

Beatrice Ashley Chanler's Lost Family Pedigree

by Roy Collins

This abstract is based primarily on a more in-depth paper titled *Myths to Live By* that had been compiled a few years ago by myself and later appended by William Chanler Jr., grandson of Beatrice Ashley Chanler. The research was in part a collaboration with my older brother George Thomas "Tommy" Collins, who lived under the same roof with his great grandfather George Thomas Collins I (1874-1962) who was Beatrice Ashley Chanler's half-brother.



Collins Family photograph, c. 1925. Eliza (Collins) Ashley (top left) is seated with her son, George T. Collins (top right) on the front porch of his house on Metacomet Ave., Swansea MA. Eliza's grandson, George Anthony Sr. is seated between them and great grandson, George A. Jr. (my father) is at the bottom.

The information for this current paper was culled from official records, city archives, street maps, city directories, old photographs, and contemporaneous notes based on conversations with members of both the Collins and Chanler families. From this collection we were able to form a more concise picture of Beatrice Chanler's broken childhood and her siblings, who previously had been unknown.

Beatrice Ashley Chanler was the namesake created by the popular 19th century stage actress Minnie Ashley upon her marriage to the dashing and wealthy NY politician, William A. Chanler on December 4, 1903.

Prior to 1903 Beatrice had been married (1896) to a New York bit player, William Sheldon, but they had been living apart until they were formerly

PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL NAMES OF SOME ACTORS AND DRAMATISTS OF THE DAY AND OF EARLIER TIMES.			
Professional Name.	Real Name.	Professional Name.	Real Name.
Abbott, Bessie.....	Pickens, Miss.	Davenport, Fannie.....	McDowell, Mrs. Melville.
Adams, Maude.....	Kiskadden, Maude.	Davis, Fay.....	Lawrence, Mrs. Gerald.
Adams, Susanne.....	Stern, Mrs. Leo.	De Mar, Carrie.....	Hart, Mrs. Joseph.
Albani, Mme.....	Gye, Mrs. Ernest.	De Silva, N.....	Harvey, Mrs. Martin.
Alexander, George.....	Sampson, George.	D'Orsay, Lawrence.....	Dorset, Wm. Lawrence.
Allen, Viola.....	Duryea, Mrs. Peter.	Deutsch, Florence.....	Bernard, Mrs. Sam.
Allen, Louise.....	Collier, Mrs. Wm.	Dickson, Charles.....	Dobbin, Charles.
Anderson, Sarah.....	Bearnstein, Mrs. Joseph.	Dillon, Louise.....	Dillon, Mrs. John.
Archer, Frank.....	Arnold, Frank B.	Dockstader, Lew.....	Clapp, Geo. Alfred.
Armstrong, Sydney.....	Wells, Miss.	Dorr, Dorothy.....	Dam, Mrs. Hy. J. W.
Anderson, Mary.....	Navarro, Mme. de.	Dressler, Marie.....	Kerber, Lella.
Arthur, Joseph.....	Smith, Arthur E.	Durbin, Maud.....	Skinner, Mrs. Otis.
Arthur, Julia.....	Chenery, Mrs. Benj. P.	Duse, Eleanora.....	Cecil, Signora.
Ashley, Minnie.....	Sheldon, Mrs.	Eames, Emma.....	Story, Mrs. Julian.
Atherton, Alice.....	Edouin, Mrs. Willie.	Elliot, Gertrude.....	Robertson, Mrs. Forbes.
Baird, Dorothea.....	Irving, Mrs. Henry B.		
Barry, Mrs. Thomas.....	Redmond, Mrs. Wm.		

divorced in 1902. While living with William Sheldon (born William Jones in Ohio, 1876), Beatrice used the Sheldon surname in public but kept Minnie Ashley as her stage name.

Beatrice Chanler's grandparents were Irish immigrants who arrived in America in 1845 during the height of the Irish Potato Famine. It is not clear if the couple had known each other prior to coming to America or if they met afterward. This said because their ports of entry were in different states; her grandfather, Michael Tully (1818-1857) disembarked in New York City, whereas her grandmother, Bridget Lyons (1824-1897?) arrived at the port of Boston in Massachusetts.

