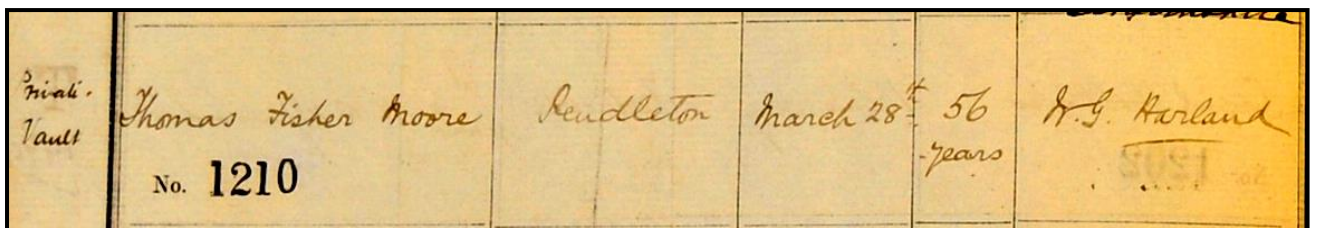
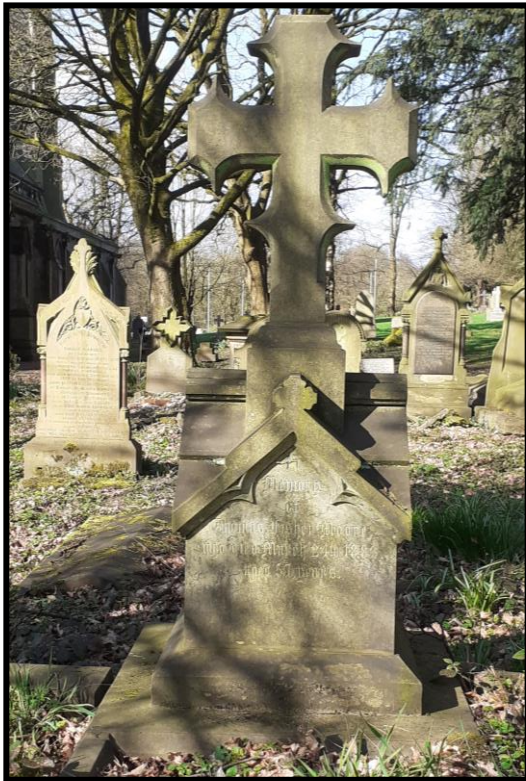


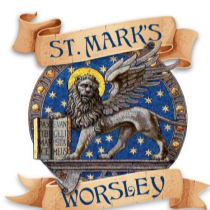
Thomas Fisher MOORE



Born: 10 June 1825

Died: 24 March 1883

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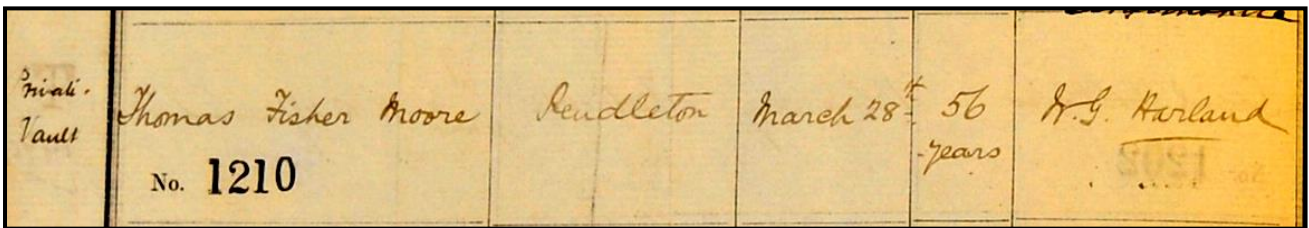


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Thomas Fisher MOORE

Sometimes, when tracing the history of an individual person or family, events and details do not leap out in a chronological order. Sometimes, one has to start at the end and trace a way backwards or even sideways to establish some facts. This can be very time-consuming. On occasions, a name can be quite a common name locally or nationally. Furthermore, in the nineteenth century, people did move around the country quite a lot, and turn up in the most unexpected places, often at a great distance from their place of birth.

