

*Ancestors of
Elisabeth Collins*



*Including
Jacob Collins and Arabella Whitmore*



*and
Samuel Whitmore and Elizabeth Schuss*



Known Information:

FamilySearch ID: L7FD-ZKY

Elisabeth Collins

B. Oct 1849, Iowa

Father: Jacob Collins, b. Ohio Mother: Unknown, b. Ohio

M. 8 May 1881, La Grande, Union, OR

Spouse: Robert Wylie Dougherty (1910 Census lists he was married twice.)

Children: Arthur Dougherty b. 1875
Jacob W Dougherty b. 1883
Ethel Alice Dougherty b. 1885
John Dougherty b. 1891
James Dougherty b. 1894

D. 24 Mar 1924, Milton Freewater, Umatilla, OR

Objective: Trace lineage back as far as possible, within the allotted time.

Below are the stories of your ancestors that were researched. A pedigree chart is attached, but relationships were only confirmed through Samuel Whitmore's generation (Generation 3). At a glance, the ancestors farther back than that look to be well-researched, but the relationships should be double-checked, rather than just assuming they are correct.

Generation 1: Elisabeth Collins

I was able to confirm the information in FamilySearch about your ancestor.

Elisabeth Collins is the 2nd child of Jacob Collins and Arabella Whitmore. She was born in October 1849 near Locust Grove, Jefferson County, Iowa. (She was living there with her family at 9 months old on the June 1850 Census.)

Sometime between 1870 and 1880, when Elisabeth was 20-30 years old, the family moved to Summersville, Union County, Oregon. Her future husband, Robert Wylie Dougherty is living in the same town with his in-laws.

Robert Wylie Dougherty md. Lucy E. Storms (died 1875)

Son: Arthur Dougherty, b. 1875 OR

Robert Wylie Dougherty md. Elisabeth Collins 8 May 1881, La Grande, Union, OR

Children:

Jacob W Dougherty b. 1883, OR
Ethel Alice Dougherty b. 1885, OR
John Dougherty b. 1891, OR
James Dougherty b. 1894, OR

Generation 2: Jacob Collins and Arabella Whitmore

Jacob Collins was born in Ohio, about 1820. On 29 January 1846, he married Arabella Whitmore in Jefferson County, Iowa by the local Justice of the Peace. The marriage record is attached. It states that the marriage license was issued 27 January 1846. The Justice of the Peace wrote that he performed the ceremony on 29 December 1846. This is probably a recording error, as every other record on the page are between Jan 1846 and Feb 1846. They were both of legal age, which means they were both over 18 years old. Jacob was about 26, and Arabella was 19.

The 1856 Iowa Census lists that Jacob, then about age 36, was a veteran and a member of the militia. That is all the information we have on his military service.

Together, Jacob and Arabella had 7 children. Jacob supported his family by farming. They lived in Jefferson and Wapello Counties in Iowa, until sometime between 1870 and 1880, when they moved to Summerville, Union, Oregon. After his wife passed, he moved in with his youngest son, Joseph E. Collins. He died in Oregon between June 1900 and June 1910.

There is a Jacob Collins in FamilySearch (ID: K8XG-FXN), but the parents linked to him are not correct. Both the 1880 Census and the 1900 Census state that Jacob's father was born in Maryland and his mother was born in Virginia.

I searched backwards to try to find Jacob's parents. The 1841 US Census, when Jacob would have been 19 or 20 and still at home, lists only the head of households and the ages of the people who lived there. None of the 14 Collins in Iowa had a male the right age. So, Jacob's family was probably still in Ohio. There were 357 Collins households in Ohio in 1841.

Arabella Whitmore was born in 1827 in Ohio. Both her parents were born in Pennsylvania (1880 Census). There is a matching FamilySearch person for her (ID: LFP1-FCC). I checked the sources for her parents and siblings, and the research seems solid. It is the right family.

Jacob Collins b. 1820 Ohio
d. 1900-1910 Summerville, Union, Oregon
md. 29 January 1846

Arabella Whitmore b. 1827 Ohio
d. 1880-1900 Summerville, Union, Oregon
(FamilySearch lists death as 1889, but there is no evidence listed.)

Children:

Elijah Collins b. 1848 Iowa, occupation: school teacher
md. Mary, February 1870 Iowa

Elisabeth Collins b. October 1849 Iowa
Virginia Alice Collins b. 1853 Iowa

Frank B. Collins b. 1858 Iowa, occupation: school teacher

Cora Bell Collins b. 1862 Iowa

Sarah M. Collins b. 1866 Iowa

Joseph E. Collins b. 1869 Iowa, occupation: farmer

Generation 3: Samuel Whitmore and Eliza Schuss

Samuel Whitmore (ID: LFGR-9QM) and **Elizabeth Schuss** (ID: LKT1-WDL) were born in Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio in 1816 when he was 21 and she was 16. They lived in Ohio until 1842, when they moved to Iowa. They remained there until their deaths.

Samuel Whitmore was a respected member of the community. He made a fortune in Ohio in contracting work on the canals. In 1819, just 3 years after marriage, Samuel bought 12 acres of land for \$700 in cash from Coshocton County. It enabled him to earn a living as a farmer for his new family. Seven years later, in 1826, he sold the same lot of land to James Bryan for the same amount.

This is probably when Samuel took up contracting work. The Ohio-Erie Canal was chartered by the state legislature in 1825. It had been completed through Coshocton County by 1830. By 1840, the canal made Ohio the 3rd most prosperous state. It made Samuel Whitmore quite prosperous, too.

