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This is the newsletter for the One-Name Study of the surname COLLOFF. It will be published twice a year, Summer and Early each Winter and used to keep the other interested Colloff relations up to date with the latest research, whether completed by me, or by one of the other Cousins.

John Colloff, July 2005

### Comment

I delayed the start of making of this issue because of holidays, but I have held back from issuing it until I have been able to hand a copy to Ken at the surprise celebration of his and Maureen's golden Wedding anniversary. His daughters, Terry and Beverley, who kindly invited Annette and I, had arranged this, and I did not want to chance spoiling their surprise by an inadvertent mention in this issue.

I am delighted to commemorate Ken and Maureen's anniversary in this issue, as I cannot imagine a more appropriate item for this family history newsletter.

Our heartiest

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to Ken and Maureen on their fifty years of happy married life.

*John and Annette*

### CONVENTIONS

There will be no publishing of personal details, dates, addresses, etc. of living people without their express permission. If you want to see the details of you and yours on the trees, you will have to write to me giving me express permission to do exactly that. You might like to include your comments on this enterprise as well. ☺

Should you choose to send me a photo or two to include I will take that as permission to publish unless you expressly forbid it. Contributions in the form of letters, articles and/or photos by any of you would be a very welcome addition for me to include in forthcoming issues.

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### Success and Distribution of COLLOFF COUSINS.

I encourage you to photocopy any of CC and send it on to anyone that you think might be interested. For computer owners I can provide a copy in colour in Adobe <\*.pdf> or MS Word .doc format so that you can print off your own copies. I still hope to have my web page [www.colloff.org.uk](http://www.colloff.org.uk) up and running soon. On it I hope to have coloured downloadable issues of COLLOFF COUSINS in .GIF and .html browsable formats.

If possible the pages containing living family information will only be accessible with a password freely sent to all family members, mainly to avoid Data Protection Act registration.

**DISTRIBUTION.** I have split up the list of 24 copies to the three (and-a-half?) branches as follows.

**Benjamin (c.1760 – 1834).** Kenneth Edward Colloff, Rainham. Roy William Colloff, Alderholt. Mildred, wife of Reginald Percival Colloff, Dagenham.

**Thomas (c.1790 – 1839+).** Matthew via John & Mary Colloff, Portugal.

**Joseph (c.1814 – 1876).** Hilary Colloff, Seattle, USA. Charlotte Hinde, West Sussex, William Colloff, Todmorden, Audrey Palin, Phyllis Colloff, Christine & John Wilson, Brian & Pauline Colloff, and Lyn & Garry James, Birmingham. Derek Colloff, Worcester. Audine & Jamie Watson, and Sheila Kirk, British Columbia. Trevor Rogers, Shotton. Beryl Colloff, Alcester, Helen Williamson, Witney.

**Kohlhoff** Elizabeth Kohlhoff in Kelso, Australia, Katy Kohlhoff, Germany.

**Other.** The British Library. Guild of One-Name Studies, file.

# **GOLDEN WEDDING**

**Congratulations to Ken and Maureen  
on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding  
anniversary**



Yes, it is fifty years since young Kenneth Edward Colloff married  
Miss Maureen May Sach on 23<sup>rd</sup> July;  
1955 to 2005.

# ***Cousins***

**This section starts with the latest article of this issue's 'Golden Boy', the ever active and prolific Ken!**

## ***Distant Cousins***

***By Ken Colloff***

I continue to update my web site as and when I find more information. Recently it paid dividends. I received an e-mail, via "*Colloff Ancestors*" from a Gillian Payton to say her Great Grand Mother was a Colloff, to be precise, a Jane Colloff. I only had one Jane b 1860 in my birth register that fit the time scale, that was the daughter of Joseph Colloff 1814 and Jane Jermy.

Gillian was inquiring if I had a marriage for Jane, as she was unable to find one around the time it should have taken place. But, as we all know, nothing in family history is always as it should be.

At that point I never had a marriage for Jane, that was until Gillian said that she knew Jane had married a Samuel Job. That's when the bells started to ring and the grey matter begun churning. Searching my marriage register I find an entry for a Jane to a Samuel Job in 1921. No wonder she couldn't find it. By that time Jane and Samuel had had 12 children.

I sent the "Family Record Centre" reference to Gillian and she obtained a certificate, of which she kindly sent me a copy, plus a copy of Jane's death certificate. The marriage took place at the register office in Aston Birmingham on the 14 November 1921. The witnesses were Jane's younger sister Emma and her husband David *Kirk*\*. That was 3 years before Jane died at the city hospital in Birmingham. I wonder, was Jane dying at the time? Or was it a case of just making an honest couple of themselves?

Finding one distant cousin is good news, but when Gillian said her brother Graham's wife Joan Ryder had a Colloff Grand Mother, and she suspected they were related way back. Well, it wasn't that far back as the Grand Mother was Charlotte Rose Colloff married to William Hayes in 1916. Charlotte Rose was the daughter of William Colloff b 1870 and Charlotte Rose Hughes.

