

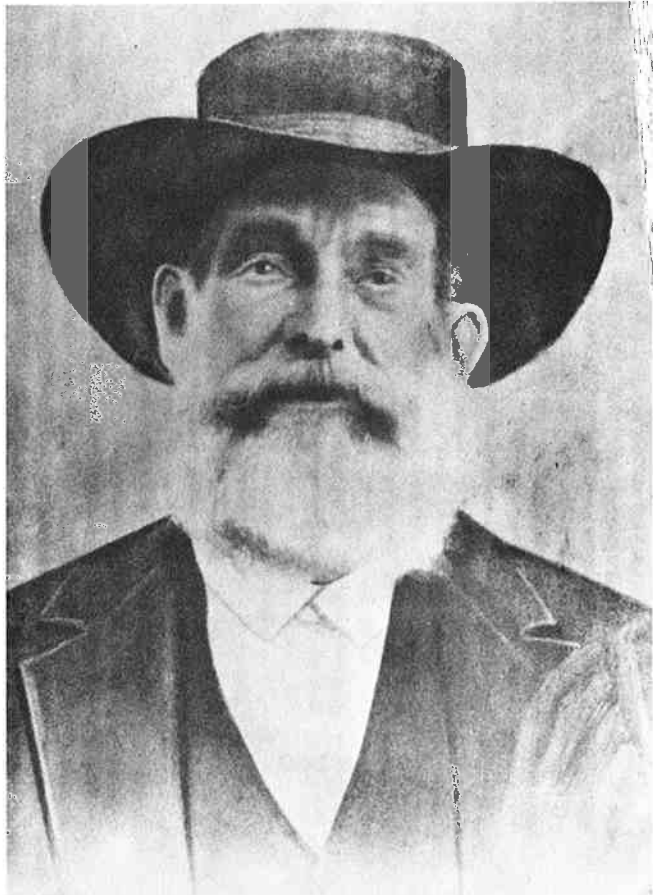
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John Collier, according to various possibly as early as 1815 or as late as

U. S. census records, was born, 1824. He is believed to have been a son of Henry Collier of Dooly County, Georgia, who died in 1840; however John's name is not mentioned among the heirs. Among the heirs listed in the estate proceedings is Piety (Collier) Crews and it has long been established that she was a sister of John Collier, the subject of this sketch.

John Collier was first married to Caroline Hall and they were living in Dooly County, Ga., as late as 1846 but were residing in Gadsden County, Florida, when the 1850 census was taken. The 1860 census for Lafayette Co., Florida, shows John Collier and his wife "Louiza". Whether she was actually Caroline Hall or was a second wife is not known.

The birthdates for John Collier's first twelve children are in many cases estimates and educated guesses because the available data is conflicting. A family Bible lists the birthdates for the children but it is now obvious that the dates given for the five oldest children are erroneous. Consequently, census records have been used to establish the dates.



JOHN COLLIER

1. William Green Collier, born 1840-43; died Feb. 1919; married Mary Ann Wiggins, June 8, 1869.
2. Mary Elizabeth Collier, born 1842-43; married _____ Green.
3. Calvin C. Collier, born June 22, 1842-43 according to pension papers; died Aug. 17, 1922; married 1st, Katie Parnell, Oct. 11, 1866; married 2nd, Beulah I. (Whidden) Sparkman, Oct. 10, 1897.
4. Irene Collier, born 1845-47; married Richmond R. Crews, Oct. 9, 1869.
5. John Collier, Jr., born June 22, 1846 according to pension statement; tombstone says June 22, 1853 but must be in error; died Feb. 1, 1934; married 1st, Sallie Lewis, Dec. 12, 1865; married 2nd, Mattie Kemp, Oct. 16, 1904; married 3rd, Letitia (Guest) Skipper, Jan. 2, 1915.
6. Henry "Bunk" Collier, born Dec. 25, 1855-6; died July 17, 1920; married Ann Gillespie, Sept. 25, 1872 (in 1885 Manatee Co. census his wife's name is listed as Texas).