

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

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

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 Gollins:

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!

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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

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.

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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. Collins, b. 21 Sept 1818, Richmond Co., GA  
never married  
d. 11 Feb 1893, Lauderdale Co., MS (GAR)
7. 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. Collins, b. 9 Mar 1821, Tuscaloosa Co., AL  
md. first Dr. Mumford Wilson, md. second Leroy J. Langston  
d. 1895-1898, prob. in Union Co., MS
9. Collins, b. 2 Aug 1824, Tuscaloosa Co., AL  
md. H. N. Moss  
d. near Drew Co., AR (probably)
10. Collins, b. 3 Nov 1827, Tuscaloosa Co., AL  
md. first a Mr. Anderson, md. second a Mr. Barnett  
family tradition, she had no children, l. & d. Memphis, TN