Now Jane b 1860 is the aunt of Charlotte Rose b 1890, and in turn Charlotte Rose is the aunt of John Colloff b 1933, the editor of this newsletter. Absolutely Brilliant. I'll leave you to work out the rest of the relationships.

Ken.

\* **Interestingly** the intertwining of relationships has carried on to the present day because the article in *Colloff Cousins* vol.2 No.3, December 2003, of an extended Colloff family in Canada was written by ... Audine *Kirk*\*. John

Ken also forwarded a copy of a photo of my Great Aunt Mary Jane (nèe Colloff) Job but I cannot see any family resemblance and I have been unable to reproduce it here.

The address on the relevant certificates, Garrison Lane, was familiar and very interesting. So although the two youngest brothers, my grandfather William and Edith's grandfather Thomas, lived on the same Hob Moor Road, ignoring each other, their elder sister, Jane lived local too, and unlike them appears to have acknowledged, other family members.

## **Lost Cousins**

**At this time I regret that I have to report the deaths of two Colloff Cousins, both from Joseph's branch of the family.**

**Sydney Colloff** Early this year, Syd's wife Beryl kindly wrote to me advising me of his death at the end of last year. I had visited them at their home in Alcester a couple of years ago when we were staying in our caravan at Morton in the Marsh. In letters since then I had learnt that last year they had unsuccessfully tried to sell their house so that they could move. Perhaps that was as well as Beryl is still among familiar surroundings in which to get used to being on her own and recover from her sad loss.

**Sydney had lost touch with his brother David, and thanks to Ken's work he was able to advise Syd of David's death in Oxford.**

**Edith Colloff** Also early this year, I learnt that Edith had died at her home outside Swansea. About four years ago after speaking to her on the phone I was very keen to meet her because she had told me about the time that she did not meet my grandfather!

**Let me explain. As a little girl whilst visiting her grandmother and walking with her along the road outside her house in Small Heath, Birmingham, her grandmother asked her to look at the big man on the other side of the road. Having noted him, Edith was then told that the man was her grandfather's brother! This was in Hob Moor Road, where I remember visiting my grandparents, and my grandfather lived from at least the 1920s until his death in 1954.**

**This intrigued me because my father did not seem to know of any other Colloffs, around Birmingham or anywhere else. Our researches have revealed that my grandfather, William (1870 - 1954) was the last of the six sons and three daughters of my great grandfather Joseph (1814 - 1876). Here was evidence that William's brother, Thomas (1865 - 1937) lived in the same road, and that they both ignored the existence of each other.**

**When taking Annette's birthday break in Tenby some months later, I was able to arrange to visit Edith and found her very jolly and welcoming. She gladly allowed me to double check the foregoing facts with her and she was as surprised as I over this long held family rift. She encouraged me in my Colloff researches and was kind enough to let me know that she enjoyed reading my *Colloff Cousins* every six months. We will miss her.**

## An Adopted Cousin

Having finally got a bare bones Colloff web page onto the Internet via the Guild of One-Name Studies (GoO-NS) it has just generated a contact.

A lady had seen my web page and tried to send me an Email. This never arrived due to the inclusion of 'MAIL TO' in the e-mail address, so she got in touch with the Guild of One-Name Studies. In turn the Registrar phoned me, and, having confirmed that the first Email had not arrived, within a day I had received the following;

From: Hilary Ambrose <member@hambrose.freemove.co.uk>  
Subject: Colloffs  
Date: Wed, 29 Jun 2005 22:17:54 +0200 (CEST)

Dear John

Roger tells me you didn't receive my email. I sent it from the website so I thought I'd try again sending it directly in case there is a link missing.

**I have been doing some research for a friend whose mother was born Hilda Colloff in 1920 in Birmingham and subsequently adopted following her mother's death. Hilda's parents were William James Colloff and Alice Smith. Before I found that there was a one name study into Colloff I had researched the family backwards and forwards into the late 1950's.**

I have discovered that Hilda had an older brother William who had 7 children, Alan H born 1941, John born 1943, Susan D born 1947, Jill P 1950, Peter W born 1953, Ann E born 1956 and Roy Anthony born 1960. These would be my friend's cousins. I have also found that Hilda's father remarried in 1923 to Ellen Savage and had four more children Margaret 1927, Sidney 1930, Hazel 1933 and David 1935. These would be my friend's half aunts and uncles and their children her half cousins.

My friend would very much like to contact these natural members of her family and I wondered whether you could help. Obviously my friend could also no doubt fill in the gap in the family history as it is probable that though it may be known that Hilda was adopted nothing will be known about her family.

I hope you can help.

