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Dear Ms. Austin,

If you can solve this mystery, it will have been well worth \$25!:

I am a descendent of Merrill and Elizabeth Collier, of Atlanta who are buried in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Churchyard in Decatur, Dekalb Co., Georgia. It is for this Collier family (including Merrill's twin brother Meredith) that Collier Road in Atlanta is named.

The information which was passed down through my family was that Nathan Newton Rawlings of Rhea Co., Tenn. married Malinda P. Collier, daughter of Merrill and Elizabeth Collier. Through research I have been able to determine that the date on file for their marriage in the Dekalb Co., GA. courthouse is February 14, 1856. We were then told that Malinda Collier Rawlings (b. about 1828/29 per the 1850 Dekalb Co., Panthersville District, Census) died around the time of her daughter's birth. The daughter's name was Malinda C. Rawlings. The word passed on through the family was that Nathan couldn't take care of his young child without a wife so she was raised by her uncle Philip T. Rawlings in Rhea Co. Tenn, and Nathan "went out west", possibly remarried, and died there. Philip T. Rawlings will filed in Rhea Co., Tenn. in the year 1872 references his niece Malinda "who he raised as his own daughter". There was also a story that when Malinda (daughter of Nathan Rawlings and Malinda Collier) was a teenager or perhaps a child, she and her guardians were notified that she had inherited land at or near Five Points in Atlanta which was about to be sold for back taxes. Given the distance and the times, her guardians elected to let the

property go rather than claim it. Later in the early 1900's the my grandparents with my great grandmother visited the Collier family in Atlanta and were welcomed as family.

In the 1850 Hamilton Co., Tenn. Census in lists Nathan Newton Rawlings household as follows:

N.N. Rawlings:	32	b. 1818
Jane	21	2d wife 3
Sherill	13	b. 1837
Newton	7	1843
Caledonia	5	1845
Phebra	3	1847
Phillip	1	1849

m. 1st ca 1842

The 1860 Ouachita Co., Arkansas census lists the household of Nathan Newton Rawlings as follows:

N.N. Rawlings:	40	occupation farmer
Newton	18	
Caledonia	16	
Phebra	15	
Phillip	12	
May	7	b. 1853

Dekalb Co. Ga. Feeds

1820
1840
1844
1845
1846

The 1860 Rhea Co. Tenn census lists Phillip T. Rawlings and Wife with a child Malinda C. age 4. b. 1856

The fact that Nathan gave up his daughter to be raised by an uncle because he couldn't take care of a young child when he had a 3 year old at home already makes no sense at all.

In the 1860 Atlanta census from the first ward of the city, there is one "Malinda Collier" who lists her occupation as prostitute. In Merrill Collier's will on file subsequent to an 1855 probate at the Dekalb County, GA, courthouse, Merrill Collier names his daughter Malinda Collier, and designates that she receive, at his death, his home in Atlanta, lot number 4 in the fifth block of Hunter Street, his gold watch, and four slaves—a woman named Levina, her two children, and a boy named Guilford. Given the small

size of the city at the time, the small number of Colliers living in Atlanta at the time, the fact that Merrill Collier willed Malinda a house on Hunter street in Atlanta in 1855, and the fact that the story about why Nathan Newton Rawlings was unable to raise his own daughter makes absolutely no sense, especially since no one in the family seemed to know where Malinda Collier was buried or where she died, yet they had records of where everyone else in the family was buried and died. The 1880 census information indicates that Malinda Collier Rawlings (daughter of Malinda Collier) was born in Tennessee, yet her mother isn't buried in Rhea Co. where everyone was living at the time. Can you determine if indeed Malinda Collier the prostitute in 1860 is the daughter of Merrill Collier? The age isn't an exact match, but then the second numeral in her age isn't exactly perfectly clear either. I first thought that perhaps Malinda Collier was lying about her age since prostitutes generally want to be younger than they are, but then if she didn't lie about her profession, why would she lie about her age.

