

Queries

Query 116: COLLINS AND DOUGLASS FAMILIES

John Collins, whose parents were from Ireland, was a school teacher and, perhaps, a captain in the Revolution. He was said to have been born in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1760. He died on March 18, 1826, in Franklin County, Indiana. He married, August 14, 1788, Mary Catherine Kestner in Rockbridge, Augusta County, Virginia. Their children were Luke, Catherine, John, Hulda, Mary, Philip, Henry, Miller, Rebecca, Juraldine Tardee, and Malinda. Mary Catherine Kestner may have been a descendant of John Philip Kestner who came to Pennsylvania in the early days, for there were a John and a Philip Kestner in Augusta County when Mary Catherine was married, and one of her grandsons was named John Philip Kestner Collins. The Collins family moved from Virginia to the White Water Settlement in Franklin County, Indiana, in 1809, and to Morgan County, Indiana, in 1817 or 1818.

Rebecca Collins, daughter of John and Mary Catherine Collins, was born on July 5, 1799, in Washington County, Virginia. She died in 1879. In 1825, she married Johnson Douglass in Morgan County, Indiana. Johnson Douglass was born on July 15, 1784, in Pennsylvania of Scotch parents who originally settled in Virginia. He died on May 7, 1829, in Morgan County, Indiana. He had a brother Edward, and the family was related to the Paxsons or Paxtons. The first wife (Mary Catherine Kestner) and two baby daughters of Johnson Douglass died. He then married Nellie Russell, while still in Pennsylvania. They had two sons, Robert Russell, and Thomas. Johnson Douglass came to Indiana before the state was admitted to the union.

Johnson and Rebecca Collins (his third wife) Douglass had two daughters. The younger died in infancy. The elder, Caroline Louisa Douglass married William Cain. She died August 8, 1858. William Cain was the son of George Washington and Tabitha (Ciscal) Cain. Juraldine Tardee (Cain) Sirogin was their daughter.

I wish further information about the Douglass and Collins families. I especially wish to find definite information about the service of John Collins in the Revolutionary War.

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Query 117: DARROW FAMILY

Lemuel and Lucrecia Darrow located on a tract of land in the southeast corner of Madison Township, Tipton County, along Duck Creek at a place known as Pleasant Hill. Their son was named Zadoc and his son was given the same name. The latter died June 27, 1936, at the age of seventy-five.

Dr. C. Howard Darrow, 110 Metropolitan Building, Denver, Colorado, a son of the last-named Zadoc Darrow, would like to know whether his branch of the Darrow family can be traced to the Darrows of Connecticut, especially those at New London from which place he thinks his ancestors came.

Query 118: HUGHES FAMILY

Elizabeth Hughes was born, according to her tombstone, October 24, 1810, probably in Tennessee. When seven years old her mother and stepfather started from Tennessee by oxen for Vanderburgh County, Indiana. On the way they were attacked by a party of Cherokees and Elizabeth was taken prisoner and kept by the Cherokees for seven years, when she was rescued by a party of scouts and returned to her parents in Vanderburgh County. According to the pension papers of her husband, Samuel Hooker, they were married August 25, 1830, in Vanderburgh County. He seems to have been a constable in this county in 1832.

Virginia Ingles Maes, 633 E. 54th St., Los Angeles, California, a great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Hughes, would like to know the parentage of her great-grandmother and the part of Tennessee from which she came to Indiana. If anyone has this information or is collecting Hughes genealogy, she would be pleased to get in touch with them.