

DRAKES OF WARREN & NASH COUNTIES

Oral history in my family was that our Drakes descended from Sir Francis Drake c.1540-1596, son of Edmond Drake of Crowndale. When I began putting genealogies together for our surnames, I was quick to discover that Sir Francis had no known children and had to break the news to aunts who had been weaned on the story. It was also interesting to note that Sir Francis's second wife, Elizabeth Sydenham, was of the same family connected with Walter Fitz, claimed ancestor of the Warren County Fitts family by James Harris Fitts (now questionable). In the 1970s, when I first delved into the Drakes of Warren and Nash Counties, it was apparent that there was a connection to the Drake surname in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Unfortunately, I got lost in the early Virginia records and was unable to sort out the various Johns, Thomas' and Richards. Charles E. Drake made a very good study of these early Drakes in Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties, Virginia and his work is referenced here. There is no apparent connection to Sir Francis Drake's brother, Thomas Drake of Devonshire, England, nor to Rev. Bamfield Drake.

Mr. Drake's research and study and surviving records shows the indenture of Richard Drake, his wife, Thomazine, and Mary, John and Thomas on September 6, 1658 to Andrew Ball, mariner, for their transportation to the Virginia colony. Since the Drake of Nash and Warren Counties apparently descend from Thomas, this journal begins with him.

There were three generations of Collins, all named Michael. Each married an Elizabeth Drake and lived in Warren County. My first 'guess' was that these Elizabeth Drakes came from the same family and were somehow connected. Because these women descend from brothers, Richard and John, from Isle of Wight, VA, whose descendants went to both Nash and Warren Counties, it was impossible to remove those families of Nash County and only include those of Warren. There are Drake, Collins and Fitts intermarriages. These related spouses are referenced by number and the children shown under the husband's name. Connections to the Collins and Fitts families are also noted and more information can be found in the family journals for those particular surnames.

Harriet Elizabeth Ann Collins presented a problem in this journal. She was the daughter of Michael Collins, Jr. & Elizabeth Drake of Matthew and Michael Collins, Jr. was the son of Michael Collins, Sr. & Elizabeth Drake of James. Harriet is #77, and her 2nd appearance as a 6th generation child of Michael Collins, Jr. is referenced to her first appearance in the 5th generation. Elizabeth Drake of Matthew and Elizabeth Drake of James are distant cousins and both in the 4th generation. I suppose this technically makes Harriet a distant cousin of her father, Michael Collins, Jr.

First Generation

1. **Thomas¹ Drake (Sr.)**, son of Richard Drake and Thomazine (N), was born in Somerset, England about 1650. Thomas died before 1727.

He was baptized June 7, 1650 South Petherton Parish, Somerset, England (Parish baptismal record). On September 6, 1658, he was bound, with his family, to Andrew Ball, mariner. Thomas' headright was claimed by Col. Arthur Smith (Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers, VA Land Patents, Bk 6). His indenture was for a term of 12 years. A child's indenture was usually until he turned 21, so he was about 8 or 9 years old. In 1669, Thomas was serving in the household of Edward and Elizabeth Gibbs. He is named in the inventory of Edward Gibbs, dec'd., presented May 10, 1669: "one man servant named Thomas Drake to serve two years from the first of April last." This would place his freedom on April 1, 1671 (probably on his 21st birthday) (Peter W. Coldham, Complete Book of Emigrants, p. 393; Isle of Wight Wills, Deeds, Vol. 2, 1661-1719, p. 67; Charles E. Drake, "Drake Family of Isle of Wight Co., VA, 2000).

He is probably the Thomas Drake who purchased land from Lawrence Hobby in Chowan Co., NC in 1717. (Hathaway, NC Historical & Genealogical Register, Oct. 1900, Chowan Co. NC Deed Bk B, No 1, 1715-1718) If so, he died by 1727, when his land was sold by his apparent son, Aaron (Bertie Co. NC Deed Bk B, p381-2).

(Charles E. Drake, "Drake Family of Isle of Wight Co., VA, 2000)

Thomas Drake (Sr.) had the following children:

- 2 i. Arnold² Drake. Arnold died before July 21, 1719 in Chowan Co., NC. Administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Mary. Inventory of estate names a Thomas Drake as a creditor. (J.R.B. Hathaway, Abstract of Records, Bk B, No 1, Register of Deeds, Chowan Co, NC Historical & Genealogical Register 1, Jan. 1900, 156; Charles E. Drake)
- 3 ii. Aaron Drake was born in Isle of Wight Co., VA about 1685. Aaron first appears in Isle of Wight records in 1715, when he witnessed a deed. In 1719, he is shown patenting land in Chowan, NC and a member of Cpt. Robert Patterson's company in 1720 on the Meherrin River in Chowan, NC. This part of Chowan became Bertie in 1723. In 1727, Aaron was in possession of land that Thomas Drake had purchased from Lawrence Hobby in Chowan. (Charles E. Drake) It is assumed that Aaron was son of Thomas.
- + 4 iii. Richard Drake was born about 1690.
- + 5 iv. John Drake (Jr.) was born about 1695.
- 6 v. Thomas Drake (Jr.) was born about 1695. This Thomas Drake might be the Thomas named as a creditor of Arnold Drake in 1719, but it could have been his father. A younger Thomas appears in Bertie Co., NC records in 1735 and again in 1733-34 and 1739. (Bertie Co Deed Bk B, 132; Bertie Co. Deed Bk D, 245; Bertie Co. Deed Bk E, 42; Charles E. Drake)

Second Generation

4. **Richard² Drake** (Thomas¹) was born about 1690. Richard died before September 13, 1759 in Isle of Wight Co., VA.

He married **Margaret(N)**. Will dated February 28, 1759, probate September 13, 1759 Isle of Wight Co., VA : son Francis; son Mathew; son Nathaniel; son Tristrom; son William; son Britten; son Richard; son Edmond; daughter Martha wife of Jacob Williams; wife Margaret with reversion of bequest to my four children Richard, Edmond, Elizabeth and Martha. Exors: sons Mathew and Richard Drake. Witnesses: Thomas Gray, Benjamin Williams.

Richard Drake and Margaret (N) had the following children:

- + 7 i. Edmund³ Drake.
- + 8 ii. Nathaniel Drake.
- + 9 iii. William Mourning Drake.
- + 10 iv. Matthew Drake (Sr).
- 11 v. Francis Drake.
- 12 vi. Tristrom Drake.
- 13 vii. Brittain Drake.
- 14 viii. Richard Drake (Jr.). Richard died 1759 in Southampton Co., VA.
- 15 ix. Elizabeth Drake.
- 16 x. Martha Drake was born about 1741. She married Jacob Williams in Isle of Wight Co., VA, 1759.

5. **John² Drake (Jr.)** (Thomas¹) was born about 1695. John died after January 5, 1728 in Bertie Co., NC.

He married **Sarah Bryant**. Daughter of James Bryant. He signed a petition in 1722 as John Drake, Jr. John purchased land in Bertie Precinct from John Tiney in 1725 adjacent to the land of Thomas Drake. (Note: use of "Junior" might mean there was an older John Drake in the area, not necessarily that he was the son of a John Drake)

Will dated January 5, 1728 named wife Sarah, my manner plantation and land adjoining it, until my son James Drake is 21, but if he dies in his minority shall belong to my wife. Son James, young mare, cows, pewter dishes. Rest of estate to wife. Exor: James Bryant father-n-law. Witnesses: John Sutton, John Dickinson, Richard Sumner.

John Drake (Jr.) and Sarah Bryant had the following child:

- + 17 i. James³ Drake was born August 5, 1725.

Third Generation

7. **Edmund³ Drake** (Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. Edmund died before November 8, 1803 in Nash Co., NC.

Will dated September 1, 1803, proved November Court 1803, named sons: Edwin, Augustine, Caswell, Henry. Daughters: Chloe, Louisa, Salley, Penny, Patsy, Polley, Nancy, Eizabeth. Exor: sons Edwin and Caswell Drake. Witnesses: John H. Drake, William Drake, Jeremiah Williams. (p.142) John H. Drake, witness, was son of James Drake d. 1791, son of John d. 1728-9.

Edmund Drake had the following children:

- 18 i. Edwin⁴ Drake. Edwin died 1841 in Nash Co., NC. He married Elizabeth Glanden. Her marriage to Edwin Drake was her second. Maiden name unknown. Will dated January 5, 1825, probate August Court 1841, named sons Robert S. Glanden, William Jackson Glanden; daughters: Patience Glanden, Temperance Glanden and Sally Glanden. The will states that the mother of all of these children is Elizabeth Glanden. Exor, relative Jesse Drake. Will proved by oaths of Jacob King, Henry Blount, Lamon Lane and Jesse H. Drake as to every part of the will being in the handwriting of Edwin Drake.

The relationship of Jesse H. Drake is not given. Jesse H. Drake, age 50 (b.c. 1800) is shown in the 1850 census of Nash Co., NC. He is single and his occupation is watch & clock maker. (p. 297, same page as J. H. Drake b.c. 1801)
- + 19 ii. Augustine Drake.
- 20 iii. Henry Drake.
- 21 iv. Chloe Drake.
- 22 v. Louisa Drake.
- 23 vi. Salley Drake.
- 24 vii. Penny Drake.
- 25 viii. Patsy Drake.
- 26 ix. Polley Drake.
- 27 x. Nancy Drake.
- 28 xi. Elizabeth Drake.
- + 29 xii. Caswell Drake (Rev.) was born February 18, 1776.