You're not the John mentioned above by any chance are you?

best wishes

Hilary Ambrose

I have replied to Hilary that we have most of the above information already, and regretfully asked her to tell her friend of the deaths of both of her friend's half uncles Sydney and David as reported above in **'Lost Cousins'**.

There has been no further response and, noting that Hilary has not given her friend's name, I suspect that it will take a few more E-mails to establish full contact.

## Telephoned Cousins

In that relaxed and replete gap between Christmas and New Year I had another enquiring phone call. This had been fuelled by a chat about relations at a family gathering where people from different branches had the same Colloff name appearing. I think that a copy of ***Colloff Cousins*** had been seen and my phone number culled from it.

I am afraid that I too was a little too relaxed and replete and so I only have sketchy notes, especially as the caller was going to follow up with some further information. As happens so frequently in these situations, confirmation that there is somebody else out there with whom there is a highly likely blood relationship is sufficient to quench the enquiring flame and the interest flickers out. No further information has arrived so the following may not be accurate as I have had difficulty making sense of my notes.

The phone call was from Graham Gain, calling on behalf of Jean Margaret Ryder, who had my Aunt Charlotte Rose (née Colloff) Hayes, William Colloff's oldest daughter, as a grandmother. Then Graham himself is descended from my grandfather's sister Jane. She is his great grandmother. I was just about grasping these facts when Graham added the 'Ryder' (sorry I could not resist that pun) that Jean Margaret Ryder was his wife!

Fortunately all this has been made clear as Gillian (née Gain) Payton, Graham's sister, has been in touch with Ken. As I have said before, Ken is a genius with these relationships, holding them all, quite clearly, in his head. So instead of my befuddled response to Graham, Gillian was able to clearly establish the links with Ken, who could immediately place them on one of the family trees that he carries in his head.

This is the contact that Ken mentions in his article 'Distant Cousins', and Ken has forwarded copies of the Hayes and Job\Gain family trees made by Gillian that clarify how both husband and wife are descended from Joseph Colloff. I have reduced the data and redrawn them to give the single basic tree opposite that shows how they are both descended from Joseph and Jane (née Jermy) Colloff.

**Telephoned Cousins***(continued)*

The shortened family tree reproduced here was constructed using 'Generations' and the following files.

Reunion Family History; Perc\_Col\_only, 2005 revision.  
Easychart; GraJN.cht

April 23rd. 1990.

187, Whalebone Lane South,  
Dagenham  
Essex. H.M.8. 1AT.

Send 9 May

Dear Mr and /or Mrs. Colloff,

I am sure you are most surprised to receive this letter, so I must explain. My name is Mrs Mildred Colloff, I am tracing the family tree of the Colloff's and I have taken your name and address from the Birmingham telephone directory. I hope you do not object to my writing like this, as I hope you may be able to help. I am doing this purely as a hobby, and from curiosity as to where the Colloff's originated from.

From my research so far, the family would appear to be situated in only two areas-, the east end of London, from where my husbands ancestors came from and from the Warwickshire-Birmingham Area. I am in the process of checking the birth, death and marriage indexes at the General Registry Office in London, and there is a death entry of a William Colloff registered at Meriden, Wares. in 1854 and a birth entry of Charles Colloff registered at Meriden in 1854. There are earlier births and deaths registered here in London starting from 1838.

And- so to the reason of my writing- If you have any interest, and know any history of your Colloff's, ie; names dates of birth, deaths or occupations, I would be very very pleased to hear from you,

Yours sincerely  
*Mildred Colloff*  
Mildred Colloff (Mrs)

P.S. Do you have any connection with a little boy Troy Colloff, whose photograph appeared in a national newspaper a couple of years ago? His mothers name was Giselle and they lived at Quinton. He looks the image of our son when he was that age, a true look of our Colloffs.

No.

525 Fox Hollis Rd.  
B'ham. B28 8RL  
8-5-90

Dear John,

I've no doubt you will be surprised to hear from me.

I hope you are both well & flourishing at the moment I'm enjoying reasonably good health, although joints are rather creaky.

I've received this letter asking for information about the Colloff clan. As you have traced the family back some ways, I thought you may be able to help. She may have information you haven't.

I don't know whether you will want to bother, but I thought you might be interested. Will you answer her letter, it's up to you whether you take it up or not.

Love to you both

Auntie Phyllis

The two letters that started the merging of the London and Birmingham COLLOFF surname studies.



## The Ladies Who started It All

In sorting through my files, which I must admit are in a very confused state, I came across the letters, written in 1990, that I have reproduced opposite. As I re-read them I realised that, but for the letter that each lady wrote, the family history of the Colloffs would not be in its present state.

So I am making this opportunity, 15 years later to thank them.

**Thank you, Mildred**, wife of Reg Colloff for writing that most difficult thing - the cold calling letter - to a carefully selected, but complete stranger. You started the ball rolling. Admittedly, in time, as Ken carried on turning over every possible Colloff stone we would have made contact, but you made the effort that speeded things up.