Samuel probably continued to have ties with the State of Ohio, because in May 1837, he bought 12 acres of land from a neighbor for \$500. He mortgaged the same lot of land to the state on 1 June 1837, for \$200 plus interest. Selling land at a loss is not great business tactics, so Samuel probably had some side deal going. Regardless, Samuel seemed to prosper. In 1840, he bought 5 ½ lots of land in the town of West Carlisle and just over an acre of land outside of town for \$2800 cash in hand. He sold back pieces of that land to others the next year for \$3156.60 and retained some of the lots for himself.

In 1842, he moved his family to Locust Grove, Jefferson County, Iowa. His main occupation was farming, but he was a man of considerable influence in the region. He was elected a state congressman twice, first serving from 1846-48, then again from 1852-54. He served as a Democrat (the two political parties of the time being Democrat and Whig). He was involved from the very foundation of the state, as Iowa became a state on 28 December 1846. Legislative records in Iowa weren't kept until the 1856 session, so there is no record of his actions as a state congressman, but it is reasonable to assume that he did well at it, as he was elected twice.

With his wife, **Elizabeth Schuss**, Samuel raised 11 children, five boys and six girls. All of them lived to adulthood, which was relatively rare at the time. His 6th child, **Arabella Whitmore** is who you are related to. Samuel passed away 18 October 1867 in Batavia, Iowa at the age of 72. Elizabeth died just three months later on 10 January 1868. Samuel filed a will with the county just six days before his death. The original is attached in the sources. It reads:

“Know all men by these present, that I, Samuel Whitmore in my right mind, make this my last will and requests. Make my son Levi Whitmore my Administrator and hereby appoint him my lawful Administrator, and that he will do my business under oath. And that he be paid for his services And my property shall remain in my wifes hand untill her death. October 12th 1867”

His will was witnessed by his son-in-law John Murray and his son George Whitman. Upon Elizabeth's death in January, all of the property passed to the children. In probate court, Levi Whitmore discharged his duty and duly split the inheritance between the 11 children, who are listed in the court documents. Samuel and Elizabeth's gravestone still stands in the Batavia cemetery today.

Samuel Whitmore b. 12 Feb 1795, Pennsylvania

d. 18 Oct 1867, Batavia, Jefferson, Iowa

md. 15 Sep 1816 Harrison, Ohio

Elizabeth Schuss b. 13 Sep 1800, Gettysburg, Adams, Pennsylvania

d. 10 Jan 1868, Batavia, Jefferson, Iowa

Children:

Levi Whitmore b. 9 Feb 1817, Harrison, Ohio

Mary Whitmore b. 1818, Ohio

Catherine Whitmore b. 1820, Ohio

Priscilla Nell Whitmore b. 1822, Ohio

Sarah Whitmore b. 30 Nov 1824, Coshocton, Coshocton, Ohio

Arabella Whitmore b. 1 Feb 1827, Chillicothe, Ross, Ohio

Johnston B. Whitmore b. 22 May 1830, Ohio

Wilson Whitmore b. 26 Oct 1832, Ohio

French B. Whitmore b. 17 Apr 1838, Coshocton, Coshocton, Ohio

George Whitmore b. 17 Jul 1841, Coshocton, Coshocton, Ohio

Melisa Whitmore b. 2 Feb 1845, Jefferson, Iowa

Source Documents for Ancestors of Elisabeth Collins

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- 1860 U.S. Census, Agency City, Wapello county, Iowa, Jacob Collins and family; database with images, FamilySearch.
- 1870 U.S. Census, Locust Grove, Jefferson county, Iowa, Jacob Collins and family; database with images, FamilySearch.
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The Iowa Legislature, Iowa House districts 1852-1853; online image
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(<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/informationOnLegislators/historicalInformation?searchGA=ALL&lastName=whitmore&firstName=Samuel&chamberID=&leadershipPositionID=&partyID=&districtID=&countyID=>: accessed 12 February 2019).

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Sources searched but no results found:

-1900 U.S. Census

-Oregon Deaths, 1842-1952 and Delayed Births, 1844-1914.

No Jacob or Arabella Collins (but this sources doesn't cover Union County, OR)

-Obituaries and other Vital Records of Union County, Oregon 1890-1930 available at

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE4320023

Checked all 5 volumes indexes, no Collins or Dougherty found.

-Coshocton County Ohio, "Ohio Deed Records," Volumes 5, 6, & 14 had no index! Were not checked. Searched through volume 18, 1845.

-1840 US Census

Jacob Collins (about age 19-20, b. About 1820)

Living in Ohio or Iowa.

Checked all of Iowa. No Collins families with a 19-20 yr old male living in them.

In Ohio, there are 357 Collins families. Didn't check these.

-FamilySearch Wiki:How to Find **Oregon Death Records**

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_Oregon_Death_Records#Deaths_after_1903_to_present

Checked the top 4 links for a certificate of Jacob Collins death (accessed 2/6/19) None on file. Jacob probably died between 1900-1903.

Areas to research further:

- 1) Possible missing children for (2) Jacob Collins and (3) Arabella Whitmore. Some mortality schedules exist for Iowa, which may list some children who died young.
- 2) Death records of (2) Jacob Collins (d. 1900-1910) and (3) Arabella Whitmore Collins (d. 1889). *Deaths and burials in Union County, Oregon, from 1860 to 31 March, 1974* available at FHL, SLC, Film #934246. (from mortuary and cemetery records) This same film should also give you (1) Elisabeth Collins Dougherty's death certificate. The death records may list Jacob Collins' parents' names.
- 3) (12) Jacob Whitmore (b. 1767) needs more research done to check what is listed online.
- 4) (7) Elizabeth Schuss (b. 1800) needs her parents and siblings sources/references checked.