8. **Nathaniel³ Drake** (Richard², Thomas¹) was born in Isle of Wight Co., VA. Nathaniel died before July 21, 1785 in Warren Co., NC.

He married **Delilah (N)**. Delilah died before May 17, 1815 in Warren Co., NC. Inventory of estate presented by Michael Collins, Jr. Inventory presented July 21, 1785 by Edmund Drake, administrator of the estate. Sale held September 9, 1785: Delilah Drake, James Drake, William Drake and Edmund Drake bought. Account current, 1785-1789, mentioned James Drake, Matthew Drake, Thomas Drake, Nathaniel Drake, Delilah Drake and Penuel Floyd.

The will of his son, Nathaniel, in 1809 named his mother, Delilah, and brother, Allen, sisters Elizabeth Griffin, Margaret Drake and Delilah Drake, brother-in-law Penuel Floyd and brother, Diocletian Drake Floyd.

The relationship to Thomas, John and James Drake, who purchased from the estate is unknown. Thomas is shown here, temporarily, as son of Nathaniel Sr. The James Drake may have been James Drake d. 1791, son of John d. 1728-9. John Drake may have been John Hodges Drake.

Nathaniel Drake and Delilah (N) had the following children:

- 30 i. ?Thomas⁴ Drake.
- 31 ii. Nathaniel Drake. Nathaniel died after November 20, 1809 in Nash Co., NC. Nathaniel named his mother, Delilah, and brother, Allen, and three sisters: Elizabeth Griffin, Margaret Drake and Delilah Drake. He called brother-in-law, Penuel Floyd, and brother Diocletian Drake Floyd. Inventory presented by Penuel Floyd February 9, 1810.
- 32 iii. Elizabeth Drake. She married Unknown Griffin before 1809.
- 33 iv. Margaret "Peggy" Drake. Margaret died about 1854. Petition for the settlement of estate of Margaret Drake, dec'd., with Thomas W. Wright, administrator. Her brother, Allen Drake, was only distributee. May Court 1854.
- 34 v. Delilah Drake.
- 35 vi. Allen Drake was born about 1785. Allen died after 1854. He is living in the home of William & Harriet Griffin in 1850 Nash Co. (p. 312). He was the only distributee of his sister, Margaret's, estate in 1854.

9. **William Mourning³ Drake** (Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. William died about 1800. He married **Zilpah (N)**.

William Mourning Drake and Zilpah (N) had the following children:

- + 36 i. Elizabeth⁴ Drake.
- 37 ii. William Drake. William died after June 26, 1838 in Nash Co., NC. Will dated June 26, 1838, probate August Court 1838. Children of my deceased nephew, Green W. Drake: Mary Elizabeth, William Green, Louiza, a daughter born in Mississippi about March 12, 1837. Youngest sons of my sister Elizabeth Drake: William F. Drake, land where I live, Joseph John Drake, 575A adjoining Thomas W. Wright bought of John Saunders, Mathew Bolivar Drake, Richard Drake. Sons of my brother Richard Drake, dec'd: James W. Drake, George W. Drake. Nieces, daughters of my sister Elizabeth Drake: Sally Ann Arrington, Temperance Arrington, wife of Nicholas W. Arrington, Dorothy Drake. Niece Elizabeth Wright. Exor: brother-in-law Francis Drake, nephew William F. Drake, neighbor William Burt, Sr. Wit: Wm. Burt, John Arrington, E. B. Hilliard, J. J. M. Collins. (p. 428)
- 38 iii. Brittain Drake.
- + 39 iv. Richard Drake.

10. **Matthew³ Drake (Sr)** (Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. Matthew died before February 19, 1810 in Nash Co., NC.

He married **Ann Arrington**. Will dated January 7, 1807, probate May Court 1816 named sons: Mathew, 245A whereon I dwell, also part of a 400A survey granted by the Earl of Granville adjoining manor plantation on lines of Little Creek, Tar Trough Branch and the public road; Francis, 640A purchased of Will Hooks, also a note owned by Caswell Drake for \$104; Daughters: Mourning Drake; Martha Nailor Parker, 300A on Little Swamp where John Bedgood formerly lived; Mary Sumner; Elizabeth Collins, 444A, a grant from the State of North Carolina adjoining Sion Beckwith, also former Cooper Jones tract; Temperance Drake, remainder of tract left Mathew, also a note for \$43.82 owned by D. W. Sumner and one for \$30.18 owned by Francis Drake; Dorothy Drake, 150A purchased of John Williams and a note for \$9 owed by Michael Collins. Exor: friends Joseph Arrington, Sr., John H. Drake, Michael Collins, Archibald Griffin and son Mathew Drake. Wit: James Druery, Lazarus Jones. Codicil to above will made December 2, 1809 and witnessed by James Drewry ordered that Mathew Drake's son Francis Drake be made an executor of the will. (p.205)

Inventory by Michael Collins and Francis Drake, executors, February 19, 1810, included seven Negroes; August Court 1810. Sale held March 13, 1810. Account current 1810-1813, Feb. Term 1822.

Petition for distribution of estate. Matthew Drake, Sr. died, leaving a will in which he bequeathed property to the lawful issue of his daughter, Martha Nailor Parker. She married William Woodruff and had three children, to wit: Elizabeth Woodruff, Matthew Woodruff and Peggy Woodruff. Their mother had recently died and Francis Drake was their guardian. August Court 1827.

Matthew Drake (Sr) and Ann Arrington had the following children:

- 40 i. Matthew⁴ Drake (Jr.). He married Milbrey Griffin.
- + 41 ii. Francis "Frank" Drake.
- 42 iii. Martha Nailor Drake. Martha died about 1827. She married twice. She married William Parker before 1810. She married William Woodruff after 1810. Petition for distribution of estate. Matthew Drake, Sr. died, leaving a will in which he bequeathed property to the lawful issue of his daughter, Martha Nailor Parker. She married William Woodruff and had three children, to wit: Elizabeth Woodruff, Matthew Woodruff and Peggy Woodruff. Their mother had recently died and Francis Drake was their guardian. August Court 1827.
Martha married 1st William Parker, married 2nd William Woodruff.
- 43 iv. Temperance Drake. She married Exum Sumner.
- 44 v. Dorothy Drake.
- 45 vi. Mary Drake was born November 27, 1779. Mary died June, 1813. She married Duke M. Sumner.
- + 46 vii. Elizabeth Drake was born December 7, 1785.

17. **James³ Drake** (John², Thomas¹) was born in Isle of Wight Co., VA August 5, 1725. James died about 1791 in Richmond, VA.

He married twice. He married **Sophia Valentine** in Edgecombe Co., NC, 1752. Sophia died before 1767. A Jacob Valentine was witness to her husband's 1791 will.

He married **Hartwell Hodges** 1766. Hartwell was the daughter of Benjamin Hodges and Constance Goodrich. Hartwell died before April 25, 1796 in Edgecomb Co., NC. Will of Hartwell Drake, proved April 25, 1796 (August Court 1796 Nash Co., NC) named first children: Frederick Davis, Goodman Davis, Dolphis Davis, Thomas Davis, Archibald Davis and Oren Dates Davis, dec'd and his child Polly Davis, and daughter Sally Ward. Children of second marriage: John H. Drake and Benjamin Drake. Proved by the oaths of Chloe Blanton and Silas Drake. Signed Nathan Boddie, Benjamin Boon. Abstract notes Hartwell was the daughter of Benjamin Hodges and wife Constance Goodrich of Isle of Wight Co., VA (Southampton Co.) and that she married first Thomas Davis of Isle of Wight Co., VA and second James Drake of Nash Co. NC. On December 10, 1760, he was at Edgecombe Co., NC and sold land his father had purchased from John Tiney. November 10, 1779, he received a grant by Gov. Richard Caswell for 218A adjoining William Battle and his own line. (Deed Bk 3, p. 179) On April 10, 1790, he deeded 100A of land adjoining Samuel Bridgers to his son, John (Nash Co. Deed Bk 4, p. 77).

James is listed as a Revolutionary patriot. (DAR Patriot Index)

He died at Richmond and is buried at St. John's Episcopal Church, on Church Hill, in the city of Richmond (was in Henrico Co., VA in 1791). Estate was probated August 1, 1791, Henrico Co., VA. Inventory presented May 14, 1792.

His will dated July 9, 1791, (p. 249) named wife Hartwell. Sons: James, Albritton, Silas, land south side Swift Creek on lines of Thomas Mann and Benjamin Boon; John Hodges Drake, 100A south side Swift Creek, also land purchased of James Williams and John Battle, also of Tormagin Thompson, also land on lines of William Bridgers, Buzzard's Branch, and Williams; Benjamin, mill and remainder of land including manor plantation. Daughters: Elizabeth, wife of Michael Collins; Lyda Hadley; Sarah Bridgers; Milbrey Wheless. Executors: son John and William Skipwith Mearns. Witnesses: J. Vaughan, Jacob Valentine, John V. Kantzman. The will was signed at Richmond, VA and presented in Court in Henrico Co., VA on Monday, August 1, 1791 by Adam Craig, Clerk of said county.

His date of bith is shown in submissions as August 5, 1725 (no cite or source).

