

*Analysis  
Randolph Co., TN  
for clues*

2832 Teakwood Lane  
Plano, Texas 75075  
March 17, 1989

Dear Janis,

A hurried note as I have come across a line which, I believe, may prove of some interest to you. At least it is more than we have now!

William Colyar, b ca 1756, Montgomery Co., near Roanoke, Virginia, died ca 1819 Washington Co., TN, believed to be son of a John Colyar. Married to "Nancy" Ann St. Clair, supposedly sister to General Arthur St. Clair, (who came to America in 1757 with the British Army, resigned his commission in 1762, settling in the Ligonier Valley of Pennsylvania.

Projected children:

MALE-  
definite:

Arthur St.Clair/Sinclair  
William, Jr., Esq. married Liddie Nelson

Possibles:

Alexander who married Kate Sherrill (lived in Franklin Co., TN)  
John who married first: Martha Minus, and 2nd-Lydia Purvis.  
**THESE TWO ARE DEFINITELY BROTHERS**

Leonard who married Charlottle Slagle may be another, and it looks as tho' he definitely had a brother, William, who married Eliza Dyche, and therefore may not belong to the above family.

There were also in the area: a Morgan who married Betsy Purvis (see above #2 wife of John), and a Thomas who may fit into this family.

FEMALE

Possibilities:

Ursula who married John Lashbrook  
Dorcas who married John Calvert

*Dorcas Callier  
\* 3/20/1785 d 6/1/1843  
NOT verified*

Some of this information came from a book by CALLOWAY, and some from the EAST TENNESSENEAN (am not sure of this title as I have only an abbreviation but show page 552)

I have not proven anything - but am enclosing some copies of proof that may support soem of the above. I also sent you the other marriages I think previously. Perhaps this will enable you to learn more about Dorcas.

Do let me know if anything here fits with what you already have or learn.

*Oliver*

Washington Co. Deeds # 4

Bk. 18  
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March 26, 1826 William Colyer to Thomas J. Brown  
both of Wash. sell a negro girl about 12y old  
named Hannah for \$250. Wit Thompson Stuart  
& W<sup>m</sup> Vance; July 1827, Reg 1829 July 6<sup>th</sup>

Bk 19  
p 134

Sept 10, 1830 W<sup>m</sup> Colyer Sr. of Wash Co. - in his  
lifetime executed a bill of sale in trust to W<sup>m</sup>  
Colyer Jr. for the use & benefit of the 1<sup>st</sup> legal  
heir of the - W<sup>m</sup> J. for a negro boy  
named Peter - dated Sept 25, 1804, Proven Feb  
Session 1805. I, Martin Colyer, am the 1<sup>st</sup>  
legal heir of W<sup>m</sup> Colyer Jr. & am entitled to  
Peter by virtue of bill of sale of my grand  
father. I now sell him (Peter) to James<sup>H</sup> Jones of  
(Peter is about 33) for \$300. Jonesboro.

Wit. Hiram Muckler, W<sup>m</sup> J. Gammon  
Rec. Ap 1831 +

Bk 20  
p 477

Feb 24, 1835 Leonard Colyer of Wash. to Thomas  
Riddle of Wash. I owe 5 2 1/2 bushels of corn, I sell  
to Riddle a brown horse I purchased of Riddle  
until debt is paid. Wit: D W Telford, Henry  
McCracken, Reg - Jan 15 1836

Bk 22  
p 230

June 23, 1838 Deed of Trust. W<sup>m</sup> Colyer owes  
\$272.52 to Jacob Hartsell. For \$1 W<sup>m</sup> Colyer  
to W<sup>m</sup> ~~Brown~~ Brown 80 acres bordering between  
Shannon, Isaac Taylor & Elijah Embree. If  
he can pay off debt in 2 yrs. Brown is to  
sell back land by grant claim, If he default  
Brown is to sell land at Jonesboro courthouse  
after giving notice. Wit: Jacob Hartsell & W<sup>m</sup> Brown

