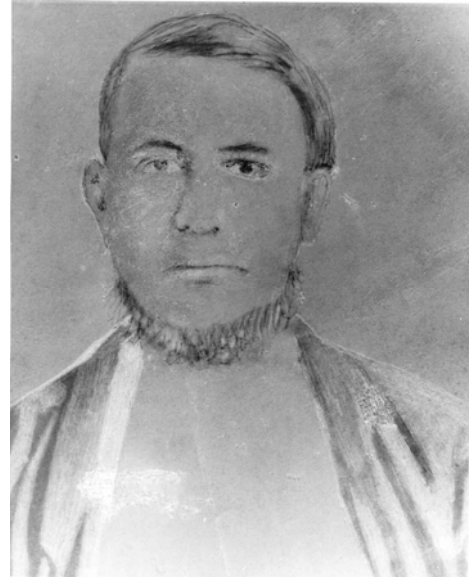


Thomas Ralph **Colvin**, born 14-Apr-1820 in Chester Co., SC, (son of Andrew **Colvin** and Jemima Petrie) died 6-May-1880 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, buried in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.



Thomas Ralph Colvin

“Major Thomas R. **Colvin** was born in Chester District, South Carolina in 1820. He received the title "Major" during the Civil War as he was assigned to care for a large portion of the country at home, looking after the welfare of others, also to report to headquarters if any of the northern troops were likely to invade this portion of land.

Major Thomas married Mary Ann Crosby, who was born at Chester Co., South Carolina. To this union were born thirteen children, 2 died in infancy.

He was a good fiddler and showed his love for music while very young. His father did not like the idea of his becoming a musician so Thomas slipped around and bought a fiddle and before his father knew it he was a good fiddler. His father finally consented to his playing at home. This old fiddle, which is made of two kinds of imported wood, is still in the family.

Thomas R. **Colvin** and family left South Carolina in the early fall of 1852. The winter rains made their trip long and tiresome. Their first difficulty was in a swamp in the state of Miss. They stopped to buy corn from a man who informed them about swamp waters. His offer to pull their wagons through the mud was finally accepted. They arrived in Louisiana in the early spring, found plenty of wild game, especially geese, also large forest and plenty of land to clear. The main object for coming to Louisiana was to gain more land, as South Carolina was rapidly being thickly settled and large tracts of land were scarce.

Major Tom bought the old home place from a Mr. Dunn near Vienna on Cypress Creek. This house was near plenty of water and wood and both were easily obtained, as negroes did most of the work. They lived here several years before building a colonial house on a hill two miles away.

Major Tom was like most all the **Colvins**, He was big hearted and very generous. He was a big talker, loved company and his house was always opened to any one at all times to stay as long as he desired. He was the "dude" of the family, wore hand pleated shirts with gold buttons down the front. His face was clean shaven, but he wore short whiskers under the chin and side of his neck. He always carried a walking cane. He weighed over two hundred pounds until shortly before his death. He, like most of the **Colvins**, had plenty of negroes, mules, land and dogs. He loved to hunt, fish or any kind of out door sport.

He was a Representative from Lincoln Parish to the Constitutional Convention in 1870 at New Orleans. He was a member of the General Assembly and represented his district.

Major Tom was a bookkeeper by profession, but his wife inherited a number of slaves and gold which induced him to farm. He also had a horse gin and store. He died in 1880 at the age of sixty and was buried at his old home place near Vienna. He was the eight child of Andrew and Jemima **Colvin**.¹

He married Mary Ann Crosby, married 1849 in Chester Co., SC,² born 18-Feb-1834, (daughter of Allen Crosby and Mary Hughes) died 6-Aug-1893 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, buried in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

I could not locate Thomas R. **Colvin** in the 1850 census, however I was able to locate him and his family in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses. According to the censuses he was living in South Carolina in 1850, because his two oldest children list as their place of birth as South Carolina. In looking for Mary Ann Crosby in the 1850, she is not living with her mother, only her sister Elizabeth age 20 is living with her mother and her brother Andrew Crosby is living next door to his mother. This would indicate that Thomas & Mary Ann were married ca 1849-mid 1850.

