

AMERICAN LINE OF COLLYERS NOW "COLLIERS" FROM STAFFORDSHIRE OF STONE-
DARLASTON-OF COUNTY STAFFORD, ENGLAND (RECORDS TAKEN FROM SOCIETY LI-
BRARY UNIVERSITY PLACE, N. C. CITY).

The pedigree of the Collyers of Darlaston (see notes from the his-
torical collections of Staffordshire in the Wm. Salt Archeological
Society Publications Vol. 3- Part 2- Page 64) visitation of Staffor-
shire 1583 (see photostat of same) "Argent on a Chevron Azure between
three demi unicorns courant gules as many acorns slipped or crest a
demi more affrontee ppr. with rings in his ears or holding in his dexter
hand an oak branch out fructed" or----

"Armes conceded to Robert Collyer of Darlaston by letter patent dated
(1558) 1st Elizabeth from William Henry Clarencienex, King at Arms.

I- Robert Collyer of Stone (England) married Isabella daughter of
Sir John Doddington of Kent, died in 1505, will probated 1522. He and
his son, Thurston, leased the manor of Darlaston in 1503 (Henry VII)
Vol. XII N. S. I page 99.

Had issue-----

1. ^{GN} Thurston Collyer who married Elizabeth Turnstall, will probated
1538 (see # A1.) Henry VII).
2. James Collyer, linen draper, married Isabella Leveson of Wolve
Shampton, died 1544 (Henry VIII) will probated 1545. James, son of
Thurston, purchased the Manor of Stone from the Crown in 1543 by
deed dated March 26th, sold Stone to his father-in-law Richard
Needham of Shavington County of Salop (Shropshire) but the sale was
repuriated by his son Francis Collyer in 1599.
3. Robert Collyer married Agness daughter of Sir Thomas Venables of
Kinderton Co. Chester, March 1, 1553, aged 21 years 37 ds., will
probated 1586, died 1586. Was fourth son of Robert and Isabella
Doddington, citizen and pewterer of St. Bennetts Grace Church, London.
(See W.S.A.S. publication XII- N. S. I page 110). Agness, the widow's
will probated 1551.

II- Robert Collyer (son of Thurston Collyer) citizen and pewterer of
London, and Mary Strange, widow of St. Botolph Aldgate of the County of
Derby, were married by general license issued February 3, 1570, moved to
London about 1600, became a merchant, lived in the parish of St. Olive
Southwake, (Surrey Site of Thomas) where he died in 1625, will probated
and recorded, page 117, Clarke Sec. p. XXVIII.

Had issue-----

1. Charles.
2. John, who married Regina, daughter of Mrs. Anna Semiliano, died
in December, 1649, will dated 18th of December, 1649, proved 8th
January, 1650: directs that he be buried at Beddington in Surrey;
gives one third of his goods to Regina, his wife, one third to his
son Charles, and the remaining one third as follows: to my brother,
Isaac Collyer, Sr., I forgive #500 he owes me, to my nephew, Isaac
Collyer, Jr., #150, to my mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Semiliano #50,
to her daughter, my sister-in-law, Anna Maria #200, to my brother-
in-law, husband of Anna Maria, Semiliano Vincentis Malo #200 from
which is to be deducted what he owes me for pictures, to my brother-
in-law, John Knight, my interest in the house he now inhabits in
Marks Lane, and to my sister, Mary, his wife #20, to my cousins
William and Mary Jumer #25, to Henry Smith #15, to the poor of
Beddington #10, to Mr. John Throgmorton #50, to the poor of London
#20, to William Joliffe I restore of what I had with him #100, ex-
ecutors to be my dear friend, Mr. Job Throgmorton, brother Isaac
Collyer and his wife Regina. If my wife leaves England at any time,
my son Charles is not to go with her; he is to be brought up in
English learning and the Protestant faith. Sealed at Wallington in
Surrey the day and date first mentioned.
Witnesses: John Heather, Wm. Blake.
Virginia Gleanings in England by Bothrop Wettington and published
Virginia Magazine His. & Bio. Vol. XVII p. 303.

3. Isaac- see No. (III).
4. Mary, married John Knight.

III- Isaac Collyer, Sr., as he is styled in the Virginia records, came to Virginia from London, England about 1650, settling in York County. He married Sarah, sister of John and Edward Lookley of London, the latter of whom in his will of 1667 left his "cousin" (a term then used to signify nephew) Isaac Collyer, son of Isaac Collyer, Sr., Morgans plantation 300 acres in York County, Virginia, and Potobello 320 acres in King William County. Isaac Collyer, Sr., (as he wrote his name in his will) died in 1688, will proved May 24, 1688.