Bridget Lyons later moved to Fall River, MA, and in 1850 was listed as a single resident in the U.S. Census for that city. By contrast, the term "head of household" was a phrase used in city street directories and was designated for the husband, or main "bread winner" residing there. Street directories did not list the wife or children, unless the husband died and then the deceased's wife would be listed with the suffix "widow" with first and last name to follow. For this reason, Bridget Lyons was not listed in the Fall River Street Directory for the same year.

Michael Tully, on the other hand, had moved the same year he landed in New York to 21 Trinity Place (rear) in Manhattan. Later, he moved one apartment over to 20 Trinity Place, where he remained until his death. He worked as "porter."

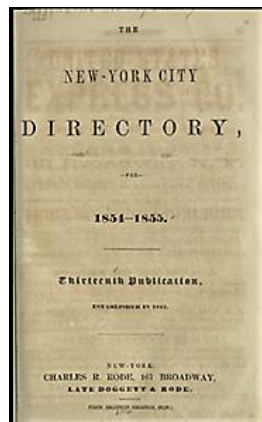
As previously stated, only the male "head of household" was listed in city street directories, unless the male partner died and then his widow would be named. Yet in the space reserved for the deceased's "marital status" in the NYC Municipal Death record for Michael Tully, the word "unknown" appears. For this reason, one could not say with certainty if Michael Tully and Bridget Lyons were "married" or if they had children when he died in 1857.

Bridget Lyons	
Massachusetts, Boston Passenger Lists, 1820-1891	
Name:	Bridget Lyons
Event Type:	Immigration
Event Date:	1845
Event Place:	Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts, United States
Gender:	Female
Age:	17
Nationality:	Ireland
Birth Year (Estimated):	1828
Birth Country:	Ireland
Page:	815

Bridget Lyons	
United States Census, 1850	
Name:	Bridget Lyons
Event Type:	Census
Event Year:	1850
Event Place:	Fall River, Bristol, Massachusetts, United States
Gender:	Female
Age:	22
Race:	White

Tully Edward, tailor, 54 Prince
 Tully Francis, tinsmith, 608 Water
 Tully James, painter, 225 Av. 1
TULLY MARCUS C. physician, 146 Broome
 Broome
 Tully Martin, paver, 141 E. 16th
 Tully Matthew, tailor, 5 Hester
Tully Michael, waiter, r. 21 Trinity pl
 Tully Patrick, coachman, 5 1/2 W. 14th
 Tully Walter, shoemaker, 70 Bank
 Tully Daniel, brewer, 91 Oak

