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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, December 2003.

Comment

Following my statement in the last newsletter that I wanted to make this newsletter more personal I received a marvellous article from Audine in British Columbia. I hope that, like me, you will be enchanted with the pictures of Audine and her husband and their young family.

To complete the picture I asked Audine to send more photos which I have included along with their mini family tree, finishing with the load of little troubles that her mother gets every now and then. © Many thanks Audine.

I also have to thank Helen Williamson for the batch of old photos that she has lent to me. I am safely copying them into my records but have included two that I think that you will find of interest.

Just imagine, one old penny (2/5 of a new penny) for an ice cream cone!

Until next time,

John.

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.

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Should you choose to send me a photo or two to include I will take that as permission to publish <u>unless</u> 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 M\$ Word .doc format so that you can print off your own copies. I still hope to have my web page 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, Fordingbridge. Mildred, wife of Reginald Percival Colloff, Dagenham.

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

Joseph (c.1814 – 1876). Hilary Colloff, Seattle, USA. Charlotte Hinde, West Sussex; William Colloff, Todmorden; Tracey Colloff, London; 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. Edith Colloff, Swansea. Sidney Colloff, Alcester; Helen Williamson, Witney.

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

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

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Audine Watson (neé Kirk) tells of Life in British Columbia



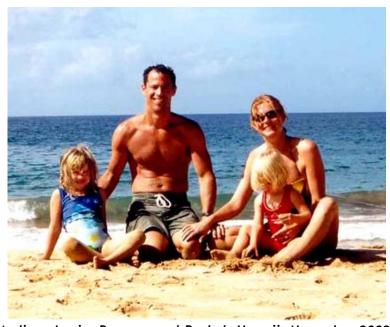
HI My name is Audine
Watson. This is me with my
husband Jamie at home in
Langley, British Columbia at
Christmas 2002.

My mother, Sheila Kirk (neé Colloff) is a cousin of John Colloff.

I first found out about John back in July 1995 when I got married. My Uncle Derek and I were sitting around and talking one day and I explained I was interested in learning more about our family tree. He then told me about his cousin, John, who had been researching the family tree.

When my Uncle Derek got home he sent me John's email address (back then email was brand new just branching out). We had just got on the Internet ourselves and decided to email him. We conversed back and forth and he sent me some information on the family tree. John then informed me that his brother, Geoffrey, lived in San Francisco and would love to hear from me.

Not even realizing my mother had relatives on this side of the water (and she didn't realize either). When I asked my mother what she remembered about John and Geoffrey, she said she remembered them coming over for visits and they wore these "short pants". I excitedly emailed Geoffrey. We got to emailing each other almost every day and he told me all about his life. He told me that he was divorced and he had a daughter, Hilary. Hilary at that time was 24 years old and living in San Diego. I was 26 years old and was so excited to hear that he had a daughter around my age!



. Audine, Jamie, Breanna and Rachel, Hawaii, November 2002

Jamie, my husband, and I decided that we were going to take a holiday, and what a better place to go than to go down to San Francisco and visit Geoffrey? It turns out we had decided to go down around the 3rd week of November (this was in 1995) which in the United States, tends to fall on their Thanksgiving Holiday (which is a bigger deal than Christmas).

Geoffrey, being the bachelor, lived in an apartment and didn't have anywhere for us to stay. His friends, David and Florence Graybill, when hearing of his plight offered to put us up for our stay. We were a little stunned by this generous display

of hospitality!! They had never

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met us before and without hesitation decided to let us stay at their home for our holiday. When we later asked them about this, they told us that they got a really good feeling about us. Besides, any relative of Geoffrey would certainly be good friends of theirs too and would be wonderful company for them.

We ended up driving down to San Francisco and agreed to meet Geoffrey in the lobby of this hotel in San Francisco. When he walked in the door, I knew who he was right away. He was just as I had imagined him; a proper Englishman. And when he spoke he confirmed what I had already guessed. I couldn't believe how much he looked like my mother. (All Colloffs seem to have salt and pepper hair!)