James Drake and Sophia Valentine had the following children:

- 47 i. Lyda⁴ Drake. She married Unknown Hadley.
- 48 ii. Sarah Drake. She married Unknown Bridgers.
- + 49 iii. Elizabeth Drake was born about 1755.
- 50 iv. James Drake (Jr.) was born in Edgecombe Co., NC about 1758. James died October 29, 1820 in Oglethorpe Co., GA. He married Mary Green. Children: Ethelred Drake, Archibald Drake, daughter,

- + 51 Hexie Drake. (Jesse Lawrence)
- 52 v. Albritton Drake was born about 1760.
- 52 vi. Milbrey Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1762. Milbrey died after 1809. She married Amos Wheeler before 1791.
- 53 vii. Silas Drake was born about 1765. Silas died April 2, 1839 in Marion, MS. Deed dated February 6, 1797 from Silas Drake land given him by his father, James Drake, to Benjamin Drake. (Nash Co. Deed Bk 6, p. 253). Silas left Robeson Co. NC after 1810 and went to Mississippi. Researchers show he married Asenath Rowland and Sally Atkins Hilson in 1797. His children: Nancy, Silas and James.

James Drake and Hartwell Hodges had the following children:

- + 54 viii. John Hodges Drake (Mjr.) (Dr.) was born January 29, 1767.
- + 55 ix. Benjamin Drake was born about 1769.

Fourth Generation

19. **Augustine⁴ Drake** (Edmund³, Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. Augustine died 1842 in Warren Co., NC. He married **Penelopy Mitchell**.

Augustine Drake and Penelopy Mitchell had the following children:

- 56 i. John W.⁵ Drake.
- 57 ii. Elizabeth Drake.
- 58 iii. Martha Ann Drake.
- 59 iv. Mary Marcus Drake.
- 60 v. Sylvanius Drake.
- 61 vi. Henry C. Drake.
- 62 vii. Mitchell Drake.

29. **Caswell⁴ Drake (Rev.)** (Edmund³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born February 18, 1776. Caswell died after February 18, 1851 in Warren Co., NC. He married **Mourning (N)** January 17, 1797. Mourning was born May 2, 1772. Mourning died January 7, 1841 in Warren Co., NC.

1810 census, Warren Co., NC: M26-45, F26-45, 2M-10, 2M10-16, F-10, 2 slaves, 1 loom, 500 qty. cloth.

1850 census, Nutbush Dist., Warren Co., NC, Caswell Drake, 75, NC, farmer, real estate \$3,012, is enumerated next to Michael Collins.

Caswell was a Methodist minister. All dates from family Bible, Caswell's last entry on his 76th birthday.

Warren County records show he served as County Clerk in 1819.

Caswell Drake (Rev.) had the following children:

- + 63 i. Mathew Mann⁵ Drake was born June 6, 1798.
- + 64 ii. Joseph A. Drake (Dr.) was born about 1805.
- + 65 iii. Edwin D. Drake was born about 1810.

36. **Elizabeth⁴ Drake** (William Mourning³, Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. Elizabeth died January 1, 1853 in Nash Co., NC. She married **Francis "Frank" Drake**. Francis was the son of Matthew Drake (Sr) and Ann Arrington. Francis died about 1838 in Nash Co., NC. SEE #41 FRANCIS "FRANK" DRAKE.

39. **Richard⁴ Drake** (William Mourning³, Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown.

Richard Drake had the following children:

- 74 i. James W.⁵ Drake.
- 75 ii. George W. Drake.

41. **Francis "Frank"⁴ Drake** (Matthew³, Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. Francis died about 1838 in Nash Co., NC.

He married **Elizabeth Drake**. Elizabeth was the daughter of William Mourning Drake and Zilpah. Elizabeth died January 1, 1853 in Nash Co., NC. SEE #36 ELIZABETH DRAKE.

Whereas Elizabeth W. Drake, being surprised with sudden illness...after leaving home last September, not being able to return home, was confined at the home of T. W. Wright, in a few hours of her death, she called upon John J. Drake and Salley Bennett...her wish was for her administrator to give out of her estate 25 dollars to her granddaughter Ann Eliza Wright for attending her during her illness. Proved by oath of John J. Drake. Feb. Court 1853 (p. 534)

Petition for account and settlement of the estate of Elizabeth Drake, who died intestate about January 1, 1853. Her next of kin were Eliza, wife of Thomas W. Wright; Tempy, wife of N. W. Arrington; Sally Ann Arrington; Dollie, wife of John Collins; John J. Drake; William F. Drake; M. B. Drake; R. F. Drake, all of whom were her children; also, the children of a deceased son, Green Drake, namely: Mary E., wife of James Philips, Tempy Drake, and Green W. Drake. M. B. Drake conveyed his interest to his children, who were John R. Drake and Thomas Drake. 1855. 1810 census, Nash Co., NC: M-10, M10-16, 3M16-26, F-10, 3F16-26.

Will dated July 23, 1838, proved February Court 1841 (p. 426). Francis named his wife Elizabeth; son William F.; daughter Dorothy; other chil. and "chil. of my dec'd son" unnamed. All my Negroes in Georgia to be sold. Executor: sons-in-law Nicholas W. Arrington and T. W. Wright. Witnesses: William Burt, Dr. J. A. Drake. Codicil dated July 23, 1838 leaving land where I live to wife Elizabeth with reversion to all my chil. - the chil. of my deceased son, Green W. Drake to have his share.

Elizabeth's brother, William Drake, Jr., named his nieces and nephews in his will dated June 26, 1838.

Francis "Frank" Drake and Elizabeth Drake had the following children:

- + 66 i. Green W.⁵ Drake.
- 67 ii. Joseph John Drake.
- 68 iii. Mathew Bolivan Drake.
- 69 iv. Sally Ann Drake. She married John Arrington.
- 70 v. Temperance Drake. She married Nicholas W. Arrington.
- 71 vi. Dorothy "Dollie" Drake. She married John Collins.
- 72 vii. Elizabeth Drake. She married Thomas W. Wright.
- 73 viii. William F. Drake was born about 1818. This might be the W. F. Drake, age 32, physician, in 1850 census of Nash Co., NC.

46. **Elizabeth⁴ Drake** (Matthew³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born December 7, 1785. Elizabeth died July 28, 1820.

She married **Michael Collins (Jr.)** about 1802. SEE #81 MICHAEL COLLINS JR. SEE COLLINS FAMILY JOURNAL. Michael was born in Warren Co., NC May 16, 1778. Michael was the son of Michael Collins (Sr.) and Elizabeth Drake. He married **Mary Ann Cottrell** December 23, 1823. Michael died December 1, 1856 in Warren Co., NC.

49. **Elizabeth⁴ Drake** (James³, John², Thomas¹) was born about 1755.

She married **Michael Collins (Sr.)** in Bute Co., NC, June 10, 1773. SEE COLLINS FAMILY JOURNAL. Michael was born in Bertie Co., NC about 1726. Michael was the son of John Collins. He married **Ann Perry** in

Nash Co., NC, before 1765. Michael died October 9, 1799 in Nash Co., NC. John Collins' will of 1749 noted some children were under age 18, but Michael (Mikell) was executor, so was at least age 21 in 1752. Michael, was willed property on Red Bud Creek in Bertie County by his father in 1749. On June 20, 1761, Michael received a Land Grant from the Earl of Granville. Listed as taxpayer in 1766 Bute Co. NC.

1752 Feb. Court: Jethro Roundtree to Michael Collins 35 pounds for 400 acres on south side Guys Hall Swamp. Wit: John Springe & Demsey Collins.

Michael is shown on the 1757 Tax List, Bertie Co., NC.

Michael Collins served as juror, Bute Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Session February 13, 1771 and August 13, 1777. Accounts of Sheriff, James Ransom, taxes presented to August court, 1772 includes taxables for 1771 paid by Michael Collins for wolves scalps, Bute Co., NC.

Michael owned 640 acres on Sandy Creek and Red Bud dated March 16, 1778, Bute Co. NC; 50 acres on Red Bud dated June 21, 1779, Bute Co., NC, and Deed Book 5, p. 313 Nash Co. NC shows tract in possession of Michael Collins deceased January 20, 1812, lands being sold January 29, 1812 (p. 316).

It would appear that Michael Collins married the sister of his daughter's husband after the death of his first wife. He would have been about age 47 at his marriage to Elizabeth Drake. This could have been two men sharing records, but there is no death record for an older Michael Collins. This journal follows the theory that there was one Michael Collins who lived to his 70s and married at least twice.

Elizabeth Drake and Michael Collins (Sr.) had the following child:

- + 81 i. Michael⁵ Collins (Jr.) was born May 16, 1778.

51. **Albritton⁴ Drake** (James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Edgecomb Co., NC about 1760. Albritton died November 14, 1835 in Muhlenburg Co., KY.

He married **Ruth Collins** in Edgecombe Co., NC, November 12, 1785. SEE COLLINS FAMILY JOURNAL. Ruth was born in Nash Co., NC November 12, 1765. Ruth was the daughter of Michael Collins (Sr.) and Ann Perry. Ruth died March 4, 1847. Albritton served during the Revolution and his children are listed in his Pension application. Notes of John Fox say he was six feet, 7 inches tall. Marriage date of April 10, 1785 shown by Jesse Lawrence.