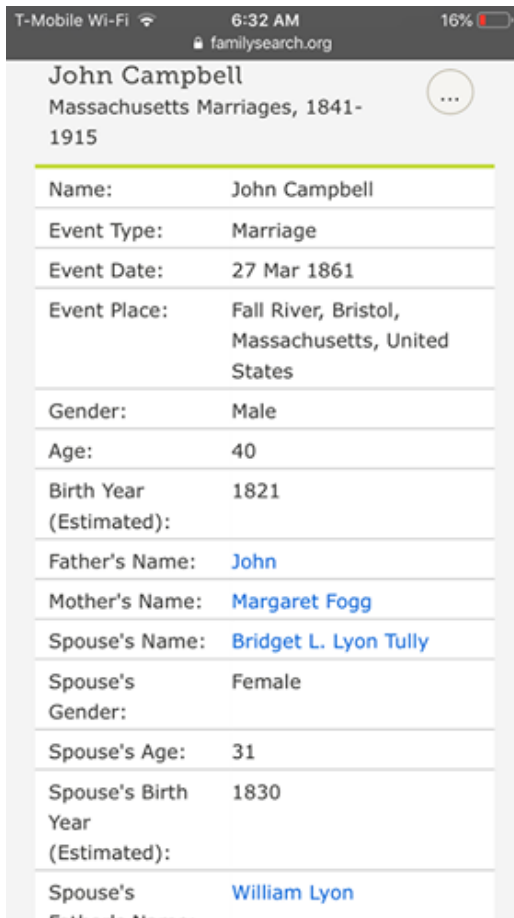
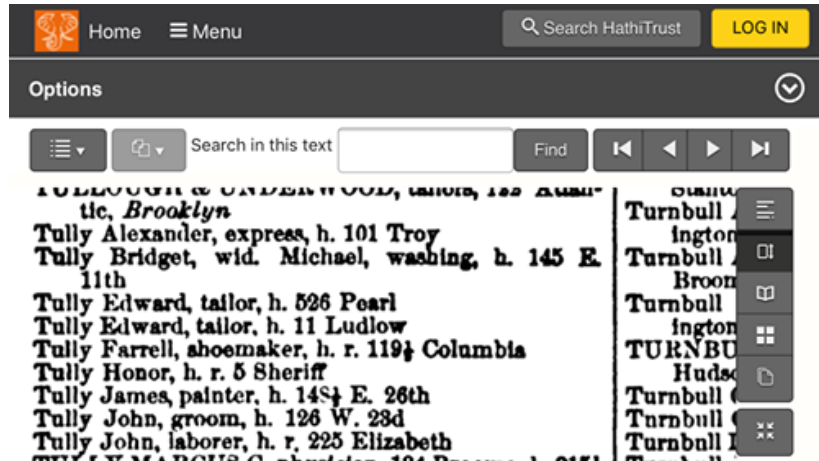
Michael Tully	
New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949	
Name:	Michael Tully
Event Type:	Death
Event Date:	26 Feb 1857
Event Place:	Manhattan, New York, New York, United States
Address:	20 Trinity Place
Gender:	Male
Age:	39
Marital Status:	Unknown
Occupation:	Porter
Birth Year (Estimated):	1818
Birthplace:	Ireland
Cemetery:	Calvary



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In the New York City Street Directory for the following year, 1858 there appeared a new listing for a residence at 145 11th Street with the name *Tully, Bridget, widow of Michael*. Widow Bridget Tully is listed as being employed as a “washer.”

While circumstantial as it might appear, there was no listing for this Widow Bridget Tully for the years that follow in New York. There was also no birth record for a child born to this Tully/Lyons couple. But there was evidence that surfaced three years later that listed a marriage in Fall River, MA for a woman named Bridget Lyon Tully to one John Campbell.



Three additional documents prove this assertion:

1. The U.S. Census of 1880 for Fall River MA again shows a listing for John and Bridget Campbell along with three children; Sarah Jane Campbell (b.1861), Margaret Campbell (b.1864) and a *grandson* John Edward Collins. A grandson would indicate that one of the two adults had an older child that gave birth to boy that was born around 1873.

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
John Campbell	Self	Male	61	England
Bridget Campbell	Wife	Female	50	Ireland
Sarah Jane Campbell	Daughter	Female	19	Massachusetts, United States
Maggie Campbell	Daughter	Female	15	Massachusetts, United States
John Edward Collins	Grandson	Male	7	Massachusetts, United States

Since the “Collins” surname is different from the Campbell surname it would indicate that there had been a female daughter that had been married to male partner having Collins as his surname.

2. From an 1872 birth record in Fall River, MA there was a male child named John E. Collins that was born to a couple named George W. and Eliza F. Collins.

John E. Collins	
Massachusetts Births, 1841-1915	
Name:	John E. Collins
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	08 Sep 1872
Event Place:	Fall River, Massachusetts
Gender:	M
Father's Name:	George W Collins
Mother's Name:	Eliza F

3. The 1870 Tiverton, RI marriage record for George and Eliza Collins shows that Eliza was the daughter of Bridget and Michael Tully (as evidenced by their names on the marriage document.) While there was never any proof of birth for Eliza Tully in Massachusetts, the age for Eliza Tully was listed on the marriage document as “18” with the estimated birth year as 1854. See below, last line:

