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Samuel Bassett French (1820-1898), attorney, judge, Confederate officer, and editor, was a Norfolk native and later resident of Chesterfield County and Richmond. Between 1890 and 1897, and in preparation for an intended biographical dictionary to be titled *Annals of Prominent Virginians of the XIX Century*, French compiled biographical information in almost 9,000 men, often obtaining information directly from the subject or from members of the immediate family. This collection consists of digital images of more than 14,000 items from French's handwritten notes

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son of Rev. R.

Collier, Charles F., lawyer, born in Peters-
 burg - Sept. 16, 1827; educated at
 the best schools in his native city and at
 the Brunswick Springs, and at Washing-
 -ton College, [1844-45], U of Va (1844)
 Law school at Harvard University, Cambridge,
 Commenced practice of the law with his father;
 removed to Pr. George; member of the Legislature
 from Pr. G. and Semy 1851-1852 - declined
 re-election after service of two terms;
 elected Mayor of Melitia; returned to Peters-
 -burg; elected to H. of Del. 1858; again in
 1861; appointed A. G. on staff of Gen. Gwynn
 while stationed at Norfolk, but continued to
 hold his seat in Legislature; member of
 Confed. Cong. when the resignation of Gen.
 R. A. Pryor failed to secure his seat in the
 next session Confed. Cong. owing some irregular-
 -ities in Certificate of election; this except from
 mil. service was engaged in the fight of June 9,
 1861, at Avery's farm, and on 19 June - in
 defence of Petersburg; honorably mentioned for
 gallant and meritorious service on 4th + made
 for adjutant of the reserves; vice the Capt. killed
 in battle -; after the war elected Mayor for
 his terms; in 1861 elected Pres. P. & W. R. R. Co
 and served four years; in 1867 again elected
 Mayor and by two successive biennial elec-
 -tions continued [1893] to perform the duties of
 that office; ruling elder in Presbyterian Church;
 Commissioner to form General Assemblies of Son-
 -thern Presby. Church; elected by Shenandoah Gen. Conf.
 to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance and honor but was
 prevented from attendance by death of his long
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17525.
 Collier, John Elderly son of John, and
 Grand son of John, born at Porto Bello
 on York River, 1707-17 - It was
 probably he and his brother Cornelius,
 who accompanied Admiral Vernon,
 under Capt. Lawrence Washington, in the
 Corthagenese expedition to the Spanish
 Main, in 1740-42. It is probable
 that before his father's death he was
 engaged in planting on the right side
 of the James, for we find that John
 Collier took up 50 acres in Sole
 of Wight Co. July 20, 1738-; in 1745
 John and Thomas Collier were
 extensive planters of Tobacco in
 Surry Co.

Collier Capt Thomas of Charlotte
 Elderly son of John was born at
 "Porto Bello" or in Surry Co., 1735-40
 Served as a Soldier in Braddock's
 Campaign, and as a Captain in
 the Revolutionary War. In 1763 took
 up 282 acres of land in Brunswick
 Co. and for public service was
 granted 3,000 acres in Mason
 Co. Ky.

Collier, Benj. Plunk Elderly son of
 Capt Thomas, born in Brunswick Co.
 17 - removed to Ga and settled
 in Early Co.

(Va Lewis)

Collins Capt Sabney Planter, 2^d
 Son of Capt. Thomas, born in
 Brunswick Co. About 1770 -
 Deceased as Capt of Va troops in
 War of 1812 - In 1838 removed
 to Haywood Co Tenn. A man of
 Education, and Culture, and a
 tenacious planter in Mecklenburg
 Co. Va and Haywood Co Tenn.
 where he died June 14 1844.
 (Va Cousins)

Collins Thomas Bookdale Planter
 Elder son of Capt Sabney, born in
 Mecklenburg Co - March 31 1807
 In 1825, removed to Murray Co Tenn.
 Died in 1858 to Haywood Co. where
 he became an extensive and successful
 planter - was a man of high
 Culture and his Morality and in-
 tegrity were of the highest - died July
 8 1854 (idem)

Collins, Sabney Claiborne Planter
 Son of Capt Sabney, born in Mecklen-
 burg Co - March 24 - 1807. At the age
 of 22 removed to Williamson Co Tenn
 In July 1837 removed to Haywood
 Co where he died July 17 1843.

