

## Collins of Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia

Daniel and Thomas Collins were in Frederick County, Maryland in 1757. Daniel Collins, Joseph Collins and Thomas Collins were both residents of York County, South Carolina before 1786 according to York County Records. York Minute Book A, page 86 – John Fondren vs. Daniel Collins for Trespass. On motion of defendant’s attorney the plaintiff was non-suited. When the plaintiff failed to prosecute the case in the October Court of 1786, the action was re-instated.<sup>1</sup>

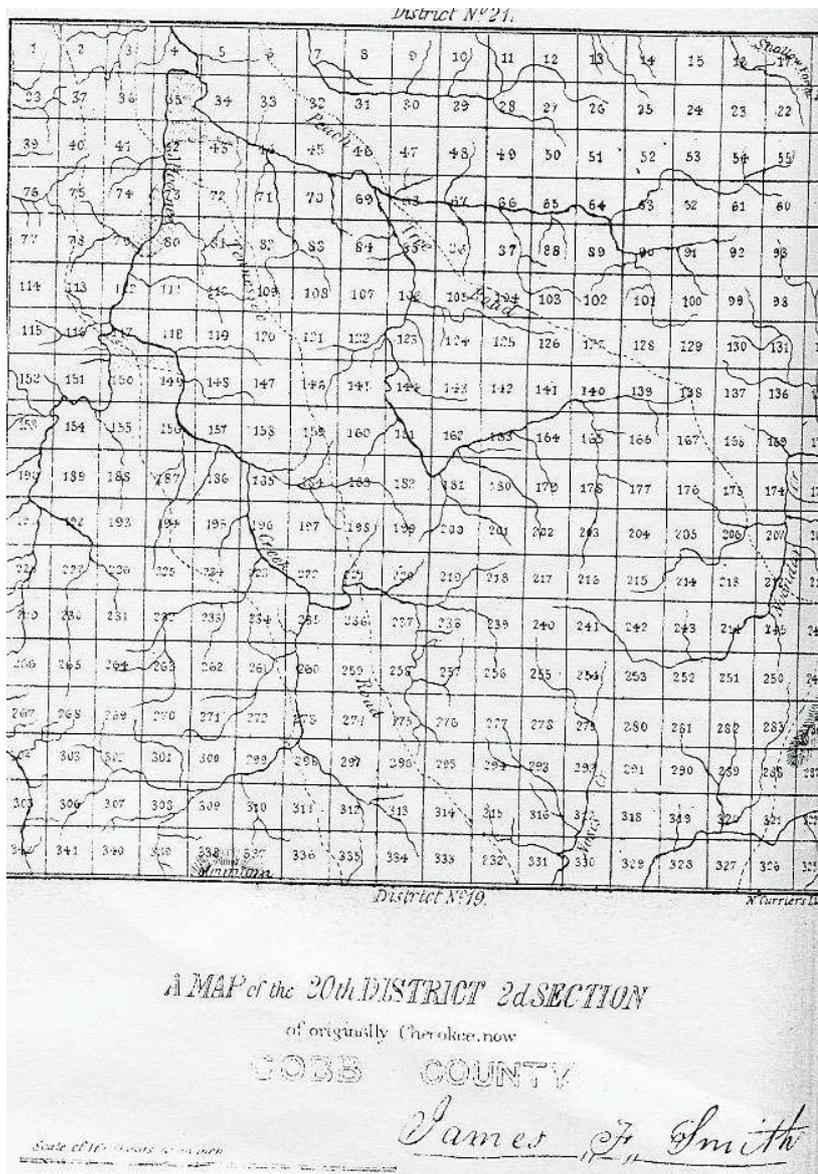
John E. Collins, Revolutionary War Soldier<sup>2</sup>, believed to be a son of Daniel Collins, was born 12/9/1760 in Frederick County, Maryland and died 3/8/1852 in Acworth. He was married to Phebe Sailors 1786 in Burke County, Georgia; both are buried in the Mars Hill Cemetery in Acworth. The pension application of John E. Collins is explicit in detailing his life. He was born in Frederick County, Maryland, but his family removed before the American Revolution to York County, South Carolina, then Camden District. He enlisted in the war at an early age against the wishes of his father. When the first term of three months ended, he variously substituted and re-enlisted throughout the war. After the war ended, he returned to his old neighborhood but soon thereafter removed to Georgia. He was in Georgia by 11/30/1786 when he married Phebe Sailors. No evidence has been discovered that John ever resided in Burke County, but the early records were burned. He was, however, found on the 1830-1850 Cobb County Census.