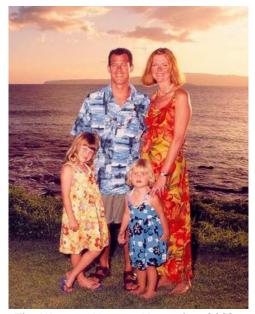
We spent our time there touring around the Redwoods, San Francisco, Monterey and Carmel. It was absolutely beautiful. We all really got to know each other very well on that holiday. And what wonderful hosts Geoffrey and the Graybills were to us.

When we got home we still continued to talk back and forth. We finally got an

opportunity to meet Hilary when she came up for my brother's wedding the following year (July 1996). When I became pregnant in the fall of 1996 I remember 'phoning Geoffrey and letting him in on the good news. I probably spoke to him the last time about 2 weeks before his death and when I received the phone call from Hilary, it was very devastating news.

After her father's death, Hilary moved up to Seattle, Washington (which is about 100 miles away from where we live in Langley, British Columbia, Canada). Now several years later, our lives have completely changed (I now have two children aged 6 and 4). But we still keep in contact with each other. Since 1997, Hilary has spent every Christmas up here with my family. (Me, my parents, and my four siblings and spouses and kids, lots of us!)

My father passed away January 3, 2002. Hilary was there with me at my side at the funeral giving me strength and comfort from her own experiences.



The Watson, Hawaii, November 2002

It has been an incredible journey we have gone through these last 8 years.

One thing I will never forget is the warmth and hospitality we were given, by Geoffrey and the Graybills, on that holiday we took in 1995 down in San Francisco

Thank you Geoffrey and God Bless. May you rest in peace. Audim



And now some more news

Audine sent quite a batch of photos, including this one of Audine's nephew Kirk, seen here with his Grandma Sheila.

To complete the picture of this Canadian branch I got her to send a few more which you will see over the page along with a localised family tree. John John Colloff Page 4 20/09/2006

The Watsons Now.



Lake Whatcom August 2003

FOUR More COLLOFF Girls.

These are my cousins, Eunice, Marion, Sheila and Brenda, in 1937, around the time when Geoffrey and I visited them in our 'short pants*! They are, of course, Audine's Aunts and Mother.

Missing from the picture is their younger

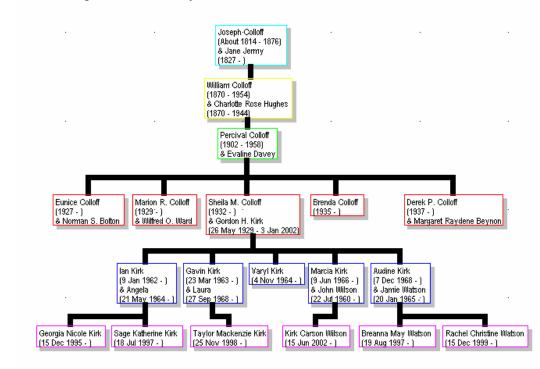


brother, Derek, to whom we are grateful for re-opening these family links.

* See picture, Page 13

Completing the Picture(s)

It has given me great pleasure to be able to include Audine's account of how the family links were reestablished between her and Geoff and Hilary, thanks to her uncle Derek. Following my further requests she kindly sent these extra pictures so that I could put faces to the bare bones of the names on the abstracted part of the family tree shown here.



The Canadian Branch of the Family Tree showing the link back to Joseph Colloff (c. 1814 to 1876) and Jane Jermy (1827 to c.1900). Note. After Joseph's death in 1876, Jane married William Cook of Kenilworth. They appear in the 1881 census at 104 Muntz Street, Aston. Warwick with daughter Emma, and sons Thomas and William, my grandfather.

