

## RICHARD MOONEY

Richard Mooney, who died in 1920, was a mysterious person. He married Catherine Sutherland in 1872, but there are no firm records of his existence before that time. For a few years after his marriage, he and Catherine lived on the campus of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. They then moved to a site on the north side of the mountain about halfway from the flat land in Roark's Cove (about 35.2174N, 85.911W). On that site, he and Catherine raised a family. By clearing the land and terracing the slope, he made gardens to feed his children and to grow produce to sell in Sewanee. He had extensive knowledge of plants in the area and made various medicines from those that he collected.

### Census data on Richard Mooney of Sewanee, Tennessee (Civil District 18):

Census	Name	Age	Birth	Birthplace	Father's birthplace	Mother's birthplace
6/2/1880	R. Mooney	32		MS	SC	NC
	Cathrine	24		NC	TN	NC
	John S.	6		TN	MS	NC
	Willie	4		TN	MS	NC
	Mary C.	1		TN	MS	NC
6/7/1900	Richard Mooney	51	Sep 1848	MS	SC	NC
	Catherine	43	Feb 1857	NC	TN	NC
	James	16	Jul 1883	TN	MS	TN
	Charles	15	Apr 1885	TN	MS	TN
	Lizzie	11	Feb 1889	TN	MS	TN
	Martha	4	Apr 1896	TN	MS	TN
	Flora E	1	Jun 1898	TN	MS	TN
4/18/1910	Richard Mooney	61		MS	SC	NC
	Catherine	51		NC	TN	NC
	Martha	15		TN	MS	NC
	Flora	12		TN	MS	NC
1/15/1920	Richard Mooney	72		MS	USA	USA
	Catherine	62		NC	TN	NC
	Flora	21		TN	MS	NC
	Preston	14		TN	TN	TN
	Annie	3		TN	TN	TN

### Questions about Richard Mooney

**When was he born?** If he was indeed born in Sept 1848, as indicated in the 1900 census, he would be 51. He would be 61, as indicated in the 1910 census. According to the 1880 census, his age was listed as 32 (not 31 as expected from other census data), and, according to the 1920 census, his age was listed as 72 (not 71 as expected from other census data). Collectively, these data indicate that he was born in September of 1847 or 1848. His tombstone has a birth date of 1850; this is almost certainly an estimated date.

**When did he die?** Richard died on July 4, 1920. He was at home on the mountainside north of the golf course in Sewanee, TN. He is buried in the Eastern Star Cemetery in Sewanee. There is no death certificate for him and no state record of his death.

**Where was he born?** All census data and the primary family tradition indicate that he was born in Mississippi. An exhaustive search of census records for 1850, 1860, and 1870, however, found no indication that this is true. It is only remotely possible that Richard Mooney was born in Mississippi with

that name. In the days immediately after the Civil War, many young men moved from one place to another and took on another name. Apparently, this is what Richard did.

**What else do we know, or think we know, about Richard?** His granddaughter, Alice Frances Mooney Goodman, said that her grandfather was orphaned at an early age, that he was raised by family that was not his own, and that he had spent some time on a boat. This is third- or fourth-hand information; its reliability is uncertain.

**Who were his parents?** A search of census records of all the southern states revealed no match for him before 1880. The search included the names of Moon, Moone, Moony, Mauney, and Mooneyham. It is not likely that he was missed in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. It is likely, however, that he was listed under another name. Following the indications that he was born in Mississippi, an ancestry.com search for all male, white Mooneys (and name variations) born in Mississippi between 1843 and 1854 revealed only one Richard Mooney. This Richard, however, stayed in Mississippi, marrying Annie Cordelia Morrison in 1888.

**Did he change is last name to Mooney?**

Although it is more likely that Richard changed his first name or stopped using his first name (see below), a search for every Richard born in MS in 1848 ± 5 was performed.

- **Is Richard Watson Franklin of Mississippi Richard?**

The closest match was a Richard W. Franklin, who was born in MS in 1849. This Richard, however, died in TX in 1911.

**Did he change is first name to Richard?**

It is more likely that Richard changed his first name or stopped using his first name because, if he were born with another surname, he would be unlikely to take the uncommon name of Mooney. The following, most favorable possibilities were considered.

- **Is Abram Mooney (b. 1847) of Mississippi Richard?**

It is possible that Abram, son of Peter, changed his name to Richard. But his parents were both born in NC. No other information for Abram has been found.

