

THE MOSES BRADFORD FAMILY

Situated in the Salem Community just west of Etowah is a farm house that was began as the home of Moses Bradford and his family.

Moses Bradford was born in Cherokee, NC and moved to Tennessee at an early age as did a number of families in the late 1800's as they followed the railroad shops. He was married to Ms. Charlotte Dunn at the age of 21 and lived on the Savanna farms in Polk County when they were first married. Later in life they moved to McMinn County and bought their own farm.

They were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters (Joseph "Bud" Ezekiel, Robert Thomas "RT" and Maude, Chelsey and Lena). The Bradford family were prominent farmers in the area. Mrs. Charlotte Bradford owned her own horse and buggy which she used to take vegetables, fruits, homemade butter, and chickens to the town of Etowah to sell. Uncle Moses Bradford (as he was often referred) was a very industrious farmer and raised his own livestock, grew vegetables, etc. During the 1930's while the Depression was causing other farmers to run short of supplies Uncle Moses was not only industrious but thoughtful and saved seed corn, potatoes and many other seeds for farming and shared with his neighbors. Uncle Moses was a very jolly and happy man all the time. Both he and his wife were members of the little church in the community, New Salem AME Zion Church, which was once located near Trew's Store. The majority of the farm has since been sold and is no longer part of the Bradford family, but the house that still stands and has since been restored with additions can be seen should you be traveling on County road XXX just west of Etowah.

Source: Granddaughter of Irene Douglas