I have written many cold calling letters myself, nearly all without result, and know what a miserable task it is. (Most notably the eleven letters scrupulously translated into German, enclosing correctly German stamped return addressed envelopes to the eleven German Colloffs., Not one of which was returned. ) So I know that very many people simply and too easily ignore such letters, but not my Auntie Phyllis, widow of William Stanley Colloff, my uncle, to whom Mildred wrote.

**Thank you Auntie Phyllis** for thinking of me and passing on Mildred's letter. You could so easily have just ignored it, but in your meticulous way you did not. Your letter and its enclosure started me off there and then. Without that impetus at that time perhaps I would never have made the trips to Swansea and Alcester in time to meet both Edith and Sydney Colloff.

**Thank you both, and all the other Colloff relations** and contacts that have so kindly cooperated and responded to my assaults on your privacy. I am quite proud of my two volumes of '**Colloff Cousins**' newsletters secure in the British Library Archives they are a monument to you all.

## A Host of DNA Related Cousins?

My DNA test results that I have published in earlier issues of *Colloff Cousins* were for 25 markers. I was recently advised by the test laboratory that their prices had come down and also that they could establish the values of a further twelve markers for a reasonable sum. With the current good exchange rate this was a bargain that I could not miss! As they had stored my samples from the original test, with developments like this in mind, all that I had to do was ask them to perform the extra tests, which I did, to give better accuracy to any matches found.

So far I have only found matches to the first 12 of my markers for which the common ancestor could be 15 to 20 generations back. A cursory examination of the 70 matches found so far quickly suggests that there is nothing to be learnt about such ancient links. I have given on a separate page the list of names in case one looks promising to one of you. You will see that only a dozen or so only have had 12 marker tests done. All the rest have had either 25 or 37 tests without matching, which virtually eliminates any better connection. However the E-mail addresses of most of them are there, so contact is easy.

Within days of the completion of the additional tests and their inclusion (by my agreement, for comparisons) in the generally accessible web database I received the following Email.

From: "Ray Copher" <ray.kathy@mindspring.com>

Subject: DNA Project

Date: Wed, 18 May 2005 17:58:09 -0600

Hi John,

I am the Co-Group Administrator for the Cofer, Copher, Coffey DNA Project. I note that you are only 3 markers difference on the 32 marker test on Hubert Cofer. Hubert has the same ancestor that I have. Thomas Cofer d 1791 in Culpepper Co., VA. some say he was born in PA.

Where does your Family come from?

Ray Copher

ray.kathy@mindspring.com

As we are still looking for links back into the 18<sup>th</sup> century I could not give Ray any sort of answer for which he was hoping and he would find useful. Hoping that this Email was the big breakthrough I went to the 1881 census and looked at the returns for the variants of his name that Ray had given. I sent a copy of the results to him, along with maps of the UK showing the locations of the names found, and mentioned my Kohlhoff link theory.

Ray's response was disappointing; he had apparently mis-read the results.

From: "Ray Copher" <ray.kathy@mindspring.com>

Subject: DNA Project

Date: Fri, 20 May 2005 13:20:18 -0600

John,

special thanks for your reply and the information. I read the report wrong. **You and Hubert Cofer are 24 out of 25 and 34 out of 37 DNA marker match.** I am sending you a link. Some of our descendants of Thomas Cofer d 1791 don't match that close.

The DNA Project has prove to us that we have 3 different families all using all three spellings, also one who was adopted and one who took their landlord's name. There was a John Cofer imported in to Charles Co. MD. 1661. I was sure he was my ancestor, the DNA proved me wrong. Debs Cofer ancestor was from there he is a distance of 17 on the 37 marker analysis.

I haven't look for the Kohlhoff name but will add it to my list. I think Thomas Cofer must have changed his name.

Regards, Ray Copher

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## A Host of DNA Related Cousins? (continued)

What a disappointment! It seems that Ray Copher is more tied into the DNA aspect of his forbears than with family trees

I give below the information that he sent;

### DNA EXACT MATCHES 12 MARKER Y-DNA ANCESTOR LIST

- 1 Ann married unknown Cofer, she married 2<sup>nd</sup> George Anderson , he died in Bedford Co VA. 1778
2. Thomas Cofer died 1791 Colpepper Co., VA.
- 3. Jacob Copher b Abt 1748 Culpepper Co., VA. d Bath Co., KY. 1836**
4. John Henry 1783-1821 MO. ----- Thomas Henry 1800-1856 Bath KY. --- Jacob JR. 1802-1870-80 Bath KY
5. George Harrison 1818-1890 MO -Francis (French) 1844-1931 Bath KY - George Harrison 1827-1870 Bath KY
6. William Harroson 1851-1930 MO. - Andrew 1871-1940 Bath KY. --- William Riley 1859- 1992-99 Bath, KY
7. Ralph Eugene SR. 1898-1972 MO. - Richard 1905-1982 Bath KY. ---- John Millard 1888-1976 OK.
8. Ralph Eugene 1924 St.Louis, MO. --- Ray Walter 1937 Bath KY. -- Carl Clifford 1919 OK.  
Wichita,KS. Muscle Shoals, AL. San Diego, CA.