- **Is Abraham Mooney (b. 1846) of Mississippi Richard?**

Abraham lived in Shawneetown, MS. His father was Noah, born in NC. No other information has been found.

- **Is Rufus Mooney of Mississippi (b. 1847) Richard?**

It is possible that Rufus assumed the identity of Richard Mooney. The parents of Rufus were born in VA and GA.

- **Is Richard H. Mooney of Rockingham, North Carolina (b. 1847) Richard?**

This Richard, along with his brother Zelman, died in the Civil War.

- **Is R. H. Mauney of North Carolina (b. 1847) Richard?**

The census for Cleveland, NC, taken on 8/19/1870, showed R. H. Mauney, age 23, white male, working at a 'wright mill.' This person has not been found in any other census record. It may be only a coincidence, but Bartlett Sutherland, father of Richard's wife Catherine, was in Cleveland, NC, in 1860 (see below). By 1870, however, Bartlett and his family had returned to Grundy Co., Tennessee. Mauney is a common name in this part of NC, but the spelling is consistent.

- **Is Jacob Mooney, son of John Marcus Mooney and Sarah Dellinger, Richard?**

A vague family tradition is that Richard was originally named or Jack or Jake. A Jacob Mooney was born in Henderson County, TN, about 1847. He was still in Henderson County in 1880.

- **Is Jacob Mooney, son of Joseph Mooney, Richard?**

A Joseph Mooney (age 39) was in Hillsboro (Coffee County) in 1870. He had a son, Jacob (b. 1852). No further information on this family, all of whom were born in TN, has been found.

- **Is Jacob Mooney, son of Thomas Mooney and Dorothy Paschall, Richard?**

Another Jacob Mooney (b. 1848), son of Thomas Mooney and Dorothy Paschall from Henry Co., TN, was in Calloway, KY, in 1880.

- **Is Jackson R. B. Mooney (1847-?) of Georgia, son or Vina or Rachel Mooney and grandson of James and Lucy Mooney, Richard Mooney (1848-1920) of Tennessee?**

Relevant census records:

James Mooney, Habersham County, Georgia (1840)

Males							
0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	30-30	30-40	40-50	50-60
0	0	1 <sup>a</sup>	1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0	1 <sup>b</sup>	1
Females							
0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60
0	0	0	1 <sup>c</sup>	1 <sup>d</sup>	0	1 <sup>e</sup>	0

- <sup>a</sup> Unidentified
- <sup>b</sup> James
- <sup>c</sup> Probably Rachel
- <sup>d</sup> Probably Vina
- <sup>e</sup> Lucy

Subdivision # 33, Gilmer County, Georgia (9/3/1850)

James Mooney	M	60	SC
Lucy	F	64	SC
Vina	F	38	SC
Rachel	F	32	GA
Sarah	F	8	GA
Caroline	F	7	GA
Henry	M	4	GA
<b>Jackson</b>	M	3	GA

Notes: It is uncertain if Vina or Rachel is the mother of the four youngsters. However, Richard stated that his mother was born in SC. According to this and the 1860 census, Vina, but not Rachel, was born there. This is a slight indication that Richard's mother was Vina. It is doubtful if Jackson (Richard?) knew who his father was.

Sharp Top Marble Works, Pickens County, Georgia (6/25/1860)

James Mooney	M	70	SC
Vina	F	42	SC
Rachel	F	38	GA
Caroline	F	16	GA
Henry	M	14	GA
<b>Jackson</b>	M	12	GA
Marinda	F	2	GA

Pickens County, Georgia (8/11/1870)

Rachel Mooney	F	45	NC
Caroline	F	30	GA
Dorinda	F	12	GA
William	M	6	GA

Notes:

