

John Lee Collins and Fannie Emmie Mitchell are Steve's great-grandparents. Their dau, Vera Louise m. Thomas Edgar Searing Lindsley. Their dau, Ethel Mae m. Robert Dana Adams and had a son, Steven Donald Adams.

COLLINS FAMILY

Name Meaning - There are two origins for this surname. It is comprised of the elements "Col" plus "in", the latter being a shortened form of the Saxon "kin" to imply "Son of Col". The second possibility is as an anglicized form of "Coileain" prefixed by "Mac or O", and found principally in the West of Ireland. In this case the name translates as "the young hound", the clan being hords of Connello, one of the earliest Irish name holders being Fr. Dominic Collins (1553 - 1602). The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of John Collin, which was dated 1221, in the "Kings Rolls of Devonshire", during the reign of King Henry 111, known as "The Frenchman", 1216 - 1272.¹

John Lee Collins was born² 22 Apr 1872 in Harmony, Somerset, ME (on Wellington Road) to John Collins Jr. and Sarah Amanda Shorey. He was white, male and their third child. He m. **Fannie Emmie Mitchell** 5 Oct 1895³ in Wellington, Somerset, ME.⁴ He is listed as a farmer and she as a housemaid. They had 2 daughters; Vera Louise b. 15 Jun 1901 m. Edgar Lindsley, d. 28 May 1976 (our line) and Cora L b. 1903.



John Lee and Fannie Collins

Fannie Emmie Mitchell was born Mar 1875 in Troy, Waldo, ME to James Rackliffe Mitchell & Emily Ann (Stafford) Childs. She died 9 Dec 1922 in Fairfield, Somerset, ME, of consumption (TB).⁵

John Lee Collins had the first vehicle in Harmony, ME. He used it to deliver milk for his farm. He was a carpenter, but could not read or write.⁶ If someone wanted a building built, he would measure the place, order the wood, and build it. When he was 80 yrs old, someone wanted him to build a barn. He said he could not build now for his age, but he would oversee it. That was in 1953 or 54 when he did that job. He buried one, then m. again. She died 6 months later. He buried her and lived a long time more. John Lee Collins died Aug 1955 in Harmony, Somerset, ME and is buried between his two wives. There is also a baby boy in the plot.

The 1880 census has him in Harmony, Somerset, ME, living with his parents. He is a 7 yr old white male.⁷

The 1900 census has them living in Harmony, Somerset, ME. John Lee, age 28 and his wife, Fannie, age 25, live with his parents. They are both listed as white.⁸ John Lee's birth date is Apr 1872 and Fannie's is Mar 1875. They have been m. 4 years. I am not sure of his occupation. Millman was written in

¹ <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/collins#ixzz3VV1albAR>

² ME State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; Pre 1892 Delayed Returns; Roll #: 22

³ Maine, Death Records, 1617-1922 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

⁴ ME State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; 1892-1907 Vital Records; Roll # 11.

⁵ same as footnote #2.

⁶ According to his granddaughter, Ethel, he could not read & write, but all the census records say he can do both.

⁷ Year: 1880; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: 487; Family History Film: 1254487; Page: 361C; Enumeration District: 163; Image: 0724

⁸ The photo we have of Fannie, she looks dark. Tanned ... or what?

the space and above it, was written shingles. They can all read, write and speak English. Everybody and their parents were born in ME.⁹

In 1910 on 2 May, they lived in Pittsfield town, Somerset, ME. John Lee is 38; Fannie is 35 and they have been m. 14 years. Their daus: Vera is 8 and Cora is 7. It 'looks' like it says both adults could read and write. John is a carpenter who works at home on his own accord and owns his hoME. Sarah A, Collins, at age 74, John's mother lives with them.¹⁰

The 1920 census has them living on a farm on Main St. in Waterville Ward 2, Kennebec, ME. John L Collins as head of household. He is a white male, age 48 and was born in ME in 1872. He works at farming on his own account and his house is mortgaged. His wife is listed as Tammie¹¹ (Fannie) E Collins, age 45. In the household are 2 daughters: Vera L, 19 & Coral, 17. They can all read and write. The girls are attending school. All were born in ME as were their parents.¹²

The 1930 census has John Lee on Upper Main Street, Waterville, Kennebec, ME in ward 2, living on a farm. He is 68 yrs old and head of household, widowed. Living with him are his daughter, Vera Louise Lindsley 28 and her husband, Edgar¹³, age 26, and Edgar & Vera's dau, Louise Irene, 16 months. Eva Dittmar¹⁴ lives with them. 15.¹⁵

I could not find the 1940 census for him ... yet.