### **3. Joel Cofer b abt. 1750 Culpepper Co.,VA. d before 1810 NC.**

4. George Cofer 1783-1860 Roane TN. ----- Unknown Cofer b in VA.
5. Joseph 1808 – 1896 Meigs TN. ----- Abraham 1802-1892 Roane TN.
6. George W. 1843-1910 “ ----- William Jackson 1844 -1928 “
7. Andrew Jackson 1876-1963 “ ----- Abraham Franklin 1878- 1960 “
8. Roscoe Lee Jackson 1908-1987 “ ----- John Purris 1911- “
9. Hubert Mearl Meigs TN. John L Cofer Roane TN.

I cannot understand what information is being conveyed in the above panel and the page on the web, which I reproduce below does little to clarify it any further.

### Genetic Distance Analysis: kit 15405, Hubert Cofer.

A distance of 0 is an exact match, 1 is a single step mutation, etc..  
When clicking on "FTDNATiP™" you will be given the statistical probabilities of when a common ancestor between Hubert Cofer and that person may have lived.

#### 12 Marker Analysis (click for explanation of Genetic Distance)

| Kit   | Name                       | Distance |           |
|-------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 10209 | Ray W Copher               | 0        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 12275 | Carl Clifford Copher       | 0        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 15406 | John L. Cofer              | 0        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 35009 | Ralph Eugene Copher        | 0        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10501 | Joseph Broadus Cofer       | 1        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10502 | Joseph Pleasant Cofer      | 1        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10228 | Bruce Coy Coffey           | 2        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 33177 | Leonard Cofer              | 2        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10183 | Debs Eugene Cofer          | 3        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 13075 | Wilburn (bill) Ralph Cofer | 3        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 13765 | Craig Edward Copher        | 3        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 14927 | William Nelms Cofer        | 3        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 34841 | Tommy Ray Cofer            | 3        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10184 | Gerald Eugene Copher       | 5        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 14480 | John C. Cofer              | 5        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 14793 | Rickey Joe Cofer           | 5        | FTDNATiP™ |

#### 25 Marker Analysis (click for explanation of Genetic Distance)

| Kit   | Name                 | Distance |           |
|-------|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| 15406 | John L. Cofer        | 1        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 33177 | Leonard Cofer        | 3        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10183 | Debs Eugene Cofer    | 10       | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10184 | Gerald Eugene Copher | 14       | FTDNATiP™ |

#### 37 Marker Analysis (click for explanation of Genetic Distance)

| Kit   | Name              | Distance |           |
|-------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| 15406 | John L. Cofer     | 1        | FTDNATiP™ |
| 10183 | Debs Eugene Cofer | 17       | FTDNATiP™ |

Return to menu for Cofer.  
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From this it appears that Ray's project has had the following DNA tests done on people named Cofer, Coffey or Copher; 12 marker DNA tests on 16 , 25 marker tests on four, & 37 marker tests on two.

The top line says;

When clicking on "FTDNATiP™" you will be given the statistical probabilities of when a common ancestor between Hubert Cofer and that person may have lived."

The distance column shows the genetic distance (roughly speaking the number of generations) between the subject, in this case Hubert Cofer, and the individual in the list. In the example shown this varies from zero to 15. Presumably zero being brothers and sisters, then cousins and so on. **At my present stage of understanding I regret that I cannot see any future in this contact.**

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### A Host of DNA Related Cousins? *(continued)*

It was my own fault for getting so excited, I should have read Ray Copher's first Email more carefully. He is working on a DNA project, not necessarily family history or even too much genealogy.

Whilst he does appear to have some sort of family tree that he is battling against, his interest appears to be in finding his DNA ancestor. I feel that I must fully understand his viewpoint before I can communicate with him again.

### My Own 12 Y-DNA Marker Matches

I give, on the following page the details of the latest list of 12 marker matches for your examination in case there is a name there that has appeared in your family history. If so, please let me know and we can investigate to see if there is a possible link to be discovered.

