

## First Generation

1. **Michael Collins** was born about 1770 in Cork, Ireland. He died before 1850 at the age of 80 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

**Elizabeth Kearney Collins** was born about 1780 in Cork City, Ireland. She died on 29 Jan 1874 at the age of 94 in San Francisco, California, United States.

Michael Collins and Elizabeth Kearney Collins had the following child:

- +2      i **John A. Collins Sr.**, born 4 Dec 1804, Galway, Ireland; married Bridget McCarthy, 8 Nov 1823, Ireland; died 1868, Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

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2. **John A. Collins Sr.**<sup>1</sup> was born on 4 Dec 1804 in Galway, Ireland. He died in 1868 at the age of 64 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. John A. Collins Sr. and Bridget McCarthy were married on 8 Nov 1823 in Ireland.

**Bridget McCarthy**, daughter of Jerimiah Mc Carthy and Mary Riordan, was born about 1806. She died about 1847 at the age of 41 in Indiana, United States.

John A. Collins and Bridget McCarthy had the following children:

- +3      i **Patrick Collins**, born 11 Dec 1832, Bombay, Franklin, New York, United States; married Mary Finnegan, 1859; died 13 Dec 1913, Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.
- 4      ii **Elizabeth Collins** was born in 1838 in New York, United States. She died in 1867 at the age of 29 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.
- 5      iii **Michael R Collins** was born in 1839 in New York, United States. He died in 1889 at the age of 50.
- 6      iv **John Collins** was born in 1840 in New York, United States. He died on 29 Mar 1909 at the age of 69 in Denver, Colorado, United States.
- 7      v **Loretta Collins** was born in 1843. She died in 1942 at the age of 99.
- +8      vi **Dennis F. Collins**, born 27 Jan 1845, Fort Covington, Franklin, New York, United States; died 22 May 1922, Edina, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States.

**Mary Clement Smith**, daughter of Isaac Watt Smith and Sarah Hancock, was born on 10 Mar 1808 in Charlotte, Virginia, United States. She died before 1898 at the age of 90.

John A. Collins and Mary Clement Smith had the following child:

- 9      i **William Joseph Collins** was born in 1848 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. He died in 1935 at the age of 87 in Butte, California, United States.

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3. **Patrick Collins**<sup>2</sup> was born on 11 Dec 1832 in Bombay, Franklin, New York, United States. He died on 13 Dec 1913 at the age of 81 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.<sup>3</sup> Patrick Collins and Mary Finnegan were married in 1859.

**Mary Finnegan**<sup>4-5</sup> was born on 15 Oct 1840 in Cavan, Ireland. She died on 23 Nov 1906 at the age of 66 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

Patrick Collins and Mary Finnegan had the following children:

- +10 i **Catherine Collins**, born 23 Jun 1860, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States; died 1942.
- +11 ii **Mary Ellen Collins**, born 16 Feb 1861, Military Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States; died 16 Dec 1943, Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States.
- 12 iii **Elizabeth Ann Lydia Collins** was born on 24 Dec 1863 in Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died on 6 May 1945 at the age of 81 in Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States.
- 13 iv **Caroline Collins** was born in Feb 1869 in Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died in 1955 at the age of 86.
- +14 v **John Collins**, born 1870, Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States; died 1943, Festina, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.
- 15 vi **Anna Collins** was born on 7 Aug 1870 in Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died on 7 Apr 1970 at the age of 99 in New Hampton, Chickasaw, Iowa, United States.
- 16 vii **Alice B. Collins** was born in Nov 1874 in Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died in 1949 at the age of 75.
- 17 viii **Therese Collins**<sup>6</sup> was born in 1877. She died in 1935 at the age of 58.
- 18 ix **William Collins Sr.** was born on 9 Feb 1878 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. He died on 18 Feb 1958 at the age of 80 in Orange, California, United States.
- 19 x **Emma Collins**<sup>7</sup> was born in 1881. She died in 1936 at the age of 55.
- 20 xi **Harry J. Collins** was born on 5 Sep 1885 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. He died on 25 May 1952 at the age of 66.
- 21 xii **Edward Collins** was born on 5 Sep 1885 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States. He died.

**Mary Finnegan**<sup>4-5</sup> was born on 15 Oct 1840 in Cavan, Ireland. She died on 23 Nov 1906 at the age of 66 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

Patrick Collins and Mary Finnegan had the following child:

- +22 i **Thomas Patrick Collins**, born 24 May 1873, Military Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States; married Irene Frances McGovern, 10 May 1916, Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, United States; died 18 Nov 1952, Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

8. **Dennis F. Collins** was born on 27 Jan 1845 in Fort Covington, Franklin, New York, United States. He died on 22 May 1922 at the age of 77 in Edina, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States.