1. Sharp Top, now in Bartow County, was in Gilmer County in 1850.
2. In 1860, Lucy is missing. Perhaps she died before age 74.
3. In 1870, James is missing. He probably died before age 80.
4. In 1870, Vina is also missing. She may have died between 1860 and 1870. If she is Jackson's mother, her death and the death of his grandparents, would be an impetus for him to leave home.
5. In 1870, both Henry and Jackson are missing. Marinda is listed as Dorinda.
6. No Mooneys are listed in the "Every Name Index of Cemeteries of Pickens County."
7. Marinda married Henry L. Legg on 12/18/1881 and remained in GA. According to Marinda's death certificate, Vina is her mother. Thus, Vina could also be the mother of the other children.
8. Sarah married James C. Godfrey on 11/27/1859 and remained in GA.
9. Caroline died on 5/22/1922 in neighboring Floyd County, GA.
10. William, whose mother may be Caroline, apparently moved to nearby Forsyth County and raised a family there.
11. James and Rachel are on the 12/26/1862 "Salt List" for Pickens County, and Rachel is on the 12/24/1863 "Salt List." This implies that James and Rachel had a relative serving with the Confederate Army. Perhaps this is Henry, but no record of his service has been found. It is equally likely that it is Jackson.
12. No Mooneys are found in Pickens County in 1880. What happened to Rachel, Caroline, Henry, and Jackson?
13. No Mooneys are on the 1870 or 1880 Mortality Lists for Pickens County.
14. Questions: If Jackson is Richard, why did he leave GA and change his name? Was he in trouble with his family or with the law? Was he a deserter or parolee from the Confederate army? Why did he settle in Sewanee, TN?

### **When was Jackson born?**

Since Jackson was 3 years old on 9/3/1850 and 12 years old on 6/25/1860, his birth date was likely between June 25 and September 3, 1847.

### **Who were Jackson's parents?**

Vina Mooney was probably Jackson's mother. The back of a photograph of Jackson states that he was a nephew of Rachel Mooney. His mother would then be Sarah, Caroline, or Vina. By family tradition, Sarah is not his mother. Caroline apparently never married. Since Marinda Mooney's death certificate states that Vina was her mother, Jackson's mother was probably also Vina. There is no information on his father.

### Where was Jackson born?

He was born in Georgia, probably in a part of Gilmer County that became Pickens County.

### Where did Jackson die?

If he is not Richard Mooney of Sewanee, TN, no information is available.

### TIMELINE FOR JACKSON MOONEY

9/1847? Born in Gilmer Co., GA  
9/3/1850 3 years old in Gilmer Co., GA  
6/25/1860 12 years old in Pickens Co., GA  
Spring 1861 J. R. Mooney enlisted in the 11th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. The 11th Infantry Regiment, organized in the spring of 1861, contained men from Hall, Lee, Fannin, Houston, **Gilmer** (near Pickens), Murray, Walton, and Quitman counties. Sent to Virginia, the unit first served in the Potomac District, then was assigned to General G.T. Anderson's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It fought in the various campaigns throughout the war.

Except for a recording of his enlistment, there no further record of J. R. Mooney with this group has been found. If Jackson is J. R. Mooney and was in this group when it was established, he would have been only 13 years old, and he must have left it soon after enlisting. He may have been sent home.

Spring 1861 Jackson R. B. Mooney enlisted in the Company A, 34th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. The 34th Infantry Regiment, organized in May, 1862, at Camp McDonald, near Marietta, Georgia, recruited its members in the counties of Bartow, **Cherokee** (near Pickens), Floyd, Polk, Cobb, Paulding, Carroll, Haralson, and Jackson. The unit was sent to Tennessee, then Mississippi where it was assigned to T.H. Taylor's Brigade, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana. It participated in the battle at Champion's Hill and was captured at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. Exchanged and reorganized, it was placed in General Cummings' Brigade, Army of Tennessee. The 34th was active in many engagements from Chattanooga to Nashville, and ended the war in North Carolina.

Again, except for a recording of his enlistment, there no further record of Jackson R. B. Mooney with this regiment. If Jackson Mooney of Pickens County is Jackson R. B. Mooney and was in this group when it was established, he would have been only 13 years old, and he must have left it soon after enlisting. He may have been sent home.

6/14/1862 J. R. B. Mooney enlisted in Company A of the 59th Regiment, Georgia Infantry, in Whitfield Co., GA (14 years and 9 months old if he was born in September, 1847). The 59th Infantry Regiment was formed in the spring of 1862 with men from Jackson, **Whitfield** (near Pickens), Crawford, Worth, and Turner counties. After serving for some time in Georgia; Lexington, Kentucky (with battles on October 15 and November 3, 1862); and North Carolina, the unit moved to Virginia. It was involved in many other battles of the war.

J. R. B. Mooney was captured in Kentucky, as described in the following document: Mooney, J. R. B. - Private - 1862 Captured at Lexington, Kentucky, November 3, 1862. Exchanged on board Steamer Metropolitan near Vicksburg, Mississippi, December 4, 1862. This name appears on a register of prisoners of war (undated) at Lexington, Kentucky, with remark: "Released on taking oath."