## **12 Marker Y-DNA 70 Exact Matches with Colloff**

**(for 12 markers only)**

| <i>Name</i>                         | <i>E-mail</i>  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Daniel Lee Scott**                  | danls286@aol.com <mailto:danls286@aol.com>                           |
| Kenneth West (Y25)**                | kwest@sdinetworks.com <mailto:kwest@sdinetworks.com>                 |
| James Ronald McKenzie**             | rtmcken@bellsouth.net <mailto:rtmcken@bellsouth.net>                 |
| Kenneth Lee Forbes (Y37)**          | youngearth@comcast.net <mailto:youngearth@comcast.net>               |
| Ashley David Watson**               | genealogy@computer-link.net <mailto:genealogy@computer-link.net>     |
| Alan Wright (Y25)**                 | hickorytp3@tiscali.co.uk <mailto:hickorytp3@tiscali.co.uk>           |
| Thomas Garnett Grubb**              | grubbw@bellsouth.net <mailto:grubbw@bellsouth.net>                   |
| Clyde Joseph Reed**                 | yjreed@prodigy.net <mailto:yjreed@prodigy.net>                       |
| Wilbur Rosenstiel**                 | Mikedixie@aol.com <mailto:Mikedixie@aol.com>                         |
| Sam D'Arcy (Y25)**                  | pjd@lineone.net <mailto:pjd@lineone.net>                             |
| Rebecca Eileen Davidson (Y25)**     | davidson467@yahoo.com <mailto:davidson467@yahoo.com>                 |
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| George Stevenson Buchanan (Y37)**   | PhantomB2@aol.com <mailto:PhantomB2@aol.com>                         |
| John Thomas Hawk (Y25)**            | hawk.3@osu.edu <mailto:hawk.3@osu.edu>                               |
| Donal Browning Buchanan (Y25)**     | donalbb@comcast.net <mailto:donalbb@comcast.net>                     |
| Charles Rice Bourland (Y37)**       | Crbourland@aol.com <mailto:Crbourland@aol.com>                       |
| Seamus Gerard Mc Henry (Y25)**      | smchenry <mailto:smchenry>   |
| Courtland Gregory Morse (Y25)**     | CMorse22@comcast.net <mailto:CMorse22@comcast.net>                   |
| Charles Alexander MacDonald (Y37)** | greatex@comcast.net <mailto:greatex@comcast.net>                     |
| John Kenneth Long (Y25)**           | kbl57@jam.rr.com <mailto:kbl57@jam.rr.com>                           |
| Lee W. Cave (Y25)**                 | sccomm@ritzcom.net <mailto:sccomm@ritzcom.net>                       |
| W. Thorpe McKenzie (Y25)**          | thorpe@thorpemckenzie.com <mailto:thorpe@thorpemckenzie.com>         |
| Charles Thomas Anderson (Y37)**     | charlestanderson@juno.com <mailto:charlestanderson@juno.com>         |
| David Stephen Park**                | debpark@ptd.net <mailto:debpark@ptd.net>                             |
| Ivan Howe**                         | rhondam@dodo.com.au <mailto:rhondam@dodo.com.au>                     |
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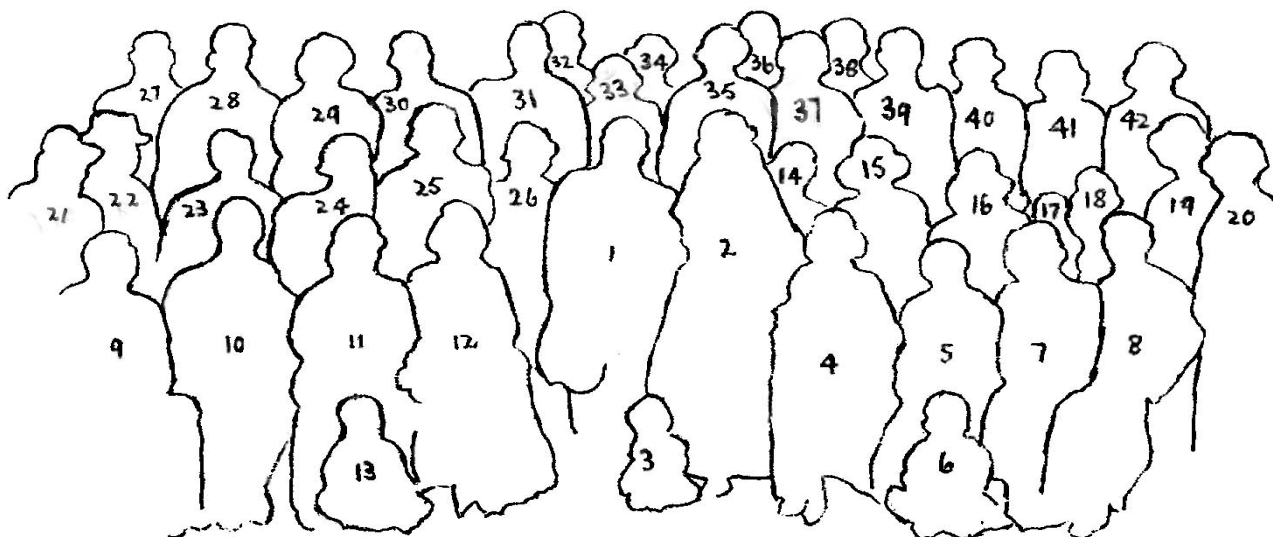