**Margaret Diggers Fitzgerald** was born on 25 Mar 1851 in Tipperary, Ireland. She died on 6 Oct 1910 at the age of 59 in New Hampton, Chickasaw, Iowa, United States.

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Dennis F. Collins and Margaret Diggers Fitzgerald had the following children:

- 23      i **William Joseph Collins** was born on 16 Jan 1876 in Chickasaw, Iowa, United States. He died on 6 Jun 1954 at the age of 78 in Los Angeles, California, United States.
- 24      ii **Margaret Loretta Collins** was born on 7 Jan 1874 in Chickasaw, Iowa, United States. She died on 12 Feb 1932 at the age of 58.
- 25      iii **Edward Dennis Collins** was born about 1873 in Iowa, United States. He died.
- 26      iv **George Collins** was born on 28 Jan 1883 in Jacksonville, Chickasaw, Iowa. He died.
- 27      v **Dionysious U. "Dennis" Collins** was born on 16 Apr 1873 in New Hampton, Chickasaw, Iowa, United States. He died on 8 Oct 1957 at the age of 84 in Hennepin, Minnesota, United States.
- 28      vi **K Mary Collins** was born in 1880 in Chickasaw, Iowa, United States. She died.
- 29      vii **Nellie Elizabeth Collins** was born on 23 Jan 1869 in Jacksonville, Iowa, United States. She died on 3 Apr 1962 at the age of 93 in Austin, Mower, Minnesota, United States.

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10. **Catherine Collins** was born on 23 Jun 1860 in Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died in 1942 at the age of 82.

**Edward J. Canavan** was born in 1863 in Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, United States. He died in 1910 at the age of 47.

11. **Mary Ellen Collins** was born on 16 Feb 1861 in Military Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died on 16 Dec 1943 at the age of 82 in Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States.

**Charles E. Cotter** was born in 1875 in Iowa, United States. He died before 1975 at the age of 100.

14. **John Collins**<sup>8-9</sup> was born in 1870 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. He died in 1943 at the age of 73 in Festina, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

**Philamena Dessel**<sup>10-11</sup>, daughter of Johan Conrad Dessel and Mary Welte, was born in 1874 in Washington Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. She died in 1968 at the age of 94 in Festina, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

John Collins and Philamena Dessel had the following child:

- 30      i **Eunice M. Collins**<sup>12</sup> was born on 5 Nov 1908. She died on 30 Jul 1913 at the age of 4.

22. **Thomas Patrick Collins**<sup>13</sup> was born on 24 May 1873 in Military Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. He died on 18 Nov 1952 at the age of 79 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. Thomas Patrick Collins and Irene Frances McGovern were married on 10 May 1916 in Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, United States.

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**Irene Frances McGovern**<sup>14-15</sup>, daughter of Charles L. McGovern and Mary Elizabeth Lynch, was born on 8 Dec 1888 in Holy Cross, Dubuque, Iowa, United States. She died on 18 Sep 1969 at the age of 80 in Decorah, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

Thomas Patrick Collins and Irene Frances McGovern had the following children:

- +31 i **Thomas M. Collins**, born 5 Mar 1917, Monona, Clayton, Iowa, United States; died 16 Mar 1968, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.
- +32 ii **Isabelle Mary Collins**, born 30 May 1918, Prairie du Chien, Crawford, Wisconsin, United States; married Helge Holseth Nasby, 17 Apr 1943, Quantico, Prince William, Virginia, United States; died 24 Dec 2012, Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.
- +33 iii **Robert C. Collins**, born 30 Dec 1921; died 29 Dec 1967.
- +34 iv **Maurice Collins**, born 27 Jan 1930; married Elaine Wurzer, 21 May 1955.

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31. **Thomas M. Collins**<sup>16</sup> was born on 5 Mar 1917 in Monona, Clayton, Iowa, United States. He died on 16 Mar 1968 at the age of 51 in Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.