Whilst carrying out research into a particular person buried here, this gentleman's name appeared by chance with the words *Private Vault* written in the margin of the register. This has been a case of starting at the end and moving backwards and sideways to establish a little more about him.

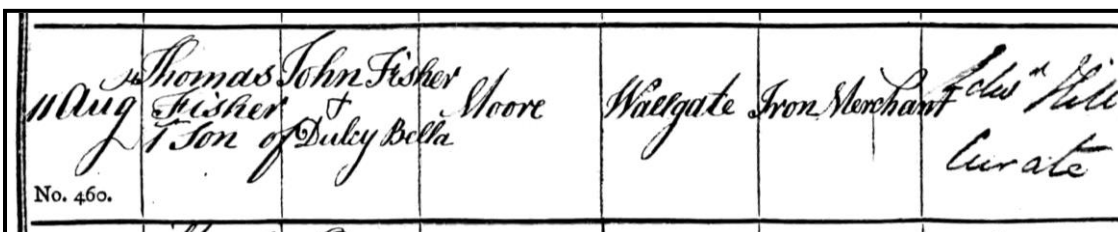


*In memory of THOMAS FISHER MOORE who died March 24th 1883 aged 57 yrs.
(h678, 679, 724 & 725)*

The Grave records for the parish reveal the following for this man:

Grave: H.679 St Mark, Worsley, Lancs.
Thomas Fisher Moore 57 Mar 1883
Mary Moore 35 Jul 1863
Edith Moore 3½ Aug 1857
Edith Helena Moore 0 16 Jan 1879

So that seemed like a good initial lead! But no! None of the popular routes were successful - censuses, parish records of births and marriages. Hence, what we now know about this man has come to light via a lot of back country roads, but is at best fragmentary.



Born 10 June 1825. Baptism 11 August 1825 at All Saints, **Wigan**.

The 1881 census, taken just 2 years before his death, gave only the barest details, and even these did not offer much help:

4 Jessel Street, Pendleton.						
Thomas Fisher Moore	Head	M	55	Iron Agent		b. Wigan
Jane	Wife	M	41			b. Nottingham

At least, a link was established with the iron industry, and he had already relocated to Manchester. But beyond that, nothing - no references in any earlier censuses, no family ties, a significant difference in

their ages, no published family trees, and no sign of Mary Moore (died 1863), presumably his first wife. Only later did we find a reference to Mary's death in **1863**.

1852. Marriage solemnized at <u>St. Paul's Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u> of <u>Manchester</u> in the County of <u>Lancaster</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
142	December 8 th 1852	Thomas Fisher Moore	27	Bachelor	Iron Merchant	Higher Broughton	John Fisher Moore	Iron Merchant
		Mary Birch	24	Spinster		Old Trafford	William Birch	Engraver
Married in the <u>above Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>License</u> or after _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Thomas Fisher Moore</u> <u>Mary Birch</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>Dulcy Bella Moore</u> <u>Thomas Bentley</u> <u>John Fisher Moore</u> <u>George Hopwood</u> <u>Margaret Baker</u> <u>John & Elizabeth H. Moore</u>		

Eventually, the marriage above was found and established who Mary was and confirmed the link with John Fisher Moore and iron.