John Collins II (Jr) was born 19 Jul 1828 to John Collins and Abigail Jewell in Cornville, Somerset, ME. He m. **Sarah Amanda Shorey** 7 May 1856 in Lowell, Mass. Sarah was born 10 Aug 1835 to Lot Shorey and Eliza Ayer in Bingham, Somerset County, ME. John died 29 Sep 1900 in Harmony, Somerset, ME at age 72. Sarah died Nov 1916 in Waterville, Kennebec, ME at age 81. John Jr. was a cattle buyer at the time, his son, John Lee, was born.¹⁶

John Collins Jr. died 29 Sept 1900 in Harmony, Somerset, ME at age 72. The cause of death is on the certificate, but I cannot make it out. His parents were born in NH. He and Sarah were listed as white. Sarah Shorey Collins died 7 Dec 1916 in Waterville, ME where she had lived for 5 years. She was 81 years old. Cause of death was Apoplexy (stroke?) Contributing cause was Chronic Nyocarditis (Myocarditis = heart problems?).¹⁷

1850 census has John Collins Jr. living with his parents at age 21.

1860 census has John Collins Jr., age 31, with his wife, Sarah A age 24 in Harmony, Somerset, ME. Living in the household are Eliza N, age 3 months and Albert Williams age 13. We don't have a connection for Albert to the family. He could be a farm laborer? John's real estate is valued at \$600.00 and personal property at \$594.00.¹⁸

1870 census has John Collins (Jr.), a white male, age 41, with his wife, Sarah A, a white female, age 34, in Harmony, Somerset, ME. John's real estate is valued at \$2250.00 and personal property at \$1803.00. In the household are: their daughter, Nett, age 10 and George W Badger, age 14 who helps on the farm.

⁹ Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: T623_600; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 155.

¹⁰ Year: 1910; Census Place: Pittsfield, Somerset, ME; Roll: T624_546; Page: 16B; Enumeration District: 0235; FHL microfilm: 1374559

¹¹ The writing is messy, and would look like Tammie to one who doesn't know her name is Fannie.

¹² 1920; Census Place: Waterville Ward 2, Kennebec, ME; Roll: T625_644; Page: 15B; Enumeration District: 76; Image: 221

¹³ The census lists Edgar as head of household, also, thought they are the same # of house.

¹⁴ Edgar's half-sister.

¹⁵ Year: 1930; Census Place: Waterville, Kennebec, ME; Roll: 834; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 0043; Image: 575.0; FHL microfilm: 2340569

¹⁶ ME State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; Pre 1892 Delayed Returns; Roll # 22.

¹⁷ ME State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; 1908-1922 Vital Records; Roll #:

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¹⁸ Year: 1860; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: M653_452; Page: 414; Image: 418; Family History Library Film: 803452.

1880 Census has John and Sarah Collins living in Harmony, Somerset, ME. John is 51 and Sarah 44. Household Members: Nettie R. Collins, 20; J. Lee Collins, 7. All were born in ME except for John, born in VT and his parents born in NH.¹⁹ Note: Nettie is a schoolteacher.

1900 census has them living in Harmony, Somerset, ME. John Collins II age 71 born Jul 1828 and Sarah, his wife, age 64 born Aug 1835. They have been m. 44 years. John Lee, age 28 and his wife, Fannie, age 25, live with them. They are all listed as white.²⁰ John Jr. is a farmer.