J. R. B. Mooney spent some time in Mississippi, probably reaching there by traveling on the Mississippi River on a boat (as indicated by a granddaughter of Richard), and he could have returned home in 1863. In the census records, Richard Mooney (incorrectly) indicates that he was born in Mississippi.

- 12/26/1862 James and Rachel are on the "Salt List" for Pickens County. This indicates that James and Rachel had a relative serving with the Confederate army. Perhaps this is Henry, but no record of his service has been found. It is equally likely that it is Jackson.
- 12/24/1863 Rachel is on the "Salt List" as a widow with a son in service. This implies that she is the mother of Henry and/or Jackson.
- 6?/1864 A. J. Mooney, 16 years and 9 months old in Pickens County, Georgia, is listed on the Joe Brown census, a compilation of those eligible for, but not serving, in the Confederate army. Although the name is incorrect, this is probably Jackson, for the age and location are appropriate.
- 1870 No census records of Jackson or Richard. Henry G. Mooney, age 30, was in Floyd Co., GA, in 1870. Although his age is off a bit, this is probably the brother of Jackson.
- 8/29/1872 Richard Mooney married Catherine Sutherland in Sewanee, TN. Jackson would be 24 years and 11 months old.
- 5/2/1879 Richard Mooney is a witness in a case in Franklin County. Fieri Facias Bill of Costs. Estill Clk Receiving and filing papers; Stewart Clk Fifa, C.C. Rose JP warrant; J.T. FINEY, J.P issuing subpoenas; J.L.W. BENNETT, D.S serving warrant 8 witnesses (all \$.50): Jno. HAWKINS; Sam KING; Sam SOUTHERLAND; James SOUTHERLAND; Hiram KILGORE; Benj. CLARK; Isaac SEETON; **Richard MOONEY**, H.P. STEWART, Geo F. LAWING, D.C. Note: Samuel Leake Sutherland (1848 - ?) and James Calvin Sutherland (1859 -1927) are brothers of Catherine Sutherland Mooney.

### **Why is Jackson likely to be Richard?**

1. Pickens County is in the heart of the Cherokee Nation. Perhaps this is where Richard (Jackson) acquired his knowledge of native plants and medicines.
2. Pickens County is only about 125 miles from Sewanee.
3. An informant from that area (a descendant of Marinda Mooney) stated that Jackson's father was an Indian and that, when children were born to an Indian father and a white mother, the children retained the family name of the mother. Richard had strong Indian features. This could explain why no father of the children was listed and why they were named Mooney. Such a situation could create family instability that would encourage him to leave home, especially after the death of his mother, probably Vina, and his grandparents, James and Lucy. (The death of Vina could have left Jackson an "orphan" at an early age, consistent with the statement of Richard's granddaughter.) If Jackson had an Indian father, and if Richard is indeed Jackson, Richard's children would be one-fourth Indian. Nevertheless, by family tradition, Richard's wife, Catherine, was one-half Indian. This would also mean that their children were one-fourth Indian.
4. Early in 1862, a J. R. Mooney and a Jackson R. B. Mooney enlisted in the Confederate army in northwest Georgia. Neither person stayed with the group for an extended time. The recruiters could have signed him (them) up for duty, then decided he (they) was too young and sent him (them) home. Jackson would have been only 13-14 years old at the time.
5. On June 14, 1862, a J. R. B. Mooney enlisted in the Confederate army in neighboring Whitfield County. (Whitfield County is near Chattanooga, Tennessee.) This person is listed on the Muster Roll of Company A, 59th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Tennessee, CSA. Again, Jackson would have been only 14 years old. His capture and subsequent exchange at Vicksburg, Mississippi, gave him some experience in Mississippi, where Richard said

(incorrectly) that he was born. In a sense, he could have been 'born' into a new life when he was exchanged. His name could be Jackson **Richard** B. Mooney. His capture and/or family problems may explain why he decided to go by the name of Richard, rather than Jackson or "Jack."