Had issue-----

1. Isaac, Jr., died unmarried before, his father and his brother Thomas administered upon his estate.
2. Thomas, married Mary _____ died 1704, had (1) Mary, only child D. S. P. (GAR)
3. Charles, see No. 3.
4. Abraham, died unmarried before 1704.
5. Sarah, living unmarried 1711.

(Va. Mag. His & Bio. Vol. III P. 278)
 & William and Mary Quarterly
 (VIII- 202 & 25557 - IX 18385)

IV- Charles Collier, son of Isaac Collier, married Judith Harrison and died 1722, will proved August 20, 1722.

Had issue-----

1. Isaac, see No. IV.
2. Thomas {
3. Charles { No record of these three.
4. Elizabeth {

V- Isaac Collier, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Vines, whose will was proved August 15, 1737, and resided at Poto Bello on the York River, mentions daughter, Anne Collier, and also states that he was son of Thomas Vines and his wife Mary Hill, and that his mother, (Mary Hill) was the daughter of Thomas Hill and Eleanor Charles, and that said Hill was the son of John, who was the son of Captain Thomas Hill by Mary, daughter of Captain Abraham Pearsey by Frances, widow of Nathaniel West. Isaac Collier removed to Brunswick County where he died in 1771, will dated July, 1771, proved October 28, 1771.

Had issue-----

1. Myhill, married November 26th, 1769, Tabitha, daughter of Benjamin Harrison, Tabitha was sister of Wm. Henry Harrison 6th President of United States. Benjamin Harrison was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. After her death he married secondly Tabitha's sister, Judith Harrison.

(William & Mary Quarterly XX - p. 195)

2. Vines, see No. 5.

- 3 Thomas, Quartermaster, Virginia State Regiment, May 1778, commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Continental Army, October 22, 1778, served until January, 1781 (Heitman's list of Officers Continental Army, p. 131). In 1790 Lieutenant Collier was living on the adjoining plantation to his brother Myhill in Greenville County, Virginia, and had in family four whites and eight blacks. The following Colliers were also living in Greenville County at that time but it has been impossible to connect them with the branch of the family, viz. Myhill, Thomas or Isaac. Their names were Daniel Collier, John Collier, Moses Collier.

(It is thought by the writer composing this article that the Collier families of Moses, John and Daniel were the relations or descendants of John Collier, Jr., who resided in Kind and Queens County, in 1749, and on September 26, 1749, married a girl by the name of Anne Collier, who was the daughter of Mrs. Anne Collier. There was also a Thomas Collier in this family and it is thought from this family descended Meridith Collier, who removed to North Carolina about 1755 and who had children by the name of Mary, John and twin boys by the name of Meridith and Merrill, Meridith removing to Jackson County, Georgia and later to Dekalb County, Georgia. and represented Dekalb County in the Georgia Legislature, 1832-40 and Merrill removed to Jackson County, Georgia and was commissioned Lieutenant 316th Dist. Company Jackson County, Georgia Militia, August 12, 1812. It appears that Merrill and Meridith are the sons of Joseph Collier above mentioned, who removed from Virginia to South Carolina near the Georgia line just after the Revolutionary War. From this branch of the Collier family sprang the Colliers of Atlanta, Georgia, viz. Judge John Collier, Charles A. Collier, Mrs. Dr. Floyd W. Collier, etc. www.georgiapioneers.com

4. Charles, married Susannah, daughter of William Smith, He was Lieutenant and Captain Virginia State Regiment, 1771-1781.
5. Isaac. (GN)
6. Elizabeth Smith.
7. Judith Collier, married James Hicks of Brunswick County, Virginia. (see VII)
8. Anne, married April 28th, 1730, Ephriam Parham.

VI- Judith Collier, (daughter of Isaac Collier of Poto Bello, who's will was proved on August 15, 1737), who married James Hicks of Brunswick County, Virginia, had a daughter Ann Vines Hicks, who married Dr. Walker of Brunswick County, Virginia, who was a surgeon in the U. S. Army in 1812.

(William & Mary Quarterly XX p. 196).

(Statement of the branch of the Virginia Colliers which appeared to be connected with the Collier family in this genealogy and from which a portion of the Georgia Colliers descended.)

Mrs. Ann Vines Hicks Walker, above mentioned, was living during the year 1860, at the age of 94 years, near Diamong Grove in Brunswick County, Virginia. She was a paternal aunt of R. A. Hardaway of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the above facts were given out by him in a statement that he made at Tuscaloosa on April 3, 1886. Mr. Hardaway visited her home in Virginia at that time, and Mrs. Ann Vines Hicks Walker stated to him that she was the niece of Cornelius Collier of Yorktown, Virginia, that her mother was Judith Collier, and that her two uncles, or the two brothers of her mother, were officers in the regiment of which Lawrence Washington was Captain at Porto Bello, near Darien. In the expedition of 1740-42 under Admiral Vernon and General Wentworth, Lawrence Washington named his estate on the Potomac River, Mt. Vernon, and the Collier's named their home on the North River, Porto Bello. There is such a place above Williamsburg on the river. Mrs. Ann Vines Hicks Walker said she had four brothers who were officers in the Continental Army in 1776, and two of them were captured at Nash's defeat at the Battle of Brier Creek, Burke County, Georgia, where the Continentals alone made any stand. Mrs. Walker's husband, Dr. Wm. Walker, was a well known surgeon in the U. S. Army in 1812, as you will note in above paragraph VI.