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<sup>1</sup> York County Minute Book A, page 17, April Term 1786. Ordered that Joseph Collins be appointed overseer of the road leading from the north line of Hugh Quinns in that part between north line and Buffaloe Creek....Joseph Collins to have power to pay out and cut said road the highest and best way from the North Carolina line to Mr. Quinns. Thomas Collins and Joseph Collins served on the 1790 and 1794 grand juries. In 1790 Census, Thomas and Daniel Collins were listed in York County. This is the last record of Daniel.

<sup>2</sup> See the full image of the Revolutionary War Pension of John E. Collins on [www.georgiapioneers.com](http://www.georgiapioneers.com) under “Revolutionary War Pensions”.





John E. Collins, soldier, drew in the 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery, Lots No. 223 and 224 in the 20<sup>th</sup> District (now Acworth, Cobb County), which land was granted to him in 1838. At the same time, his son, Felix Collins, drew land in Murray and Gilmer Counties.

There is one surviving paltry paper on the estate of John Collins. Although Daniel Collins was referred to as an "executor", I did not locate any reference to a

will in Cobb Co. Will Book A or the Minute books. Therefore, all that we have follows:



Inventory & app  
praisement of the  
estate of  
John Collins  
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Georgia The following is an inventory and  
Cobb County appraisement of the estate of John  
Collins deceased appraised this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1860

7 chairs

1 black

1 Bedstead

5 Bedquits

1 Counterpane

2 Blankets

1 Table

1 Box

1 Bed & Furniture

1 Chest

1 set Books

1 Saddle

1 set Farming Tools

20 Barrels Corn

2 Hat Hays

1 Cow & Calf

4 1/2 Bushels Wheat

1 Box

2 Wash Tubs

1 Jug

1 set Pot Ware

1 set Crockery

1 set Jars

1 set Linn



Georgia We do certify upon oath that  
Scott County as was produced to us by  
the above and foregoing contains a true  
account of the estate of John Collins deceased  
best of our judgment and understanding  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of ~~Nov~~ <sup>Dec</sup> 1852

Chas. D. ...  
Dwight ...  
Silas ...

Georgia I do hereby certify that  
Scott County appraisers were sworn to  
their duty as appraisers according  
law this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1852

Silas ...



Recd of Daniel Collins Executor of  
last will and Testament of John Collins  
deceas all the above named arti  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1852  
Silas Proctor, JP      Phebe <sup>her</sup> Collins  
mark

Issue:

- John Collins, Jr., born 1786/1787 in Georgia, married 3-5-1831 in Hall County Jincey Saxon. Jincey must be Nancy, born 1785 because in 1850 and 1860 Nancy and her son, Samuel, resided next door to the John E. Collins, Sr. farm. Samuel was born ca 1832 and his wife was Sarah, born 1832. In 1870, Samuel's wife was Louisa, born 1842 and their daughter was M. J., aged 6 months. In 1880 Samuel and Louisa were residing in Oregon and Red Rock District of Cobb County. Issue:
  - a. Flora Collins, born 1864.
  - b. George Collins, born 1867.
  - c. Ella Collin, born 1871.
  - d. Homer Collins, born 1874.
- James Collins, born 1785 in South Carolina. Wife, Mary, born 1789 in South Carolina. Issue: Temperance C. E. Collins, born 1826. They must have had a son who died before 1850 because Priscilla Collins resided with them in 1850, viz:

Priscilla B. Collins, born 1813. In 1880 Priscilla Collins was listed in Marietta, with her children, viz:

  - a. Amandy Collins, born 1840 Cobb County.
  - b. George Collins, born 1845 Cobb County.
  - c. Henry Collins, born 1857 Cobb County.