I find myself wondering if:

1. Malinda was the black sheep of the family and Nathan met her on some dark and lonely night, got her pregnant, married her so that the child could have his name, took her away to Tennessee to be raised by an uncle, and then in his own disgrace moved out of state.
2. Malinda bore a child out of wedlock, went into disgrace, and somehow as a "tainted woman" she was forced into prostitution in spite of her privileged upbringing.
3. Some combination of 1 and 2 above.

One last tidbit which makes things confusing:

Nathan Rawlings and Malinda Collier married Feb. 1856. I determined that Malinda C. Rawlings birth year was 1856 because in the 1860 census she is listed as being a four year old child, and in the 1870 census she is listed as being a 14 year old child. Her tombstone in Buttram Cemetery in Rhea Co., Tenn. says that she was born in 1854, not 1856.

There is always the possibility that someone assumed Malinda Collier's name upon Malinda's death? It is probably unlikely, but given the fact that none of the pieces in this puzzle fit together with anything resembling common sense, I am just considering all the possibilities.

The question which I would like for you to solve for \$25 is: What is the exact birth date and death date of Malinda P. Collier who married Nathan Newton Rawlings in Dekalb Co., GA in 1856, and where is she buried? Did she remarry? Divorce? What happened to her? Is the Malinda Collier "Prostitute" in the 1860 Atlanta Census indeed the daughter of Merrill and Elizabeth Collier, the one named in Merrill's will?

Sincerely,



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Dekalb deels + Fulton?

1870-1900 GA Census

Malinda Collier or Rawlings

Dekalb marr. after 1860

Rek Refs

1852-63 1117

1863-84 1118

1884-1903 1119

Jm. Collier 524, 348

1863-84 98,
 99, 193, 296, 488

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Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

I proceeded on the assumption that Malinda C. Rawlings was b. 1856, and that her mother, died about the same year in DeKalb Co., or Fulton Co., and that for some reason the uncle did raise Malinda (according to his own LWT).

The problem that I had with Malinda's marriage to Nathan Newton Rawlings 1856 in DeKalb Co. is the fact that - He was a resident of Hamilton Co., Tenn. in 1850. Of course, this co. is just over the Georgia line, about two hours' drive from Atlanta. But Newton was b. 1818, and he had children born in the years as follows: 1837, 1843, 1845, 1847, 1849, 1848 and 1853. In 1850, he had a wife, Jane, 21 years old, obviously not the mother of the majority of the children. Perhaps she was the mother of Phebra, Phillip and May, but I don't think so. What I think is that this young woman was not his wife. So this means that he did indeed have a first wife, who was the mother of Sherill, Newton and Caledonia, and probably Phebra, Phillip and May.

Newton married 1st ca 1836, his wife must have died after 1853, and then he married the second time on 2/14/1856 in DeKalb Co., Malinda P. Collier who may have died at the birth of her daughter, Malinda, ca 1856. It may be that he and Malinda resided in DeKalb County in 1856 with the children by his 1st wife, i.e., Sherill, Newton, Caledonia, Phebra, Phillip and May. When Malinda died in 1856 or 1857, he then removed to Ouachita Co., Arkansas where he was found with his children Newton, Caledonia, Phebra, Phillip and May, with no wife. Little Malinda, an infant really, went to live with her uncle Philip T. Rawlings who stated such in his LWT 1872, Rhea Co., Tenn.

Malinda inherited the well-known property at Five Points and two slaves, Guilford and Lavinia. Guilford and Vina and her children were listed in the Appraisement of Estate of Merrill Collier which was dated 7/1855. So, apparently, took the slaves and the Hunter Street property in 1855. The appraisement also lists a Note of W. L. Loftin, who must have been the husband of Jane B. Collier, Malinda's sister. There were minor children other than the ones you listed on your family group sheet, i.e., Mary E., George Ann and Sarah A. Collier, as James M. Collier was appointed their guardian and made a return dated 4/25/1857. So Merrill Collier and his wife, Elizabeth, had at least eleven children!

mistake *of natural son*

Five Points later became the property of her brother, George Washington Collier who made a

name for himself in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. George Washington Collier (1813-1903), came with his father, Meredith Collier to this area of Atlanta in 1823, and were known to be Atlanta's oldest inhabitant. See History of Fulton Co.

The Atlanta City Directory for 1876 lists G. W. Collier, residence on Peachtree Street.