(GAY) The above is given merely as a historical event).

VII- Vines Collier who came from Virginia to Georgia, before coming to Georgia, served as Ensign & Lieutenant in the French and Indian War and was in the expedition at Ft. Duquerne (Pittsburg). He married in Brunswick County, Virginia, about 1760, Sara Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Williamson, and removed with his family to Wilkes County, Georgia, about 1780, and later to Oglethorpe County, where he died in September, 1795, he was buried at Old Salem Church in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, six miles southeast of Lexington. His wife's name was Sarah.

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- Had 13 children, viz.-----
1. Mary (Polly) born 1760, married John H. Owens, son of Glennie, in 1803, and lived and died in Monroe County, Georgia, (Now Lamar) near Barnesville.
2. Elizabeth, born 1761, married Rev. Thomas Dunn, a Methodist Preacher, she died 1840.
3. Sarah, born 1763, married Harrison King Smith in 1804.
4. Isaac, born 1785, was member of Georgia Legislature and State Senate, (see IV).
5. Anne (Nancy) born 1767, married first, John Hardeman and second, George Menefee. (See V).
6. Thomas, born 1771, was living in Columbia County, Georgia, in 1792, and was a J. P.
7. John, born 1773, married Patsey Gresham in 1795. (See VII)
8. William, born 1775, married Sallie Powell indaughter of Edward Powell in 1801. (See VIII).
9. Vines, born 1777, married Dorothy Raffety in 1802. (See IX).
10. Benjamin, born 1779, Judge of Crawford County, married Ann (Polly) Howard in 1805. (See X).
1. Williamson, born 1781, married Memena Powell in 1803 (See XI).
2. Robert, born 1783, married Martha Booker of Putnam County, on May 1, 1806, removed to Upson County, Georgia.
- Cuthbert, born 1785, married Nancy Dickee, 1803, and removed to Monroe County, Georgia. (See XIII).

(Below you will find as near as can be ascertained at the present time, viz., December, 1924, where the descendants of the above members of the Vines Collier's family located. Vines Collier received his name from the family of his mother's people, viz. Thomas Vines of Virginia).

I. Mary (Polly) Collier, that married John H. Owens, son of Glennie Owens, in 1803, removed to Monroe County, Georgia, three or four miles south of Barnesville, and settled on the highway running from Barnesville to Macon, and from this family sprang the Owens family of Monroe County, many of whom are living in the County at this time, December, 1924.

II- Elizabeth Collier that married Rev. Thomas Dunn, a Methodist Preacher, and who died in 1840, had the following children: Ishmael, John Vines, Thomas, Nancy, who married Keener, Priscilla, who married Bell, Sarah, who married Willis A. Jordan, Mary, who married Daniel Drewery, who was killed by Dennis, and left a child named William Thomas.

III- Sarah, born 1783, and who married Harrison King Smith in 1804, evidently settled around Dekalb County, as they had a daughter named Serena, who married George Logan of Dekalb County and another daughter Salina, who married Ellington of Dekalb County, and another daughter Elizabeth, who married _____ that moved to Columbus, Georgia, and three sons, John, Harrison and Charles, no record of his marriage. It appears that Harrison Smith, above mentioned, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Hardeman and Nancy Collier. GAC

IV- Isaac, who was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, in 1765 removed to Georgia with his father, Vines Collier, and settled in Oglethorpe County, where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Smith and had the following children: Charles, Vines, William, Cuthbert, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Nancy, and Susanna. He was Clerk of the Court of Oglethorpe County and also member of the Georgia Legislature H. R. 1830-31, also elected to Georgia State Senate 1832-33. It appears that some members of descendants of his family removed to West Upson, Talbot, Meriwether Counties, etc. Mrs. Rebecca Ann Collier Mills, living at Thomaston, Georgia, in 1924, appears to be the daughter of Charles Vines Collier, who was the son of Isaac above mentioned.

V- Anne (Nancy), born 1767, in Brunswick County, Virginia, married John Hardeman about 1790, who was a son of John Hardeman of Gilford County, N. C. John Hardeman had a sister by the name of Easter that married John Everett. They had the following children: Betty, who married Harison Smith, Thomas.