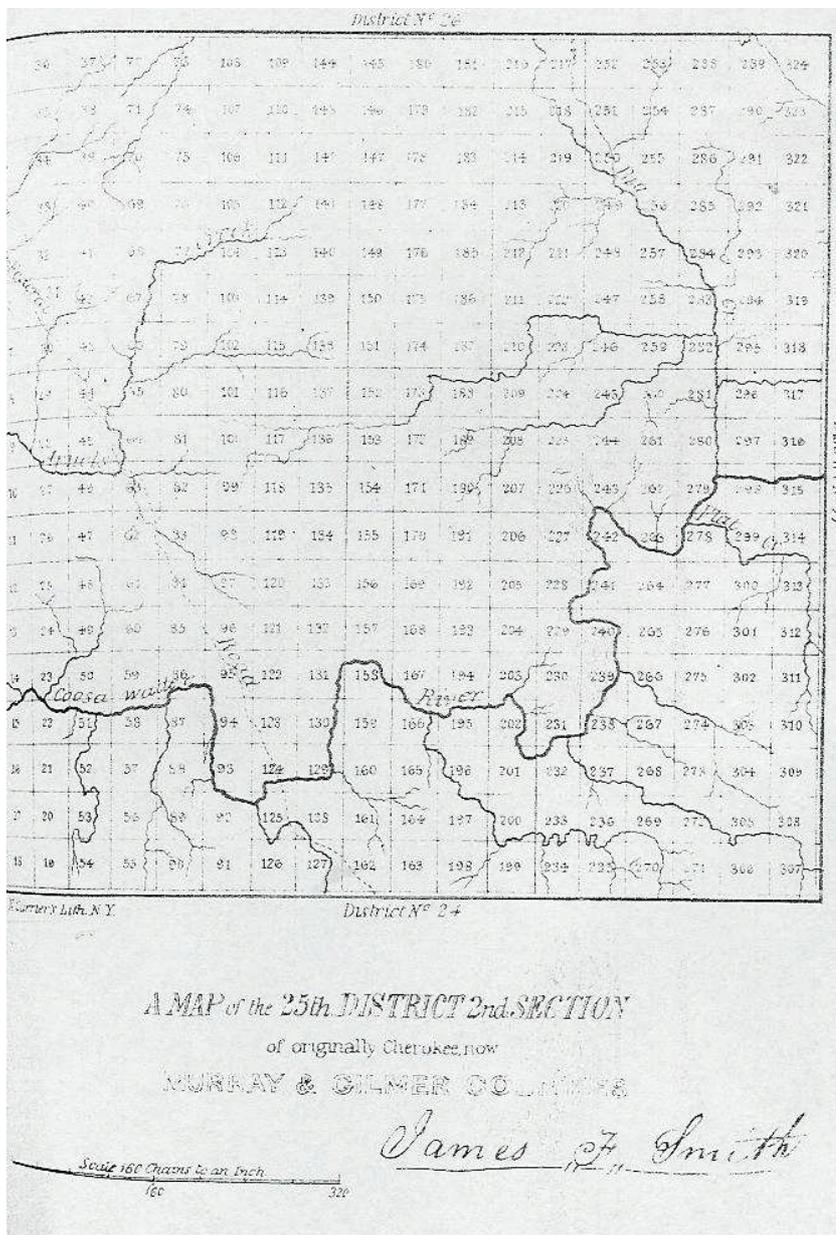


d. James Collins, born 1861 Cobb County.

- Benjamin F. Collins married Rachel Pennell 8/11/1832 in Hall County. 1840 GA?
- Sarah Collins, born ca 1805, married 11-18-1825 in Hall County, Granville Thompson.
- Charles Collins, born ca 1806 married Louisa Pennell 11-1-1826 Hall County. Where in 1830 and 1850?
- Felix Collins, born 5/13/1801 in Georgia, died 10/13/1873 in

Acworth.  
Felix drew  
Lot No. 245  
in the 25<sup>th</sup>  
District (1832  
Cherokee  
Land Lottery)  
in Gilmer and  
Murray  
Counties, as  
follows:

Felix left a life  
estate in his  
father's farm  
drawn from  
the Cherokee  
Land Lottery,  
being Lots 223  
and 224 in the  
20<sup>th</sup> district,  
second section  
of Cobb  
County to his  
nephews,  
James F. and  
Jessie E.  
Collins, sons of  
his brother,  
Daniel, in a  
deed dated



1873 in Cobb County.



State of Virginia  
 This Indenture made this twentieth third day of  
 July in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred  
 and Seventy Three, between Peter Collins of  
 County and State, of the one part and James Williams and  
 Jesse Collins, Nephews of the said Peter Collins of  
 same place, of the other part. Witness that the said  
 Collins for and in consideration of the natural love and affec-  
 tion which he has and bears to the said James & Jesse  
 Collins, hath given granted and conveyed, and to be conveyed  
 and give grant and convey unto the said James & Jesse  
 Collins, their heirs and assigns, according to tenor of the said  
 Peter Collins, a life estate therein an undivided half in  
 all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being  
 in the Frontiers (20) district and Second (25) Section  
 said County. Known and described in the plan of said  
 tract or lots of land Nos. Two Hundred and Twenty  
 (22) and Two Hundred and Twenty (22) by Four (24) Contain-  
 ing Three Hundred and Twenty (320) acres more or less.  
 To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land  
 unto them the said James & Jesse Collins, their heirs and  
 assigns, together with all the rights, liberties and  
 advantages to said tract of land, and manors appurtenant  
 and belonging thereto, unto the said James & Jesse  
 Collins in fee simple.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
 C. Drake  
 J. S. Young  
 John McFain



County of General James...  
 and for said County, John...  
 their duty sworn deponent and...  
 seal and delivery, he witness...  
 that he signs thereunto as...  
 year of our Lord and Virgin...