After her marriage and death, her inheritance must have gone to the other children. The DeKalb Co. and Fulton Co. deeds really need to be researched to learn more of this.

Enclosed are photocopies of the DeKalb Co. Annual Returns 1852-1863, Estate of Meredith Collier, and 1876 Atlanta City Directory, and Official History of Fulton County by Walter Cooper.

I researched many sources for this, and feel that if there is an answer, it will be found in the DeKalb and Fulton deed records. A complete title search needs to be done, to see where the property went, etc. It is difficult to locate graves back to mid 1850's, however, I don't know if you have been to Wesley Chapel Cemetery for a looksee. The oldest cemetery in Atlanta is Oakland Cemetery on Memorial Drive. We have Oakland's records at the Georgia State Archives. If you wish me to do these searches, it should take no more than 3 hours. My rate is \$10.00 per hour.

Sincerely,

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I will gladly pay you up to \$150 for whatever you think would be worthwhile

searching--obituary abstracts, the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, etc. Do you

want me to send you the check now, or wait till you have searched the cemetery, the land records, the obituary abstracts, etc.?

David

At 11:04 PM 9/15/97 -0400, you wrote:

>At 05:54 PM 9/15/97 -0700, you wrote:

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>>David MacKenzie
>>Lafayette, CA
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>Very interesting. I still feel that the Fulton and DeKalb deeds have to be
searched.
>Wesley Chapel Cemetery is pretty large, however, the "old" section of it
is the
>place to search. I agree, that any Malinda there would certainly be suspect. If you
>wish me to do it, it will take several hours.Jeannette
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Just to mention one thing that I forgot:

Based on what I told you in the preceding e-mail, George Washington Collier was Malinda Collier's first cousin, and not her brother as you stated in your letter to me.

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September 21, 1997

(duplicate of email letter)

Mr. G. David MacKenzie
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Dear David:

I received your check for \$150.00 the other day and have just completed the work.

No deed, or ceipts were found in the Estate of Merrill Collier reflecting that N. N. Rawlings took title to the Hunter Street property bequeathed to his wife, Malinda, in the LWT of her father in DeKalb Co. Of course, no receipts were necessary, since there was a probate, although sometimes they are found. However, since married women could not own property, technically, Malinda's husband owned the property.

On February 24, 1868, he sold one tract of it, as follows:

Fulton Co. Deed Book C, page 463 -

2/24/1858 Nathan N. Rawlings of the State of Tennessee and County of Rhea of the first part and John N. Beach and Sidney Root of Fulton Co. of the second part, for \$400, sells property located in the City of Atlanta, being part of Lot No. 4 situated on Hunter Street, being in Land Lot 77, "beginning on Hunter Street 30 feet west of that portion of said lot No. 4 belonging and appertaining to the brick store house now occupied by said Beach & Root and running equally across said Lot No. with Whitehall Street, including all the land between said line and said brick store house and the appurtances of the land belonging to Ryan & Meyers' store and lot, and Markham's Lot." . /s/Nathan N. Rawlings. Wits: William Ezzard, J. A. Taylor. Recorded 5/8/1858

Please notice that Nathan resided in Rhea Co. Tennessee in February of 1858, not in DeKalb or Fulton Co., Ga. Then, by October of that year, he had removed to Arkansas, as per the following deed -

Fulton Co. Deed Book C, page 701 -

10/8/1858 Nathan N. Rawlings of Arkansas County of Washitau of the first part to Watkins & Rice of Fulton County for \$1350.00, land located in the City of Atlanta, fronting Hunter Street..."beginning at an alley running between Gardner's Brick House and said lot running North,

thence up Hunter Street to a line of the 30-foot sold off to Beach & Root, making 135 feet more or less on Hunter Street, thence running back from Hunter Street 100 feet." /s/N. N. Rawlings.
Wits: T. W. Connally, C. C. Green, D. Sherff. Recorded: 11/23/1858

Interestingly, in April of 1858, Malinda's mother, Elizabeth Collier, also sold Hunter Street property, as follows:

Fulton Co. Deed Book C, p. 505-506

4/12/1858, In pursuance of the LWT of Merrill Collier, late of DeKalb County, deceased, property was sold by William Ezzard, executor and Elizabeth Collier, executrix of the said LWT, being "a house and lot in Atlanta, being part of Lot No. 4, Block 5, Land Lot 77 in the 14th District of originally Henry Co., now Fulton Co., situated on Whitehall and Hunter Streets, 31 feet on Whitehall St. and 70 feet on Hunter Street. Sold to the highest bidder, John Ryan and Michael Meyers for \$5,200.00. /s/William Ezzard, executor, Elizabeth Collier (x, her mark), Executrix. Recorded 5/8/1858.