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Tiverton R. I.						for the Year ending December 31st, 1872.			
DATE OF MARRIAGE.	FULL NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS.	COLOR OF EACH.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	BIRTH-PLACE OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS OF EACH.	No. of Marriages, 1st, 2d, 3d, &c.	NAMES AND OFFICIAL STATIONS OF PERSONS BY WHOM MARRIED.
May 18	Lewis F Davis Mary A. Walker	Fall River Mass	30	White	Agricult	Worcester Mass	William & Oliver Davis John & Mary A Walker	2	Rev S. G. Haines Pastor of Central Baptist Church
June 9	David W Sherrouse Annus Westgate	Tiverton	22	"	Sailor	Tiverton	David & Mary Sherman William & Mary Westgate	2	J. S. Whitman Pastor of Long Church
June 17	George Allen's Probr Eliza Keane	Randolph Mass	27	"	Dist. Maker	Weymouth Mass	Solomon & Lotenia Probr Rich & Eliza Keane	1	Rev S. G. Haines Pastor of Central Baptist Church
June 30	William H. Cook Sarah P. Bailey	Sanborn Mass	19	"	Wainwright	Worcester Mass	Henry & Sarah L Cook Robert H & Emily B Bailey	1	James S. Mc Kenzie Baptist Minister
June 30	Robert L. Prothman Eliza S. Keant	Little Compton	23	"	Farmer	Little Compton	Cypus & Mary Prothman Richard & Eliza Keant	1	James S. Mc Kenzie Baptist Minister
July 11	Asstons Kealy Emma A. Chabr	Fall River Mass	21	"	Ironmaster	Worcester Mass	John & Susan Kealy David & Cynthia Chabr	1	James S. Mc Kenzie Baptist Minister
July 29	George William Collins Eliza Tully	Tiverton Fall River Mass	21 18	"	Cloth	Tiverton Fall River Mass	Thomas & Mary Collins Richard & Edgert Tully	1	Rev S. G. Haines Pastor of Central Baptist Church

It should be acknowledged that for the years from 1851 to 1857 that there was no record of residence for Bridget Lyons or Bridget Tully, either in Fall River or NYC. It was in 1858, in New York when Widow Bridget Tully’s name was first listed in the afore-mentioned NYC Street Directory. If the 1854 birth year for Eliza Tully were true this would indicate that Bridget Lyons had been living with Michael Tully, possibly in a “common law marriage”, and that Eliza Tully was most likely born in New York but without proof of birth.

Note that the above listed marriage document does list Eliza Tully’s birthplace as Massachusetts but in the 1880 census for Tiverton, RI (shown below), and elsewhere, her birthplace lists as “NY”. This practice of name and date deception appears to be consistent throughout Eliza’s life and has been discussed in depth in the afore-mentioned paper titled Myths to Live by.

There is little information about the young Eliza Tully except that she was around 6-years old when her mother Bridget remarried to John Campbell in 1861. That same year the newly-wed

Campbell couple had a daughter Sarah Jane, and in 1864 Bridget gave birth to another daughter, Margaret A Campbell. Of these two half-sisters to Eliza not much more is known.

More recently it was found in the 1870 US Census for Fall River Census that Eliza Tully's surname had been changed to Campbell, and on several occasions was used in conjunction with her Tully surname. In addition, Eliza's birthplace on this same document lists her birthplace as *New York* and her age listed as 17, which approximates her birth year elsewhere. Surprisingly, on this same 1870 census, there appeared the name of a 16-year old female by named Katie Campbell, who was 1-year younger than Eliza but born in Massachusetts. This new evidence might reveal that stepfather John Campbell had been married previously.

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
John Campbell		Male	52	England
Bridget Campbell		Female	40	Ireland
Eliza Campbell		Female	17	New York
Katie Campbell		Female	16	Massachusetts
Sarah J Campbell		Female	9	Massachusetts
Margaret A Campbell		Female	5	Massachusetts



At age 17 or 18, Eliza Tully (Campbell) met and married George William Collins of Tiverton, RI in 1872, the same year their son John Edward Collins was born. At the time of their first son's birth George W. and Eliza Collins were living at 91 South Main Street in Fall River, MA. George worked as a clerk nearby. South Main Street was walking distance from the house Eliza's parents lived. John Campbell owned a liquor shop nearby on John Street. The living situation seemed to have been planned so that John "Eddie" could easily have visitation with his grandparents.

In 1874, while Eliza Collins was 7 months pregnant with a second child, her husband George W. fell ill and died within a short time of cholera at the age of 22. He was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River in same plot as his ancestors.