It was Derek's talk with Audine that started things off, and here Derek is sitting opposite

his wife Margaret. She is flanked by granddaughters Penny and Fay. The photo was taken by Derek's son Adrian, and his wife Sarah is busy feeding their guest, Audine's brother Varyl, before tending to her daughters.

May 2002



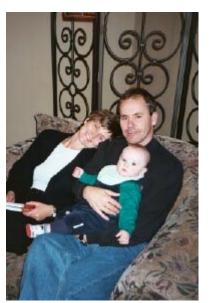




Derek's son Adrian and daughters Fay and Penny, and Audine's brother Varyl. May 2002

Audine's mother Sheila and her . eldest son Ian. Christmas 2002





Audine's sister Marcia with husband John and son Kirk.
Christmas 2002



Ian's wife Angela and nephew Kirk Christmas 2002



Audine's brother Gavin and wife Laura. Christmas 2002



From Left to Right; Gavin, John, Varyl, Audine's husband Jamie and Ian.

And Two Last Pictures

Four more Little Girls in 2002, who are also in the line-up below.





Grama Kirk's Grandchildren, October 2003

Having received the above photo by E-mail, I asked Audine;

. What are the names (and relationships) of the Kirk grandchildren, reading from L. to R. starting with the charming little stripper at the end, please?

To which Audine replied;

The charming stripper is my youngest! From left to right as follows: Rachel Watson Age 4, Georgia Kirk (My brother Ian's daughter) Age 8, little Kirk Wilson (My sister's son who will be 18 months in December), Breanna Watson (my oldest) Age 6, Sage Kirk (My brother Ian's youngest daughter) Age 6, and Taylor Kirk (my brother Gavin's daughter) Age 5.

Trying to find a Lost Record?

One of the most aggravating events in any genealogical study is the lost record. As I have mentioned before in these pages I looked for years for my great grandfather's death before I found it – spelt wrongly!

For this reason most workers keep a list of 'VARIANTS', common wrong spellings of the name that they are studying, and check all of these when searching any list or index of events. So when I found a reference to a SURNAME THESAURUS on the Internet I decided that I would check to see what possible variations I might have missed.

Searching a Surname Thesaurus.

The web page claims to have over 90 million alternatives for 2,168,439 distinct surnames from which the possible different spellings of similar sounding names could be found. The result is a list

of all the possible spellings that the name submitted could conceivably have appeared in written records.

As I have been using a 'suite' of seven mis-spellings that I have garnered over the last 40 years, I did not expect to get any surprises. Therefore, I was staggered at the resulting long lists of alternative spellings that I could be consulting in every one of the indexes, and Census, Birth, Marriage and Death returns I have ever searched to find yet another elusive Colloff record!

My derived 'standard' possibly-spelt list with which I have been searching is;

CALLOFF COLLIFF COLLEFF

COLLOFF CULLEFF CULLIFF

CULLUFF

In every search, I also include the single L and F possibilities, along with side interests in KOHLHOFF and COLTLOVE

As you will see from the results below, I am now reconsidering the above list.

The results from the Thesaurus were divided into three lists using different standards of matching. These are; *NAMEX*, *SOUNDEX* and *METAPHONE*. Not even the multi-volume Oxford English Dictionary holds definitions for any of those three systems to indicate the different phonetic ways used to determine possible matches. The only system that I have worked with is Soundex, as it is used by the Mormons in their International Genealogical Index.

In Soundex the vowels are ignored and numbers given to the remaining sounds of the consonants, and all the other words or names matching those numbers are then listed. I have presumed that the other two have worked in a similar way. The Soundex list also indicates those names that appear in the published databases of the 1881 Census (C 1881) and the National Burial Index (NBI), and those appearing in the 'Pay-to-View' English Origins (EO) and Origin Search (SO) web sites.

<u>NAMEX</u> matched 30 different surname spellings, of which five appear in the 1881 Census, four in the National Burial Index, six in the English Origins and two in the Origin Search databases.

COLLOP appeared in all four, COLLOPP and COLOP in *NBI* and *EO*, and CLOFF in *C1881* and *EO* databases.

