Rev. Smith responded feelingly to the vote of thanks.

Two years ago the pastor of this church

Two years ago the pastor of this church organized the Ladies' Auxiliary Mite Missionary Society, with Mrs. Smith as president. The society has been doing good work. On Monday evening next they will give their annual treat to the members. The address will be delivered by the pastor.

On Tuesday Rev. Smith will join Rev. Buckley, of Columbia, and a number of other ministers from Delaware and Philadelphia, and leave for Conference, which convenes on Wednesday, May 14, at Carlisle, this State, in seventy-fourth annual session. Right Rev. Henry M. Turner, D. D., LL. D., will preside and will be assisted by associate bishops. This Conference is the oldest in the connection, having been organized in 1816 by Right Rev. Richard Allen, with a membership of three. It now numbers 1,000 members, with 86 itinerant and 30 local ministers, with a membership of over 12,000. There are connected with the Conference a publishing house at Philadelphia; the Sunday-school Union Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee, from which are sent out every three months over 600,000 teachers' and scholars' quarterlies for Sabbath-schools; an eight-page weekly church paper, and several other publications, showing that the colored folks are awake and hard at work.

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# Find a Grave Index

**Charles Molton (Moton)**

Gender: Male

Birth Date: 12 May 1841

Birth Place:

Chattanooga, Hamilton County,  
Tennessee, United States of America

Death Date: 18 Nov 1925

Death Place:

Lancaster, Lancaster County,  
Pennsylvania, USA

Cemetery:

Stevens Greenland Cemetery

Spouse:

Maria E. Moton

Children:

Blanche Brown

URL:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57170885/charles-molton>

Form V. S. No. 5-50M-9-25-23

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County of Lancaster Registration District No. 612  
Township of ..... Primary Registration District No. 41  
or .....  
Borough of .....  
City of Lancaster (No. 5-15 Howard Ave., 7 Ward) Registered No. 915

2. FULL NAME Charles Molton

[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME instead of street and number.]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3. SEX <u>M.</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>B.</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Married</u>			16. DATE OF DEATH <u>Nov 18</u> 19 <u>25</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Maria Molton</u>					17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Nov 17</u> , 19 <u>25</u> , to <u>Nov 18</u> , 19 <u>25</u> , that I last saw h. <u>alive</u> on <u>Nov 17</u> , 19 <u>25</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>3 A</u> m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>70-91+</u> <u>Chronic Indivertitis</u> (duration) <u>Dist. Thru</u> ds.		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>May 12</u> 18 <u>41</u>					CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) <u>Arterio Sclerosis</u> (duration) <u>Dist. Thru</u> ds.		
7. AGE Years Months Days IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min. <u>84</u> <u>6</u> <u>6</u>					18. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? <u>Dist. Thru</u>		
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer). (c) Name of employer <u>Drayman</u>					Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of _____		
9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Chattanooga Tenn</u>					Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>		
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Frank Molton</u>					What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Clinical</u> (Signed) <u>S. J. Fritz</u> M. D. <u>Nov 18</u> , 19 <u>25</u> (Address) <u>Lancaster Pa</u>		
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) <u>Chattanooga Tenn.</u>					*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)		
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Don't Know</u>					19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>Stevens Greenland Cemetery</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>Nov 21</u> 19 <u>25</u>		
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) <u>Chattanooga Tenn</u>					20. UNDERTAKER <u>H. C. Rote</u> ADDRESS <u>Lanc Pa</u>		
14. Informant <u>Maria Molton</u> (Address) <u>575 Howard Ave</u>							
15. Filed <u>11-20</u> , 19 <u>25</u> <u>J. W. Shultz</u> REGISTRAR 11-3154							

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