John Todd	M	M	35	4	Consumption	S. Columbia	Ireland	Charlton	Spain
John Conroy	M	S	11	17	Brain Fever	William's Alley	Irish	Patricia	Irish
Ray P. Bartlett	S	S	X	8	Still Born	North St.	Irish	Elizabeth	Conita
George W. Collins	M	M	22	7	Cholera	91 So. Main	Tiverton	Prudence	Mary
Charles Collins	S	S	X	0	Still Born	West St.	Irish	William	Mary
William Richardson	M	S	17	8	Cholera	8 Spring	Fall River	George	Spain

Two months after her husband's death, on July 16, 1874, Widow Eliza Collins gave birth to a second son, George Thomas Collins (1874-1962). Their son's birth was never recorded, although his draft registration of 1917 validates the birth date:

REGISTRATION CARD											
1	SERIAL NUMBER	3384	ORDER NUMBER	1207							
2	PERSON'S NAME	George Thomas Collins									
3	PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS	730 West Fall River	Fall River, South Main								
4	Age in Years	44	Date of Birth	July 16, 1874							
5	Wife	Widow	B. RACE								
6	White	8	Negro	9	Other						
7	U. S. CITIZEN	10	ALIEN	11	12						
8	Native Born	11	12	13	14						
9	15	16	17	18	19						
10	15	16	17	18	19						
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25	15	16	17	18	19						
26	15	16	17	18	19						
27	15	16	17	18	19						
28	15	16	17	18	19						
29	15	16	17	18	19						
30	15	16	17	18	19						

Widow Eliza Collins remained in the city of Fall River for the four years following her husband's death but moved two or three times to be closer to her parents who then lived on Columbia Street. The biological grandparents of both her sons were Captain George Thomas (1828-1888) and Mary (Baker) Collins (1830-1885) lived on Shove Street in Tiverton RI - a distance of less than three miles from where their two grandchildren had lived .

The logistics of being a single parent and having to nurture and transport two young children between two households soon forced Widow Eliza Collins to consider placing each of her sons with a different set of grandparents. The final decision for making this move came one year prior to 1880 after Widow Eliza Collins had a brief affair with young man from the Fall River area whose surname was Whitehead. On May 7, 1880, Widow Eliza Collins gave birth to a daughter just over the Fall River border in Dartmouth, MA. On the birth record the daughter was named Minnie W. Collins with a notation stating that the birth was "illegitimate". The father's name was not provided for record:

See enlarged line item #28 right:

20	Apr 25 th 1880	Simmons	May 4 th 1880	Edith Lyle Reed		F
21	Apr 25 th 1880	Lequitos R. Griffin	May 7 th 1880	Ede De Loris Trahant		F
22	Apr 25 th 1880	Eliza Russell Collins	May 7 th 1880	Minnie W Collins	Illegitimate	
23	Apr 26 th 1880	Edward Sumner	May 7 th 1880	Masher		F
24	Apr 29 th 1880	Willie Couser	May 17 th 1880	Elizabeth Manly Allen		F
25	May 2 nd 1880	Wm C. Miles	May 18 th 1880			
26	May 4 th 1880	Edith Lyle Reed				
27	May 7 th 1880	Ede De Loris Trahant				
28	May 7 th 1880	Minnie W Collins	Illegitimate	Eliza Collins	Dartmouth	F
29	May 7 th 1880	Masher	F	George W. Ashley (Masher)	Dartmouth	Farmer
30	May 18 th 1880	Elizabeth Manly Allen	F	Edmund J. Ashley (Dartmouth)	Dartmouth	Farmer
31	June 4 th 1880	Antoine Francis Ryder	F	William R. Ashley (Wigham)	Dartmouth	Stone-Cutter
32	June 6 th 1880	Thomas	No. born	Joseph & Mary Thomas	Dartmouth	Sabrer
33	June 13 th 1880	William Jacobs Tidley	M	Eliza & M. J. (Dartmouth)	Dartmouth	Farmer
34	June 24 th 1880	David Elton Somner	M	David S. Lydie J. Dornier	Dartmouth	Engineer

This third birth for Widow Eliza Collins was the breaking point for her already complicated life. As it was apparent that taking care of her three children while living alone posed a heavy burden on their livelihood, it was a risk for her health as well. But moving her youngest son, George T. in with his Tiverton grandparents was not entirely based on the reasons previously discussed, but for a more clandestine reason. Not long after the birth of her daughter Minnie, Eliza Collins began dating Dartmouth butcher George W. Ashley (1845-1888) who was currently married to Azuba Collins, the cousin of her deceased husband George William Collins. See line 31 below:

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Dartmouth, in the County of Bristol, State of Mass
 enumerated by me on the 15th day of June, 1880.