On the 1910 census Sarah lives with son, John L Collins in Pittsfield, Somerset, ME. (Listed above) She is 74.²¹

John Collins was born²² Nov 1796 to Daniel Collins and Mary Tuxbury. Ohn m. **Abigail Jewell**. Abigail was born Dec 1797 to Jesse Jewell and Rebecca UNK. Abigail Jewell and John Collins had the following children: John Jr., b. 1828; Meriam J. b. 1831; Isabella B. b. 1841;²³ Elias b. 1843. Abigail died 3 Sep 1877 and John died 27 Sep 1884.

1840 USA Census shows John Collins in Cornville, Somerset, ME. Listed: 1 free white male age 10 thru 14; 1 age 40-49; For free white females: 1 under 5; 1 age 5 thru 9; 1 age 20-29; 1 free white female under 5; 1 age 15 thru 19; 1 age 40-49 for a total of 5. One is employed in agriculture.²⁴

1850 census has John Collins male, age: 52 Birth Year: abt 1798. now living in Harmony, Somerset, ME. It has his Birth place as VT. Household Members include: Abigail Collins age 52; John Jr., 21; Meriam J., 19; Isabella B., 10; Elias, 7.²⁵

1860 census has John Collins, age 62, with his wife, Abigail age 62, in Harmony, Somerset, ME. Living in the household are Eliza N, age 3 months and Albert Williams age 13. We don't have a connection of Albert to the family, maybe a farm laborer? John's real estate is valued at \$300.00 and personal property at \$250.00. John was born in VT. He lives next door to his son, John Jr.²⁶

1870 census has John Collins, a white male, age 72, with his wife, Abigail, a white female, age 72, in Harmony, Somerset, ME. John's real estate is valued at \$560.00 and personal property at \$374.00. John was born in NH. Isabella was born in ME. He lives next door to his son, John Jr.

1880 census has John Collins white male, head of household and a widower at age 81 with his birth year abt 1799 in VT. He lives in Harmony, Somerset, ME and is a farmer. His parents were born in NH. He lives next door to his son, John Jr.

The connection we have from John Collins Sr. to Daniel Collins is our family tree that Vera Collins Lindsley did for us and passed on to ME. I saw it online, also at ME & Maritime Canada Genealogy. I do have John and Daniel on the same 1950 census and both born in NH.

Daniel Collins and **Mary Tuxbury** were m. 18 Mar 1779 in South Hampton, Rockingham, NH. Mary Tuxbury was born 07 Feb 1756 in Newton, Rockingham, NH to Thomas Tuxbury and Mary Currier.

The 1840 census has a Daniel Collins, but not old enough to be him. Perhaps, a son? If so, the way I see it, there could be sons: William, John and Daniel.

¹⁹ Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: 487; Family History Film: 1254487; Page: 361C; Enumeration District: 163; Image: 0724.

²⁰ The photo we have of Fannie, she looks dark. Tanned ... or what?

²¹ Year: 1910; Census Place: Pittsfield, Somerset, ME; Roll: T624_546; Page: 16B; Enumeration Di1860 United States Federal Census.

²² 1870 census spells out NH, but all other records show VT and his parents in NH.

²³ curiosity note: 10 yrs with no children born. I wonder why.

²⁴ Year: 1840; Census Place: Cornville, Somerset, ME; Roll: 151; Page: 149; Image: 305; Family History Library Film: 0009708

²⁵ Year: 1850; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: M432_268; Page: 112B; Image: 222

²⁶ Year: 1860; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: M653_452; Page: 414; Image: 418; Family History Library Film: 803452.

In 1850, according to the census, Daniel Collins, age 93, widower, birth year, 1757, born in NH, lives in Harmony, Somerset, ME. Looks like he must live with a son. Household Members: William Collins, 59; Abigail Collins, 60; Polly, 26; Arvilla 17; Jacob D, 24 and a John Moulton, 15.²⁷ Daniel, William and Abigail were born in NH. The others in ME. Daniel Collins was a shoemaker. Note: The John Collins, we assume is his son, is also on this group of the census records.

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<sup>27</sup> Year: 1850; Census Place: Harmony, Somerset, ME; Roll: M432\_268; Page: 101B; Image: 202