Dwelling #	Family #	Head of Family	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of real estate	Value of personal estate	Place of Birth	School this year	Can't read or write	Deaf, blind, insane, etc.
1860 County: Jackson State: LA Post office/City: Vienna Date: 16th Sept 1860												
Page: 20												
126	126	Thomas R. Colvin	40	M	W	Farmer	14000	1200	SC			
		Mary A. Colvin	25	F	W	Domestic			SC			
		Hugh Colvin	10	M	W				SC	X		
		Susan E. Colvin	8	F	W				SC	X		
		Woodrough Colvin	6	M	W				LA			
		Phillip B. Colvin	4	M	W				LA			
		Martha Colvin	2	F	W				LA			

Dwelling #	Family #	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1870 was this family	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of		Place of Birth	Mo. If b. this yr.	Mo. If m. this yr.	School this yr.	Can't read or write	Deaf, blind, idiotic, etc.	Male citizen
							Real Estate	Personal estate							
1870 - County: Jackson State: LA Post Office: Vienna Page/Frame: 41															
		Colvin T.R.	50	M	W	Farmer	3244	2000	SC						X
		Colvin M.A.	38	F	W	Keeping House			SC						
		Colvin W.H.	20	M	W	Working Farm			SC						
		Colvin S.E.	14	F	W				SC		X				
		Colvin N.	15	M	W				LA		X				
		Colvin P.B.	13	M	W				LA		X				
		Colvin R.M.	11	F	W				LA		X				
		Colvin N.	9	M	W				LA		X				
		Colvin J.B.	7	M	W				LA		X				
		Colvin G.A.	5	M	W				LA						
280	279	Colvin C.L.	2	M	W				LA						

Lincoln Parish was created from Jackson Parish prior to the 1880 census.

Dwelling #	Family #	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1880 was this family	Color	Sex	Age	Relation to head of family	Born this year	Occupation	Attended school	Can't r. or wr.	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of Mother
1880 - County: Lincoln State: LA Page#: 34 Super. Dist. #: 3 Enum. Dist. #: 38 Twp./city/street address: Ward No. 5 Date: 14th&15th June 1880													
290	300	Colvin, Mary	W	F	48	Head		Keeping house			SC	SC	SC
		Colvin, Sallie E.	W	F	27	Dau		Teacher			SC	SC	SC
		Colvin, Rhoda M.	W	F	20	Dau		Assists mother			SC	SC	SC
		Colvin, Thomas Y.	W	M	18	Son		Farmer			LA	SC	SC
		Colvin, John B.	W	M	17	Son		Farm labor	X		LA	SC	SC
		Colvin, Garland	W	M	14	Son		Farm labor	X		LA	SC	SC
		Colvin, Pearlie L.	W	F	8	Dau					LA	SC	SC
		Colvin, Edie F.	W	F	7	Dau					LA	SC	SC
		Colvin, Minnie	W	F	5	Dau					LA	SC	SC

Note: I transcribed the names as I read them, in some cases the census takers got the name wrong or misspelled.

Below is part of the probate recorded for Thomas R. **Colvin**, he died intestate, meaning he had no will. This would lead me to believe that his death was sudden and/or unexpected.

“To the Honorable the Judge of the third Judicial District Court in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana.

