## Album - Colonel Richard Clement Moody, Royal Engineers [British Columbia]

## Information relating to a Victorian Scrap Album' believed to have belonged to Colonel (later Major-General) Richard Clement Moody.

## **Chronology and Notes**

Event	Date	Description	Notes
Born	8 Feb 1813	Barbados	
2nd Lieutenant	5 Nov. 1829	Ordnance Survey of Ireland in 1832	
Lieutenant	1835		
	1833	St Vincent West Indies	
Sick Leave (After Yellow Fever)	Dates?	Touring USA with Sir Charles Smith RE	
		July 1838 to October 1841 Professor of fortifications at Woolwich	
Captain	6 March 1844		
Governor of Falkland Islands	1844 - 1846	Page from Illustrated London News (Falkland Islands)	Hand written note: The Valley running ≰nown as the Moody Valley.
On Leave (Looking after Father)	1846 - 1847	Father dies 5 Sep 1849, Southampton, Hampshire, England at Berrywood House	
At Plymouth	Dates?	Obituary states "For a short while"	
CRE Newcastle on Tyne	Circa 1850	Photograph - Cullercoats	Date uncertain but possibly between 1850 and 1853. Did Moody obtain a camera and start practising photography around this time?
Married Mary Susanna Hawks (B. 1829)	July 1852	Marries Miss Mary Suzanna Hawks, eldest daughter of a prominent Newcastle banker. Of Jesmond House, Newcastle After their marriage, the Moody's maintained close ties with the Hawks family. They wrote them long descriptive letters from their wedding tour to France, Germany and the Swiss Alps. Photographs of a Grand Tour' include Brussels, Hotel D'lAngleterre (small print or card'), Loire Chateau, Breton Costumes, Pornic, Quimper, Fontainebleau, Bologna (Fotographia dell'Emilia).	Some commercial but others are probably not and maybe by Moody. Emphasis on architecture and architectural details is seen throughout the album. Costume photographs include a montage. A later date (post retirement) is possible.

Executive Officer Malta	1854		
Lieutenant-Colonel	13 January 1855		
CRE Scotland	Circa 1855	Photograph – captioned €Culross Park', Fife Note <sup>i</sup>	Photograph confirmed as Culross Park by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
Brevet Colonel	1855 or 1858		
Arrived as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, British Columbia (BC).	25 Dec. 1858	Portrait taken with an unidentified aboriginal <sup>1</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Photograph (possibly) with Captain Luard in same sequence <sup>ii</sup> A single photographic portrait of an Aboriginal is part of the same sequence. It is mounted above a small and somewhat faded formal portrait of a seated man that (on detailed inspection) bears a strong facial resemblance to Henry Pering Pellew Crease.  Pencil Drawing From Marine Way across he Ravine looking N' Signed Crease' dated 1863. This is Moody's house at this time (same as contemporary photographs of Sapperton). A small figure of a woman (Mrs Moody?) is included on the right.  Other photographs include Lulu* (young woman, captions read: Lulu of lulu?), **Mrs Robertson, Miss Vokes(?), and (query) as Jean d'Arc.  Original Print of The Officers of the Boundary Commission (identical to that in the BC Archives) with Col R C Moody' written (signed?) in brown ink on the reverse. V	http://www.newwestcity.ca/about the city/history of new westminster/ind ex.php  Sir Henry Pering Pellew Crease, British lawyer, judge, and politician, influential in the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. He was the first Attorney General of the united Colony of British Columbia, and sat on the Supreme Court of that province for 26 years. That Crease stayed with the Moody's and they were good friends can be seen in an extract from eletter dated 22/10/1861 (reproduced <a href="http://royalengineers.ca/Moody.html">http://royalengineers.ca/Moody.html</a> The Wife and I are looking forward to happy days with Mrs. Crease, your children and yourself - Remember us most kindly to her and tell the children I am all ready for a Romp and so is Dr. Seddall, Captain Luard, Captain Parsons, and Lt. Palmer. You must all be of the "Camp Family" somehow or other." Signed Yours ever R C Moody.  *Lulu Sweet Actress b. c. 1844. On a performance tour to Victoria with the Potter Troupe, the 16-year-old performing star toured the Fraser River with Col. Richard Clement Moody on .12, 1860. After asking Moody the name of a particular island, he replied that since it had no name, he would call it Lulu Island in her honour.  **I have hired a new cook, a Mrs. Robinson (Robertson?) who I hope will be a comfort to me, both Kitty and I are looking forward to her additional "help" as you can well suppose, however we have got on very well so far- Letters22nd April 1859, Mary S. Moody  Circa 1862 http://www.royalengineers.ca/rethebc.html
Departs BC	11 Nov. 1863		Circa 2002 http://www.royalengmeers.ca/retriebe.num
In UK	1864		Query
CRE Chatham	1864 - 1866	Photograph – Rochester Castle, Kent	Dates to same period?

<sup>1</sup> Col. R.C. Moody, commander of the Columbia detachment of the Royal Engineers based at New Westminster, had his portrait taken with an unidentified aboriginal.

The photographer was probably Lt. Arthur Reid Lempriere, who was in charge of photography for the detachment. Since Lempriere had only arrived on April 12, 1859, it's likely this portrait was taken that year. For details, see the Royal Engineers Living History Group website (www.royalengineers.ca).

Major-General	1868		Glen House, Swanwick?
Retired	1868		
Living by 1870 at Caynham House, Caynham, Shropshire	Circa 1870	RACHEL and RUTH born 20th April 1870 twin daughters of M. GENERAL and MRS MOODY. RACHEL died 20th April 1870 RUTH died 21st April 1870. Caynham House. Moody, Henry de Clervaulx, son of General Moody, Caynham House, Ludlow, aged 14, February 8. Left (Rugby School) 1880.	Photograph of Caynham Court' (neighbouring property) identical othat from Leach's County Seats of Shropshire 1891 (page 92). Shrewsbury Museums Service. Image sy7410.  Was this photograph taken by Moody?  Location in 1881  Moody Mary b. 1829 at. Newcastle, Ludlow, Caynham, Shropshire Col Moody not included here in Census
Lived at Lyme Regis, Dorset	Dates?	Living at Fairfield, Charmouth, Lyme Regis	Probate copy of will 13/05/1887 D587/F6. £24,289-10-4. Living at 2 Ashford Villas, Cheltenham, when will was made.
Died at Bournemouth (Royal Bath Hotel)	21 March 1887	Staying at the hotel with his daughter.	
Notes Left widow and 11 children	The children of R.C. and M.S. Moody were by year of birth: 1853 Josephine (Zeffie); 1854 Richard (Dick); 1856 Charles; 1858 Walter; 1860 Susan; 1861 Mary; 1863 Margaret; 1864 Henry; 1867 Gertrude; 1868 George; 1870 Ruth and Rachel. Information supplied by Mrs. R.E. Holford, descendant of George Moody. Source: Letters in the British Columbia Archives presented by R.S. Newall, Salisbury, Wilts., a grandson of Mrs. Moody, 1970; and by Mrs. Rosemary Halford, a cousi of R.S. Newell, from Dorchester, Dorset, 1973. Assumption is that one of these people is the link between the appearance of the album at Dorchester Market in 197 74 when it was purchased. Possible link to Miss Grace Moody, daughter d. 1950 (?).		





