P. 2. Wash. Co. Deed - Colyer

Bk 9  
30

Aug 6, 1798 Stephen Colyer of Wash. to David  
Dreadnick. 5 shillings. Certain lot in town  
of Jones b<sup>o</sup> (Jonesboro?) #36. Stephen Colyer  
(his mark) Wth. James Claken(?) & John Fair  
Proven Feb 1802, Reg. May 1802

B 9  
p 173

Oct 1, 1801 Charles Colyer of Carter Co to Michael Swingle  
London Indian Creek etc. Containing all lands  
which formerly belonged to James Acton.  
(almost unreadable).  
Wit. Gut judge Garland, \_\_\_\_\_ Col. & W<sup>m</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(Edwards?)

✓ Bk 13  
p 449

May 3, 1814 W<sup>m</sup> Colyer Sr. to Daniel Moore  
both of Washington, \$150. S. Side of  
Molachucky. On line of Hottinbille's lane.  
adj. John Clark's land, Arnold Greene.  
47 1/2 a. part of a Tn. land grant of 95 a.  
to W<sup>m</sup> Boyer Sr. Wit: Mathew Stephenson  
Jacob Brown & Saml Lowry

Bk 14  
p 77

May 3, 1814 W<sup>m</sup> Colyer Sr. to Arnold Greene  
both of Wash. Co. \$150. S. Side of Molachucky  
Adj. Moore, John Clark - 47 1/2 a. part of  
a 95 a. tract of land from Tn. to W<sup>m</sup> Colyer Sr.  
Wit. Mathew Stephenson, Jacob Brown & Saml  
Lowry.

Washington Co. Deeds - Colyer p 3

BK17  
p 84 Sept 29, 1819 W<sup>m</sup> Colyer of Wash. Co to Spencer E.  
Gibson of Wash. \$20. S.S of Nolachucky  
adj Montgomery Stuart; Colyer; (<sup>what</sup> Gibson  
purchased of Phos Brown). Wit. E Nelson Jr,  
Jas Given, Thomas Brown. filed Aug 1820.  
Reg. Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1820

p 17  
p 210 Oct 18, 1821, John Colyer of Pulaski Co. Ky to  
Alexander Colyer of Wash. \$450. His  
distributive share as one of legatee of W<sup>m</sup>  
Colyer his father. Part of 3 tracts, S.S. Nolachucky  
1. N.C. to Walter King  
2. N.C. to Jeffrey Bounds  
3. to John England  
6 Acres  
Wit. Phos Stuart, Jacob Hartsale.  
Oct 1821 Rec. Jan 1823

BK18  
p. 10 12 Jan 1826 W<sup>m</sup> Colyer of Wash. Co to Joseph  
Hunter a negro boy named Isaac about  
11 or 12 y. old. for \$275. Wit: John E Eason  
& W<sup>m</sup> Doper (?). Oct 1826, Rec Dec 1826

BK18  
p 179 Dec. 8, 1827 Alexander Colyer of Wash. Co to  
Isaac Taylor of Carter Co. \$1900. S.S of  
Nolachucky. part of tract formerly owned by  
W<sup>m</sup> Colyer dec. Adj. John Cabant & wife Socca,  
James S. Johnson, to trust purchased by W<sup>m</sup>  
Colyer from Walter King; Oliver B. Rofs.  
T. Shannon; 225 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> a. Wit. James S.  
Johnson & Elijah Embree. Reg Oct 15, 1828

Agreeable to a commission to us directed John Dillard, Thomas Love, Thomas Forster, Amos Justice, and Gabriel Keith, took the oaths prescribed by law, for the qualification of public officers, and the oath of a Justice of the peace, and took their seats as such.

On motion of Abraham Reid, ordered by Court that his mark and brand be recorded as follows Viz. a crop and half crop off each Ear, the brand A. R. on the mounting and Shoulder of his horses, and on the Cushion of his Cattle.

Court adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 O'Clock.

Court met according adjournment. Present: Lambert Clayton, Hickman Hensely, Amos Justice, Wm. Davidson, Wm. Davidson, Esquires.