Albritton Drake and Ruth Collins had the following children:

- + 82 i. James Perry⁵ Drake was born September 15, 1797 Edgecombe Co., NC, and died before 1870 KY. He married Priscilla Buell 1817 IN. He was a General during the Mexican War and served as Indiana's State Treasurer.
- + 83 ii. John Drake was born May 26, 1786 Edgecombe Co., NC. He died April 28, 1863. He married Elizabeth Alford February 18, 1806 Robeson Co., NC. She died September 9, 1823 Robeson Co., NC, the daughter of Sion Alford and Clarkey Mctyre (Laurie Roper).
- 84 iii. Sophia Valentine Drake was born May 26, 1789.
- + 85 iv. Silas Drake was born November 4, 1791 Edgecombe Co., NC, died October 7, 1858 Muhlenberg Co., KY. He married Martha Wells February 1, 1811 Muhlenberg Co., KY.
- 86 v. Mosley Collins Drake was born May 5, 1795.
- 87 vi. Benjamin Michael Drake was born September 11, 1800. He married Susannah Magruder.
- 88 vii. William Drake was born December 14, 1804.
- 89 viii. Edmond Drake was born May 21, 1807.

54. **John Hodges⁴ Drake (Mjr.) (Dr.)** (James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Edgecomb Co., NC January 29, 1767. John died December 11, 1859 in Auburn, AL.

He married **Frances Williams** in Nash Co., NC, May 29, 1794. Frances was born in Halifax Co., NC 1776.

Frances was the daughter of John Williams (Mjr.) and Frances Bustin. Frances died February, 1840. He was witness to the will of Edmund Drake, son of Richard, September 1, 1803, along with a William Drake. He may be the John Drake who purchased from the estate of Nathaniel Drake.

John served as Justice for Nash County 1797-1798, 1803-1807, 1810, 1823, 1836-1839 and 1850-1853. He served in the NC legislature 1792-1798 and represented Nash County in the Senate 1800-1805. He is buried at Hilliardston, Nash Co., NC.

Writing to Benjamin M. Drake of Washington, Mississippi (his half-nephew) from Auburn, Alabama, Dr. Drake wrote: "I will give you the tradition of the Drake family in this country, as I received it from old Matthew Drake, who was a merchant and trader in Virginia. He said about two hundred years ago or more, three young men named of Drake came into the mouth of the James River, from Old England. One of them settled in Southampton County, Virginia; one of them to the north, say Rhode Island, and the other went south, say to South Carolina. They claimed to be descendants of Sir Francis Drake who sailed around the world. From that branch of the family that settled in Southampton sprang all the Drakes that peopled North Carolina and Virginia. Out of fifteen brothers and sisters, I am the only one being 85 yrs old the 29th of last January, born 1766." (notes of John Fox and Charles Drake)

John Hodges Drake (Mjr.) (Dr.) and Frances Williams had the following children:

- 90 i. Martha Joanna Williams⁵ Drake was born in Nash Co., NC December 26, 1795. Martha died July 8, 1871 in San Francisco, CA. She married John Arrington. John was the son of William Arrington and Anne Jackson.
- 91 ii. Nicholas John Drake (Dr.) was born July 10, 1798. He married an unknown person. Researchers show he married Elizabeth Armstrong b.c. 1798 and/or Elizabeth Alston Williams.

Nicholas is not found in the 1850 census of Nash or Warren Counties. An Elizabeth Drake, age 62, apparent widow, is shown in 1850 Nash Co. NC census. In her household: John Drake, 28; B.... Drake; Richard Drake age 20 or 26; John B. Drake age 3; Thomas Drake age 1.
- 92 iii. John Hodges Drake (Jr.) (Dr.) was born in Nash Co., NC January 19, 1801. John died February 28, 1872 in Auburn, Lee Co., AL. He is shown in 1850 census, Nash Co., NC as J.H. Drake, age 49, physician, female - P.R.S., age 58; children: John R., 21; L.... F., 16 female; Robert W., 8; John H., 6; Caroline E., 3.
His wife is shown by researchers as Mary Richard Williams and Caroline Williams.
- 93 iv. John George Franklin Drake (Dr.) was born in Nash Co., NC December 3, 1816. John died December 19, 1886. He married 10/24/1843 Mary Ann Harrison. He is shown in 1850 Nash County census as John G. F. Drake, age 34, physician; wife Mary Ann, 24, and children N. L. W. W., age 4, male; and Z. W., age 1, female. (p. 312)
Children: John William Wallace Drake b. 8/12/1846; Olivanza W. "Zilla" Drake b. 2/22/1849; Mary Louise Drake b. 3/23/1851; George Douglas Drake b. 5/28/1855; Frances Caroline Drake b. 9/24/1857; Belle Harrison Drake b. 11/22/1860; Jefferson Davis Drake b. 10/16/1863; Lillie Hodges Drake b. 8/20/1865. (Jesse Lawrence)
- 94 v. John William Wallace Drake was born March 25, 1819. John died October, 1866 in Auburn, Lee Co., AL. He married Vanlencia Mitchell. (Jesse Lawrence)
- 95 vi. John Calvin Drake (Dr.) was born April 3, 1819. He married 4/3/1839 Upson Co., GA, Mary Ann Flewellyn b. 11/28/1820.

55. **Benjamin⁴ Drake** (James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Edgecombe Co., NC about 1769. Benjamin died March 20, 1815 in Nash Co., NC.

He married **Cella Taylor** in Nash Co., NC, about 1794. Also shown as Cecelia and Selah. Silas Drake deeded to Benjamin Drake land devised him in the will of James Drake, deceased, February 6, 1797. (Nash Co. Deed Bk 6).

1810 census, Nash Co., NC: 3M-10, M10-16, M16-26, M26-45, 2F10-16, F26-45.

Died intestate, Michael Collins, Jr. administered. Benjamin owned 30 slaves at the time of his death. Dower was allotted to Selah Drake, widow, February Court 1817. March 25, 1817, 266 acres and tract of 55 acres adjoining Thomas Arrington and orphans of Allen Mann; Registered December 7, 1831, p.127.

Benjamin Drake and Cella Taylor had the following children:

- 96 i. Benjamin⁵ Drake. Benjamin died before 1827.
- 97 ii. John Adams Drake was born in Nash Co., NC October 21, 1796. He married Harriet Jane O'Neal on June 12, 1827, Franklin Co., NC. They went to Centerville, Iowa and founded Drakesville. They had a son: James Madison Drake. (Jesse Macon Lawrence, Jr.)
- 98 iii. Elizabeth Taylor Drake was born in Nash Co., NC March 2, 1798. Elizabeth died 1851. She married James Harrison b. 1799.
- 99 iv. Nancy Ann Boykin Drake was born in Nash Co., NC September 24, 1799. Nancy died November 11, 1862 in Jefferson Co., AR. She married William Mann in Nash Co., NC, February 7, 1816.
- + 100 v. James Henry Drake was born about 1800.
- + 101 vi. John Quincy Adams Drake (Rev.) was born about 1801.
- 102 vii. Hartwell H. Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1802. He married twice. He married Sally (N) about 1825. Sally died before 1848. He married Emaline Lewis 1848. Emaline was born about 1820. By Sally, he had children: William Drake b.c. 1828; Ann Drake b.c. 1830; Benjamin W. Drake b.c. 1832; Martha Drake b.c. 1834. By Emaline he had children: Esther Drake b.c. 1849; Vashti Drake b.c. 1850; Shehayne Drake b.c. 1852; Burrous Drake b.c. 1854. (Jesse Macon Lawrence, Jr.)
- 103 viii. Henrietta Taylor Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1812. She married William Coppedge.

Fifth Generation

63. **Mathew Mann⁵ Drake** (Caswell⁴, Edmund³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born June 6, 1798. Mathew died January 11, 1865 in Warren Co., NC.

He married **Winefred Fitts** in Warren Co., NC, November 23, 1825. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL. Winefred was born in Warren Co., NC May 3, 1802. Winefred was the daughter of Henry Fitts (III) and Sarah "Sallie" Duke. Winefred died October, 1870 in Warren Co., NC. Marriage license granted November 3, 1825, Warren Co., NC. (Brent H. Holcomb, "Marriages of Warren & Bute Cos., NC," 1991) Matthew was named guardian to George Collins Fitts.