Observe that the totality of the property was transferred in three deeds. Next, that Rawlings first deed was recorded on 5/3/1858 and Elizabeth Collier's deed was recorded on 5/8/1858. To me, this means that Elizabeth took the two deeds and recorded them on the same date. I don't believe these transaction would have occurred had Malinda been alive. For one thing, such a sale by Rawlings would have been preventable by the Judge of the Probate Court, and the executors filed no objections. In, fact, it looks like a "united" family effort.

In light of the above deeds, my guess is that Malind died in December of 1857 or January of 1858, and that her death occurred in Rhea Co., Tennessee. I notice that Rawlings was living in Hamilton Co., TN in 1850, so there is an outside chance that it occurred there.

I was very happy to locate the Collier graves in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. The headstones are quite old, crumbly, and almost illegible. Merrill's stone had broken in half and was partly buried in the ground. I dug it out to obtain the date. The Wesley Chapel Methodist Church was organized in 1820, and the first burial took place in 1823. I toured the entire graveyard for Malinda anybody, without success.

The Collier plots are distinctly in one row. Here is the order of burials:

Elizabeth, daughter of _____ Cook, died 6/8/1853, 11 months, 17 days (This must be David Cook, husband of Nancy W. Collier).

(Dr. Henry Collier 5/4/1816?-2/1-/1850 - these two appear to be the same person.
(Henry G. Collier 8/24/1816-3/10/1850 (broken)

Merrell Collier 5/10/1783-6/2/1855. Headstone broken.

Elizabeth H. Collier, consort of Merried, died 4/5/1859, aged 70 years. (E. C. at her footstone).

Cousins Infant (nothing else on headstone)

LA___ Wrenz?, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. F. (footstone "L. F.") Must Flake.

Missing top of tomstone, but the footstone reads "T. F."

(Thomas Jefferson Flake 1839-1921 - double tombstone

(Laura Hulsey Flake 1842-1909

Apparently the family did not bury on its plantation, which was 2 1/2 miles south of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. It is clear that the family commenced burying at Wesley Chapel by 1850, doing so in a straight row. Elizabeth's grave is partly consumed by a large cedar tree.

I considered that the Rawlings may have resided in Atlanta after her marriage, and so checked the Oakland Cemetery. The only grave found was that of Mary E. Rawlins, who died in 7/17/1863.

Also, I searched for Malind's estate records, deeds, etc. in Fulton and DeKalb Counties --- nothing. N. N. Rawlings did not apply for guardianship of his minor daughter in those counties, or anything.

It looks pretty certain that Malinda did indeed die, as N. N. Rawlings sold the property. Okay, what happened to the slaves, Guilford and Lavina (Vina and her children) after Malinda's death? She must have had them with her in Tennessee. Perhaps Nathan removed them to Arkansas, or left them with his brother. That information would further clarify what was happening here.

Apparently Malinda and Nathan's daughter, Malinda, was born in Nov. or Dec. of 1856. Nathan's last child by Jane was born 1853. He had just lost one wife, now, within a short period he married and lost another one.

I agree with yhou, there was already a small daughter, May, about five years old, when Malinda died. One thing that I have noticed is that it was not too uncommon in that time period to send small children to be raised by relatives. I have seen it done with twins. It was certainly a practical idea, as Nathan was planning to remove to Arkansas, and it would have been easier for him to leave a nursing infant.

