

Goldthwaite Texas  
R.H. Jan 20 1924

Mr. J. C. Collier

Barnesville Ga.

Dear Sir

I am send You The Names  
and dates of Birth and Death  
of my Grandpa Family  
as it shows in my Grandpa  
Bible. Which my Aunt and your  
Cousin Has. Mrs Fannie Jackson.  
I notice in one letter you refer  
to my Fathers name as Isaac Cobb  
When it is Isaac Groves Collier  
my Grandpa Family <sup>came</sup> to Texas in  
1859. So Aunt Fannie said I  
believe she knows

over

Grandpa Effard Cobb Collier  
is buried at Duglessville Coss  
Co Texas. His wife was  
Elizabeth Singleton Harris  
I notice that you said Grandpa was Born  
May 7, 1811 as shown in his Father's  
Bible. it shows in Grandpa Bible  
to be May 4, 1811. Not much difference  
say I would be glad to have you  
come to see us if you would  
I think Aunt Fannie could  
help you out a good deal on  
getting the record straight,  
I would be glad to meet you at my  
R.R. Station which is Goldthwaite  
Hoping what I have write will  
help you. and if you think I  
could help you further just let  
me know I will do my best

To help You <sup>3</sup> all I Can.  
Would be glad to git a letter from  
You any time.

I am a Young Sprout 33 years  
old and have a Wife and six  
little Colliers 3 Boys and 3 Girls  
so You may know I dont git  
much lonesome.

Will Close Hoping to see You in  
The near future I remain  
Your very truly

Hardy R. Collier  
Goldthwaite

P. 4. Mills Co Tex

My Mother Mrs J. S. Collier  
git there mail on the same  
Party and out of same Box  
as I do.

Feb. 15, 1921.

Mr. Hardy R. Collier,  
Goldthwaite, Texas.  
Mills Co.

Dear Hardy;

Your letter of Jan. 20th came in due time and I want to apologise for not replying earlier and really I want to beg off today from writing a full reply because my desk has been loaded down with pressing business matters and I have also been out of town fully one third of the time. I will prepare, at my earliest convenience, a little schedule of your family from Uncle Efford Cobb on down in order that you may give me as near as possible full data including names etc. of his children and also his grandchildren. I had your Father down as Isaac Cobb and your Father's brother down as Efford Gathbert, these names were given me by your Cousin J. J. Collier and your Aunt Mrs. Efford Gathbert Collier of Corpus Christi, Texas, but I notice you have the name as Isaac Groves and of course you know your Father's name and I had it incorrect.

There is one thing I want to ask in this letter and that is ask your Aunt Fannie to have you write me all that she remembers during her childhood and before she left Georgia of the various incidents relating to our great Grandfather Robert Collier and his wife Martha Marshall Booker Collier. I remember my Great Grandmother, Martha Marshall Booker Collier when I was a very small child, she was blind for many years and I use to go to her home, she died in 1876 and I remember her funeral altho I was then very small. Thier old home is still owned by the family, Mr. Robert Marshall Collier the youngest living child of my Grandfather Robert Marshall Collier, Sr. he resides in Atlanta, Ga. I got my information regarding Efford Cobb Collier moving to Texas from John Thomas Blalock in October last fall. Mr. Blalock is still active but 86 years old, he is the son of Rhenben W. Blalock an old man that lived at The Rock and died when I was a boy.

In other words tell your Aunt Fannie to give you some data regarding the old families that lived around in that section of Upson County by the names of Stephens, Blalock, Matthews, Holloway, Hightower, Jackson, Trippe etc.

I am glad to know that your family is still prolific, that you have three boys and three girls and 33 years old. Our branch

Goldthwaite Texas  
R.H. Feb 21 1924

Mr. J. C. Collier

Dear Cousin

Your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> at hand  
Since I wrote you my  
Aunt Fannie went to visit  
Her Brother John Howard C.  
of Florence Tex I taken  
Her down there it is only  
about 65 miles from here  
I guess she will likely stay  
down there 3 or 4 weeks.

When she come home I will  
try and write you all she  
can think of in regards to  
those folks you was asking

about.