And so the trail began:

<u>John Fisher Moore</u>	of <u>this</u> Parish
and <u>Dulcy Bella Hopwood</u>	of <u>this</u> Parish
were married in this <u>Church</u> by <u>License</u> with Consent of	this <u>Twenty fifth</u> Day of
<u>February</u>	in the Year One thousand eight hundred and <u>Twenty four</u>
By me <u>Edw^d Hill Curate</u>	
This Marriage was solemnized between us	{ <u>John Fisher Moore</u> <u>Dulcy Bella Hopwood</u>
In the Presence of	{ <u>Elizabeth Fisher</u> <u>Amelia Maria Inghoff</u> <u>L. H. W. News</u>
No. <u>1338</u>	
<u>Wm Fisher</u> <u>Sam. News</u>	

This marriage took place at All Saints, Wigan, on 25 February **1824**.

John Fisher Moore had in turn been baptised -

Baptism: 30 March **1802** All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire, England

John Fisher Moore - first Son of Thomas Moore & Ellen (formerly Fisher)

Born: 19 March

Abode: Market St

Occupation: Ironmonger

Mother's Parents: Thomas & Ellen Fisher

This alone explains why the middle name of Fisher appeared in family names and also established a connection with the iron industry. Also it shows the name Thomas within the family.

It would appear that they had 4 children:

Baptism: 11 Aug **1825** All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire, England
Thomas Fisher Moore - 1 Son of John Fisher Moore & Dulcy Bella
 Born: 10 Jun
 Abode: Wallgate
 Occupation: Iron Merchant

Baptism: 13 Feb **1828** All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire, England
 Peter Hopwood Moore - 2 Son of John Fisher Moore & Dulcy Bella
 Born: 13 Feb 1827
 Abode: King St.
 Occupation: Iron Merchant

Baptism: 10 Jun **1829** All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire, England
 Ellen Fisher Moore - 1 Daur. of John Fisher Moore & Dulcy Bella
 Born: 14 Feb
 Abode: King Street
 Occupation: Iron Merchant

Baptism: 16 Feb **1832** All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire, England
 John Fisher Moore - 3 Son of John Fisher Moore & Dulcy Bella
 Born: 17 Jul 1831
 Abode: Manchester
 Occupation: Iron Merchant

At least we know that, by **1832**, the family had migrated to Manchester.

Burial: 23 Mar 1848 All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire, England
John Fisher Moore - Son of John Fisher Moore
 Age: 16 years
 Abode: Broughton

1851 census: Stock Hotel, Queens Square, Liverpool.

Thomas F. Moore	Visitor S	24	Merchant	b. Wigan
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1851 census: The Elms, Broughton, Salford.

John Fisher Moore	Head	M	49	Iron merchant	b. Wigan
Duley Bella	Wife	M	48		b. Wigan
Marianne Whaley	Visitor	S	21		b. Withington
Peter H.	Son	S	24	Cotton Spinner	b. Wigan
+ 2 servants					

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
142	December 8 th 1852	Thomas Fisher Moore & Mary Birch	27 & 24	Bachelor & Spinster	Iron Merchant	Higher Broughton & Old Trafford	John Fisher Moore & William Birch	Iron Merchant & Engraver
Married in the <u>above Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <u>Licence</u> or after _____ by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Thomas Fisher Moore</u>		in the Presence of us,		<u>Dulcy Bella Moore</u> <u>George Birch</u>		

We already know that Thomas Fisher Moore had been married in **1852**.
 They had 4 children.

Five years after the wedding, **John Fisher Moore** (father) died.

Burial: 18 August **1857** All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire.

John Fisher Moore -

Age: 55 years

Abode: Eccles

Buried by: Rev. W. W. Johnson M.A. Minor Canon of Manchester

1861 census: Green Bank, Pendleton.

Dulcy Bella Moore	Head	W	57	Annuitant
Peter Hopwood Moore	Son	S	34	Cotton Spinner

+3 servants

Thomas Fisher Moore and Mary Birch were to have 4 children:

Maud Moore, born 3 Aug **1856**, Pendleton, Father was an Iron Merchant, bp. 10 Jun 1857

Mary Ellen Moore, born 23 Dec **1857**, Eccles, Father was an Iron Merchant, bp. 22 Apr 1858

John Henry Moore, born 20 Nov **1859**, Pendleton, Father was an Iron Merchant, bp. 16 Feb 1860

They also had a daughter Edith, who was buried in the churchyard on 29 August **1857**. She was of Gilda Brook, Eccles, aged 3 years and would therefore have been the eldest child. There is no record of her having been baptised.

