

Colvin Family

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A Short History of the COLVIN FAMILY

COLVIN TRAITS

The Colvins were originally from England and being of English descent we cannot trace their original seat. No one can name correctly the races of Britain. Defoe said in his wrath, "The Englishman is the mud of all races." Emerson was inclined to believe that, as, water, lime and sand make mortar, so certain temperaments married well, and by well managed contrarities, developed such a drastic a character as the English.

The Colvins are a well marked English type, the ruddy complexion, fair and plump, robust men, with faces cut like a die, an instinct with a spirit of order and calculation. They speak with their whole body. Their vivacity betrays itself at all points in their manners, in their respiration, and the inarticulate noises they make in clearing the throat all significant of burly strength. They may be contradictorily described as sour, splenetic and stubborn, and as mild, sweet, and sensible. The truth is, they have a great range and variety of character. They are good lovers, good haters, slow but obstinate admirers, and in all things, very much steeped in their temperament, like men hardly awaked from deep sleep which they enjoy. Take them as they come, you shall find in the common Colvins a surly indifference, sometimes gruffness. They are headstrong and defenders of their opinion. Their looks tell an invincible stoutness; they have extreme difficulty to run from a fight, and will the die game. They dare to displeas, they do not speak to expectation. Each one of them has an opinion which he feels it becomes him all the more it differs from yours. They have a great range of scale, from ferocity to exquisite refinement. They wish neither to command or obey, but to be kings of their own houses.

HUBERT PARK SMITH.

A short history of the COLVIN family as it was handed down to as by my father, A. H. Colvin, which was given to him by his father and others of the family.

The Colvins were originally from England, having emigrated to this country and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., in the year 1730. Our Great great grandfather, John Colvin, with his wife, Hannah, who was a Price, and many other families, among whom were the Cornwells, Simpson, Elem, DeGraffenried, Brown, Jennings and Hardwick families, settled on Broad and Sandy River, Chester County, S. C., in the year 1751, He raised a large family: seven sons and four daughters. The sons were William, Thomas, Edward, Nicholas, John, Daniel and Talton. The daughters were Peggy and Lavicy, who married Jesse and Dempsey Simpson; two married

Eli and William Cornwell. They both lived to be very old and were buried in the Old Colvin graveyard on Sandy River, with a large rock to mark their last resting place. Thomas married a Mobley. He moved to Alabama, where he died. We know nothing of his descendents. Nicholas married an Elem and remained in S. C., where he died. He was the great grandfather of J. B. Wright, who died in Ruston several years ago, and was also the father of Eli Colvin from whom descended Thurman Colvin, now living, near Knowles in this Parish.

John married a Hardwick and moved to Green Co., Ala., where he died. He was the father of old Col. John Colvin who died in this Parish in 1861 and was the first Colvin to be buried in the Unionville Cemetery. Daniel married Susan Huey. He left S. C. in 1807 and went to Kentucky where he remained for a short time, when he moved to this State, settling on Colvin Creek near Vienna, where he and his wife died and were buried near that place. He had two sons, Jephtha and Daniel, and one daughter, who married a Johnson. Jephtha married a Rainey. They had four sons and three daughters. Daniel, the oldest son, married a Mixon. One of his sons, David, died near Vienna. Two of his daughters married Hedgepeths, whose descendents are still living in this parish and doing well. One daughter married a Lyles, whose descendents also live in this parish. William married a Richards. They had two children, James, who accidentally shot himself near Ruston, and a daughter who married Eugene Smith.

Thomas, better known as Cousy Tom, married Cynthia Sealey. They raised one son and three daughters to be grown. Fannie, the oldest daughter, first married Woodrough Colvin and after his death she married Ike LeGuin. May married Pink Owens, who is now living near Hico in this parish. Jack Colvin married America Bennett. They raised two sons and two daughters, now dead. Eliza Colvin married John Huey, who was killed in Vienna. Maria married a Van Hook. One of her daughters married J. J. Neilsen, one married S. P. Colvin, and one married John D. Hodge and later A. F. Coleman. Her sons, Allen and John, have descendents living in this parish.

Talton Colvin belonged to the United States Army and was massacred at Ft. Mims.

Edward Colvin married a Pratt and moved to Georgia. He was the father of David Colvin who settled two miles west of Vienna in 1848. A great many of his descendents are still living in this parish; while some of them have moved to Texas.

William, our great grandfather, was the oldest child, He served with his father in the Revolutionary War under General Sumpter, He married Mattie Feaster, a native of Germany, who also settled on Broad River in Fairfield Co., S. C with many other immigrants They raised ten children, seven sons and three daughters. The sons were William, John, Charner Jacob, Edward, Bynum and Andrew; the daughters, Hannah, Susan Mattie. Hannah, the oldest, married a Davis, and moved to Ala, We know nothing of her descendents. Susan married a Cockerel and moved to Ala. her daughter, Julia, married Thomas Lyles who settled in this State before the war and lived not far from Ruston. I suppose the descendents are still living in this state. Mattie married a Love and moved to Ala. She was found murdered in her own house. William married a Carter and moved to Chambers Co., Ala., where he died at the age 106. He had three sons to move to Arkansas; John and Edward who settled in Bradley Co., in 1857, and Thomas who settled in Lafayette Co in 1859. They raised large families and some of them still remain in

Arkansas. John Colvin was a twin brother to William. He moved to Mississippi and settled in Pontotoc Co., He had three sons to die in the Mexican war. From him descended Thomas, better known as Little Nasty Tom. He married Nancy Ellen Colvin, a daughter of David Colvin. They raised four daughters. The oldest, Mollie, married G. Laurence; the second, Lou married John Skinner; Addie, third, married Harry Madden; Dollie, the youngest, married Dan Johnson, who was also a great grandson of Daniel Colvin. They all raised large families who are honored and respected by all. Most of their descendents still live in this parish. Edward married a Stone and moved to Alabama. where he died. Most of his descendents moved to Smith Co., Texas, in the year 1848. We know nothing of their history. Charner married a Coleman and moved first to Alabama then to Smith Co., Texas, we know nothing of his family. Byrum moved to Alabama; we have no account of his family nor that of Jacob, who married a Love.

Andrew, out grandfather, was born in South Carolina in 1782. He married Jemima Petrie, who was born in 1785. Her father, Peter Petrie, was a native of Scotland. They raised thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters. seven of the sons married Crosbys. One son, Petrie, never married, Eight of the children lived to be over eighty years of age and none died under forty-nine. Andrew, Mabry, John, Ainsley, Mattie, Tims and Grandmother left S. C, in 1853 and landed at Vienna, this Parish, on the 24th day of December, the same year. Uncle Thomas came a few months later and Uncle Garland and Uncle William a few years later; also Aunt Pollie Mayfield and Aunt Susan Hedgepeth. Still a little later Uncle Alfred moved to Alabama and Uncle Hazel to Mississippi; where be died and after his death his widow moved to this State about 1859 where she died. Grandfather Colvin died in South Carolina, while Grandmother died in this State and was buried at Mineral Springs Graveyard, Aunt Caroline, Uncle Mabry's wife, is the only one now living who moved from South Carolina. (Later) She died in 1917.

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