<u>SOUNDEX</u> with its Code C410, matched 714 different surname spellings which included only COLLOP from the Namex results.

<u>METAPHONE</u> with its Code KLF, matched 533 different surname spellings, none of which appear on the Namex results.

NAMEX matched 30 surnames of which only COLLOP appeared on all four of the above lists, but Collop only appeared on the Soundex list and not on the Metaphone list. I have highlighted the few names that I will have caught from my many searches to date on the following lists of results.

Conspicuous by its absence is COLTLOVE and there are only single appearances of KOLLHOFF and KOHLOFF, known variants of KOHLHOFF.

I have searched the National Burial Index, and found nothing, as at that time as I was not looking for variants ending in $\bf P$.

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Alternatives Suggested by the Surnames Thesaurus

I have to admit that I do not think that there are many undiscovered **Colloff**s concealed within any of the following suggestions. I can also imagine that younger family members might welcome COOLBOY as a possible source of the name, but certainly not COOLPEE!

Surname	Match	C1881	<u>NBI</u>	<u>E0</u>	<u>SO</u>	Surname	Match	<u>C1881</u>	<u>NBI</u>	<u>EO</u> S	<u>0</u>	Surname	Match	<u>C1881</u>	<u>NBI</u>	<u>E0</u>	<u>so</u>
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Kolloff	94					Colff	79					Collfe	76			Χ	
Koloff	90					Coll'o	78					Collovn	76				Χ
Cholof	90					Colloz	78					Collopp	e 75			Χ	
Kohloff	87					Kolov	77					Colop	75		Х	X	
Coloph	85					Calloff	77	Х				Kolloffe	l 75				
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Kolof	85					Collope	77		Х			Cloff	75	Х		Х	
Colhoff	80					Colliff	77	Х				Collofer	e 75				
Collop	80	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Collofry	77	Х				Colliffe	75				

<u>533 Metaphone Matches</u>

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Cailf Caillava	Calv Calva	Cleavie	Cliffa Cliffe	Coalff Coaliff	Culfo Culiff	Gaylove Ghelfi	Golfi Golfo	Kahlava Kalaf	Kellova Kelof	Kleph Klev	Kolof Koloff
Callava	Calva	Cleeeve Cleef	Cliffee	Coillove	Culivee	Glaeve	Golif	Kalafa	Keloff	Kleva	Kolov
Calaen	Calve	Cleefe	Clifff	Collef	Cullf	Glaeve	Goliveia	Kalef	Kelph	Kleve	Kolovou
Calava	Calvia	Cleeff	Cliffi	Coleff	Cullif	Glafe	Gollife	Kaleff	Kelva	Klief	Kolv
Calavia	Calvie	Cleeva	Cliffie	Colf	Culliffe	Glaffie	Golliff	Kalev	Kelve	Klieve	Kolva
Calef	Calvio	Cleeve	Cliffo	Colfe	Culph	Glaive	Golliffe	Kaleva	Kelvi	Klif	Kolve
Caleff	Calviou	Cleevie	Cliiffe	Colfee	Culpha	Glapha	Goloff	Kalevi	Kelvie	Kliff	Kouliev
Caleffie	Calvo	Clef	Cliov	Colff	Culpho	Glav	Golov	Kalf	Kelviee	Kliouev	Kuleev
Caleiph	Caulef	Clefe	Cliv	Colfo	Culve	Glava	Golova	Kalfa	Keolf	Kliva	Kulf
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Caleve	Cauliff	Cleffe	Clive	Coliva	Gailuf	Glavie	Golv	Kalfo	Kileff	Klofaee	Kuliev
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A Lost Colloff.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the loss of one of our number. The loss was in two senses. It seems that when David Colloff died earlier this year nobody knew the whereabouts of his next of kin, and a message or two shot along the electronic news lines.