Burial: 29 Aug **1857** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire.

Edith Moore -

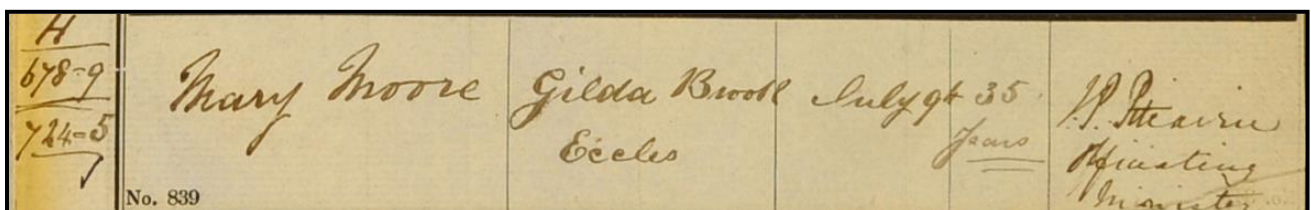
Age: 3 yrs

Abode: Gilda Brook, Eccles.

The *Manchester Courier* of Saturday 29 August **1857** reported her death: *On the 25th inst., at South Shore, aged 3 years and 6 months, Edith, daughter of Thomas Fisher Moore, Esq., of Eccles.*

At this point in time, something rather curious seems to have occurred. No references can be found of any members of his family in either the **1861** or **1871** censuses. And this in spite of the fact that other events and dates all point to the family residing in the Manchester area. However, the Electoral registers for **1860** show a Thomas Fisher Moore resident at Barton House, Barton upon Irwell, the occupier of the house and garden.

Thomas Fisher's wife Mary died two years after the 1861 census.



Burial: 9 Jul **1863** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire.

Mary Moore

Age: 35 yrs

Abode: Gilda Brook, Eccles.

1863: The *Manchester Courier* of Saturday 11 July **1863** announced her death:

MOORE - *On the 4th inst., aged 35 years, Mary, wife of Thomas Fisher Moore, Drayton Villa, Eccles.*

1879: Burial: 16 Jan **1879** St Mark, Worsley.

Edith Helena Moore

Abode: Salford

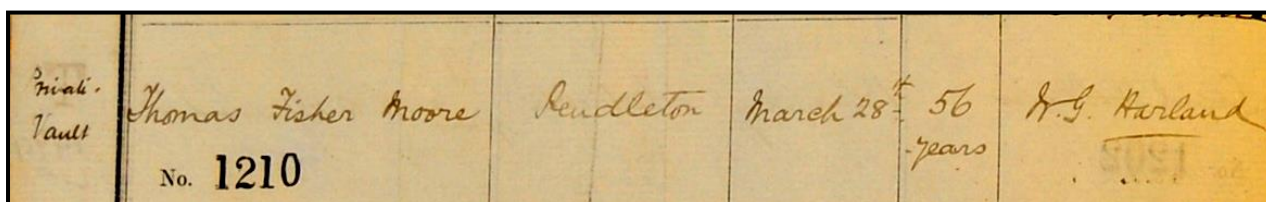
Buried by: J. Cater

Sadly, no age was given for this person at their burial. Nor is any age indicated in the National Index of Deaths. And yet the body was interred in the family grave. However, Edith Helena Moore was born in the third quarter of **1878**, in Pendleton, so she would have been only a few months old. No baptismal record has been found either. Presumably, she would have been the daughter to Thomas Fisher Moore and his second wife, Jane.

1881 census: 2 Jessel Street, Pendleton.