1840 census, Warren Co., NC: 1M -5, 1M5-10, 1M10-15, 1M20-30, M40-50, F-5, F10-15, F30-40; slaves: 3M-10, 5M10-24, 2M24-36, 5F-10, 2F10-24, 2F24-36. Matthew is enumerated next to John "P or R" Nicholson and four houses from Nathan Milam (p.36)

1850 census, Warrenton, Warren Co.: Matthew M. Drake, 52, NC, farmer, property \$2,860; Winefred 49; Henry 22, student; William A. 17, student; John 13; and James F. Scoggin, age 6, in their household. Matthew & Winefred are living three houses away from Winefred's brother, Oliver. (p. 42)

Mathew Mann Drake and Winefred Fitts had the following children:

- 104 i. Henry Fitts⁶ Drake was born in Warren Co., NC June 28, 1828. Henry died June 24, 1852.
- 105 ii. Mary Ann Drake was born in Warren Co., NC May 29, 1830. Dates and her marriage taken from headstone at the Fitts family cemetery at the Henry Fitts homestead (now Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road in Warren Co. Mary died February 14, 1853 in Warren Co., NC. She married George Oliver Rogers(Dr.) in Warren Co., NC, June 4, 1850. George was born October 15, 1826. George was the son of George Rogers (Col.) and Mary Parham Fitts. George died March 5, 1857 in Macon, NC. George and Mary Ann were cousins. Dates taken from headstone at the Fitts family cemetery at the Henry Fitts homestead (now Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road in Warren Co. Two headstones are marked "Infant Rogers" without names or dates.
- + 106 iii. William Caswell Drake (Mjr.) was born August 31, 1832.
- 107 iv. Sallie Duke Drake was born July 28, 1835. Sallie died July 26, 1923. Dates taken from headstone at the Fitts family cemetery at the Henry Fitts homestead (now Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road in Warren Co. She married John Eldridge Twitty (Jr.) in Warren Co., NC, December 31, 1862. John was born November 7, 1837. John was the son of John Eldridge Twitty (Sr.) and Susan Fitts. John died May 21, 1864 in Spottsylvania, VA. John served in the military in Civil War. He

was mortally wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse on May 12, 1864, he died nine days later at Carver Hospital, Washington, DC. He had a will which named his wife, Sallie Drake Twitty and brother, Henry F. Twitty. He is buried at the family cemetery on Oakville Road, Warren Co., NC. In 1850, she was living in the home of her uncle, Thomas Twitty, along with cousins Sally Milam, 14, Elizabeth Milam, 12, Ollive Fitts, 13, and Sarah Palmer, 9. (p. 25 Warrenton Dist., Warren Co., NC)

After her husband's death, she took a position as a school principal at Luray Female Institute in Page Co., VA (Wilson Daily Times, November 23, 1973, by Robert Burton House; (James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL)

"Sallie D. Twitty dressed in mourning and during the remainder of her life never wore anything but black, and never remarried. She dedicated her life to teaching: Warrenton Female College 1867-1869, of which she was a graduate; Mesdames Jones and Twitty's School 1869-1873; Governess in the family of Gov. Elias Carr; Wilson Collegiate Institute; and was Lady Principal of Oxford Female seminary (later Oxford College) for more than 25 years, retiring in 1915. She served as President of the Warren Co. Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy from 1916-1921. (Lewis Joel Gregory, The Twitty Family in America 1671-1976, 1976)

- 108 v. John Oliver Drake was born in Warren Co., NC October 4, 1837. John died after 1897. He married Annie H. Finly. Annie died April 27, 1877. She was the daughter of Rev. Dr. Finly of the Virginia conference.

John served in the military in the Civil War. He served as a Private in the 12th NC Regiment and was at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was later a Sergeant in the commissary of the army of General Lee and present at the surrender at Appomattox and paroled. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL) He settled at Shocco Springs on land which he and his sister inherited from their uncle, Joseph. He was Justice of the Peace for many years at Warren County, living at Warrenton.

64. **Joseph A.⁵ Drake (Dr.)** (Caswell⁴, Edmund³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born in NC about 1805.

He married **Harriet E. (N)**. Joseph is shown in Nash Co., NC in 1850 (p.318). In his household is Lucy Drake, 11 months, born in Mississippi.

Senator in 1870. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL)

Joseph A. Drake (Dr.) and Harriet E. (N) had the following child:

- 109 i. Son⁶ Drake. Joseph had an 11 month old girl, Lucy Drake, in his 1850 household. She was born in Alabama. The assumption is that this Lucy Drake was a granddaughter of Joseph & Harriet Drake.

65. **Edwin D.⁵ Drake** (Caswell⁴, Edmund³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born about 1810.

He married **Rebecca M. (N)**. Rebecca was born in Northampton Co., NC about 1800. Edwin served as a Senator in 1862. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL)

1850 census, Sandy Creek Dist., Warren Co., NC (p. 5): Edwin Drake, 40, NC, real estate \$1,500; Rebecca M., 50, Northampton Co., NC; Joseph E., 15 NC; Francis, 11 NC. He was living between Paton Vaughan and Benjamin Bridges.

Edwin D. Drake and Rebecca M. (N) had the following children:

- 110 i. Joseph E.⁶ Drake was born in NC about 1835.
111 ii. Francis Drake was born in NC about 1839.

66. **Green W.⁵ Drake** (Francis "Frank"⁴, Matthew³, Richard², Thomas¹) birth date unknown. Green died before June 26, 1838 in MS. Green's uncle, William Drake, named his nephew as deceased and included Green's children as legatees.

Green W. Drake had the following children:

- 112 i. Mary⁶ Drake.
- 113 ii. Elizabeth Drake.
- 114 iii. William Green Drake.
- 115 iv. Louiza Drake was born in MS 1837.

77. **Harriet Elizabeth Ann⁵ Collins** (Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Warren Co., NC February 8, 1810. Harriet died 1860 in Warren Co., NC. SEE #77 HARRIET ELIZABETH ANN COLLINS AS 6TH GENERATION DAUGHTER OF #81 MICHAEL COLLINS, JR. SEE COLLINS FAMILY JOURNAL.

She married **Oliver Duke Fitts** in Warren Co., NC, April 15, 1828. Oliver was born in Warren Co., NC October 3, 1807. Oliver was the son of Henry Fitts (III) and Sarah "Sallie" Duke. Oliver died February 28, 1854 in Warren Co., NC. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL.

Harriet Elizabeth Ann Collins and Oliver Duke Fitts had the following children:

- 116 i. Elizabeth "Bettie Betsy"⁶ Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC May 3, 1831. Elizabeth died August 17, 1831 in Warren Co., NC.
- 117 ii. Henry Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC October 27, 1832. Henry died November 13, 1862 in Staunton, VA. He is buried at the Fitts family cemetery next to Henry Fitts homestead (now the Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road, Warren Co. This may be the Henry Fitts, age 17, in the 1850 home of 1850 census of Warren County with William Hooper, 57, a Baptist Minister; also in the household are 21 individuals, including 15 year old James H. Fitts, student, (son of Henry Green Fitts). This was probably a school arrangement.

Henry was a Private, Company F, 12th Regiment, NC. He enlisted on April 18, 1861, as a 28 year old farmer. He was present and accounted for until hospitalized at Richmond, VA on June 28, 1862 with a gunshot wound. He was reported absent wounded or absent sick until he died at Staunton, VA of typhoid fever.
- 118 iii. Sallie Duke Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC March 20, 1835. Sallie died July 28, 1836 in Warren Co., NC.
- + 119 iv. Olivea Duke Fitts was born May 10, 1837.
- + 120 v. Francis "Frank" Michael Fitts (Sr.) was born May 8, 1841.
- 121 vi. Tempe Louisa Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC February 1, 1843. Tempe died May 12, 1843 in Warren Co., NC.
- + 122 vii. Harriet Anna E. Fitts was born October 26, 1844.
- 123 viii. Mary Duke Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC May 12, 1848. Mary died January 29, 1935 in Warren Co., NC. Dates from tombstone at Fitts cemetery at homeplace on Oakville Road. After the death of her mother in 1860, she was appointed her older brother, Henry, as her guardian, along with her sister, Anna E. (Harriet). After Henry's death in 1862, William Caswell Drake was appointed her guardian. Drake had married her older sister, Olivea.
- + 124 ix. George Collins Fitts was born October 15, 1849.
- 125 x. Oliver Duke Fitts was born July 1, 1852. Oliver died August 8, 1860.

81. **Michael⁵ Collins (Jr.)** (Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Warren Co., NC May 16, 1778. Michael died December 1, 1856 in Warren Co., NC. SEE COLLINS FAMILY JOURNAL.

He married twice. He married **Elizabeth Drake** about 1802. Elizabeth was born December 7, 1785. Elizabeth was the daughter of Matthew Drake (Sr) and Ann Arrington. Elizabeth died July 28, 1820. SEE #46 ELIZABETH DRAKE.

He married **Mary Ann Cottrell** December 23, 1823. Mary was born November 16, 1802. Mary died February 17, 1879. Mary was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Cottrell. Marriage, dates of birth & death from notes of David Collins. He's shown in the Nash Co. census in 1810 and 1820; Warren Co. census of 1830, 1840 and 1850. He is listed in Warren County records as Registrar of Deeds in 1836.

1850 census, Nutbush Dist., Warren Co., NC (p.20): Michael Collins, age 72, born NC, farmer, value of real estate

\$10,000; Mary 47; Mary G. 22; Amanda C. 20; Michael 12; Benjamin 9; James S. 7; Mary Brogden 49. He was living between William & Lucy Paschall and Caswell Drake.

According to the notes of David Collins, Michael was a planter and slave owner at Ridgeway, Warren County. (Ridgeway is located on R158 between Norlina and Manson) In addition to his home plantation "Pleasant Hill," he owned a 370 acre plantation in Aspen Grove, the Nutbush mill and 704 acres on Nutbush Creek, plus Ridgeway mill and 154 acres in Ridgeway. "Pleasant Hill" was built in 1790 and the date is inscribed in the chimney. It was built by the Hawkins family and purchased by Michael Collins. Near the house is the original Collins family cemetery containing twelve graves, the largest being that of Michael Collins, Jr. Before her death, Rebecca Wharton Collins had this cemetery enclosed and a stone engraved naming the people who are buried there and the date of their death. Michael had asked in his will that the cemetery be enclosed. One quarter mile from the cemetery is a slave cemetery containing 50-70 graves.