Who was the Malinda Collier, prostitute of 1860 Atlanta census? There were about three branches of the Collier family in Atlanta. Each branch would have to be traced to ascertain who she was. I do not think she was yours at all. The above records are too reflective of the families activities. Had Malinda left Nathan, then the local papers would have published that "my wife has left my bed, etc." I searched the Atlanta Constitution from 1868 on (nothing is available

before that), and the only thing found was the obituary-biography of Judge John Collier, a son of Meredith Collier. (mailing this to you).

I am sending some pages from "Atlanta and its Environs" by Franklin Garrett, which provides some further family information. While at the Archives, I searched his registry of deaths for Atlanta area, which included a 30-mile radius.

I'm also sending you a copy of the LWT of Henry C. Collier, a son of Merrell Collier. This deed, Fulton Co. Book A, page 176 -

Pursuant to the LWT of Henry G. Collier, late of DeKalb Co., deceased, after public notice....property sold at the court house door on the first Tues. in December, being the 6th day of said month, 1850. His lot in Atlanta located on Peachtree Street opposite the Methodist Church, being Lot 85 and Lot 78 in the 14th District of Fulton Co., being 1/2 acre, sold to Merrell Collier, as the highest bidder for \$2,060. /s/William Ezzard, exr. Wits: John and James Kirby.

Fulton Co. Book A, page 277 -

5/16/1854 Merrill Collier of DeKalb Co. sold to William Ezzard for \$2,180 a house and lot on Peachtree Street opposite the Methodist Church, being Lot 85 and Lot 78 in the 14th District of Fulton Co. being 1/2 acre.

Macon Messenger (newspaper) dated 8/20/1851 - "Married in Atlanta on evening of the 14th ult. by Rev. A. M. Spaulding, Mr. David A. Cook formerly of Macon to Miss Nancy W., daughter of Meril Collier, of the former place". (This marriage is confirmed in DeKalb Co. Marriage Records).

So, here are the children of Merrell Collier and his wife, Elizabeth Ward:

1. Charlotte m. Hon. Eli J. Hulsey.
2. Dr. Henry G. b. 8/24/1816 d. 1850 m. Miss Wilson, buried Wesley Chapel Cemetery. His LWT was probated March of 1850.
3. Nancy W. b. 1830 m. David A. Cook 7/24/1851 DeKalb Co.
4. Malinda b. 1828 m. Nathan Newton Rawlings 2/14/1856, d. 1857 or 1858 possibly Rhea Co., TN.
5. Jane B. m. W. L. Loftin.
6. Margaret Elizabeth m. Dr. Franklin M. Brantley of Senoia. The date which you gave as 7/6/1843 in DeKalb Co., pertains to M. E. Collier married Thomas Liddell.
7. Laura Hulsey Collier b. 1842, d. 1909, m. Col. Thomas Jefferson Flake (1839-1921), buried Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

I examined the graveyard carefully. There is not any evidence of graves for other family members, and it appears that Merrill's children, Laura Flake, Nancy Cook and Dr. Henry G.

Collier were the only one's who remained in the Panthersville area (DeKalb Co.). You listed a daughter, Martha who married ___ Loky. I did not see anything on her. I don't know where the other daughters married - couldn't find their marriages. Jane may have married out of the Loftins from DeKalb Co. Franklin M. Brantley was listed on the 1850 Meriwether Co., Ga. Census. And E. J. Hulsey was listed in Henry Co. in 1850.

As I have completed 15 hours work, I don't know if this information sufficiently satisfies you or not. I don't have immediate access to Rhea Co., Tennessee records. They would have to be ordered from the LDS Church, it it would take about two weeks to receive them. If nothing was found there, then Hamilton Co., TN should be searched. This is the only way to tie down the date of her death.... "if" there is some sort of estate record for her. Too, his brother may have "legally" adopted Malinda, and if the slaves were left with his brother, Nathan would have made some gift deeds. Ideally, that's what we want.