**Evelyn M. Unknown**<sup>17-18</sup> was born on 19 Nov 1918. She died on 14 May 1993 at the age of 74.

32. **Isabelle Mary Collins**<sup>19-20</sup> was born on 30 May 1918 in Prairie du Chien, Crawford, Wisconsin, United States. She died on 24 Dec 2012 at the age of 94 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States. Isabelle Mary Collins and Helge Holseth Nasby were married on 17 Apr 1943 in Quantico, Prince William, Virginia, United States.<sup>21</sup>

**Helge Holseth Nasby**<sup>22</sup> was born on 13 Aug 1914. He died on 8 May 1998 at the age of 83.

Helge Holseth Nasby and Isabelle Mary Collins had the following children:

- +35 i **Patricia Nasby**, born abt 1945.
- +36 ii **Robert Nasby**, born abt 1947.
- 37 iii **Barbara Nasby**<sup>23</sup> was born about 1949.<sup>24</sup>

33. **Robert C. Collins**<sup>25-27</sup> was born on 30 Dec 1921. He died on 29 Dec 1967 at the age of 45.

**Madonna F. Lansing**<sup>28-29</sup>, daughter of Frederick W. Lansing and Monica P. M. Stortz, was born on 21 Jan 1925 in Springfield Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.<sup>30-31</sup> She died on 9 Aug 2002 at the age of 77.<sup>32-33</sup>

Robert C. Collins and Madonna F. Lansing had the following children:

- +38 i **Lois Collins**, born abt 1946.
- 39 ii **Arlene Collins**<sup>34</sup> was born about 1948.<sup>35</sup>
- 40 iii **Cathy Collins**<sup>36</sup> was born about 1950.<sup>37</sup>
- 41 iv **Jane Collins**<sup>38</sup> was born about 1952.<sup>39</sup>

34. **Maurice Collins**<sup>40</sup> was born on 27 Jan 1930.<sup>41</sup> Maurice Collins and Elaine Wurzer were married on 21 May 1955.<sup>42</sup>

**Elaine Wurzer**<sup>43</sup>, daughter of Edward O. Wurzer and Elizabeth M. Kuennen, was born on 21 Sep 1932 in Ossian, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.<sup>44</sup> She was also known as Elma Wurzer.<sup>45</sup>

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35. **Patricia Nasby**<sup>46</sup> was born about 1945.<sup>47</sup>

**Richard Fechter**<sup>48</sup> was born about 1943.<sup>49</sup>

36. **Robert Nasby**<sup>50</sup> was born about 1947.<sup>51</sup>

**Karin Craven**<sup>52</sup> was born about 1949.<sup>53</sup>

38. **Lois Collins**<sup>54</sup> was born about 1946.<sup>55</sup>

**Scott Alan Berger**<sup>56</sup> was born on 6 Dec 1955. He died on 22 Oct 2016 at the age of 60 in Shorewood, Will, Illinois, United States.

Scott Alan Berger and Lois Collins had the following children:

- 42      i **Alex Berger**<sup>57</sup> was born about 1978.
- 43      ii **Alicia Berger**<sup>58</sup> was born about 1980.
- 44      iii **Dallas Berger**<sup>59</sup> was born about 1982.

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## Endnotes

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1. Iowa GenWeb - Winneshiek County.
2. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
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14. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
15. Find a Grave.com.
16. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
17. Find a Grave.com.
18. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
19. Grau Funeral Homes.
20. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
21. Grau Funeral Homes.
22. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
23. Grau Funeral Homes.
24. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
25. Decorah Newspapers.
26. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
27. Find a Grave.com.
28. 1940 U. S. Census.
29. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
30. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.

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31. Laverne Catanzarite, Descendants of Michael Huber.
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33. Decorah Newspapers.
34. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
35. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
36. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
37. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
38. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
39. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
40. LaVerne (Reuters) Catanzarite, Descendants of Johann Steffes.
41. LaVerne Catanzarite, Descendants of Wessel Kunnen.
42. LaVerne Catanzarite, Descendants of Wessel Kunnen.
43. LaVerne (Reuters) Catanzarite, Descendants of Johann Steffes.
44. Descendants of Franz Xavier Boeding (1796 - 1878) (Name: Last Update: December 29, 2003;).
45. 1940 U. S. Census.
46. Grau Funeral Homes.
47. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
48. Grau Funeral Homes.
49. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
50. Grau Funeral Homes.
51. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
52. Grau Funeral Homes.
53. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
54. Iowa GenWeb Volunteers, Iowa Gravestone Photo Project.
55. Estimation by Bruce Kuennen.
56. Schluter - Balik Funeral Home - Obituaries.
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59. Schluter - Balik Funeral Home - Obituaries.