

John Mitchinson Collins and Agnes Ann Smith

John Mitchinson Collins was born 30 April 1837 in England. He immigrated to America and in 1860 was a miner, living in hotel in Amador, California.¹ He married Agnes Ann Smith in 1866 in Grass Valley, Nevada, California.² John and Agnes had eight children.

Agnes Ann Smith was born 27 May 1846 in Scotland. She was the youngest of nine children of William Smith and Agnes Legate of Scotland. Her family immigrated to America in 1848³ and lived in Lawrence, Essex, Massachusetts, in 1850.⁴

John became a naturalized citizen in 1868.⁵ On the 1870 census, John was a quartz miner, living with his wife and two children in Grass Valley, Nevada, California.⁶ The family moved to Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada, by 1875. John was a miner, living with his wife and four children in Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada, in 1880.⁷ They moved to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory by 1884. The next year they moved to Eureka, Juab, Utah Territory. John was a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of the Golden Eagle.⁸

John died after a long illness on 4 September 1891 in Eureka. He was an old and respected resident of the camp. and was buried in the Eureka Cemetery.⁹ Agnes never remarried. She was a farmer, living with six of her children, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren, in Ferry Canyon Precinct, Gilliam, Oregon, in 1900. On the 1910 census, she was living with her son's family in Dufur, Wasco, Oregon. She lived with the same son in The Dalles, Wasco, Oregon, in 1920. She died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1925 in Corvallis, Benton, Oregon. She was buried in the Oakville Cemetery.¹⁰

CHILDREN:

Edward M Collins	(1867-1930)
Elizabeth Collins	(1868-1900)
Albert Alfred Collins	(1873-1938)
Frederick William Collins	(1875-1940)
Vivian Mitchinson Collins	(1881-1952)
Irene Collins	(1884-1963)
Baby Collins	(1885-1885)
Robert John Collins	(1886-1903)

¹ United States Census, 1860.

² California County Marriages, 1850-1952.

³ United States Census, 1900.

⁴ United States Census, 1850; *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, 8 October 1925, p. 4.

⁵ U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes, 1794-1995.

⁶ United States census, 1870.

⁷ United States Census, 1880.

⁸ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 12 September 1891, p. 8.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008; Oregon death certificate at *Findagrave.com*



John Mitchinson Collins (image from *Ancestry.com*)



Lodge No 12 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Eureka, Utah (image from *Ancestry.com*)



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