In the event the query ended with Ken at Rainham, as the keeper of most detailed Colloff family knowledge and he had the unfortunate duty of confirming that it was David Colloff, half brother to Sid of Alcester, that had died. We offer our condolences to Sid and his wife at this sad time.

And Now some Moving Colloffs.

- 1. Earlier this year, Roy and Dorothy moved from the little village of Alderholt to be a bit nearer to civilisation in Fordingbridge. We know how much they will miss their immaculate bungalow that Roy had had built for their retirement, and the gardens that had seen so much hard work. We hope that they are enjoying their new home now and not having to work as hard in it.
- 2. Just as I was putting this issue to bed, I got a card from John and Mary advising us of their imminent move scheduled for the 11th December. At this time they only gave a temporary address, but presumably they will soon be moving into their new permanent home in Portugal.

We wish then well in this venture and wonder how many changes there will be and what differences they will see from their previous residence in the High Street in Hadlow, outside Tonbridge.

I am afraid that when Annette and I visited Portugal for a Pan-European Seismic conference in 1986, I kept offending the Portuguese by trying to use my pidgin Spanish, to which they took great offence! Fortunately it was an International conference so there were not too many people for me to upset. My only remaining memory is of how well organised they were, having the proceedings of all the papers to be read at the conference, ready for collection as we arrived. The down side was that in the hot sun I had to carry the eight big heavy volumes all the way back to the hotel, and then work out how they could be included within our baggage allowance for the flight back home.

However my very good Dutch friend with whom I worked in Holland has been living in Spain for several years now and I know that he and his wife really enjoy the kinder year-round warmer climate and only venture back to Holland in the summer months. So we are certain that John and Mary will benefit from their move, and hope that they will stay in touch and let us know how they get on.

Sleepless in Seattle?







I hope that you will forgive my simple pun, but I suspect that the latest addition to my niece, Hilary's small family of pets may have induced quite a large amount of the above. We know nothing more than that her name is SOPHIE and Hilary is obviously besotted with her, as you will see, and perhaps understand from the following photos



Two Old Photos.

Helen Williamson has kindly lent me a bundle of old photos passed on to her by her Aunt, Audrey Palin, and I reproduce two of them here.



The first is of Audrey's mother Millie and her older sister May in the late 1920s, -- any earlier and the skirts would have been much shorter!

They were obviously out for a walk, complete with parasol, and persuaded the 'Stop-Me and Buy-One' salesman to lend his peaked cap for the photo, whilst he puffed away on his pipe.

The next photo is of a Birmingham Colloff wedding, and as, to the best of my knowledge only four of the people on it are still alive, I hope that I have some of the details right.

My profound apologies if | I have got it wrong!

What I am certain of is that Geoffrey and I are on it; perhaps in the same 'short pants' that Audine's mother remembers seeing us in.

This is the wedding of William Stanley Colloff to Phyllis Watson

<u>in 1937.</u> I am standing in front of my mother and Geoffrey is standing in front of Brian, held in his mother's arms next to our grandmother. Audrey is the taller of the two young bridesmaids. I hope to find the names of many more people there.



The Last Words

Now it is Your Turn.

I must thank Audine and Helen for their contributions. Quite apart from their family and personal interest that has been shared with us, I am sure that there is a wealth of valuable social detail within them. I regret that I cannot do it full justice, but at least the material is there now for future generations to study.

In examining the wedding photo I was shocked to realise that I believe that only four of the people on it are still alive, and realised just how irreplaceable these records are.

So, as well as the contributions from Audine and Helen I am still looking for any family memories, photos or keepsakes that you would like to share with us all. I promise to return any photos and will tidy up any damage on old prints for you. Just look them out, add a few titles, and I will be grateful.

Do not worry if the print is small. I am becoming quite skilled at working on old photos. Although the wedding picture above came from a small postcard print I have been able to make a print two A4 sheets long to send to close relatives to see how many people that they can name on it for me.

Until the next issue, with *your* contribution in it;

John and Annette.

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