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d. August 1770

Thomas Lloyd, physician and justice of the peace, was a native of Philadelphia who moved to [Wilmington](#) ^[2], N.C., prior to 1765 and became a leader in local affairs. In various records he is referred to as esquire, colonel, and doctor. He bought several large tracts of land on the North East River, all in the Welsh Tract, and at least one lot in Wilmington. This was part of Lot 31 on Princess Street and adjoined one belonging to the estate of Colonel John Ashe. An active patriot, Lloyd, with [John Ashe](#) ^[3] and [Alexander Lillington](#) ^[4], [signed the message](#) ^[5] presented to Governor [William Tryon](#) ^[6] during the [Stamp Act](#) ^[7] resistance at Brunswick in February 1766. This paper stated that the people were determined to obtain redress of their grievances from the commanders of the warships then in the river.

An Anglican, Lloyd was buried in St. James's churchyard, Wilmington. The following inscription appears on his stone: "Beneath this Stone [are] deposited the Remains of Colonel Thomas Lloyd of the Family of Lloyds in Philadelphia. He deceased in the Month of August MDCCLXX, age [illegible]."

Lloyd's wife Rebecca and daughter Margaret survived him, Margaret not yet of age [Archibald Maclaine](#) ^[8] and Alexander Hostler, prominent citizens of Wilmington, were appointed his executors and gave bond of £9,000. The amount of the bond indicates that he left a substantial estate. In 1772 Rebecca was living at Second and Market Streets. On her death in January 1786, Margaret was appointed administratrix of the estates of both her father and her mother. No other children of Thomas and Rebecca Lloyd have been identified.

About 1792 Margaret Lloyd married James Moore (b. 2 Apr. 1761), the son of [George Moore](#) ^[9] and the grandson of "King" [Roger Moore](#) ^[10]. James's mother was Mary Ashe, the daughter of John Baptista Ashe. Margaret Lloyd and James Moore had three children: Thomas Lloyd, Julia Rebecca, and Ann L.

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