6. In 1864, an A. J. Mooney, farmer, born in GA was 16 years and 9 months old and at home in Pickens County, according to the Militia Enrollment list. (The initials "A. J." normally stand for Andrew Jackson.) Although the name is not correct, this person could be Jackson Mooney. The date of the list is not certain, but it was likely before the siege of Atlanta, which started in July, 1864. If the census took place in June, this person would be born in September, 1847.
7. A vague family tradition is that Richard's original name was Jack (or Jake) and that he passed through Richard City (adjacent to South Pittsburg, TN), where he took the name Richard. This city is on the Tennessee River, on which Richard could have been on a boat. Further, South Pittsburg is on the route between Pickens County, GA, and Franklin County, TN. A Reuben C. Mooney (b. ca1839 in GA), who served in the Civil War, was living in South Pittsburg in 1870 and 1880. Reuben could have been a relative of Jackson. Reuben's father was Gilbert (b. ca 1806 in SC); perhaps Gilbert and James (Jackson's grandfather) were brothers.
8. Jackson can not be found in records after 1864; Richard can not be found before 1872.

### JACKSON MOONEY

On May 2, 2010, I received four pictures from a resident of Georgia, whose great-grandmother was Casier Marinda Mooney (1857-1924). Picture # 1 was of Marinda; picture # 2 was of Rachel Mooney Gibbs (1818-aft1880), a sister of Marinda; picture # 3 was of Sarah Elizabeth Mooney (1842-?), another sister of Marinda, and her husband James C. Godfrey (1835-aft1880); picture # 4 was of Jack Mooney (1847-?). Also received was a photograph of the back of picture # 4. Written on the back was the following:

*Mother's brother, Jack Mooney  
Rachel Mooney Gibb's ~~brother~~ nephew  
Mrs. H. L. Legg's aunt*

This photograph was obtained from a descendant of Marinda Mooney (Mrs. Henry Laten Legg). Rachel Mooney was her aunt.

A more complete name for this Jack Mooney, based on his attempts to enlist in the Confederate army, is Jackson R. B. Mooney. The photograph of Jack shows a young man, perhaps 30 to 40 years old, with black hair and a black beard. He has high cheekbones and a long nose. His right ear has been cropped from the photograph. Apparently, it is a photograph of a photograph. The main question is: Could this be Richard Mooney? No picture of Richard Mooney is available. There is some resemblance of Jack to Richard's son, John Mooney, and to John's sisters, Martha Dotson and Flora Morgan. Jack's aunt, Marinda, has some resemblance to Richard's daughter, Flora Mooney Morgan, and Sarah Mooney Godfrey resembles Bessie Mooney Tucker, Richard's oldest granddaughter.

Nevertheless, there are several questions about the photograph of Jack Mooney.

1. Is it an authentic picture of Jackson? Although it could be mislabeled, chances are great that it is indeed of Jackson.
2. When was it made? Since it is on paper, it was likely made in the 1890's, when this photographic technique became widely available. Nevertheless, since it is a photograph of a photograph, the previous photograph could have been made at a considerably earlier time. In the 1890's, Jackson would be 43-53 years old. In the photograph, however, he does not appear to be more than 40. Since Richard married Catherine in 1872, when he was about 24 years old, the photograph, if it is indeed Richard, must have been made after he married.
3. Where was it made? On the photograph, there is no indication of where the picture was made or by whom. In Sewanee, Tennessee, where Richard lived, Allen (Deaf and Dumb)

Gipson (1859-1926) was a photographer between about 1885-1926. He could have made the photograph of a previous photograph.

4. Could the picture have been sent or brought to Marinda in Georgia by Richard Mooney living in Tennessee? Although Richard told his wife and children little about his past, he could have mailed or taken a photograph of himself to Marinda in the 1890's, when his children were young.

On September 23, 2011, the picture of Jackson was shown to 89-year-old Louise Mooney Hooper, who, when she was young, spent considerable time in the home of Richard's son, John Samuel Mooney (1874-1963) and with Richard's widow, Catherine. Her response was, "O, yes. That picture hung of the wall of the old farmhouse in Sewanee." She was referring either to the home of John Mooney or that of Richard Mooney. When asked if it was a photograph of Richard Mooney, she responded, "Yes." For her age, her eyesight was excellent, and her mind was clear.

In an attempt to confirm her opinion with other relatives, however, none who might have been familiar with the photograph was able to identify it.