22		Henry E. W. No. 14	son	1		Farm laborer	Mass	Mass
23		Laura E. W. No. 13	daughter	1		At school	Mass	Mass
24	177	Margitt Thomas W. No. 30		1		Box Station	England	England
25		Jennie W. No. 23	Wife	1		Keeping house	Scotland	Scotland
26		Alexander W. No. 2	son	1			Mass	Mass
27		George W. No. 1	son	1			Mass	Mass
28		Andrew W. No. 17	brother	1		Farm laborer	England	England
29	178	Ashley George W. No. 25		1		Butcher	Mass	Mass
30		Stratton W. No. 34	Wife	1		Keeping house	Mass	Mass
31	174	Collins Gilbert A. W. No. 43		1		Farmer	Mass	Mass
32		Helina W. No. 33	Wife	1		Keeping house	Mass	Mass
33		Mary W. No. 71	Mother	1			Mass	Mass
34	195	Ashley Arthur W. No. 26	Servant	1		Laborer	Mass	Mass
35		Mice W. No. 21	Wife	1		Boarder	Mass	Mass
36	140	Phillips James W. No. 46		1		Blacksmith	Mass	Mass
37		Charles B. W. No. 21	son	1		Blacksmith	Mass	Mass
38		Mary W. No. 12	daughter	1			Mass	Mass

Proof of George T. Collins' placement with his grandparents in Tiverton can be found in the 1880 Census for the Tiverton, RI. Note on the last line item #50 (below) that the age of "George T.-Grandson" is six years, which sets his birth year to 1874. In addition, note at the end of the same line that "NY" was listed as the place of birth for (grandson) George T's mother.

Enumeration Dist. No. XXI Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age. 91

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Tiverton, in the County of Newport, State of R.I.
 enumerated by me on the 17th day of June, 1880.

John F. Cook
 Enumerator.

In 1880	Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Sex, Age, Race, Color, Height, Weight, Complexion, Eyes, Hair, etc.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family (1) or to another person in the family (2), as father, mother, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. Married, Single, Widowed, Divorced, etc.	Occupation, Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Health. In the person (on the day of the Enumeration) well, sick, or temporarily disabled, or unable to perform ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the disease or disability?	Education. Can read and write the common language of the country? If not, what is the language spoken at home?	Place of Birth of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.		Place of Birth of the father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.		Place of Birth of the mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.	
								State or Territory	County	State or Territory	County	State or Territory	County
	Martin G.	M 58	father	1	Dress maker	✓		Mass.	Co. Sg.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	
	Lottie G.	W 17	daughter	1	Washes in cotton mill	✓		Mass.	Co. Sg.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	
	John G.	W 13	daughter	1	Domestic servant	✓		Mass.	Co. Sg.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	
	Wm. J.	W 12	son	1	Attends school		1	R.I.	Co. Sg.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	
	Bertie G.	W 12	son	1	Attends school		1	R.I.	Co. Sg.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	
397 414	Collins Thomas G.	W 42	son	1	Capt. of Steamer	✓		Mass.	Mass.	Mass.	Mass.	Mass.	
	Mary G.	W 51	wife	1	Keeping house	✓		R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	
	Wm. G.	W 20	son-in-law	1	Agent for Theatre	3		Mass.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	Ch. S.	
	Mary G.	W 16	daughter	1	At home	✓		R.I.	Mass.	R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	
	Collins Robert G.	W 12	son	1	Attends school		1	R.I.	Mass.	R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	
	George T.	W 6	grandson	1	" "		1	Mass.	R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	R.I.	

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus, /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
 Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.

