

## **Founder: Edmund Moore, Patriot: Tully Moore**

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My 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, **Edmund Moore**, is my founder ancestor. He first appears in the records of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, on 17 November 1656 when the court granted him a certificate for two hundred acres due for transporting four persons into the colony.

On 16 August 1658, he was named as a head right of the widow Elizabeth Stratton who presented a certificate to the county court for three hundred acres due for transporting him and five other persons. Although there is no direct evidence, this may mean that Edmund was an indentured servant.

On 17 October 1664, the Lower Norfolk County court appointed Edmund Moore surveyor of the eastern shore of the Lynnhaven River. The term “surveyor” described two positions in seventeenth-century colonial Virginia: 1) a land surveyor; and 2) a surveyor of roads, appointed annually by the county court to maintain the roads. Edmund Moore was not qualified to survey land: court records show that he never signed any document except with a mark. He was probably a surveyor of roads.

Edmund Moore married Elizabeth [—?—] before 13 November 1669. She may have been the Elizabeth Watkins identified as another head right of Elizabeth Stratton in her 1658 petition to the court. Edmund was still alive on 24 January 1686/7 when his son Cason Moore, writing his will on that date, instructed his wife Sarah to “Give my father Edmond More convenient Intertainm[ent] in her house during his life vizt. Sufficient diet washinge lodging and Cloughing.”

Edmund and Elizabeth had five known children. Two of Edmund’s sons married well. Cason Moore married Sarah Woodhouse and William Moore married Mary Woodhouse, both daughters of Henry Woodhouse and Sarah Keeling.

My 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, **Tully Moore**, is my patriot ancestor. He was the great-great grandson of Edmund Moore. Tully was born about 1749. The Princess Anne County, Virginia, court records for 14 February 1777 list him as an Ensign in the county militia. He took oath as an Ensign on 8 January 1778, and as 2nd Lieutenant on 14 September 1780. Tully Moore died between 31 August 1794, when he wrote his will, and 1 May 1797, when it was recorded. He and his wife Elizabeth had four known children.

And so here I am today, the 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandson of Edmund Moore and 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandson of Tully Moore, and the grateful beneficiary of all the generations that came before me.