NOTE: "Pleasant Hill" was still standing in 1998. The property changed hands several times. The father of Julius & Frank Banzet bought the property from the Collins family and sold it in 1900 to Richard Jacob Bender, and it was in the Bender family in 1998. (notes of David Collins)

Will of Michael Collins dated November 11, 1856 Warren Co., NC asked that he be buried by his son, George W. L. Collins; to son William F. property already in his possession, Negroes Alfred, Coleman, Tom (since dead), Hetty, Rachael, Ann, Elisa and Margaret, one gray horse, furnishings, and interest in the land and gold mine; daughter Harriet E. A. Fitts property already in her possession, Negroes Robin, Cherry (since deceased), Cherry's children: John, Lewis, Silvy and Lavinia and her child Lewis (since dead), also Martha, Mina, Hilliard and Edny, furnishings, a horse, 2 cows & calves; daughter Temperance L. Clegg property in her possession Negroes Chloe and child Mary, Ephraim (since dead), matilda and her son Lewis, Henry, Delsy and yellow boy Ephraim (since dead), furniture, one sorrel mare and \$40 to Mr. Clegg; son Joseph J. M. Collins property in his possession Negroes Nathan and his wife Mary, Fanny and her child, Dick & Bet, 444 acres in Nash Co., 3 horses, and discharge from every claim paid for him in Georgia, Alabama and NC amounting to upwards of three thousand dollars; wife Mary, the Tavern and tract attached purchased from Dr. W. J. Hawkins, other tracts, \$5,000 to erect a house, furnishings, livestock, carriage, \$3,500; children Mary G., Amanda C., Thomas C., Aphia E., Michael, Benjamin M. and James S. the sum of \$3,500 each. Remainder of land be sold, including tract upon which I now reside except so much as I have disposed of, the tract purchased from Caswell Drake, tract purchased from Dr. W. J. Hawkins with the mill and the Nutbush tract, all Negroes except those devised to children, including Negroes now in Alabama: George, Edmund, Alfred and Daniel.

Michael Collins (Jr.) and Elizabeth Drake had the following children:

- 76 i. William Francis⁵ Collins was born October 23, 1807. He served as Treasurer of the State of North Carolina before the Civil War.
- + 77 ii. Harriet Elizabeth Ann Collins was born in Warren Co., NC February 8, 1810. Harriet died 1860 in Warren Co., NC. She married Oliver Duke Fitts in Warren Co., NC, April 15, 1828. Oliver was born in Warren Co., NC October 3, 1807. Oliver was the son of Henry Fitts (III) and Sarah "Sallie" Duke. Oliver died February 28, 1854 in Warren Co., NC. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL. SEE #77 IN 5TH GENERATION – HARRIET ELIZABETH ANN COLLINS
- 78 iii. Temperance "Tempie" Louisa Collins was born November 20, 1812. She married Baxter Clegg, bond date June 8, 1839, Warren Co., NC.
- 79 iv. Joseph John Michael Collins was born December 8, 1817. Joseph died after 1856.
- 80 v. Elizabeth Drake Collins was born before 1823. She married Thomas S. Campbell in Warren Co., NC, November 16, 1846. Oliver D. Fitts was bondsman for an Elizabeth D. Collins who took out a marriage bond in Warren County on November 16, 1846, to marry Thomas S. Campbell.

Michael Collins (Jr.) and Mary Ann Cottrell had the following children:

- 126 vi. George Washington LaFayette Collins was born June 17, 1825. George died before 1856.
- 127 vii. Mary Glover Collins was born August 31, 1827.
- 128 viii. Amanda Caroline Collins was born 1830. She married James P. Tarry July 23, 1858.
- + 129 ix. Thomas Cottrell Collins was born June 18, 1831.
- 130 x. Aphelia Collins was born about 1835. For the 1850 census, she is living at the girls' school in Warrenton, age 15 (Warrenton Dist., Warren Co., NC)

- + 131 xi. Michael Collins (III) was born December 22, 1837.
- + 132 xii. Benjamin Mosley Collins was born August 18, 1840.
- 133 xiii. James Samuel Collins was born April 11, 1841. James died July 1, 1862 in Varina, VA. He was killed during the Seven Days Battle at the Battle of Malvern Hill, near Richmond, VA, during the Civil War. (notes of David Collins)

100. **James Henry⁵ Drake** (Benjamin⁴, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Nash Co., NC about 1800. James died before February 10, 1846 in Nash Co., NC.

He married **Temperance Harrison** in Nash Co., NC, 1823. Temperance was born about 1802. Widow, Temperance, age 48, is shown in 1850 census of Nash Co., NC with children: Benjamin, 24; Matha, 26; Harty, 22 (female); and Cornelia Boddie is in the household.

James Henry Drake and Temperance Harrison had the following children:

- 134 i. Martha⁶ Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1824.
- 135 ii. Benjamin F. Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1824.
- 136 iii. Harty Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1828.

101. **John Quincy Adams⁵ Drake (Rev.)** (Benjamin⁴, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Nash Co., NC about 1801. John died after 1850.

He married **Martha Emily Anderson** in Nash Co., NC, May 15, 1832. Martha was born about 1815.

1850 census of Nash Co., NC shows John Q. A. Drake, age 49, Baptist Clergyman, with wife, Martha E., 35, and children: Sallie A., 15; John A., 15; Benjamin F., 9; Martha E., 7; Elizabeth (T. or S.), age 2; T. N. Drake, age 18, clerk. In the household are N. H. Murphy, 57, physician; John Hull, 18, laborer; and Sally Anderson, 65. (p. 316)

John Quincy Adams Drake (Rev.) and Martha Emily Anderson had the following children:

- 137 i. T. N.⁶ Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1832. This is probably Dr. Thomas Nicholas Drake d. 1902. He married Charity Avent July 16, 1857 Nash Co., NC and had children: Mary b.c. 1858; Thomas Dawson b.c. 1858; Zuma b.c. 1862; Samuel b.c. 1863; William Augustus b.c. 1864; John Rodman b.c. 1866; Walter Harrison b.c. 1868; Ottis b.c. 1872; Robert Hodges b.c. 1874; Benjamin Hayden b.c. 1877; and Harriet b.c. 1877.
- 138 ii. Sallie A. Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1835.
- 139 iii. John A. Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1835.
- 140 iv. Benjamin F. Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1841. Served in Civil War, Co. H, 12th Infantry Regiment, NC. Probably the Benjamin F. Drake who married Mariah Griffin January 10, 1867 Nash Co., NC. A Benjamin F. Drake appears in 1860 census, Collins Dist., Nash Co., NC, p. 612.
- + 141 v. Elizabeth (S. or T.) Drake was born about 1842.
- 142 vi. Martha E. Drake was born in Nash Co., NC about 1843.

Sixth Generation

106. **William Caswell⁶ Drake (Mjr.)** (Mathew Mann⁵, Caswell⁴, Edmund³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born August 31, 1832. William died May 16, 1907.

He married twice. He married **Sally Fitts Twitty** October 18, 1854. Sally was born 1831. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL. Sally was the daughter of John Eldrige Twitty (Sr.) and Susan Fitts. Sally died March 12, 1862. Dates taken from her tombstone. She is buried at the Fitts family cemetery next to the Henry Fitts house (now Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road.

He married **Olivea Duke Fitts** January 29, 1863. SEE #119 OLIVEA DUKE FITTS. SEE FITTS FAMILY

JOURNAL. Olivea was born in Warren Co., NC May 10, 1837. Olivea was the daughter of Oliver Duke Fitts and Harriet Elizabeth Ann Collins. Olivea died January 26, 1892 in Warren Co., NC. In 1850, she was in the home of her uncle Thomas Twitty. Her children and dates all taken from James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL. Dates recorded on tombstone at Fitts cemetery at the Henry Fitts homestead (now Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road, Warren Co., NC.

William served in the military in the Civil War. William raised a company and was elected Captain. Service record shows enlistment as Captain on August 16, 1861, age 29, Co. B, 30th Infantry Regiment, NC. He served until June 11, 1863 when he had to resign due to ill health. He was later appointed command of the 6th Battalion of NC troops and promoted to Major. He was acting as Judge Advocate of a General Courts Martial, appointed by Gov. Vance, when Lee surrendered. After the war he continued farming and teaching school in Warren County. He was elected as Superintendent of Public Instruction for Warren County. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL) William C. Drake was the census-taker for Six Pound District, Macon Post Office, Warren Co. for the 1870 census.

William's household in 1870: M. Cas. Drake, 38, farmer, estate of \$300; Olivia, 33; Susan, 15; Mary, 13; Winaford, 10; Henry, 6; Hattie, 4; Mathew, 1. Susan, Mary, Winaford and Henry were "at school."

Dates of birth and death from his tombstone. He is buried at the Fitts family cemetery next to the Henry Fitts house (now Perkinson) on Oakville Road, Warren Co., NC.

