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Barnesville, Georgia

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*Green City  
Texas*

Gentlemen;

I am endeavoring to secure some information regarding the family of Efford Cobb Collier. Efford Cobb Collier removed from Upson County Georgia in 1857 and is said to have settled in Cass County Texas. At that time there were several other citizens of Upson County that removed to Texas, one was Roswell Powell and the other James McCoy. There were also a lot of Staffords that left here about that time or a little later, have you any of these people in your community?

I understand that only a few years ago the widow of James McCoy, who was named Mrs. Fannie McCoy, was still living in your town, if she is yet living will you kindly hand her this letter and ask her to reply to same or if there are any of the Colliers in and around your town that belong to the family of Efford Cobb Collier will you kindly have them reply to this letter in order that I may arrange to secure information regarding this family?

Efford Cobb Collier was a brother to Robert Marshall Collier and son of Robert Collier of Upson County Georgia. I am a great grandson of Robert Collier and grandson of Robert Marshall. I herewith enclose stamped envelope for reply.

*Atlanta*

Very respectfully,

J.C. Collier.

JCC:C

*My Dear Mr Collier, I am a son of Roswell Powell who moved from Upson Co Ga in 1857 with the above mentioned parties except the Staffords who I know nothing of the Colliers went to Cass Tex pretty soon after the Civil War. I visited a brother George Powell at Conover Ga a few weeks ago & he told me there was one of the Collier descendants living there but I did not meet him if you would like you can get direct information. He said that the dear dead Roswell had much of the children was living about any place in Cass Co Tex. Very Respect  
W. Powell*

Nov. 14, 1923.

Mr. Geo. O. Powell,  
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Sir;

I have been endeavoring for a good many years to trace the family of Efford Cobb Collier that removed to Texas in 1857 from Upson County Georgia. A few days ago I learned that he and Roswell A. Powell and James McCoy all left Upson County at the same time together and went to Cass County Texas. I have written to every town in Cass County and am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. W.C. Powell of Queen City stating that Efford Cobb Collier's family moved from Cass County shortly after the Civil War and went to West Texas and he requested me to write you, that you were his Brother and that he visited you a short time ago and you stated that one of the Efford Collier descendants was then living in your City.

I would thank you to advise me and also hand him this letter for reply. My great-grandfather was named Robert Collier and his wife Martha Marshall Booker Collier, they had quite a few children and among them was Robert Marshall Collier who was brother of Efford Cobb Collier, Robert Marshall was my grandfather, my Father was Isaac Cuthbert Collier. I notice in looking over my Bradstreet directory that there is a firm of Collier & Sheen but I presume you will have no trouble in handing this letter to the proper one and also for your information I wish to say that my wife is a niece of Roswell Powell, her grandmother was Mrs. Elmira Stephens, a sister of Roswell Powell.

Awaiting your reply I beg to remain,

yours most respectfully,

J.C. Collier.

JCCLC  
Signed in absence of Mr. Collier.

Corpus Christi, Tx.

Nov, 19/25.

Mr J.C. Collier,  
Barnesville Ga--

My Dear Mr Collier--:-

Your very interesting letter recieved,  
so glad to hear from some one again from dear old Ga--.

Mr Jim Collier, I assume, a grand son on Mr E.C. Collier  
moved from Upson Co, Ga- in 1857 is now living in this City,  
but is out of town just now, but is expected back some time  
this week. As soon as he gets back, in accordance to a phone  
call from me, I assume he will call on me.

He ~~AAA/XX~~ I assume  
can give you the desired information wanted better than I can.  
I left Georgia when only three years old. Also left Douglassville  
Cass Co when fifteen years old, and have lived far from all my  
kin, hence know very little of my family tree, as I was telling  
Bro, Willie Powell last summer.

Am delighted to learn you married  
my sainted Farthers Neice, a daughter of my Aunt Elmira Stephens.  
I can remember Aunt Elmira, her memory is still green in memory.  
Please remember her kindly to me.

~~Love~~ I beleive I was a school mate  
with all of Mr E C. Lollier, Mr W.H. Scheen a member of Collier and  
Scheen is a son of Ella Peel, being a 2nd Cousin to me.  
My Father Rasswell had no middle name that I have known of, as  
you have it R.A. Powell. If you know of any one who desires a  
fine location for a cotton mill, refer them to Corpus Christi  
Texas, where we have the finest endacement to offer. Abundant  
Natural gas, and said to be the best long staple cotton country  
in the world at our back door. Be carefull Mr Collier, for if  
you should ever visit us in South West Texas, it might take a  
large size rope to pull you back to Dear old Georgia. All we need  
is to weed out the lawless eliment, and get better people in.

Further more, Command me.

Yours truly,

Geo. O. Powell

Nov. 24, 1923.

Mr. Geo. O. Powell,  
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of Nov. 19th to hand and noted and I am indeed glad to hear from you in reply to my letter of recent date.

I have the complete history of the Collier family from the Sixteenth Century on down. Robert Collier the original Englishman having been a merchant at London England at that time and I am simply after completing this record. My Father died in 1908 and I guess I was a bit careless before that time in getting exactly the whereabouts of the Collier family. I noticed in my Bradstreet directory a firm of Collier and Sheen and I wondered if they were members of the Collier family I was looking for. Back in 1911 and 1912 I wrote all over Texas to every Collier I could find listed in Bradstreet and found many Georgia Colliers the bulk of them being from around Albany or Harris County near Columbus.

Regarding the name R. A. Powell as mentioned in my letter this must have been a typographical error as I intended to say my wife's Father's name was Roswell A. Stephens who was the son of Jessie and Mrs. Elvira Stephens. My wife has a brother Dr. Roswell Powell Stephens that fills the chair of mathematics in the State University of Athens and one of the leading educators of the State.

Some day I expect to visit Texas going out as far as California but for the past several years my traveling has all been confined to business trips and I haven't been farther than New Orleans, Chicago, Minneapolis etc. West. We would be glad to have the pleasure of meeting you and be glad to have you visit us. Your Aunt Elmira only has two members of the family living. Mrs. J. H. Marchman The Rock, Ga. Upson County and Miss Sallie Stephens, Barnesville, Ga. Mrs. Stephens Sr. has been dead some ten or twelve years and was 96 years old I think when she died.

Very respectfully,

JCC:O

J.C. Collier.