Sincerely,

Jeannette H. Austin

Married:
Died: 09 June 1855
Father: Joseph Collier
Mother: Amey Moseley
Other Spouses:

6/2/1855

in:
in: Decatur, Georgia

Wife: Elizabeth Ward

Born: 1786
Died: 05 April 1859
Father:
Mother:

in: Randolph, North Carolina
in: Decatur, Georgia

buried
Wesley
Chapel

Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: Malinda P. Collier Born: Abt. 1828 Married: 14 February 1856 Died: ca 1857 Spouse: Nathan Newton Rawlings	in: Decatur, Dekalb County, GA in: Decatur, Dekalb Co., Georgia in:	1850 Dekalb
2	Name: Nancy W. Collier Born: Abt. 1830 Married: 24 July 1851 Died: Spouse: David A. Cook	in: in: Dekalb County, Georgia in:	1850 Dekalb
3	Name: Henry G. Collier Born: 8/24/1816 Married: 3/10/1850 Died: 2/1850 Spouse: Wilson	in: in: in: Dekalb Co. bur. Wesley Chapel Will probated 3/1850	
4	Name: Jane B. Collier Born: Married: Died: Spouse: W. L. Loftin	in: in: in:	
5	Name: Margaret E. Collier Born: Married: 06 July 1843 Died: Dr. Spouse: Franklin M. Brantley	in: in: Dekalb County, Georgia in: Thos. Liddell 6/1/1843	
6	Name: Martha W. Collier Born: Married: Died: Spouse: Unknown Loky	in: in: in:	
7	Name: Charlotte Collier Born: Married: Died: Spouse: Eli J. Hubey	in: in: in:	
8	Name: Laura Hubey Born: 1842 Married: Died: 1909 Spouse: Col. Thos. J. Flake	in: in: in:	1839-1921 Wesley Chapel

1909 death cert?

Married: 25 December 1806
Died: 28 February 1863
Father: Joseph Collier
Mother: Amey Moseley
Other Spouses:

in: Wilkes County, North Carolina
in: Fulton Co., GA

Wife: Elizabeth Gray

Born: 13 December 1786 in: Wilkes County, N.C.
Died: in:
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: Edwin G. Collier	
M	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
2	Name: Nancy Collier	
F	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
3	Name: Merrill Collier	
M	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
4	Name: Sarah Collier	
F	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
5	Name: George Washington Collier	
M	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
6	Name: John Collier	
M	Born: 1815	in: Gwinette Co., GA
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
7	Name: Aaron Collier	
M	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	
8	Name: Francis Marion Collier	
F	Born:	in:
	Married:	in:
	Died:	in:
	Spouse:	

9		Married: Died: in: Spouse:
10	M	Name: James Madison Collier Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
11	M	Name: Wesley Gray Collier Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
12	F	Name: Elizabeth Collier Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
13	M	Name: Andrew Jackson Collier Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
14	F	Name: Mary Ann Collier Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
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Cousins
Infant

L.A. WENZ Son of

Mr. T.J.F.

Footstone "L.F."

broken off top.
Footstone "T.F."

Thos. Jefferson Flake
1839-1921

Laura Hubey Flake 1842-1909

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~~Dr. Henry Collier 8/4/1816 - 2/1/1855~~
Elizabeth - dau of Cook
Cook
Infant
d. 6/8/1853 11 mos
17 days

Dr. Henry Collier 5/4/1816? - 2/1/1850

empty

Henry^G Collier 8/24/1816 - 10/10/1850
broken

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broken - had to dig out of ground
Merrell Collier 5/10/1822 - 6/2/1855

empty

Elizabeth H. Collier Consort of
Merrell d. 4/5/1859 aged 70 yrs
L.C. at foot stone