Conclusion: It is likely that J. R. Mooney, Jackson R. B. Mooney, and J. R. B. Mooney are the same person. If so, the fact that he joined three different groups shows a determination to be in the Confederate army. It is only remotely possible that two (or three) people with these names and with similar ages were in northwest Georgia in 1862. **It is also likely that J. R. Mooney, Jackson R. B. Mooney, J. R. B. Mooney, and Richard Mooney are the same person.**

#### CATHERINE SUTHERLAND

Sarah Catherine Sutherland, known as Cathern or Granny Mooney, was born on February 16, 1857, in Franklin County and died on February 4, 1936, in Sewanee, Tennessee. On August 29, 1872, at the age of 15, she married Richard Mooney in Franklin County. She was the daughter of J. Bartlett Sutherland (b. May 11, 1824, in Alabama; died after 1880 in Franklin County, Tennessee) and Mary (Polly) Ann Turner (b. June 4, 1826; died about 1870). Bartlett and Polly were married on June 11, 1846, in Grundy County. Bartlett Sutherland was the son of Samuel Sutherland (b. 1795 in South Carolina; d. July 1850 in Grundy County, Tennessee) and Nancy Bartlett (1798-aft1860). After Polly died, Bartlett married Mary Ann Redden West in Coffee County on September 17, 1873.

Census records show that Bartlett was born in Alabama, moved to Tennessee, then to North Carolina, and then returned to Tennessee. According to family tradition, Bartlett Sutherland, moving from North Carolina to Tennessee, and set up a camp on the Elk River at a site that later became Bell's Mill in Grundy County. One of his activities was collecting bird eggs for a university in North Carolina.

Relevant census records are as follows:

#### 1850 Grundy Co., TN, Civil District # 7

Bartlett Sutherland	26	AL
Nancy A.	24	NC
Samuel L.	2	TN

Note: Mary Ann is apparently incorrectly listed as Nancy A.

#### 1860 Cleveland Co., NC

Bartlett Sutherland	36	TN
Mary A.	34	NC
Samuel L.	12	NC
Lucinda F.	6	NC
<b>Sarah C.</b>	3	NC
James C.	9/12	NC
Cynthia	9/12	NC



Note: Bartlett is listed as being born in TN and Samuel as being born in NC.

**1870 Grundy Co., TN, Civil District # 7**

Bartlett Sutherland	46	TN
Mary	44	NC
Lucinda	15	TN
<b>Sarah C.</b>	13	NC
James C.	11	NC
Cynthia	11	NC
William G.	9	NC

Note: Bartlett and Lucinda are listed as being born in TN.

**1880 Franklin Co., TN, Civil District # 18**

B. Sutherland	56	AL
Mary	32	AL
J. C.	20	NC
William G.	18	NC
John	5	TN
Arthur	4	TN
J. R.	2	TN
Sally West	10	TN
Ida West	9	TN

Note: John, Arthur, and J. R. are grandchildren of Bartlett. Sally and Ida West are step-daughters.

**1930 Franklin Co., TN, Civil District # 18**

Andrew Lawson	74	TN
<b>Katherine</b>	73	TN
Preston Mooney	26	TN

Note: Preston Mooney was a grandson of Catherine.

**Personal Characteristics**

Catherine Mooney, who came from sturdy pioneer stock, was a notable character in Sewanee. By family tradition, she was one-half Indian. Her mother, Mary Ann (Polly Ann) Turner was probably Indian. She and Richard lived most of their married life on the side of the mountain, just below the Sewanee golf course. A small pond at the north end of the course was almost directly above their house. In rainy weather, the pond overflowed in a small stream that coursed down to the east of their house. Golf balls lost in the pond washed down the mountainside to be collected by Catherine and re-sold to the managers of the course.

Catherine also had other sources of golf balls. She walked through the woods around the course looking for balls that had been lost. On occasion, if a ball landed near her during these searches, she would stand over it, covering it with her full-length dress. The golfers, many of whom were professors at the University of the South, were reluctant to ask her to move.

Another of Catherine's adventures is recorded in the book, Purple Sewanee, a compendium of Sewanee lore and traditions originally entitled "Sewanee" and published by C. E. Thomas in 1932. 167 pp. (reprinted by the APTA, Sewanee Chapter, 1961, as "Purple Sewanee.") As described in this book, she was riding in a wagon down the main street of Sewanee when the mules ran away, throwing her out of the wagon. She was not seriously injured.

After the death of her husband Richard, Catherine married Andrew Jackson (Buck) Lawson (b. 1855, d. aft 1930), widower of her sister Cinthia Eldora (b. 1859, d. ca1920). The wedding was on April 10, 1926.