The petition of Mary **Colvin** a resident of your said Parish and State shows unto your Honor that she was legally married to Thomas R. **Colvin** who died intestate on May the 6th AD 1880, in said Parish, where he reside, leaving real and personal property belonging to the community of acquits and gains which existed between your Petitioner and said Thomas R. **Colvin**, and left the following children issue of said marriage and legal heirs of said Thomas R. **Colvin**: William A. H. **Colvin**, Sarah E. **Colvin**, Laurence W. **Colvin**, Preston B. **Colvin**, Rhoda **Colvin**, all of whom are of age and reside in said Parish, and Thomas Y. **Colvin**, John B. **Colvin**, Garland H. **Colvin**, Pearly L. **Colvin**, Eda M. **Colvin** and Minnie B. **Colvin**, who are minors, and reside with the Petitioners. She shows that an inventory of all the property belonging to said succession should be made in the interest of the minors, and that a tutor and under tutor should be appointed or confirmed for the minors, and she claims that she is entitled to the tutorship, and concludes this petition by praying that the tutorship of the minors herein named be conferred on her and that she be qualified as their natural executrix and that J. W. Williams, Clerk of the Court of Lincoln Parish be commanded to take an inventory of all the property belonging to the succession of said Thomas R. **Colvin** and that he appoint and qualify appraisers and make due return of the inventory according to law. She prays that as under tutor he appointed for said minors, and for general relief.

Jno B. Holstead
Attorney for Petitioner

Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana

The above petition being considered together with the law it is hereby ordered that J.W. Williams Clerk of the District Court of Lincoln Parish make an inventory and appraisement according to law of all the property belonging to the succession of Thomas R. **Colvin**, deceased. This done read and signed in chambers on this the 1st day of September 1880. E.M. Graham

Judge 3rd District, LA

State of Louisiana, Parish of Lincoln

By reason of the law and the evidence considered in connection with the above application it is hereby ordered and decreed that Mary **Colvin** be and she is hereby appointed and confirmed as natural executrix to Thomas Y., John B., Garland H. Pearly L., Eda M., Minnie B., **Colvin**, children of Thomas R. **Colvin**, deceased, who her qualifying as the law directs; and it is further ordered and decreed that M {T}³ **Colvin** resident of Lincoln Parish, LA., be and is hereby appointed under tutor for the above mentioned minors upon his qualifying as the law requires – This done read and signed in chambers on this the 10th day of September AD 1880. E.M. Graham, Judge 3rd Dist. La.”⁴

Children of Thomas Ralph Colvin & Mary Ann Crosby

1. William Andrews Hugh **Colvin** born 16-Jul-1850 He married Nancy Nettie Mitchell, married 20-Jul-1870, born 3-Jan-1853, died 26-Nov-1902.
2. Sarah Elizabeth 'Sallie' **Colvin** born 9-Sep-1852 died 11-Aug-1917.

She married Andrew Jackson Pipes, married 19-Mar-1884, born 02-May-1851 in Union Parish, Louisiana, (son of Washington Pipes⁵ and Lavinia Barnes) died 21-May-1942.

“Andrew Jackson Pipes (336) (Washington³, Philip², Abner¹) was born on 5/2/1851 in Union Parish, Louisiana. He married Sarah Angeline Norris on 12/21/1876 in Lincoln Pa., Louisiana. He married Sally Elizabeth **Colvin** on 3/19/1884 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana; Recorded in Marriage Book B Page 353. He died on 5/21/1942 in Parmer Co., Texas, at age 91. He was buried on 5/24/1942 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Clovis, Curry Co., New Mexico. The Birth and Death Dates for Andrew Jackson Pipes are taken from his head stone in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

There are reports that A.J. Pipes was married a third time, but affidavits filed in regards to an estate settlement dispute, prove conclusively that he was only married twice.

Here is an excerpt from the Affidavit of 1938: Filed in: THE STATE OF TEXAS



Sarah “Sallie” **Colvin**

COUNTY OF GAINES:

Before me, the undersigned authority, a notary public, in and for Curry County, State of New Mexico, on this day personally appeared A. J. Pipes, who is well known to me, and who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

"I am now in my 87th year. I reside at the present time in Clovis, New Mexico. I moved to Texas in the year 1900. I resided for a few years, after coming to Texas in Coleman and Jones Counties, Texas. I have been married twice during my life time. I am now a widower and did not remarry after the death of my second wife."