Ben Bird and Thomas Bird, Brought into court the last will and testament of Thomas Allison deced. which was proved in open court by Hickman Hensely, and Thomas Bird, Ben Bird and Thomas Bird were qualified as Executors.

Reuben Wood Esqr. County Solicitor resigned his appointment as Sol. The Court proceeded to Elect another, and did Elect to that Office Joseph Spencer Esquire.

- Petit Jury:
- |   |                  |   |                |   |               |
|---|------------------|---|----------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | John Craig       | 4 | Robert Baker   | 7 | James Willson |
| 2 | Walter Hogshead  | 5 | James Davidson | 8 | Joseph Henry  |
| 3 | Mark Forster Jr. | 6 | John Gash      |   |               |

The deposition of Alexander St. Clair, and William Chambers, ordered to be recorded at length as follows Viz. - State of No. Carolina, Buncombe County: This day came Alexander St. Clair before me, and being duely sworn saith, that he saw a bond in possession of William Colyer, against Doctor Sewthold and Mathew Adkinson, to Stand between him in any suit or suits, that might be brought by General Seveir, Charles Robison or any other person or persons, respecting the mines and the lands including the mines, which the said Sewthold & Adkinson, bought from the said Colyer, and a number of other papers to the use of sd. sworn to before this 21st day of April 1795.

Joseph Hardin J. P. Alexander St. Clair

State of No. Carolina, Buncombe County: This day came Wm. Chambers and made that on the 21st day of January the dwelling house of James Chambers was burnt and William Colyer, sent a small trunk, with William Chambers, and said deponant put it in his trunk, and has reason to believe was burnt with the rest of the goods in the house. Sworn to and subscribed before this 26th day of January 1795.

Wm. Davidson J. P. Wm. (his C mark) Chambers

Agreeable to comission to us directed Abraham Denton came into open court and took the oaths required by law for the qualification of public officers and the oath of a Justice of the peace, and took his seat.

- David Mimme vs. Bedent Baird: No 28. Trover &C. Jury empan'd & Sworn to wit:
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|---|-----------------|---|------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Walter Hogshead | 5 | John Gash        | 9  | William Dever Junr. |
| 2 | Mark Forster    | 6 | James Willson    | 10 | James Love          |
| 3 | Robert Baker    | 7 | Norris Midcalf   | 11 | Ben Johnson         |
| 4 | James Davidson  | 8 | Thomas Alexander | 12 | Henry Karson        |

morning 10 O'Clock.

Present: James Davidson, James Brit-

ing persons serve as jurors at Morgan Superior Court

oper, William Fletcher, Philip Hoodenpile, Lambert

es, Ordered by court that his mark be recorded as

and an under keel in each Ear. on each poll, & 8d on each hundred acres of land following persons be summoned to attend as jurors John Wood, Nicholas Woodfin, John Hawkins, John Mcalf, Moses Smith, Walter Hogshead, Edward Johnson, ee, Thos. Davidson, Timothy Barnard, Gabriel Elkins, John Hammonds, Robert Baker Jr., John Wood (Bull Dunsmore, Geo. Davidson, James McNabb, John Gash, n, John Phillips, James Clemon, Wm. Gudger, James ph Ashworth, John Bradly, Joseph Henry, John Craig,

to John Hawkins for half an acre lot in morristown t and ordered to be registered.

to John Street for half an acre lot in Morristown t and ordered to be registered.

lph to Daniel Smith for 120 acres of land was proved son one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and

lph to Daniel Smith for 23 acres of land was proved e of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered

, to Joshua Williams, 56 acres of land and 45 acres open court and ordered to be registered.

: third monday in April 1795. Attest D. Vance Clk.

APRIL SESSION, 1795

as and quarter sessions began opened and held for court house in Morristown on the third monday in am Davidson, Robert Love, Lambert Clayton, Esquires.

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 5  | Gabriel Elkins  | 11 | John Phillips   |
| 7  | Henry McKennie  | 12 | James Clemons   |
| 8  | George Davidson | 13 | William Gudger  |
| 9  | Samuel Davidson | 14 | Joseph Ashworth |
| 10 | John Davidson   | 15 | Edward Williams |

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