William Caswell Drake (Mjr.) and Sally Fitts Twitty had the following children:

- 143 i. Susan Fitts⁷ Drake was born in Warren Co., NC August 8, 1855. Susan died November 10, 1934 in Halifax Co., NC. She married Joseph A. House October 9, 1878. Joseph died after 1897. Were at S. Gaston, NC in 1897. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY)

Children: Arthur Caswell; Henry Charles; Ernest Nadal; Sally Twitty; Joseph Anderson; Fannie Roberts; John Drake; Robert Burton; Sue Eldridge and Mary Rogers. (Lewis Joel Gregory, Twitty Family In America 1671-1976, 1976)
- 144 ii. Mary Ann Drake was born June 27, 1857. Mary died March 16, 1930. Dates from headstone. Mary is buried at the Fitts family cemetery on Oakville Road, Warren Co.
- 145 iii. Winnefred Fitts Drake was born June 3, 1860. Winnefred died after 1897. She married 2nd Samuel S. Reeks and had daughter, Agnes Reeks m. Charles A. Walker. Winnefred was at Churchill, NC. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY; Lewis Joel Gregory, The Twitty Family in America 1671-1976, 1976)

William Caswell Drake (Mjr.) and Olivea Duke Fitts had the following children:

- 146 iv. Henry Fitts Drake was born in Warren Co., NC October 24, 1865. Henry died after 1897. He married twice. He married Lula Allen December 15, 1886. He married Mary Ella Bradford February 26, 1896. Mary was born January 10, 1872. Mary died August 14, 1937. She was the daughter of John Calvin Bradford and Roxanne Parks. He was living in Durham, NC. in 1897. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY)
- 147 v. Harriet Thrower Drake was born in Warren Co., NC December 23, 1865. Harriet died after 1897. Was at Churchill, NC. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY)
- 148 vi. Mathew Mann Drake (1) was born in Warren Co., NC August 6, 1869. Mathew died September 5, 1870 in Warren Co., NC. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY)
- 149 vii. William Caswell Drake(Jr.) was born in Warren Co., NC September 17, 1871. William died June 31, 1892 in Warren Co., NC.
- 150 viii. Sallie Duke Drake was born in Warren Co., NC March 3, 1875. Sallie died October 1, 1879 in Warren Co., NC. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY)
- 151 ix. Mathew Mann Drake (2) was born in Warren Co., NC February 27, 1877. Mathew died after 1897. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts or Fitz Family in America, 1897, Fort Orange Press, Albany, NY)

- 152 x. John Oliver Drake was born in Warren Co., NC January 29, 1879. John died November 13, 1918. Dates from headstone. John is buried at the Fitts family cemetery on Oakville Road, Warren Co.
- 153 xi. Francis Marvin Drake was born in Warren Co., NC October 16, 1882. Francis died after 1897.

119. **Olivea Duke⁶ Fitts** (Harriet Elizabeth Ann⁵ Collins, Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Warren Co., NC May 10, 1837. Olivea died January 26, 1892 in Warren Co., NC. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL.

She married **William Caswell Drake (Mjr.)** January 29, 1863. William was born August 31, 1832. William was the son of Mathew Mann Drake and Winefred Fitts. SEE #106 WILLIAM CASWELL DRAKE.

120. **Francis "Frank" Michael⁶ Fitts (Sr.)** (Harriet Elizabeth Ann⁵ Collins, Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Warren Co., NC May 8, 1841. Francis died December 16, 1923 in Warren Co., NC. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL.

He married **Ann Sterling Thrower** in Warren Co., NC, November 30, 1864. Ann was born in Warren Co., NC August 28, 1846. Ann was the daughter of William Edward Thrower and Harriet Fitts. Ann died December 22, 1899 in Warren Co., NC

Francis "Frank" Michael Fitts (Sr.) and Ann Sterling Thrower had the following children:

- 154 i. William Thrower⁷ Fitts (Sr.) was born in Warren Co., NC February 24, 1866. William died July 15, 1953 in Oxford, Granville Co., NC. He married Harriet Thrower Twitty November 9, 1887. Harriet was born May 20, 1867. Harriet was the daughter of Robert Cheek Twitty and Sarah Fitzhenry Palmer. Harriet died 1955. She is buried with her husband at Warrenton Cemetery. William and Harriet were cousins. They lived at Granville Co., NC. William and Harriet and daughters, Sarah Fitts and Harriet F. Eldridge, are buried at the Warrenton Cemetery. (Main gate, 2nd right, continue several yards past George Fitts family group, end of road, bear to left. Continue about 50 feet and pass a large tree on the right which sits directly on the road, just past this tree on right is Twitty family with William T. Fitts' family directly behind)
- 155 ii. Harriet Collins Fitts was born January 5, 1868. Harriet died in Washington, DC. She married John Benjamin Lichty. John was born 1868. John died 1938. Priestley's notes indicate she was a brilliant poet. (W. Priestley Conyers III, 1999)
- 156 iii. Oliver Duke Fitts was born February 22, 1871. Oliver died September 19, 1956 in Spartanburg, SC. He married Mary Anna Palmer. Mary was born in Warren Co. NC March 15, 1870. Mary died May 28, 1947 in Richmond, VA. (W. Priestley Conyers III, 1999)
- 157 iv. Ann Sterling Fitts was born February 29, 1873. Ann died March 27, 1947 in Eagle Rock, CA. She married John H. Loftin(Jr.). John was born in NC July 8, 1871. John died May 28, 1930 in Mt. Olive, NC. (date of death and her family--W. Priestley Conyers III, 1999)
- 158 v. Francis Michael Fitts(Jr.) was born in Rocky Mount, NC August 12, 1875. Francis died September 15, 1915 in Ft. Porter, NY. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. (W. Priestley Conyers, 1999) He married Pauline Marie Trutner.
Pauline was born in Ft. Wingate, NM February 2, 1881. Pauline died April 27, 1975 in Buffalo, NY.
- 159 vi. Sarah Palmer Fitts was born in Rocky Mount, NC August 25, 1875. Sarah died in Macon, NC. She married Charles Henry Fore.
- 160 vii. Mary William Fitts was born October 13, 1877. Mary died in Macon, NC. She married L. P Aaron. (W. Priestley Conyers, 1999)
- 161 viii. Alice Olivia Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC January 18, 1880. Alice died October 8, 1959 in Hendersonville, NC. She married Robert Wilder Wallace. Robert was born in Kennansville, NC February 15, 1869. Robert died April 11, 1934 in Greensboro, NC. (W. Priestley Conyers, 1999)
- 162 ix. Ethel Lee Fitts was born February 12, 1883. Ethel died September 28, 1905 in Macon, NC. Dates taken from headstone at the Fitts family cemetery at the Henry Fitts homestead (now Perkinson farm) on Oakville Road in Warren Co.
- 163 x. Mary Twitty Fitts was born in Macon, NC October 26, 1886. Mary died May 4, 1978 in Ocean City, NJ. She married Charles Vines Brown(Sr.). Charles was born in Hamilton, NC December 2, 1883. Charles died July 8, 1996 in Somers Point, NJ.
- 164 xi. Tempe Louise Fitts was born in Macon, NC August 28, 1889. Tempe died March 23, 1969 in Rockwell City, IA. She married Frederick Wilhelm Schlachter. Frederick was born in Toluca, IL March 3, 1895. Frederick died February 20, 1960 in Ames, IA. (W. Priestley Conyers, 1999)

122. **Harriet Anna E.⁶ Fitts** (Harriet Elizabeth Ann⁵ Collins, Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born October 26, 1844. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL. She married **Benjamin Ricks Arrington** 1868. Benjamin was born in Halifax Co., NC April 19, 1844. Benjamin died April 7, 1917. He was the son of Benjamin Whitehead Arrington and Martha Fluellyn Moore.

Harriet Anna E. Fitts and Benjamin Ricks Arrington had the following children:

- 165 i. Lillie⁷ Arrington was born April 1, 1869. She married J. W. Powell(Rev.).
- 166 ii. Benjamin Whitehead Arrington was born 1872. Benjamin died in SC. He married May Christina Lynch April 16, 1896. He went to Florence, SC. (James Harris Fitts, Fitts Family, Ft. Orange Press, Tuscaloosa, AL)
- 167 iii. Emma Arrington was born July 1, 1874.
- 168 iv. Edward William Arrington was born 1878. Edward died 1879.
- 169 v. Henry Fitts Arrington was born 1880. Henry died 1880.
- 170 vi. Mary Olivia Arrington was born 1881. Mary died 1883.

124. **George Collins⁶ Fitts** (Harriet Elizabeth Ann⁵ Collins, Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in Warren Co., NC October 15, 1849. George died June, 1914 in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co., NC. SEE FITTS FAMILY JOURNAL. He is shown in Mathew M. Drake's home in 1860 and is age 11. Court records show he was appointed William Caswell Drake as his guardian in 1865, after the death of Matthew M. Drake. He married **Martha Anne "Pattie" Claiborne** in Warren Co., NC, October 29, 1878. Martha was born in Warren Co., NC August 25, 1855. Martha was the daughter of William Henry Claiborne and Lucy A. Nicholson. Martha died February 26, 1930.

