

JUDGE JOHN COLLIER

Judge John Collier was born in Gwinnett County, Georgia, May 6, 1815. He was the son of Merideth Collier, born in Randolph or Rutherford County, North Carolina, May 10, 1782, and his wife, Elizabeth Gray, born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, December 8, 1786. They were married in North Carolina, December 25, 1806.

The same year, accompanied by Merrell Collier, twin brother of Merideth, they came on horseback to Gwinnett County, Georgia, where they lived until the winter of 1822-23, when they removed to DeKalb County, and settled near what is now Ansley Park, Fulton County.

Judge Collier was a brother of George Washington Collier, also an early settler of the community. He married Henrietta Wilson. They had eleven children.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and a lawyer by profession. He wrote the first charter of the City of Atlanta, was a member of the Southern Convention in 1850; and Senator from DeKalb County 1854-54, and from Fulton 1859-60. He was appointed Judge of the Coweta Circuit by Governor G. J. Jenkins July 5, 1867, and reluctantly accepted the appointment July 9, 1867.

He was succeeded in that office by Judge John D. Pope.

Judge Collier died in Atlanta, November 5, 1892, and was buried in the Collier Mausoleum in Oakland Cemetery.

Ref.: Page 121, "The Atlanta Historical Bulletin", No. 17.

GEORGE WASHINGTON COLLIER

George Washington Collier, one of Atlanta's most historic citizens, was born in what later became Gwinnett County, Georgia, Nov. 29, 1813, and died at his home in "Collier Woods" June 20, 1903.

Coming to Fulton, then to DeKalb with his father, Meredith Collier, in 1822, he saw Atlanta rise from the very first settler to become a metropolis of over one hundred thousand souls.

This remarkable growth did not cause Mr. Collier to deviate from the even tenor of his way, and for eighty years he lived in Land Lot No. 104, near Peachtree Creek, in the midst of the primeval forest he found there in 1822.

George W. Collier, better known as "Wash Collier", was the first merchant to occupy the strategic location of Five Points, known to a later generation as "Tom Pitts Corner."

His heirs retained this property until last year.

Mr. Collier operated a grocery store, part of the store being given over to the post office.

He served as Postmaster of Atlanta from Dec. 22, 1845, until Dec. 12, 1849.

Whatever Mr. Collier's success as a merchant may have been his fortune was in his land.

It is interesting to note that on May 31, 1845, he bought the Five Points corner for \$150.

Ref.: Page 24, "The Atlanta Historical Bulletin", No. 10, pub. by the Atlanta Historical Society.

In this same pamphlet are brief sketches of:

George W. Adair (born 1823)
Alfred Austell (born 1814)
Maxwell R. Berry (born 1823)
Robert M. Clarke (born 1824)
Willis F. Chishelm (born 1833)
William B. Cox (born 1828)
Thomas G. Healey (born 1818)
Julius A. Hayden (born 1810)
Galvin W. Hunicut (born 1827)
Samuel M. Inman (born 1845)
Peter Lynch (born in Ireland 1827)
John Ryan (born in Ireland 1827)
Edward E. Rawson (born 1818)
Frank F. Rice (born 1858)
John Silvey (born 1817)
Joseph Winship (born 1800)

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	Vo.	No.	Dr.	Cr.
To paid State Tax for 1861.		1	30.45	
To paid City Tax " "	"	2	34.80	
To paid J.C. LOFTIN part of Legacy	"	3	30.00	
To paid J.M. LOFTIN " " "	"	4	108.80	
To paid WM. T. LOFTIN " " "	"	5	146.85	
To paid " " " " " "	"	6	100.00	
To paid Ordinary	"	7	1.91	
To 2½ per cent Com. due above.			11.31	
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			\$464.02	

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 7th July, 1862.
J.B. WILSON, Ordy.

WILLIAM EZZARD, Excr.

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Estate of MERRILL COLLIER in account with WILLIAM EZZARD, Executor for 1862.

		Dr.	Cr.
To paid State Tax for 1862.	Vo. No. 1	38.22	
To paid City Tax fir 1862.	" " 2	34.20	
To paid Ordinary	" " 3	1.81	
To 2½ per cent commission on \$74.23		1.85	
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		\$ 76.08	

J.B. WILSON, Ordy.

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