"My first wife's name was Sarah E. She died intestate in Lincoln Parish, La., on October 8, 1882. We had a farm of 320 acres of land and a small amount of personal property. I administered upon her estate. I do not remember the exact nature of the proceedings, nor which court therein Lincoln Parish it was in. Kirk McGee and John B. Wright as sureties executed a small bond with me. My wife had left surviving two children, being two sons, named: Marshall M. Pipes and Clarence E. Pipes. Clarence E. Pipes died about 4 years ago while sheriff of Gray County Texas, and Marshall M. Pipes is still living. Shortly after these sons became of legal age, I settled with them in full for their share of their mother's estate, paying each in cash his part of the same. This settlement was full and complete and to their satisfaction; neither of these sons have ever at any time since made any demands or requests of me in respect to said estate or said settlement.

"My second wife's name was Sally E. We resided in Coleman and Jones Counties, Texas, for many years. She died intestate in Jones County, Texas August 15th, 1917. There was never any administration of her estate, there being no necessity for the same. There was born to this marriage the following children: (1) Major T. Pipes, a son, born January 26, 1886. (John H. Pipes, being the same and one person.)

(2) J. H. Pipes, a son, born October 15, 1887. He was married one time. His wife's name was Francis, sometimes called, "Frankie." There were no children born to this union. He died intestate in Jones County, Texas, November 2, 1918, and there was never any administration on his estate, as none was necessary. (3) Mary Pipes, now the wife of E. I. Hester, residing in Clovis, N. Mex. "6

3. Preston Brooks **Colvin** born 12-Sep-1856 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 9-Jan-1906 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. He married Ludella Holland, married 24-Nov-1877, born 5-Aug-1860, died 15-Jan-1949.
4. Lawrence Woodruff **Colvin** born 22-Nov-1857 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 02-Aug-1892. He married Fannie E **Colvin**, married 12-Jan-1874, born 02-Nov-1857, (daughter of Thomas 'Couey' **Colvin** and Cynthia Sealy) died 4-Oct-1933.
5. Rhoda Missouri 'Tiny' **Colvin** born 9-Oct-1858 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 6-Jan-1944. She married James M Scaife, married 18-Dec-1881, born 19-Jan-1860, died 10-Aug-1912.
6. Thomas Yancy **Colvin** born 24-Dec-1860 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 21-Feb-1941. He married Mary Idera Lisette Ball, married 27-Dec-1883, born 25-Nov-1864, died 29-Apr-1957.
7. John Brakinridge **Colvin** born 27-Jan-1863 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 29-Aug-1910. He married Lillie L Gibson, married 19-Jan-1893, born 10-Sep-1863, died 24-Dec-1918.

8. Garland Allen **Colvin** born 18-Nov-1865 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 24-Apr-1931. He married Sarah Ophelia Smith, married 18-Jan-1890, born 23-Dec-1872, died 12-Feb-1946.
9. Chester Lee **Colvin**, born 20-Jul-1867 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 8 Aug-1870 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, LA, buried in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, LA.
10. Mary Victoria **Colvin**, born 18-Feb-1869 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, LA, died 20-Mar-1870 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, LA, buried in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, LA.
11. Pearl Lee **Colvin** born 5-Oct-1871 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 30-Apr-1956. She married Jesse A Lowery, married 13-Dec-1893, born 18-Dec-1870, died 22-Mar-1944.
12. Edith May **Colvin** born born 20-Aug-1873 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. She married Joseph B O'Neal, married 4-Jan-1904, born 7-Jul-1849, died 31-Jan-1916.
13. Minnie Blanche **Colvin** born 4-Jan-1876 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, died 12-May-1917. She married James Robert Atkins, married 6-Oct-1897, born 5-Dec-1875, died 31-Jan-1916.

¹ "Colvin and Allied Families" pp. 114-116 by Baker Colvin 1508 Risinger Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277-2014

² "Chester Co., Marriages Implied in Probate Records" p. 85.

³ {} indicate word or letter I'm unsure of.

⁴ Probate records (1873-1881) Lincoln Parish Louisiana LDS# 0279141

⁵ <http://www.pipesfamily.com/abner0001.htm#id336>

⁶ Ibid