Thomas Fisher Moore	Head	M	55	Iron Agent	b. Wigan
Jane Moore	Wife	M	44		b. Nottingham

Regrettably, therefore, significant gaps appear in the biography of **Thomas Fisher Moore** between **1861** and his death in **1883**. Only the **1881** census offers any kind of insight. The *Manchester Courier* on 28 March **1883** reported it: *On the 24th inst., at his residence, Pendleton, **Thomas Fisher Moore**, aged 57 years.*



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So, what do we know about the business? The best references can be found in the British Newspaper Archive.

In *Perry's Bankrupt Gazette*, Saturday 31 March **1855**, you will find, under the section Assignments:

*PARTINGTON William and Ralph ENTWISTLE, (Mar. 26.) of Little Lever, ironfounders. Trustees —John Fisher Moore and **Thomas Fisher Moore**, jun. both of Manchester, iron merchants. Sols.—J. K. Watkins & Son, of Bolton-le-Moors*

And then in the same publication, dated Saturday 19 May **1855**:

*CALVERT John, (May 2.) of Oldham, iron founder. Trustees - **Thomas Fisher Moore** and William Archer Jenner, both of Manchester, iron merchants. Sol.—W. Ascroft, of Oldham*

Slater's Directory of Manchester for **1855** listed the firm as -
Moore, Thomas Fisher, iron merchant, (Thomas Moore and Sons), Old Trafford.

Then, in a legal case reported in the *Liverpool Mercury* on Wednesday 12 August **1857**:

ACTION AGAINST BANKERS
MOORE AND OTHERS v. BUSHELL (PUBLIC OFFICER).
*The plaintiffs' in this case were Messrs. John Fisher Moore and **Thomas Fisher Moore**, extensive iron merchants at Manchester, and the defendant was Joseph Bushell, public officer of the Lancaster Banking Company. Mr. Monk, Q.C., and Mr. Melhuish, conducted the case for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Atherton, Q C., and Mr. Cross, appeared*

on behalf of the defendant. The defendants, it was stated, had branch banking establishments in various places, and amongst others at the town of Preston; and it was in respect to a transaction at this establishment that the present action arose. It appeared that there had been a firm for some time carrying on business there as ironfounders under the name of Beverage, Chandler, and Co. The partnership of these persons came to a termination in 1856, and the business was subsequently transferred to and carried on by James W. and Joseph Chandler; and later still by the former the one alone. About September, 1856, Mr. Chandler was desirous of commencing business with the plaintiffs, and named to them the defendants as the usual reference as to respectability. The banking company on being written to gave most satisfactory information of Mr. Chandler, stating that his firm was perfectly safe for the amount. Goods were then supplied, bills were drawn, and matters went on satisfactorily for some time.

..... Messrs. Moore applied for payment of the bill, when the defendants replied that they did not know them at all in the matter, though the learned counsel said this transaction was the very last one entered in Mr. Chandler's book, £118 being debited to Messrs. Moore. Mr. Atherton admitted the facts of the case as stated for the plaintiffs, and it was agreed to enter a formal verdict for the defendant, leave being given to the plaintiffs to move the Court of Exchequer to enter a verdict for the this plaintiffs.

Then, on 2 October **1865**, the *Manchester Courier* carried a strange and brief announcement:

NOTICE - THOMAS FISHER MOORE, Jun., is not authorised to receive moneys or accounts to the firm of THOMAS MOORE & SONS. 7 St. Ann's Square, 2nd October 1865.

... to be followed the following day with a further announcement:

NOTICE.—With reference to the advertisement which appears today's paper, THOMAS FISHER MOORE, Jun., begs to assure his friends and the public that there is not the slightest ground for it, and immediate steps will taken against the offender who has so unwarrantably attempted to injure him. St. Ann's-square, October 2nd, 1865.

Shortly afterwards, on 26 October **1865**, the same paper announced the '*dissolution of the partnership between **Thomas Fisher Moore** and Alexander Kirk, iron merchants.*'

