

SC, AL, MS

Clues to help in determining the PARENTS of MOSES COLLINS (1785-1858)

Moses Collins b. 22 Oct 1785, Barnwell Dist., SC
 md. Elizabeth Smith (Houpt) 18 Jan 1810, Richmond Co., GA
 (she was widow of Philip Houpt whom she had married 11 Apr 1804,
 and by whom she had one son, Felix Houpt)
 d. 14 March 1858, Tippah Co., MS

According to his obituary, he was taken to Georgia while very young by his father

He moved to Tuscaloosa, AL in 1818 where he lived until 1836 when he moved to Tippah County, MS, lived at a settlement called Albertson until 1840 when he founded the town of New Albany, MS, where he died in 1858.

He spent several months in 1857 in Murfreesboro, TN, seeking a cancer cure, but died a few months later.

His children were:

- Benjamin Franklin Collins, b. 11 Feb 1811
- Elijah Walker Collins, b. 6 Mar 1812
- Archibald Oliver Collins, b. 7 Nov 1813
- Moses Collins, Jr., b. 12 Aug 1815
- Irvin R. Collins, b. 11 Jan 1817
- James Collins, b. 21 Sept 1818
- Eliza Collins, b. 15 Feb 1820 (md. Ira M. Camp)
- Harriet Collins, b. 9 Mar 1821 (md. Dr. Mumford Wilson & Leroy Langston)
- Elizabeth Collins, b. 2 Aug 1824 (md. Dr. H. N. Moss)
- Mary Collins, b. 3 Nov 1827 (md. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Barnett)

Moses KNOWN brother was John (Jack) Collins who died in Tuscaloosa, AL (will probated 24 Mar 1853)

who had a son, Jesse Collins (Moses' nephew) who lived close to him in MS and who married a cousin, Elizabeth Collins, daughter of Leven Collins, whose relationship is uncertain.

Moses' father was a brother of James Collins whose will was probated in Winton Co. SC 7 Jan 1790. He had sons who lived in Greene County, AL:
 James Collins, Jr., Daniel Collins, and Wm. Winwright Collin

Moses probably had a sister named Elizabeth Collins (b. 1880) who married Elijah Walker 11 Jan 1799 in Augusta, GA. Elijah Walker's brother, Reuben Walker was on Moses Collins' marriage bond, and note that Moses Collins named a son Elijah Walker Collins


It is a strong possibility that any or all of the following were brothers of the father of Moses Collins:

- Moses Collins who married Hannah Willis
- Leven Collins who md. Anne Catherine Odom
- Joseph Collins
- George Collins
- John Collins
- Stephen Collins
- Samuel Collins

} See the book LOST ARCADIA by Walter Clark

One of the last five mentioned above may be the father of Moses Collins!

The family group of Moses Collins (1785-1858) is as follows:

1. Benjamin Franklin Collins, b. 11 Feb 1811, Richmond Co., Ga.
md. Lucinda Duncan 31 Jan 1829, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
d. 1 Mar 1886, Drew Co., AR
2. Elijah Walker Collins, b. 6 Mar 1812, Richmond Co., GA
md. first Eliza Darden Miller, 28 Aug 1834, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
md. second Permelia Darden, 3 Sept 1857
d. 26 Sept 1873, Tippah Co., MS
3. Archibald Oliver Collins, b. 7 Nov 1813, Richmond Co., GA
md. Amanda Walker 25 Apr 1826
d. 26 July 1860, Drew County, AR
4. Moses Collins, Jr., b. 12 Aug 1815, Richmond Co., GA
md. Mary Elizabeth Payne
d. 5 Oct 1892, Drew Co., AR
5. Irvin R. Collins, b. 11 Jan 1817, Richmond Co., GA
md. first a Miss Foster, md. second a Miss Cullens
date and place of death is not known
6. James Collins, b. 21 Sept 1818; Richmond Co., GA
never married
d. 11 Feb 1893, Lauderdale Co., MS
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7. Eliza Collins, b. 15 Feb 1820, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
md. Ira M. Camp 15 May 1834, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
d. 4 Aug 1889, Grimes Co., TX
8. Harriet Collins, b. 9 Mar 1821, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
md. first Dr. Mumford Wilson, md. second Leroy J. Langston
d. ca. 1895-1898, prob. in Union Co., MS
9. Elizabeth Collins, b. 2 Aug 1824, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
md. Dr. H. N. Moss
d. in or near Drew Co., AR (probably)
10. Mary Collins, b. 3 Nov 1827, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
md. first a Mr. Anderson, md. second a Mr. Barnett
acc. to family tradition, she had no children, l. & d. Memphis, TN

Important Information about Moses Collins....

