

BENJAMIN, who was named for his grandfather, Benjamin Williamson, of Virginia, and who married Anne Howard in 1805 and died around 1830. In his will he mentioned the following legatees: Robert, William, Cuthbert, Williamson, Vines, Isaac, Benjamin, John H. Owens, Harrison King Smith, Thomas Dunn, Thomas G. Jones, Benjamin F. Hardeman, and George Menafee. The records show that he removed to Early County, Ga., or it might have been his son.

WILLIAMSON, who likewise came to Georgia from Virginia with his father, Vines, in 1781 and married Jemena Powell in 1803, who was a sister of Sallie Powell that married William. He was likewise named for his grandfather, Benjamin Williamson, of Virginia. Williamson later moved to Upson County, Ga., and had a son by the name of William Merrill. He lived around in Monroe and Upson Counties and died in 1872, and was buried on the farm in Redbone District of Monroe County, which is now Lamar County, and in 1925 his remains were disinterred and removed to lot of J. C. Collier at Barnesville, Georgia. He was buried in a metallic casket which was found to be perfect and which had been in the ground over 50 years and intact in every way. He left three children, all of whom are deceased. Their names were Greene Hardeman, Vines Hicks, and Savannah, who married a Ferguson and left no children.

ROBERT, who married Martha Booker, of Putnam County, on May 1, 1806, and removed to Upson along about 1822 to 1824 and died in 1850 and was buried on the old farm three miles south of The Rock, Georgia. Robert was a large planter, a large slave owner, and owned twenty to thirty plantations. He was a member of the Georgia Legislature four terms, viz.: 1826-27-35-36, and a member of the Georgia State Senate two terms, 1841-42. He raised a large family.

The writer is a great-grandson of Robert and Martha Booker Collier.

Vines had one other son named CUTHBERT Collier, who was born in Oglethorpe County in 1785. He removed along about 1822 to 1824 to Monroe County, Georgia, residing near Collier's Station on the Central of Georgia Railway. This Station was named for him. He had a son by the name of John Marlin; also several other children. He has descendants living here at Barnesville, Georgia.

There was another Collier residing about this time in Monroe County by the name of John T. Collier, who was a very prosperous planter. But up to the present time have not been able to connect him with this family.

After you have read this letter carefully, I would appreciate it if you would fill in the enclosed blank that I am sending you. Give me all the information possible regarding your antecedents, as I am preparing a Genealogy of the Collier family. Our collateral branch.

The Robert, of Stone, Staffordshire, England, had a grandson, Isaac Collier, Jr., who came to Virginia about 1650. This Isaac Collier married Sarah Lockey, sister of John Edward Lockey, of London, England.

The Vines Collier I speak of is our direct ancestor and was a grandson of this Isaac, who came to America in 1650.

Requesting your attention as promptly as possible after giving same careful thought, I beg to remain

Yours most faithfully,

J. C. Collier.