Some years passed from the time Widow Eliza Collins left her two boys with her parents and in-laws when she, George W. Ashley and daughter Minnie W. Collins were found to be living in Boston, MA. The Boston Street Directory of 1886 listed George W. Ashley, the butcher as head of household at living on 10 Castle Street (now Harvard Street) at the Hotel Helen.

In a news article published in the Boston Globe, on Sept 7, 1885 there happened to be a story about a 6-year old girl named Minnie Ashley who fell from a rooftop at 404 Tremont Street. Tremont Street runs parallel to Harvard Street in Boston - two streets east. The age of the girl in the news article was close to the year Eliza (Collins) Ashley's daughter was born.

Ashley Alfred, wharfinger, Cunard wharf, h. 3 Belmont sq.
 Edward H. h. 37 Worcester
 Edwin M. h. 33 Cambridge, Chsn.
 George, carpenter, h. 112 W. Sixth
 George W. butcher, h. 10 Hotel Helen
 Homer, cashier American Ex. Co. 43 Franklin, h. 39 Common
 James, painter, rms. 6 Ringgold

the recipients of several flags.

BURNED, BRUISED, BROKEN.
 Injuries Recorded at the Police Stations and Hospitals.

Minnie Ashley, 6 years old, living at 404 Tremont street, while playing on the roof of the house next to her own yesterday afternoon, fell through the skylight to landing below, a distance of fifteen feet. She received serious internal injuries.

John McDonald, 24 years old and living at 7 Florence street, while alighting from a horse-car at the corner of Washington and Worcester streets, was knocked down by a car coming from the opposite direction, and received a bad cut over the right eye, also several bruises.

Mabel Wetmore, 3 years old, living at

From 1886 until 1888 George W. Ashley was recorded in the Boston Street Directory at four hotel-apartments within the Boston proper. The last address was at 70 Harrison Avenue in the Chinatown district where George W. Ashley died on May 11, 1888.

Lillian	Stockwell	F	S	5	10	16	Diphtheria	May 7	Griggs Pl.	Boston	John H. Minors	Leeds
Samuel	Thomas	M	M	24	8	11	Phelitis	Apr	School St.	Salem	Hallowell	Phillip H. Bath
George	Ashley	M	M	42			Convulsions	May 7	Harrison Ave	Dutcher	Rutland	George
Lilly	Mc	F	S	2			Pneumonia	May 12	N. Concord St	Boston	Frederick Elizabeth	Coagland Scotland

Two months after his death, George W. Ashley's wife Azuba H. Ashley was granted a decree for her divorce for adultery that was heard on December 30, 1887. Azuba was also granted the right to resume her maiden name of Azuba H. Collins.

Azuba H. Ashley, Sib. vs George W. Ashley
 Filed & entered Aug. 14-1887 Sum. to 1st of Nov. of Sept. 1887 issued Aug. 4-87 serv. ret. Sept. 7/87 heard and defaulted Dec. 30/87. Divorce decreed nisi for adultery with leave to resume maiden name of Azuba H. Collins with costs. Dec. 30-1887. To be certified to Dist. Atty. Certif. to D.A. Feb. 3/88.
 Application for decree absolute. July 12, 1888
 Divorce decreed absolute as per decree on file. Certificate issued - July 16, 1888

The following year, the Boston Street Directory for 1889 obtained a new listing at 1 Lovering Place in South Boston for the Head of Household; Eliza F. widow of George W. Ashley.

Ashley Alfred, supt. Cunard whf. h. 187 Webster
 " Charles A. 63 Summer, bds. 240 W. Canton
 " Edward H. h. 37 Worcester
 " Edwin M. upholsterer, 57 Harvard, Chan. h. 33 Cambridge, do.
 " Eliza F. widow of George W. h. 1 Lovering