## Lily and Henry's Wedding and their guests

### Key to Family Members

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Henry Moyse</b>                              | 22. Harry Smith                   |
| 2. <b>Lily Moyse (nèe Colloff)</b>                 | 23. <i>not known</i>              |
| 3. <i>not known</i>                                | 24. <i>not known</i>              |
| 4. Mabel Colloff                                   | 25. Connie Moyse (wife of No.9)   |
| 5. Olive Muscat (nèe Carver)                       | 26. Kit Moyse (wife of No.10)     |
| 6. Bernard Carver                                  | 27. <i>not known</i>              |
| 7. <b>Grandmother Colloff (Emily née Carver)</b>   | 28. <i>not known</i>              |
| 8. <b>Grandfather Colloff (William John)</b>       | 29. <i>not known</i>              |
| 9. Percy Moyse                                     | 30. <i>not known</i>              |
| 10. Reginald Moyse                                 | 31. Herbert Jones                 |
| 11. <b>Grandmother Moyse</b>                       | 32. Horace Carver                 |
| 12. <i>not known</i>                               | 33. Daisy Jones (nèe Moyse)       |
| 13. <b>Roy Colloff (son of No.38)</b>              | 34. <i>not known</i>              |
| 14. Rose Britton. (nèe Moyse)                      | 35. Edie Peet (nèe Colloff)       |
| 15. <i>not known</i>                               | 36. Tom Peet                      |
| 16. <i>not known</i>                               | 37. Wife of Uncle Bob             |
| 17. Joan Colloff, (later Reber, daughter of No.38) | 38. William Colloff (son of No.8) |
| 18. Winifred Colloff (nèe Moyse, wife of No.38)    | 39. Brother of No.8               |
| 19. Martha   | 40. Emily Carver (nèe Colloff)    |
| 20. Cousin Ethel (daughter of No.19)               | 41. <i>not known</i>              |
| 21. Victoria Smith (sister of No.11)               | 42. <i>not known</i>              |

### At the wedding in June 1932 of Henry Moyse to Miss Lily Colloff



### Acknowledgement.

My thanks go to the little boy at the front, Roy Colloff (number 13), who did all the hard work in preparing this information for ***Colloff Cousins***.

Roy very kindly picked up my comments in the last issue about the valuable information contained in such group events. He and his sister Olive realised that they were the only ones left from the above group and even so they had difficulty in naming many of the people there.

**Well done Roy for saving this historic information.**

*(continued.)*



### The Wedding Photograph (continued.)

I found the pictures of Roy's grandfather and great uncle (numbers 8 and 39) very interesting as they are very like the grandfathers of Edith and myself. Only in our case as I mention in the *Departed Cousins* section, they ignored each others' existence.



### Another Photo from America.

This was sent to Roy by his sister, Joan, from the January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, wondering if there was a connection from when my brother lived there. Not so, I am afraid. I think that the Ed in the photo is of the Jewish clan that claims they picked the name up at Ellis Island

### Another Family Group

In preparing this work for me Roy also sent this other Colloff photo of some of the same people but back in 1903. They are, with reference numbers to the later wedding photo ;  
*Front row, left to right*

**William John Colloff**, number 8, father of the bride.

**William**, number 38, brother of the bride and father of Roy.

**Emily Colloff**, number 7, mother of the bride.

and their children;

*Second row, left to right*

All sisters of the bride

**Edith**, number 35

**Mabel**, number 4.

**Emily**, number 40.

Of course Roy and his sisters Olive and Lily (number 2, the bride herself) appear after 1903.

### Ed Colloff, San Mateo

2004 brought little good for the planet, between Bush's re-election, the descent toward another Vietnam in Iraq, and death with devastation from a tsunami in Asia. All in all, 2004 needed to fold its cards and get a new hand.



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## High Prices for Copy Certificates through the Internet?

In case any of you are thinking of trying to get a copy of a lost birth, marriage or death certificate through a web page, please note and heed the following tales and stick to Registry Offices where possible

A GoO-NS member wrote on the News List;

'I picked this up from another list so beware  
It would appear that a bogus certificate ordering website has sprung up:  
<http://www.gov-certificates.co.uk/>  
They appear to charge **£23** per certificate.'

To which another GoO-NS member added

'This is far from the only one! A few weeks ago my daughter needed to replace her mislaid birth certificate and was bemoaning the 'fact' that she could not afford to pay **£40**. I tried to assure her that this was incorrect, but oh no, she knew it was correct as her friend was charged that for getting one through the Internet!

I told her to do nothing for a couple of days. I rang the local Register Office, told them her date of birth and where born and paid with my Visa card. **£7 plus admin £1**. The full certificate arrived the following day. One amazed and delighted daughter, Brownie points to Mum, and 'gutted' friend at how he had been ripped off.

Investigating websites I was appalled at the number of sites that look 'official' and charge up to £100 for a certificate. How do they get away with it?