- The wife of Felix Collins died before 1850. Issue:
  1. Caty W. Collins, born 1827 in Georgia, married Singleton Chastain (born 1826). They were residing with Felix Collins in 1850. In 1860, the family was found in Sevier County, Arkansas. Issue:
    - a. Mary E. Chastain, born 1851 Acworth, Cobb County.
    - b. James E. Chastain, born 1854 Acworth, Cobb County.
    - c. Joseph H. Chastain, born 1856 in Mississippi.
  2. Martha (Peggy), born 1829 in South Carolina, married 1848 in Paulding County, James Singleton. In 1850, they were residents of Cobb County and James was called "Luke". In 1880 they resided in Gwinnett County. Issue:
    - a. James Singleton, born 1848 Cobb County.
    - b. John Singleton, born 1853.
    - c. Josephus Singleton, born 1855.
    - d. Georgia Singleton, born 1855.
    - e. William Singleton, born 1860.
    - f. Mary, born 1849 Cobb County.
  3. Abram Collins, born 1833 in South Carolina, a laborer in Paulding County in 1850.
  4. Humphrey Collins, born 1835 in South Carolina, resident of Paulding County. He was married to Elizabeth Bone in Paulding County.
- Elsey Collins, born 1/22/1802 in Georgia, died 10/11/1873 in Acworth, Buried Mars Hill Cemetery. She married (1) Mr. Williams and (2) Hardy Strickland (1/23/1804-8/11/1864). He died during the war and she and her small children went to reside on the family farm with her brother, Felix Collins. Issue:
  1. Nancy Strickland, born 10/24/1830, died 5/9/1910, buried Mars Hill Cemetery.
  2. Sarah E. Strickland, born 9/16/1840, died 11/19/1924, buried Mars Hill Cemetery.
- Daniel Collins was born 6/13/1813 in Georgia and died 8/8/1890 in Cobb County, buried in Mars Hill Cemetery. He married (1) Isabella (born 1826) who died before 1860 in Cobb County, buried Mars



Hill Cemetery. He was married (2) to Mary Frances (born 1841), a young wife who bore him several children. Daniel was the executor of the estate of his father, John E. Collins in 1852. The farm apparently went to Daniel and his brother, Felix Collins, because Felix later deeded a life estate of the 360 acres of Land Lots 223 and 224 of the 20<sup>th</sup> District drawn in the Cherokee Land Lottery (Acworth) to his nephews, Jesse E. and James F. Collins, sons of Daniel.

Issue by Isabella:

1. George D. Collins, born 1847 in Acworth, Cobb County. Drugstore Clerk in Store in Acworth in 1880. Wife, Laura J., born 1851. Issue:
  - a. Millie Collins, born 1871 Acworth.
  - b. Emmett Collins, born 1873 Acworth.
  
2. James F. Collins, born 1852 in Acworth, Cobb County. He was a merchant in Acworth but resided on the family farm with his father. Wife, Mary, born 1852. Issue:
  - a. Isabella Collins, born 1873 Acworth.
  - b. Idell Collins, born 1874 Acworth.
  - c. Felix Collins, born 1876 Acworth. (Named after James' uncle Felix who left him the Collins Farm)
  - d. Daniel H. Collins, born 1877 Acworth. Wife, Sarah, born 1879. Residents of Acworth in 1930. Issue: Daniel B. Collins, born 1913 in Acworth.
    - e. Clifton Collins, born 1879 Acworth.
  
3. John S. Collins, born 1855 in Acworth, Cobb County, merchant. Wife, Louls, born 1859.

Issue by Mary Frances:

4. Thomas D. Collins, born 1864 in Acworth, Cobb County.
5. Hettie B. Collins, born 1864 in Acworth, Cobb County.
6. Thomas F. Collins, born 1868 in Acworth, Cobb County.
7. Jessie E. Collins, born 1869 in Acworth, Cobb County.
8. Lena Collins, born 1874 in Acworth, Cobb County.



Ref: 1850-1932 Cobb County Census; 1850-1860 Paulding County Census; Paulding and Hall County Marriages; York County, South Carolina Estate Records; Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth; Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Paulding County.

