

Father of 24 Lives Quietly At Home In Boonville; 19 Living

I. C. Collins, Age 79, Is Farmer Who Has An Even One Hundred Descendants Scattered in Many Sections of the Nation; Says It Is Just As Easy to Bring up a Large Family As An Ordinary One

(By W. E. RUTLEDGE)
Mr. I. C. (Coldwell) Collins, of Boonville, is a good farmer, a good Quaker and the father of 24 children, and this is just a starter for this man of 79 summers who has spent all his life in the Boonville section and has reared this remarkable family with two wives.

Mr. Collins is a quiet mannered man of six feet three inches, who goes about his daily duties like a man 30 years younger than he is; he has a large farm and the more tobacco he is allowed to raise the better it suits him.

He is proud of his 24 children, 19 of whom are now living, but not inclined to brag about it. When asked by the writer to name them he threw up his hands and admitted it was too much of a task for him, and neither could he give the address

of all as they range across the continent to California. The present Mrs. Collins, who was Miss Fannie Brown and married to Mr. Collins in 1912, is a quiet, industrious little woman and together with a daughter supplied us with all the family information needed to make a small book.

Married 58 Years
Mr. Collins was first married to Miss Lutina Farrington in 1882 and to this union was born a dozen children. His marriage to Miss Brown brought another dozen, although one of these was born dead.

"If all my children had been boys I could have had a couple of baseball teams," said Mr. Collins, "with some extras in case of accident."

The children and their addresses are as follows: Mrs. Wilma Vestal, Mrs. Lora Vestal, Mrs.

Father of 24 Children



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Collins, of Boonville, the former the father of 24 children, 19 of whom are living. Mrs. Collins is Mr. Collins' second wife, and is the mother of 12 of his children.

the other where he had sold it. Officers had worked on the case since it happened but were unable to get anywhere until the filling station of W. G. Brown, also in Boonville, was entered a few nights ago. A few days later one of the boys was offering cigarettes for sale and the officers started work again, soon ferreting out the case and the boys confessed.

The post office robbery being a federal offense they were turned over to federal authorities. Commissioner Mackie set their bonds at \$500 each, which they had not made when taken to Winston-Salem jail by a deputy marshal.

Local officers think they have cleared up petty thievery in that section with the arrest of the two boys. They will be tried at the May term of Federal Court at Winston-Salem.

Some Happiness
Urma—What is the height of Christy?—In my case he's about five feet 10 inches.

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An Even 100
Now we are getting down to real descendants. It took some figures to get together the number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and when the work was completed the tally showed an even 100 (that was two weeks ago) and they, too, were scattered in many sections. There showed to be 49 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren. Their pictures filled the family album.

What a Vote!
Mr. Collins allowed that he could swing the tide when it came to voting and if he had them all in Yadkin the results might be different on election nights. Mr. Collins has been a Republican all his life, he stated, and strangely enough his children all married Republicans and then more Republicans. With Mr. and Mrs. Collins, their descendants and the in-laws there are 59 votes, all just alike. Three children are under 21, the youngest 12.

Speaking further of his unusual family, Mr. Collins thinks it about as easy to bring up a house full as just an ordinary family and his observation shows little difference. He should know.

A Reunion?
Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Collins speak of having a reunion of this family of 120 persons but then it seems a problem. However they may try it sometime. It would be an interesting sight for a family of this size in a get-together and is well worth trying.

The two boys, Ernest Brown and Warren Hudson, both of the Boonville section, were arrested by Sheriff A. L. Inscore, assisted by Deputies F. E. Hurt and Jake Brown, who had been working on the case since the breaking occurred. The boys also admitted, according to officers, that they entered the hardware store of C. D. Poindexter at Boonville on the same night by removing a window pane. They also took a pistol and other small articles from this store. Both pistols were recovered, one at Brown's home and

MOUNTAIN PARK

Miss Hazel Wood spent the week-end in Winston-Salem, the guest of Miss Ethel Saylor.

Mr. Tom Shores has returned from Bel Air, Md., where he has been for some time.

Miss Emma Jane Dinville and Mrs. A. F. Kinzie spent several days the past week in Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Paul Harris honored her husband with a surprise birthday party Saturday evening. Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Watson Harris, of Mt. Airy, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Harris, Mrs. Louise Royall and Miss Polly Shores.

Miss Rosa Marshall has returned to her home here after visiting for some time in Elkin.

We are glad to know that Mrs. W. B. Williams has recovered from influenza.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Will Shores, who was admitted to the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital Thursday for treatment preparatory to an operation.

Rev. Eli Jordan will fill his regular appointments at the Baptist church Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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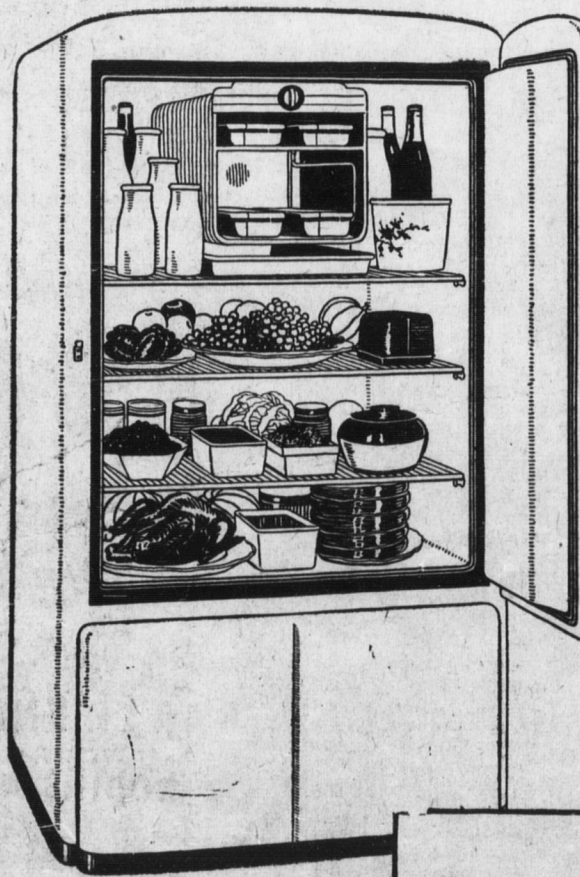
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