22 October 1785 b. Barnwell District, SC

(Heads of families in s. part of Orangeburg Dist. SC, which includes Barnwell, with surnames COLLINS in 1790 census include ANN, JOSEPH, JOHN, STEPHEN, MOSES, JAMES, GEORGE, ANNA, and LEVIN)

Moses Collins was "brought to Georgia while young by his father" according to his obituary.

18 January 1810 md. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Houpt, widow of Philip Houpt, in Augusta, Georgia. A son of her previous marriage, Felix Houpt, is mentioned in Moses Collins' will.

1818 Moved to Tuscaloosa County, AL where he settled on Big Sandy Creek, five miles north of Tuscaloosa on the Huntsville Road.

1820 Justice of the Peace, Tuscaloosa County, AL

1824-1832 Commissioner of Roads and Revenues, Tuscaloosa County, AL

1830 Head of family in Tuscaloosa County, AL census
Represented Tuscaloosa County in state legislature
Became a member of Hopewell Baptist Church



1836 Moved to Tippah County, MS, bought land from Indians, settled at Alberson, near the Tallahatchie River www.georgiapioneers.com

1840 Built a gristmill on the present site of New Albany, MS, which led to the founding of the town. His son-in-law, Ira Camp, laid out the town into lots. Head of family in Tippah County, MS census

1843 Charter member of New Albany Baptist Church

1850 Head of family in Tippah County census

1856 Became ill with cancer

1857 Spent several months in Murfreesboro, TN seeking a cancer cure at the hands of a Dr. January.

14 March 1858 Died in New Albany, MS. Is buried in the New Albany Cemetery.

1 Alvin Oakley Collins

b. 5 August 1921

p.b. Myrtle, Union Co., MS

m. 28 May 1953, Bowling Green, KY

d.

p.d.

6 Thomas Hicks Oakley

(Father of No. 3)

b. 31 Jan 1847

p.b. Greensburg, IND

m. 4 Sept 1880

d. 13 Feb 1924

p.d. Scottsville, KS

3 Rose Alice Oakley

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 13 Mar 1889

p.b. Mitchell Co KS

d. 17 June 1966

p.d. Jackson, MS

7 Ida Wiltse

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 5 Dec 1862

p.b. Clayton Co Iowa

d. 31 Mar 1941

p.d. New Albany, MS

Margaret Gordon

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 26 Jan 1923

d.

p.b. Daviess Co KY

p.d.

p.d. 26 Feb 1891

p.d. Union Co MS

12 John Franklin Oakley

(Father of No. 6)

b. 24 July 1821

p.b. KY

m. ca. 1846

d. 29 Apr 1894

p.d.

13 Elizabeth W. Oakley

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 27 Aug 1828

p.b.

d. 6 June 1850

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p.d.

14 Ninion Wiltse

(Father of No. 7)

b. 19 Jan 1832

p.b. Ontario, Canada

m. 17 May 1854

d. 28 Nov 1904

p.d. Baxter Sprs, KS

15 Waty A (Anne?) Conley

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 10 Feb 1834

p.b. Canada

d. 27 Nov 1892

p.d. Mitchell Co KS

b. 3 Oct 1803

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d. 23 Mar 1847

24 William (Billy) Oakley

b. ca. 1797

(Father of No. 12,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 8 Mar 1819

d. after 1880 Ind. census

25 Martha S. Freeland

(Mother of No. 12,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 1800 NC

d. after 1860 Ill. census

26 Oakley

b. (Father of No. 13,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

27

(Mother of No. 13,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.

d.

28 Leonard Wiltse

b. 1790 Ontario

(Father of No. 14,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d. 1872 Colesburg Iowa

29 Hannah Herrington

(Mother of No. 14,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 1793

d. 28 July 1862 Colesburg IA

30 Solomon Conley

b. Ireland

(Father of No. 15,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. ca. 1794

d. NY

31 Betsy Wagner

(Mother of No. 15,

Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.

d.