There is quite a bunch of Collings  
Here in Texas of our Kinfolks  
My Fathers Family Consisted  
of 5 boys and 3 girls and  
my Uncles all except Uncle  
Edd Has big Families Uncle  
Edd Hasnt any Children  
Our address Was Center City  
for a Number of Years but  
as The R.F.D Routes Come  
so plentiful They Kill The  
Center City Post Office  
We live about 5 miles from  
The Center City Store

You Write me if you think  
of any thing more in the  
next 3 or 4 weeks and when  
Aunt Fannie get Home  
I will try and Write you  
then in regards to the questions  
ask. Say why dont you come  
up to see us we are all  
just Common Clod Hoppers  
But would be glad to have <sup>you</sup>  
all with us.

With Best Wishes to you all  
I beg to remain  
Your very sincerely  
H. R. Collier

Feb. 25, 1924.

Mr. H. R. Collier,  
Goldwaithe, Tex.  
R-4.

Dear Sir;

I have yours of Feb. 21st. and thank you very much for your prompt reply. Some day during the coming spring and summer I expect to make a visit out in Mexico and will stop off in Texas as I have quite a few friends that use to live here in Barnesville that I want to see besides becoming acquainted with your family.

I would appreciate it very much if your Aunt Fannie could get up a photograph of her Father, Uncle Efford, to send me to have a copy made from as I am getting up as many of the old photographs as possible. I wrote to John Howard Collier a few days ago and of course your Aunt Fannie will see the letter.

With usual sincere regards from all of us, I remain

Sincerely,

JCC:G



April 28, 1924.

Mr. H. R. Collier,  
Goldthwaite, Tex.  
R-4.

Dear Hardy;

I have your letter of April 21st. and certainly appreciate your prompt reply. Any time in answering my inquiries don't allow it to neglect your business as I know you are busy with your own affairs and can't always attend to the little things I may ask you to do.

I have about gotten all the family data together in regard to your branch of the family. Just in a few days I will send you a complete blank to be filled out regarding ages, births and dates of the whole family where I don't understand them from the data I already have.

In dictating my former letter in the first part of the letter you will notice I was under the impression that the picture you referred to was my great Grandfather Robert Collier but before getting through with my letter I read your letter over again and discovered it was your Great Grandfather Efford Cobb. Yes I would appreciate having his photograph copied in a 8 X 10 size if possible and I will pay the bill for copying same. You might have two of these photographs made for me as I want them to hand them down to the coming generations and would like a picture of a good quality, well made that will wear and not fade out.

Tell your Aunt Fannie that Mr. John Thomas Blalock was in my office yesterday having returned from Florida and he talked with me for quite a while regarding the Efford Cobb Collier family and he remembers as a school boy your Aunt Fannie quite well and says that the Jacksons were related to the Blalocks, his family. I also showed him two or three letters from you and he was very much interested in them. Mr. Blalock's wife was Emma Tyler, daughter of old Capt. Tyler and before the Civil War they lived at Hightower's Mill down in Upson County which would be East by two or three miles from where Fryer Matthews and Blalock lived. John Thomas Blalock is now 84 years old but still quite active. His wife was a school mate of my Mother's and she is about 76 years

My Mother was a daughter of John Means that lived before War up near Zebulon in old Pike County, the village is now known as Mansville and can be found on any Southern Railroad map. Your Aunt Fannie might remember the Means family.

It seems that Efford Cobb's family in Texas after the Civil War did not keep in touch with Robert Marshall Collier's family that res

Dec. 23, 1934.

Mr. Hardy R. Collier,  
Goldthwaite, Texas.

R-4.

Dear Hardy;

I had the store here send you out a small Xmas package for Cousin Fannie, your Mother, wife and yourself which I trust has reached you all O.K. It was sent with our very best good wishes for a happy Xmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely,

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in Upson County, I would like to know just how long that your family in Texas kept in touch with the Upson County family before they finally dropped their correspondence. Your Aunt Fannie I guess can give you these facts.

Mr. Blalock asked also about your Aunt Sallie but I told him she was dead. He also seems to remember the oldest boy, brother of your Aunt Fannie, which was Efford Cuthbert father of J.J. Collier. He was quite interested and expects to talk with me again some time when I have the time to take the matter up.

I notice that your family out in Texas are not keeping up the old Collier family names. Please ask them to keep this up as the names have been handed down from way back behind the Colonial days or from the 14th Century. The names were Robert, Isaac, Chas. William, Vines etc. There is a Howard Collier living here in town, a young boy about 25 or 30 years old, that belongs to the Monroe County Colliers whose ancestor was named Cuthbert Collier and Cuthbert was a brother of my Great Grandfather Robert Collier. The names have been kept very closely together here in Georgia.

Very sincerely,

JCC:C