CHARLES A. COLLIER is the son of John Collier, descended from the sturdy pioneers of North Georgia, who fought his way to fame through the many obstacles that cluster about an inexperienced country lawyer, but dauntless perseverance has never yet met defeat. In the spirit of this adage he labored and was rewarded by a career of honor and a superior judgeship. He moved to Atlanta when a young man, and there Charles A. was born July 19, 1848. His father was liberal in his education and placed before his aspiring ambition the use of the best schools and tutors in the state. These were readily grasped and employed in mental development. Graduating from the state university, and being admitted to the bar, he gave promise of a brilliant future, and seemed fit to grace any profession or occupation, for his talents were varied and developed. Mr. Collier was married Jan. 7, 1875, to the daughter of the late William A. Rawson. This formed an epoch in his life, for this queenly woman, of charming personality and refinement, shed an inspiration on his work, and from that happy moment his real success began. Mr. Collier is of retiring disposition and shrinks from notoriety. He has never sought political office, and yet on more than one occasion the people have demanded his services. He was elected alderman by a large majority, served as mayor pro tem., and chairman of the finance committee of the council. He was also chairman of the democratic executive committee of Fulton county. As a servant of the people his legal knowledge, firmness of character and general executive ability were thoroughly tested. He is president of the Gate City Gas Light company, of the Refrigerating Constructing company and director in the Capital City bank and the Bank of the State of Georgia. Among the many enterprises in Atlanta's history that have given a valuable impetus to her growth and prosperity, was the Piedmont exposition. This was suggested only 100 days before the gates were opened and the feasibility of its plan considered. Mr. Collier was elected president, and by untiring energy, devoted unselfishness and a heart for Atlanta's welfare alone, with the assistance of the directors completed this weighty undertaking in the appointed time and made of it the greatest attraction the south has ever offered to her neighbors. Mr. Collier's very superior executive and administrative ability caused him to be chosen president of the Cotton States and International exposition, when a weightier task confronted him. But with the present glowing status of affairs and the absolute confidence and lofty admiration of his fellow-citizens the success of this worthy attempt in displaying southern products and genius is assured. His administration so far has been magnificent. Mr. Collier is a power in the community. He loves money only for the good it does. He devotes much time to the pursuit of literature, science and art, with a cultured intellect, a charitable heart and a gift for extensive enterprise. He is a cogent factor in the promotion of Atlanta's interests.

MR. JAMES R. COLLINS is a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of Atlanta. The pioneer of the family, James A. Collins, was a man of sturdy character and independent ideas. He came to Atlanta in 1844, among the first immigrants who turned their faces in the direction of the sprightly young village that was destined, in a few years, to become the acknowledged metropolis of the south. Mr. Collins had great faith in Atlanta's future and he devoted himself with patriotic zeal to the furtherance of all her public enterprises. He was not only the pioneer merchant of the city, engaged in the general merchandise business, but occupied a seat in the first legislative councils of Marthasville, as the village was then known. Mr. Collins was a native of the state of North Carolina, but emigrated to Georgia during his early manhood. The

subject of this sketch, Mr. James R. Collins, was born in Georgia, in the county in 1866. His father, William Collins, was a pioneer of four years, proving himself a lieutenant in the Ninth Georgia. James A. Collins, and was born in Cobb county. After the war in Georgia, where his son was born, was chiefly derived from the school county of Fulton. He developed himself in all athletic exercises, marked physical endurance even in Atlanta. At the age of eighteen years ideas, reinforced by a real difficulty that might thrust itself self. It was a bold venture for one to make it. He became the proprietor of the wants of the public with equal to the responsibility of the Collins remained in the wood at the office of deputy city marshal, elected to the office of city tax collector, length of time, with marked zeal. Home bank, a successful enterprise, the president of this institution, the administration of its affairs, the Fidelity banking and trust company, united in marriage to Miss Collins, Atlanta, in 1890. Two years later, in 1894, Mr. Collins was married to the daughter of Mr. Daniel Sullivan. He strongly emphasized in the tax collectorship in both the Gate City and military organizations of the city, nearly all the social organizations, the Brotherhood of Elks, the Capital City club, and the Driving club. Mr. Collins is known as personal magnetism, extensive popularity, and this is a result of Mr. Collins for public business and the social grace he witnessed in such a marked judicious exercise of his endowment himself and to the community. Immaculate Conception, and faith.

BENNETT JONES CONYER

Fanny (Bullock) Conyer is of English extraction, and is of the colony of Georgia. Her father, North Carolina, a soldier in the war, was sheriff of Granville county in

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Biographical Sketch of Judge John Collier (excerpts)

John Collier was born in Gwinnett Co. in the year 1815. Meredith Collier, his father, moved from Gwinnett to DeKalb Co. and settled about three miles and a half north of Atlanta. Mr. Meredith Collier was a farmer...In the month of October 1843, he married a daughter of Mr. Samuel T. Wilson.