In February of 1936, she took a break from quilting, stepped outside her cabin, and felt something pop in her chest. She died a few hours later. After she died, the following appeared in the local paper published in Sewanee:

***Mrs. Cathern Mooney Lawson passes away at her home Feb. 4, 1936.***

*Traditional character dies after almost seventy years as a Sewanee figure. One of Sewanee's most picturesque characters passed away Tuesday morning when Mrs. Mooney died of heart failure at her small log cabin home tucked away on the mountain below Green's View half way down the mountain from Sewanee Golf Course. She moved here from North Carolina in 1868 when she was eleven years old. Mrs. Mooney could often be seen by Sewanee golfers trudging her way across the golf course coming to make her trades. Since the founding of the Sewanee Golf Course, she had hunted over the fairways and picked up the stray balls which golfers had given up for lost and sold them to students and professors for small sums.*

*Mrs. Mooney was a favorite with Sewanee vacationers and was always pointed to with pride by those whose minds are steeped in tradition and lore.*

*Funeral services were conducted at the Otey Parish with the Rector, Mr. Widney, and the chaplain of the University, Mr. Guerry, conducting. She was buried in the cemetery near the Village Church. Her pallbearers were Bob Tripp, Bill Kennedy, Theron Myers, and Martin Johnson.*

*Mrs. Mooney is survived by a host of relatives who have been working in and around the university for many years. She has six living children: John and William Mooney, both of Sewanee; Mrs. Martha Dotson of Chattanooga; Mrs. Mary Perry of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. Flora Morgan and Mrs. Lizzie O'Dear of Coalmont, Tenn.*

**DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD MOONEY AND CATHERINE SUTHERLAND**

“+” indicates spouse.

<b>John Samuel Mooney</b>	1874 - 1963	
+Sarah Ann Head	1879 - 1967	m: Abt. 1894 in Marion Co., TN
Bessie Ethel Mooney	1895 - 1980	
+Luther Lee Tucker	1887 - 1961	m: Feb 1913 in Franklin Co., TN
George W. Mooney	1897 - 1901	
Frank Mooney	1899 - 1903	
Infant Mooney	1902 - 1902	
Bertha Olivia Mooney	1905 - 1950	
+ Charles Preston Mooney	1905 - 1971	m: 11 Jan 1922 in Franklin Co., TN
2nd Husband of Bertha Olivia Mooney:		
+James Bransford Hill	1893 - 1972	m: 02 Nov 1929 in Franklin Co., TN
Nellie Lee Mooney	1908 - 1936	
+Sam Tucker	1892 - 1960	m: Abt. 1925
Paul Wesley Mooney	1911 - 2004	
+Georgia Bell Goodman	1914 - aft 2011	m: 10 Aug 1930
Silas Pittman Mooney	1916 - 1968	
+Beulah Bill Waldman	1918 - ?	m: 23 Jul 1935 in Franklin Co., TN

2nd Wife of Silas Pittman Mooney:  
 +Mary A. Kessler 1928 - 2001  
 Alice Frances Mooney 1925 - 2007  
 +Ronald Ward Goodman 1919 - aft 2011 m: 31 Dec 1939 in Grundy Co., TN

**William Mooney** 1876 - 1939  
 +Martha Caldonia Cook 1875 - 1961 m: 31 Aug 1895 in Franklin Co., TN  
 Lillie Mooney 1896 - 1960  
 +Samuel Bone 1880 - ? m: 18 Aug 1918  
 Joe Richard Mooney 1897 - 1928  
 +Theodore Fredricka Garner 1901 - 1923 m: 09 Mar 1917 in Grundy Co., TN  
 2nd Wife of Joe Richard Mooney  
 +Hazel Sloan 1912 - ?  
 3rd Wife of Joe Richard Mooney  
 +Eliza Dove 1895 - 1930 m: 11 Oct 1925 in Grundy Co., TN  
 James William Mooney 1902 - 1988  
 +Sadie Hill 1902 - 1981  
 2nd Wife of James William Mooney  
 +Lillian Parrott ? - ?  
 3rd Wife of James William Mooney  
 +Josephine Dove 1906 - 1966  
 John R. Mooney 1907 - 1982  
 +Goldie Hicks 1909 - 1990  
 Reynolds Mooney 1908 - 1979  
 +Lillie Fults 1910 - 1987  
 Critt Mooney 1910 - 1932  
 Everett Mooney 1915 - 1945  
 +Dimple Wise 1924 - ?

