

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Peter Moore

November 4th, 1743–May 29th, 1833

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook

Marble tablet, fallen face up and broken in half marked with an SAR medallion, front row to the left of the cemetery sign.

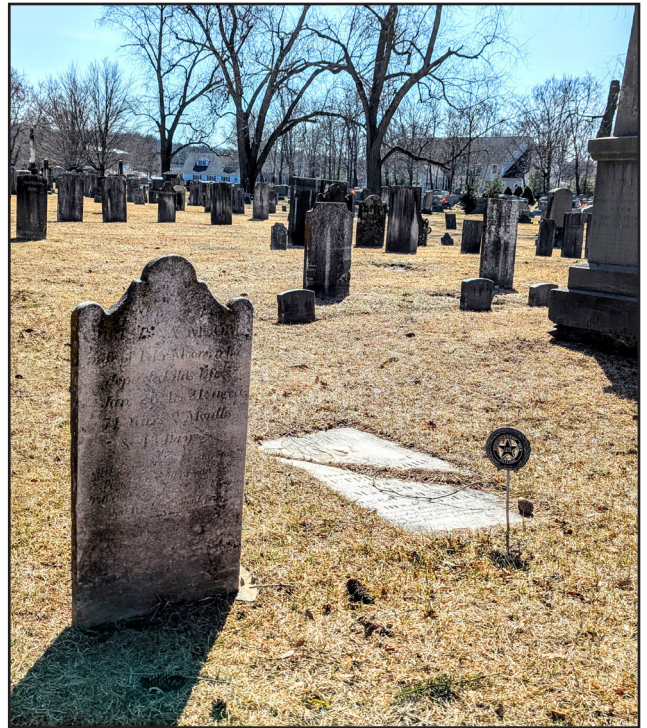
Peter Moore (or Petrus Mohr, as his name was frequently recorded during his lifetime) and Christina Bender were married on December 16th, 1770 in the Lutheran Church in what was then the northern part of Reyn Beeck, but would split off and form Red Hook in 1812. Both Peter and his wife's brother, Hendrich Benner were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, acquiring Land Bounty Rights from their time with the 6th Dutchess Regiment of Militia. Christina passed away at 71 in 1821 and Peter would go on another 22 years, reaching the ripe old age of 89.

Peter and his wife, as many other Palatine families in our area, had a multitude of offspring and at least seven of them left them a long legacy.

Catherine married Jacob I. Moore, Henry P. married Gertrude Shook, William married Jane Ann Lewis, Philip P. married Anna Maria Moore, Annatjen married Henry Benner, Nicholas married Annatje Pitcher, and Gerrit married Lanah Rowe. Three sons, Andrew, Zachariah, and Peter P. Moore, do not appear to have married or little is known of their later lives.

Peter and Christina fit all those children under a very special roof. Built in 1728, the Mohr farmhouse still stands today on River Road in Barrytown. As legend has it, Peter was away (presumably with the 6th Dutchess) when the British burned Kingston in October of 1777. Soldiers crossed the river and burned many properties belonging to their enemies, but when they came to the Mohr home, Christina offered all of their livestock in exchange for the preservation of the structure.

In the middle of the 20th century, John I. Fish bought what was left of the house after decades of decay and abandonment. He and his wife renovated it, keeping its historic value in mind as they did so. The floorboards and cabinetry in the living room were retained among other salvageable details. Its back yard affords a wonderful unobstructed view of the Catskills to the west. The home is not on the market as of this writing, but Zillow estimates it and its over 4 acres of land are worth more than 1.5 million dollars today.



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