

Jan. 20, 1925.

Mrs. A. M. Harryman,  
1111 Stevens St.,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Harryman;

I am just in receipt of your letter and am replying promptly for the reason that I have so much of this correspondence in regard to the Collier Family genealogy that it will not do to allow the matter to stand any length of time.

I have brought the Collier family records all the way from the fifteenth century up to and including the children of Vines Collier who came from Virginia to Georgia in 1780 and settled in Oglethorpe County. He was the Father of thirteen children, nine boys and four girls and one of these boys was Robert Collier who settled in Upson Co. Ga. and died in 1850 long before my day. His wife, Martha Booker Collier, died in 1876. He raised a large family, the boys were named William Vines, Efford Cobb, Isaac Cuthbert, Robert Marshall. Robert Marshall was my grandfather and died in 1896. I have been unable to learn the year that William Vines died, I have the record of the death and birth of Efford Cobb and Isaac Cuthbert, Isaac Cuthbert is buried in Rosehill Cemetery at Macon, Ga. and Efford Cobb at Douglasville, Cass Co., Texas. William Vines was the oldest boy of Robert and Martha Booker Collier and died in Winton somewhere around 1850 to 1860, Winton was then a suburb of Columbus but is now a part of Columbus. I have the date of William Vines birth as I now own the old family Bible of Robert and Martha Booker Collier but I don't know the date of William Vines death or just where he is buried. I have been endeavoring for several years to find this out as William Vines married Martha Raines of Harris Co. Ga. but they left no children.

The daughters of Robert and Martha Booker Collier were:

Edith Louise who married a Sharman.  
Sarah who married a Parham.  
    who married a Menafee  
    who married an Evans.

The Menafee's and Evans' lived in Alabama near Columbus, Ga., the Parhams lived in Meriweather Co. Ga. Sarah who married a Parham secondly married a Lovett her first husband having died. Her descendants are the leading people of LaGrange, the Dunsons, Truitts etc. married her daughters.

I would like for you to write me and tell me just what old family photographs you have belonging to Robert Collier or his

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children. I would like to get a photograph of Robert Collier who was my great grandfather. Cousin Fannie over at Goldthwaite, Tex. has had Hardy Collier write me quite a few letters and she sent me a tin-type of Uncle Efford and I had a lot of photographs made and sent one back to all of the family including J.J. Collier of Corpus Christi but I presume she had no photograph of Robert Collier, our Great Grandfather. Have you a photograph of any of Robert Collier's children, for instance William Vines or Isaac Cuthbert or any of the girls that I have named above? If you have any of these photographs then I would like to borrow them to have copies made from, you of course would have to put the names on them or attach a tag so I would know and not get the names mixed up and send them to me by parcel post insured and then registered.

I think Cousin Fannie has the Efford Cobb family Bible but they have sent me practically all their records including your father, Wesley Harris Collier, but they didn't tell me much about him as it appears he has been married several times.

Kindly write me, giving me a complete history of your father's family, Wesley Harris Collier, his age, date of birth, where he now lives, names of his children likewise the names of the several ladies he has married as I understand he has been married some two or three times.

I am in close touch with all the other members of Efford Cobb's family, viz. Edward Flewellen at Hext Texas, Mrs. Efford Cobb Collier at Waco etc.

Regarding Dr. A. S. Cochran he is a very prominent citizen and I guess you would find him if you would look in the El Paso City directory as he is a very active man. He is a grandson of A. Stafford who was a neighbor and personal friend of my Grandfather Robert Marshall Collier before the Civil war when they lived in Upson County together. Don't forget I have all the other records of Efford Cobb except a complete record of Wesley Harris. I have a complete record of the Collier family in England as above mentioned. Some day I hope to see you and know you personally.

With best regards to your husband and the balance of the family, I am

Most sincerely,

JCC.C

JENA CUTHBERT COLLIER  
MEMBER GEORGIA STATE SENATE  
TWENTY SECOND DISTRICT  
BARNESVILLE  
GA  
MAY 26 1929  
TEXAS



Mr. John L. Collier,  
Mexia, Texas.



March 15, 1925.

Mrs. A. M. Harryman,  
El Paso, Texas.

My Dear Cousin;

I am just in receipt of your letter of Feb. 25th giving me the data and information regarding your Father's family. I appreciate very much this information. During the spring, after the weather gets better, it is my wish to visit Texas and if I do I will take pleasure in trying to come by and see you as I would want to call on my old friend Dr. Alvin Stafford Cochran now in your City.

The reason I would like for you to know Dr. Cochran is that he is a grandson of Alvis Stafford who lived at The Rock in Upson County, Ga. at the time Efford Cobb Collier and before Uncle Efford went to Texas. In other-words Dr. E. A. Flowellen, Robert Marshall Collier, my Grandfather; Efford Cobb Collier, your Grandfather; Alvis Stafford; Fryer Matthews; Reuben Blalock; Jessie Stephens, my wife's Grandfather; Roswell A. Powell, my wife's Grandmother's brother; Thomas Andrews; the McCoys of whom Cousin Fannie Jackson knew quite well; likewise the Jacksons into whose family Cousin Fannie married; the Trippes; the Rawls etc. were all neighbors on the old red hills of Upson Co. Of course long before my day but fortunately I have kept up with this history. If you happen to ever meet Dr. Cochran mention all these things and he will immediately recall them. My Father's oldest brother, Thomas Collier, married a niece of Alvis Stafford, her name was Sarah Stafford. Unfortunately he was killed during the Civil War between the States.

I notice your Father was born before Uncle Efford moved to Texas, of course your Father remembers nothing of Georgia as apparently he was only five years old at the time his Father left here.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Hardy Collier of Goldthwaite, Tex. for him to show to Cousin Fannie as the copy will doubtless be very interesting reading to her.

With my most sincere regards and good wishes to all of you I beg to remain,

Yours most respectfully,

JCC:C

Copy to John L. Collier, Mexia, Tex.  
" " Wm. B. Collier, Orange, Tex. Box 397.  
" " Wesley Harris Collier, Tuleta, Tex.

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Mr. J. C. Collier  
Barnsville Ga

Dear Cousin

Your letter of this date received stating that you would be in for us tomorrow & after checking train schedules we find that it will be necessary for us to start home today. We regret very much that it will be impossible for us

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To visit you in your home & meet your family however we must be home as soon as possible.

We have enjoyed our stay in your state very much & only hope that we will have an opportunity to come again & have more time

Hope you will have an opportunity to visit us soon

Your cousin  
Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Hershman