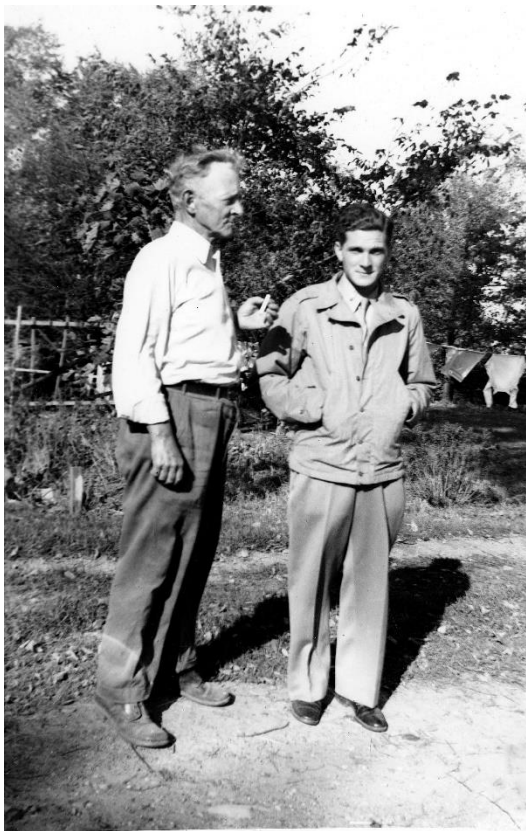
Some ten years later, Widow Eliza Ashley would move back to New York with her talented and then famous daughter Minnie Ashley. After the marriage of Minnie to William A. Chanler, Eliza would move back to Manhattan where she would share an apartment with her son, John "Eddie" Collins (John used his middle name for much of his life). On September 5, 1939 Eliza Ashley died. Her remains

OWNER		Age	Lot Number
Robert T. D. Collins - Estate of Collins to Geo. A. Collins - 6/14/61			3245
INTERMENT		NOT SHOWING GRAVES	NO P.C.
1	Thos. C. Collins 10,586	60+	7/14/76
2	Mary E. Collins 10,587	53+	NOTE: ORDER TAKEN BY TOM ERRON 7/1/76
3	Chas. D. Collins 10,588	17+	15'
4	Geo. W. Collins 10,589	22+	10' 11" 3 12 9
5	Helen G. Collins 10,590	23+	3' 14" 8 10 12 12
6	Edgar B. Collins 10,591	3 mo.	3' 14" 8 10 12 12
7	Harriet J. Collins 10,592	24 days per 7 mo 30 days	3' 14" 8 10 12 12
8	Eliz. Ashley 30,947	84	20
9	George T. Collins 39,583	87	5 2 1 4 8
10	Sarah E. Collins 42,078	77	
11	George A. Collins 42,468	74	
12	ERNEST T. COLLINS 45,197	67	
13	George A. Collins 50,294		
14	MARGARET C. COLLINS 52,820 95		

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were shipped to Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River, MA and buried in the same plot with her husband George William Collins.

One year after Eliza Ashley's death, her first son, John "Edward" Collins died in his apartment on 19th Street in New York City. In his Record of Death from New York City 1940, John Edward Collins' mother's name was reported as Eliza "Tully" and his father's name listed only as "George" (as in George William Collins). John never married and had no children.



Other information in the record of Edward F. Collins from New York, New York City Municipal Deaths	
Name:	Edward F. Collins
Event Type:	Death
Event Date:	14 Mar 1940
Event Place:	Manhattan, New York, New York, United States
Address:	207 E. 19th St.
Residence Place:	Manhattan
Gender:	Male
Age:	65
Marital Status:	Single
Race:	White
Occupation:	Salesman Art Gallery
Birth Year (Estimated):	1875
Birthplace:	U.S.A.
Burial Date:	16 Mar 1940
Cemetery:	Fresh Pond Crematory
Father's Name:	George
Father's Birthplace:	U.S.A.
Mother's Name:	Eliza Tully
Mother's Birthplace:	U.S.A.

Eliza's second son, George Thomas Collins (my great grandfather) died in 1992. He was married to Lucy Bell D'Arcy and had together two children, one grandchild and four great grandchildren. In the attached photograph, circa 1945, George T. Collins was depicted with his grandson, my father, George Anthony Collins Jr.

Addendum: There is scant mention of Bridget Lyons' parents, William and Catherine (Curly ?) Lyons from notes left by my brother, George. And on the Fall River MA file card for Bridget and John Campbell's marriage, the name of William Lyons is was listed. Modern DNA testing may hold hope for additional ancestry in Ireland.