Collins, Maj John 4th of the Name
^{2d}
 Son of John, born either at Port Bell.
 York to on in Surry Co - 1840-45.
 Served as a Soldier in the Revolutionary
 War - Wounded and wore a wooden
 leg. Removed to Madison Co Ky
 where he died

Collins, James Son of Maj John
 born in Dinwiddie Co - 17 - removed
 to Ky - a Soldier of the War of 1812
 His son Lewis of Howard Co Mo -
 1802-81, was probably born in Va -

Collins John of Indiana Son of Maj
 John, born in Dinwiddie Co - 17 -
 removed to Ky. a Soldier of the War
 of 1812 - later removed to Indiana

Collins Capt Nathaniel of Dinwiddie
 Son of Maj John born in Dinwiddie
 Co - 17 - Served as a Capt in War of
 1812 - died in Desoier at Norfolk
 in 1814

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 Collier, Riv. Robt R. Baptist Min
 probably Gr Son of Hon Robt R
 born in Greenville Co - 1844. Ed in
 the schools of Rehehoy and Rehehnd
 Coll. Entered the Baptist Ministry -
 Pastor of several churches in
 Brunswick Co - In 1886 went
 to North Carolina. In 1890 was
 called to a church in Balto. Ind.
 where he served for five years,
 when his health failing he resigned.
 In 1897 accepted the charge
 of three churches in Henrico Co.
 near Rehehnd, when after several
 years was forced to resign on
 account of ill health. died at
 his home in Rehehnd City - April
 17 - 1902

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 Collier Joseph of South Carolina
 2d son of John born either in York or
 Surry Co - served in the Revolution.
 It was probably he who was com-
 manded, 2d Lint. 1st Penn.
 Regt Continental Line, April 18.
 1877 - promoted Lint May 17, 1779.
 Settled in South Carolina. His
 sons; Meredith and Merrill, later
 removed to Ga in 1800

Collier Cornelius 2d son of
 John, born in York Co. 1720-36.
 It was probably he who with his brother
 John accompanied Admiral Vernon
 in the Annapolis Expedition -
 Remained about the middle of the
 century to a place on the Pee Dee river
 where he had large tracts of
 land, probably in Lenoir Co.
 His plantation houses, were occa-
 sionally destroyed by fire during his life in
 1776 - served in the Revolution.
 In 1802 removed to Abbeville
 Dist. S.C.

Collier John of Columbia Co, Ga. Elder
 Son of Cornelius, born in Lunenburg Co?
 175 - A Soldier of the Revolution.
 Removed to Columbia Co Ga.

Collier Dr Wm M.D. Son of John born in
 Lunenburg Co. 17 -

Collier Edward Wyatt Son of John born in
 Lunenburg Co. 17 -

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Collins W^gath 3^d son of Cosmelus
born in Sumner Co. ? 17 -
A Soldier of the Revolution killed in
the battle of Entaw Springs.

Collins W^gath of Ala. 4th son of Cosmelus
born in Sumner Co. - 17 - A Soldier of the
Revolution, Removed to Ala. - No living
descendants -

Collins, Edward of Augusta Ga. 5th
and last son of Cosmelus. born in
Sumner Co. - 17 - A Soldier of the
Revolution - Removed to Augusta
Ga. - No descendants -

Collins W^gath of Surry 3^d son of
John born at "Porto Bello" York Co.
17 - took up 500 acres of land
in Surry Co. in 1731.

Collins Coster only son of W^gath
in Surry Co. - 17 - probably a Soldier
of the Revolution.

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Collins Thomas Youngest son of John
born at "Porto Bello" York Co. -
17 - took up 225 acres of land
at Wyanoak, Dec 16 - 1738

No male issue -