**Mary C. Mooney** 1880 - 1979  
 +Samuel M. Perry 1871 - 1967 m: 10 May 1896 in Franklin Co., TN  
 Cornelia Ann Perry 1905 -  
 Paul Scruggs Perry 1905 -  
 Allan Perry 1896 - 1896  
 Robert W. Perry 1897 -  
 +Eliza ? 1905 - ?  
 Mary Perry 1901 - 1991  
 John W. Perry 1903 -  
 +Leona B. ? 1908 - ?

**James Mooney** 1883 - 1918  
 +Julia Catherine Scott 1888 - 1918 m: 28 Jun 1906 in Franklin Co., TN  
 Nettie Edwina Mooney 1908 -  
 Sarah Ann Mooney 1908 -  
 David Mooney 1910 - aft 1955  
 Ethel Mooney 1911 - 1984  
 + Talmadge Miller Caldwell 1902 - 1969 m: 16 Nov 1935 in Grundy Co., TN  
 Buddy Mooney 1913 - 1918  
 Hallie Mooney 1914 - 1952  
 +Nelson L. Lowe 1907 - ? m: 13 Dec 1928 in Grundy Co., TN  
 Lela Mooney 1916 - 1990

+Clinton Collins	? - ?	m: 02 Oct 1931 in Grundy Co., TN
2nd Husband of Lela Mooney		
+Buford Vincent Cantrell	1905 - 1990	m: 18 Apr 1935 in Grundy Co., TN
<b>Charles M. Mooney</b>	1884 - 1927	
+Martha Odear	1886 - 1964	m: 24 Dec 1903 in Franklin Co., TN
Clara Mooney	? - ?	
+Simon Morgan	? - ?	m: 27 Apr 1928 in Franklin Co., TN
Catherine Mooney	1905 - ?	
+Jack Horace Hawkins	1895 - 1969	
Irene Mooney	1908 - ?	
Richard Mooney	1910 - ?	
Gloria Mooney	1912 - ?	
Gladys Mooney	1914 - ?	
+Thomas A. Green	1891 - 1943	
Charles M. Mooney, Jr.	1915 - ?	
Charlene Mooney	1916 - ?	
Sarah Ann Mooney	1920 - ?	
John Albert Mooney	1923 - 1988	
+Dorothy Mae Bohanan	1927 - ?	
<b>Lizzie Mooney</b>	1888 - ?	
+?		
Charles Preston Mooney	1905 - 1971	
+Bertha Olivia Mooney	1905 - 1950	
+2nd Wife of Charles Preston Mooney		
Mae Oma Foster	1905 - 1971	m: 11 Sep 1933 in Franklin Co., TN
+John M. Green	1882 - 1972	m: 20 Aug 1904 in Franklin Co., TN
Maude Green	1909 - ?	
+Edward Rousey	1908 - 1966	m: 21 Aug 1939 in Franklin Co., TN
Walter Lee Green	1911 - 1981	
+Susie Ethel (Polly) Pack	1921 - 2010	m: 15 Feb 1935 in Franklin Co., TN
2nd Husband of Lizzie Mooney:		
+George Odear	1888 - ?	m: 20 Apr 1908 & 9 Oct 1957
Bettie Odear	?	
Ora Odear	1910 - ?	
Elbert Odear	1919 - 2009	
+Virginia ?	? - ?	
Everett Odear	1919 - ?	
Clarence Odear	1922 - 2009	
Flora Mae Odear	1925 - ?	
+? Hartsell	? - ?	
Herbert Odear	1929 - ?	
<b>Martha Ann Mooney</b>	1895 - 1980	
+Hugh Oren Dotson	1896 - 1962	m: 12 Jul 1914 in Franklin Co., TN
Olivia C. Dotson	1915 - ?	
+Raymond H. Powell	1905 - ?	
John Richard Dotson	1917 - 1975	
+Gertie Roper	1913 - 2003	
Oren Leon Dotson	1919 - ?	
+Dorothy Lewis	1921 - ?	

Ruby Elizabeth Dotson 1921 - ?  
+Joseph B. Johnson 1922 - ?

**Flora Eva Mooney**

+Garvin Morgan 1897 - 1996  
Fanny Morgan 1901 - 1967 m: 28 Apr 1928 in Franklin Co., TN  
Louise Morgan 1916 - ?  
+? Gunn 1923 - ?  
Annie M. Morgan ? - ?  
+James Forrester 1927 - ?  
Daphne M. Morgan ? - ?  
+Bill Meadows 1935 - ?  
Ann Meadows Morgan 1932 - ?  
Charles Morgan 1936 - 1995  
? - ?