In March I ordered a 19th century certificate from the official GRO website, which cost me just £7. The website warned that there would be some delay as the TV programme Who Do You Think You Are had generated a great number of requests, but gave an estimated date for the certificate to arrive, and in fact it came a week sooner than estimated.'

So please note there are many fraudsters out there trying to take three to five times the actual cost of obtaining a certificate off you. One way or another they will need to get the full details from you and once you have done this you could as easily get the certificate yourself directly, especially if you know the Register Office (R.O.) where the event was originally recorded. Look in your phone book for your local R.O. and ask them for the correct address and cost and write directly to that R.O.

There are one or two agencies that will perform a simple search, if you lack all the details for the certificate that you want. Searching is expensive, and if you know the location of the event, by phoning your local Registry Office, they should be able to tell you the name and address of the Office that dealt with the event and/or holds the appropriate records. So you can usually ask that R.O. to perform a simple search for you and provide a certified copy of the relevant certificate at minimum cost.

For anything else I suggest that you ask either Ken or myself. If it is Colloff related, dare I suggest that you ask Ken in the first case as he is a genius both at carrying all the details in his head and making those intuitive leaps of imagination to connect a rag-bag of facts. For myself I can only say that if I do not know the answer I most likely know a man or woman who does. ☺

## **Inaccurate Official Records.**

### **Or How Brothers and Sisters become Nephews and Nieces**

From another discussion list I found the following, which may amuse and perhaps console some of you who have had trouble finding accurate records. Whilst a lot of mistakes have been found in the recent indexing of the 1901 census records, these stories show that perhaps the records were not straight in the first place! It also explains the reticence (not so common nowadays) of older relatives to pursue family history.

*Janet wrote;*

My grandmother's parents falsified her birth registration. Her actual birthday (the one they celebrated) was several months earlier than the one that appears on her birth and death certificates. Having lived with this all her life, in her turn, my Gran falsified the registration of two of her own children, as follows.

The elder was an illegitimate bye-blow daughter that Gran had never got round to registering.

When my grandfather (who wasn't the father), came home from WW1, they decided to marry and register her illegitimate child (the bye-blow) as newborn once nine months had passed after his return from the war, making her "legitimate" as well as his.

Unfortunately, in nine months time he had to go alone to register the "new baby", because granny was well along with another pregnancy. Then they had to delay registering the second child too, and falsify her birth date, otherwise granny would have appeared to give birth twice within nine months. ☺ In their rural area, reeling from two world wars, this kind of "records adjustment" was nothing very unusual.

These things could easily be passed off because poor rural women had no prenatal or postnatal care and delivered babies at home with no official supervision at all. There were no health visitors, no clinics or doctors' records. Falsifying a child's registration to show a different parent, or a different date on the birth certificate, could just iron out many little irregularities. Locals knew exactly whose it was, or which child was born five months after the wedding, or a year after a soldier's last home visit, such minor faux pas were swept under the carpet and kept quiet about. On official records, respectability was sustained. On the ground, land or rural tenancies could be passed on.

That's why many members of older generations decline to help unravel anomalies in family history. They know the truth, but were brought up to keep it quiet and support the 'official line'.

To which a friend of mine, *John*, responded with the following;

"Not only rural areas. My paternal Grandfather (born 1884) was brought up as the youngest of 9 children in the centre of Grantham. It was only when my sister did some research that we discovered that he was, in fact, the son of his eldest 'sister'..

She had left home to go into service in Yorkshire and came back home 'in trouble', and the child was simply assimilated into the family. To this day there are members of the family who will not accept this fact even though faced with the evidence of a certificate of birth showing 'father unknown' but naming the mother."

Needless to say I have the permission of both writers to reproduce their tales with names suitably omitted.

Thanks Janet and John. You know who you are. ☺

## The Last Words.

First I think that I must apologise for the lateness of this issue, delayed, as I have explained, so as not to come out before Ken and Maureen's celebrations and chance spoiling their surprise. Next I must apologise to Ken and Graham, Jean and Gillian as I have not included Ken's latest finds on their basic tree. Their contacting us has filled a little blank that we had for Jane (b.1860), especially as Ken had been unable to find a marriage at the time one would have been expected. For such connections to be made you do need the word (and knowledge and interest) of family members.

Hence my oft repeated advice to anyone interested in their own family history;

***Meet face to face and talk to family members and close friends, oldest first and as soon as possible.***

You can be lucky, with the passage of time older relatives can become more relaxed about their guardianship of family skeletons. Remember how relaxed ladies tend to become about their date of birth when over 70.

Has anybody else got a photograph of a family event where quite a few Colloffs were present and can be recognised and listed as Roy has so kindly done for us? It need not be a Colloff family event, just have a few Colloffs in the picture and I will be delighted to include it in the next issue.

To our Northern hemisphere readers, enjoy the rest of the summer, to the others, keep cool!  
Until the next issue our best wishes to you all

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