John who moved to Memphis, Tennessee, Robert Vines, Benjamin F., Martha, who was born after the death of John Hardeman and married Lawhorn of Rome, Georgia. After John Hardeman's death, his widow, Anne (Nancy) married George Menefee of Palmetto, who had children by the name of Willis and others. Willis resided at Palmetto and raised a large family from whom, perhaps, Mrs. Wm. Byrd Tate living at about Marietta, Georgia, in 1925 descended.

Thomas Hardeman, a member of Congress and also Postmaster at Macon, Georgia was a descendant of John Hardeman and Anne Collier.

VI- Thomas Collier, son of Vines was living in Columbia County, Georgia, in 1792, the records are not very complete regarding his after life. He was born in 1771 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and evidently had a son by the name of Dr. William Collier who resided in Columbia County, Georgia, that read medicine in Philadelphia under Dr. Rush and in 1811 married Sarah Germany of Columbia County. This Dr. Collier died in 1825. There was a Thomas Collier a member of the Georgia Legislature H. R. from Pulaski County, in 1837-38-39 that was evidently a grandson of the Thomas Collier who resided in Columbia County in 1792. Thomas, subject of this sketch, died in 1826 and Benjamin Collier, his brother, administered on his estate.

John Collier who was born also in Brunswick County, Virginia, in 1780. He came from Virginia to Oglethorpe County with his father, Vines, in 1780. He was the first Tax Collector of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, and married Patsey Gresham in 1795 who was a daughter of John Gresham. John Collier was appointed Captain of the 345th Dist. Company Pulaski County June 20, 1812, and resigned August 11, 1813.

William, also son of Vines, born in 1775, Brunswick County, Virginia, came with his father to Georgia and married Sallie Powell in 1803. She was a daughter of Edward and Mary Powell. She had a sister, Mary, that married Vines Smith and a sister named Jemena that married Williamson Collier. It is not clear at this time what became of William's family after they left Oglethorpe County. It may come out in the records compiled later.

Vines Collier, born 1777 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and a son of Vines, also came with his father from Brunswick County, Virginia, and married Dorothy Raffety in 1802 and died in Wilkes County, Georgia. He evidently had no children. (GA)

Benjamin Collier, also son of Vines, born 1779, is said to have been a Judge of Crawford County, Georgia, yet some of the records show that he moved to Early County. Benjamin was named for his father's father, Benjamin Williamson of Virginia. He married Ann (Polly) in 1805 and it seems he died in 1830 and in his will mentioned the following legatees: Robert, William, Cuthbert, Williamson, Vines, Isaac, John H. Owens, Harrison King Smith, Thomas Dunn, Thomas G. Hardeman, Benjamin F. Hardeman, George Menefee.

Williamson Collier, likewise son of Vines, was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia in 1781, he married Jemena Powell in 1803, who was a daughter of Sallie Powell who married William Collier. Williamson had a son by the name of William who removed to Upson and Monroe County, Georgia, near The Rock and Barnesville, and died around 1872, and had grandchildren that were raised in the Upson section and resided and died in Upson County by the name of Vines Hicks, who resided at Meansville and near Hardaway who resided at Piedmont, Georgia. Williamson's family may be connected up a little later on.

Robert, son of Vines, was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, in 1783. He married Martha Marshall Booker of Putnam County, Georgia, in 1806. Robert moved early in life about 1820 to 24 to Upson County, Georgia, and settled three miles south of The Rock, and died in 1850. He is buried on the old Collier plantation which is still in the family. He never been out of the family and is owned by the heirs of Robert Collier 2nd who died in Atlanta, Georgia, October 26, 1924. Martha Marshall Booker died 1876 and is buried by the side of her husband on the old plantation. He was a large planter and large slave owner and represented Upson County in the Georgia Legislature H. R. four terms, 1826-27-33-36. In 1827 he was opposed by Joseph Sturgess and in 1826 Sturgess was declared elected but his seat was contested and he was unseated on November 21st, and Robert Collier was seated November 22, 1827. He was also elected a State Senator from Upson in 1827. He raised a large family which will come out later. Robert's last wish was he died were "I am done with the world" which appear in his will. His Bible now in possession of his great-grandson, Jena Cuthbert of Barnesville, Georgia. Many of the descendants of his slaves are still residing in 1924 at the old Collier homestead in Upson County.

Cuthbert Collier, also son of Vines, born 1785 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, removed to Monroe County, Georgia, and raised a large family. Many of the descendants are still in Monroe living around Cuthbert Station. Collier's Station was named for Cuthbert Collier, or as he was called at that time. John Marlin Collier was his son. As this writing it has been impossible to connect up all of the names of his family as there appears to have been possible two branches of the Collier family that came to Monroe County in the early 19th century.