George Collins Fitts and Martha Anne "Pattie" Claiborne had the following children:

- 171 i. Caroline Mary⁷ Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC July 31, 1879. Caroline died August 2, 1961 in Durham, Orange Co., NC. She married Samuel Richard Tyson November 11, 1896. (Vines-Tyson Bible)
 Samuel was born in Pitt Co., NC November 12, 1879. (Vines-Tyson Bible) Samuel was the son of Samuel Vines Tyson and Dicie Johnson.
 Samuel died August 2, 1961 in Durham, Orange Co., NC. Operated a cigar factory in Durham, NC.
- 172 ii. Robert Nicholson Fitts (Rev.) was born in Warren Co., NC October 27, 1881. Robert died February 16, 1971 in Oxford, Granville Co., NC. His body was interred in Warrenton, Warren Co., NC, Warrenton Cemetery. He married Emma Jane Jolly in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co., NC, December 17, 1913. They were married at Emma's home in "Rosemary," a section of Roanoke Rapids.
 Emma was born in Pitt Co., NC June 4, 1892. Emma was the daughter of Joseph Henry Jolly and Serena Buck. Emma died January 11, 1988 in Oxford, Granville Co., NC. Her body was interred in Warrenton, Warren Co., NC. Robert served the East Carolina Methodist Conference starting in 1911 and was ordained in 1938. He served over twenty churches before his retirement in 1954.
- 173 iii. George Collins Fitts (Jr.) was born in Warren Co., NC February 11, 1884. George died 1938 in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co., NC. He married Charlie W. Taylor April 10, 1909. Charlie was born in VA 1889. Charlie died 1970 in Halifax Co., NC. A George C. Fitts is shown in 1900 Warren Co., b. 1884, white male, farm laborer, "nephew" in household of W. L. Perkinson.
- 174 iv. Oliver Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC October 22, 1885. Oliver died 1956 in Halifax Co., NC. He married Sally Agnes Harris May 21, 1916. Sally was born in Dinwiddie Co., VA January 18, 1898. Sally was the daughter of Benjamin Wade Harris and Lucy Matilda Wells. Sally died January 20, 1987 in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co., NC.
- 175 v. Henry Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC October 22, 1885. Henry died March 29, 1950 in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co., NC. He married Lizzie Leona Tyson in Halifax Co., NC, September 2, 1911. Lizzie was born in Pitt Co., NC August 1, 1890. Lizzie was the daughter of James Warren Tyson and Gatsie Ann Taylor. Lizzie died January 5, 1953 in Durham, Orange Co., NC. Would like to find the ancestors of James Tyson (m. Gatsie Taylor) and believe him to be from Pitt Co. NC and possibly a relation to Samuel Richard Tyson, who married Henry Fitts' sister, Caroline.
- 176 vi. Annie Elizabeth Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC January 13, 1889. Annie died June 5, 1981 in Warrenton, Warren Co., NC. She married Vance Tillman Lamm. Vance was born in Nash Co., NC April 20, 1884. Vance was the son of Thomas J. Lamm and Nicey Murray. Vance died April 13, 1954 in Warren Co., NC. 1900 census, Taylors Township, Wilson Co, NC, shows Vance T. Lamm, age 17, born April, 1883, farm laborer, unemployed 3 months, attended school 2 months, literate.

"Aunt Annie" lived at the Fitts-Mordecai House in Warrenton at 210 Plummer Street. She and her husband are buried at the Warren Cemetery. (Fairview/Old Warren Cemetery, N158 toward Norlina from Warrenton, left on Fairlane Drive, enter gate, 2nd right, Fitts plot on right) Note: the Fitts-Mordecai home was built by Oliver Fitts about 1805, had several owners (including Jacob Mordecai, who ran a boarding school for girls, William Plummer, use as a Black school, the Warrenton Male Academy and the Palmer family) and was purchased from Annie's estate and refurbished by Richard Hunter and is on the Warrenton walking tour.

- 177 vii. Francis Michael Fitts was born in Warren Co., NC December 20, 1891. Francis died 1931 in Durham, Orange Co., NC. He married Exie Bullock. Frank and Exie lived at Hope Vallen, Durham, NC. He committed suicide and is buried at the Warrenton Cemetery. (Fairview/Old Warren Cemetery, N158 toward Norlina from Warrenton, left on Fairlane Drive, enter gate, 2nd right, Fitts plot on right)
- 178 viii. Nathan Palmer Fitts was born August 13, 1897. Probably born in Warren Co. or Durham. Nathan died August, 1967 in Durham, Orange Co., NC. He was trained and practiced as a doctor, married and later divorced a lady doctor, and joined the merchant marine for a time after leaving medicine. He lived his last years with his sister Carrie. (Note from Grace F. Chadwick - wife may have been Lucille) He is buried at the Warrenton Cemetery. (Fairview/Old Warren Cemetery, N158 toward Norlina from Warrenton, left on Fairlane Drive, enter gate, 2nd right, Fitts plot on right)
- 179 ix. William Claiborne Fitts was born in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Co., NC July 31, 1902. William died July, 1966 in Durham, Orange Co., NC. He was a painter by trade. He was married briefly. He lived with his sister, Carrie.

129. **Thomas Cottrell⁶ Collins** (Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born June 18, 1831.

Thomas Cottrell Collins had the following child:

- 180 i. Nicholas Arrington⁷ Collins.

131. **Michael⁶ Collins (III)** (Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in NC December 22, 1837. Michael died after 1880 in Warren Co., NC.

He married **Elizabeth (S. or T.) Drake** 1860. SEE #141 ELIZABETH S. OR T. DRAKE. Elizabeth was born in NC about 1842. Elizabeth was the daughter of John Quincy Adams Drake (Rev.) and Martha Emily Anderson. Elizabeth died after 1880. It is not proved that Elizabeth was the daughter of John Q. A. Drake. He is the only household in 1850 Warren or Nash with a daughter named Elizabeth who would be about the right age.

There is a Michael Collins shown on the 1860 Slave Schedule, Warren Co., NC.

1880 census, Nutbush, Warren Co., NC, p.73B: Michael Collins, 42 NC, farmer, parents born in NC; wife Bettie, 38 NC; Michael (IV) age 16; Jas. age 12; Lizzie age 10; Willie age 8; Lee age 6; Thomas age 4; Mary age 2. Michael is living two houses away from his brother, Benjamin.

Date of birth from notes of David Collins.

Michael Collins (III) and Elizabeth (S. or T.) Drake had the following children:

- 181 i. Michael⁷ Collins (IV) was born in NC about 1868.
- 182 ii. James Collins was born in NC about 1868.
- 183 iii. Lizzie Collins was born in NC about 1870.
- 184 iv. Willie Collins was born in NC about 1872.
- 185 v. Lee Collins was born in NC about 1874.
- 186 vi. Thomas Collins was born in NC about 1876.
- 187 vii. Mary Collins was born in NC about 1878.

132. **Benjamin Mosley⁶ Collins** (Michael⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Drake, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born August 18, 1840. Benjamin died before 1920. SEE COLLINS FAMILY JOURNAL.

He married **Mary W. Plummer** May 1, 1878. Mary was born in NC about 1853. Mary was the daughter of Thomas G. Plummer and Asia H. Hunter. Mary died after 1930. It is NOT proved that Mary W. was the daughter of Thomas G. Plummer. It is circumstantial based on the middle names of Mary's children.

Benjamin Mosley Collins and Mary W. Plummer had the following children:

- 188 i. Mary "Asia"⁷ Collins was born in NC November 9, 1879. Mary died after 1920. She married in 1920 Herbert W. Petar. After his death, she moved back to the family home. She is not in the home for the 1930 census.
This is probably the sister shown in brother, Thomas', 1920 household and the name looks like "Arith."
- 189 ii. Lucy Plummer Collins was born in NC September 1, 1881. Lucy died after 1930. She's living in the 1920 household of her brother, Thomas. She's in her mother's 1930 household as Lucy P. Collins.
- 190 iii. Ann "Annie" Falkener Collins was born in NC March 13, 1883. Ann died after 1930. As Ann F. Collins, she is living with her brother, Thomas, in 1920 census. As Ann H. Collins, she's in her mother's 1930 household.
- 191 iv. Johnston Petigrew Collins was born in NC April 3, 1885. Johnston died 1947. He joined the U.S. Army. No one heard from him again until his mother was notified that she had been named beneficiary on his government insurance policy. (notes of David Collins)
On his death, he left instructions that his body be sent home and buried in the family cemetery, Plummer cemetery, Warrenton, with his father, mother, brother and sisters.
- 192 v. Thomas Closter Plummer Collins was born in NC September 9, 1887. Thomas died after 1930. Thomas P. Collins is shown as head of household in 1920 census, Ridgeway Road, Nutbush District, Warren Co., NC (p. 18B). In the house is his mother, Mary, age 67, b. NC, and sisters: "Asia", 39; Lucy, 37; Ann F., 36; and Rebecca, 28; and Miss Mary Fitts, age 70, relationship cousin. As Thomas P. Collins, he is age 42, in his mother's 1930 household. His occupation is farmer with general farm.
- 193 vi. Rebecca Wharton Collins was born in NC March 13, 1890. Rebecca died August, 1976 in Warrenton, Warren Co., NC. Death record for Rebecca Wharton Collins shows she was in hospital at Warrenton and a resident of Ridgeway. Notes of David Collins indicates that before her death she had the family cemetery at "Pleasant Hill" enclosed and a stone engraved naming the people who are buried there and the date of their death.

141. **Elizabeth (S. or T.)⁶ Drake** (John Quincy Adams⁵, Benjamin⁴, James³, John², Thomas¹) was born in NC about 1842. Elizabeth died after 1880.

She married **Michael Collins (III)** 1860. SEE #131 MICHAEL COLLINS III. Michael was born in NC December 22, 1837. Michael was the son of Michael Collins (Jr.) and Mary Ann Cottrell. Michael died after 1880 in Warren Co., NC.

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