Judge John Collier

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4	John COLLIER JR. AFN: 2VJP-1K BORN: 28 Feb 1707 Of K. Virginia MAR.: 1739 Hanover, Virginia DIED: WP 1759 Colliers Creek, VA.	8	Capt. John COLLIER AFN: 2VJR-70 BORN: 3 Mar 1685 MAR.: 3 Feb 1706 DIED: 24 Mar 1738	16	Charles COLLIER AFN: 2VJR-WB BORN: 1 May 1660	32	William COLLIER AFN: 2VJA-ZN
						33	Sallie DULLIFORD AFN: 2VJS-05
2	Joseph COLLIER (CAPT) AFN: 2VJN-18 BORN: 1749 Hanover Co., VA MAR.: 15 Dec 1778 Charlotte Co., VA DIED: Wp 10 Mar 1819 E. 50	9	Frances Elizabeth IRONMONGER AFN: 2VJR-V5 BORN: 3 May 1685 Virginia DIED: 3 Apr 1709	17	Mary EYERS AFN: 2VJR-XH BORN: 20 Aug 1665	34	
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5	Elizabeth MEREDITH AFN: 2VJP-28 BORN: Abt 1709/1711 Hanover, Virginia DIED:	10	Samuel MEREDITH AFN: BZ8Q-R5 BORN: Abt 1683 Hanover, Virginia MAR.: DIED:	18	Francis IRONMONGER AFN: BZ8S-J7 BORN: Abt 1659	36	
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1	Merrel COLLIER AFN: FNCB-9J BORN: 10 May 1782 Randolph, NC MAR.: DIED:	11		19	Elizabeth AFN: BZ8S-KD BORN: Abt 1663	38	
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5	Capt. Edward MOSELEY IV AFN: 2VJP-3W BORN: 4 Mar 1718 Charlotte Co., VA MAR.: 1748 Roanoke Co., VA DIED: 1808 Charlotte Co., VA	12	Edward MOSELEY AFN: BZ8Q-SB BORN: (1692) Charlotte Co., VA MAR.: DIED:	20		40	
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3	Amev MOSELEY AFN: 2VJP-0D BORN: 13 Apr 1757 Charlotte Co., VA DIED: 1819 Charlotte Co., VA	13	Mary ENPEROOD AFN: BZ8Q-TH BORN: (1696) Charlotte Co., VA DIED:	21		42	
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7	Amev GREEN AFN: 2VJP-43 BORN: 9 Feb 1728 Amelia Co., VA DIED: 10 Mar 1800 Charlotte Co., VA	14	William GREEN AFN: BZ8Q-VN BORN: (1702) Amelia Co., VA MAR.: DIED:	22		44	
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15	Amev CLAY AFN: BZ8Q-WT BORN: (1706) Amelia Co., VA DIED:	23		24		46	
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2 William COLLIER----- AFN: 2VJR-ZN BORN: 1620 Hertfordshire, E MAR.: 1655 England DIED: 1682		17 Elizabeth TUNSTALL----- AFN: MF6X-77 BORN: 1546	
5----- AFN: BORN: DIED:		18----- AFN: BORN:	
1 Charles COLLIER----- AFN: 2VJR-WB BORN: 1 May 1660 England MAR.: 21 Apr 1681 King And Queen, Virginia DIED: 4 Sep 1735 King & Queen Co., VA SPOUSE Mary EYERS AFN: 2VJR-KH BORN: 20 Aug 1665		9 Mary STRANG----- AFN: MF6X-16 BORN: Abt 1556 (London, L. England) DIED:	
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3 Sallie CULLIFORD----- AFN: 2VQS-05 BORN: 1636 London, , England DIED: 1680		11----- AFN: BORN: DIED:	
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MAR.: 1936
 Darlaston, , England
DIED: 1987
 , , France

1 Thurston COLLIER-----
AFN: MF6X-HL
BORN: 1942
 Darlaston, , England
MAR.: 1960

DIED:

SPOUSE
Elizabeth TUNSTALL
AFN: MF6X-77
BORN: 1946
 (, , London, England)
DIED:

3 Joyce SCRIMSHIRE-----
AFN: P7F3-7X
BORN: Apt 1914
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