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Cleburne Texas

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1956

Dear Mrs. Proctor,

Your data on the Byrum family was quite a lot of information to me. for there was several of them I never saw, and it had been so many years since I had heard their names mentioned. was glad to hear that some one was taking an interest in the Cemetery. Gertrude wrote me several years ago she was going to have a Slab made that covered our family graves. I insisted I help her. she said no she wanted to do it, guess she never did. I'll do my best to help you out



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Now the first question to answer  
the family Bible, was buried  
in the home. When the Yankees  
were camped on the Bynum  
place. so I have always  
understood, the soldiers killed  
all their hogs, cows, chickens,  
& burned them out when  
they were leaving there. Mother  
thought she was older than  
Aunt Sarah thought, then they  
would tell about the fire - so  
I have never heard of the  
Record, other wise: there were  
Woz buried there I had forgotten  
how many, yes Robert Lee Fry  
had a small stone to his grave  
it had fallen over in 1941 the last  
time I was there, no one else had a stone



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I remember Aunt Mattie and Nancy. The day Nancy was buried Aunt Mattie walked across the room with a cane kissed Nancy good bye, said I'll be with you soon. I was 4 at that time & it is the only time I remember seeing either of them. I don't remember ever hearing of the Hallis woman, the Farmers had no children that I ever heard about, the Brown woman married against their wishes & went North, so I heard they never heard any more until her death, a mistake about Aunt Bill she was in her 30<sup>00</sup> or more. She was buried 1 year after my father which was 1885 she had an ulcer on her leg ~~that~~ and,



was bed fast for some time, for  
 Aunt Sarah got me to stay in  
 the house with Aunt Bill,  
 while she did the out door work,  
 the disease would be called Cancer  
 now, it must have been Nancy  
 that died young. Yes the Yankee  
 soldiers body was removed, for  
 Aunt Bill Aunt Sarah Aunt Liz  
 went to show them which graves  
 were theirs. After Aunt Bill got so  
 low, she awoke after a dream a ~~dream~~  
 crying said she dreamed she died  
 & was buried in a yankee grave  
 asked Aunt Sarah to bury in a  
 certain place. I have always been  
 sorry Aunt Sarah couldnt have  
 been buried there, she worked so  
 hard to keep up the graves -



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All I ever heard of Grandfather  
was he left home at the age of 14  
because such a large family + couldn't  
do any thing, to make any thing,  
never heard any thing of Grand  
mother folks - Uncle Sam + Aunt  
Nettie were own cousins, she  
visited me 3 times in Ala. (she  
& Aunt Sarah) she had 1 child  
never heard of any more. Sam  
had 5 or 6 by his first wife have  
heard she & the children didn't get  
along at all. ~~Thanks~~ I guess I want  
ask you to get the pictures for me,  
as I hardly knew them. I never heard  
about twins. As to Aunt Bill she  
was older than mother, Aunt Ara +  
Aunt Nett were younger, Aunt Ara the  
baby, the way I all ways understood  
(it)



I just remember the Fasters  
I was quite small when  
they left Ala. someone wrote  
me that Robert Foster was back  
in Ala. 2 or 3 years ago. Lou +  
Janie were younger, there were other  
brothers dont remember their names  
remember Callie well. Yes they  
said Robert lived in Dallas Tex  
I dont know what state they went to.  
it seems they didnt keep in touch  
with each other. Oh yes Aunt Lizz  
has a son buried there. named  
Robert. dont remember what age  
she said he was. Sam died  
several years before Aunt Nett  
did I lived in Mexico. had a letter  
from Aunt Nett saying she was  
at Annies Burmans + wanted to



Woods Collins died July  
26, 1884

Leticia Collins died Sept.  
10 1923

Tommy Woods Collins died  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1881

Mary Beth Collins born Mch.  
28 died Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1883

This is all the family Bible  
records I have, sent my sister  
all the others several years ago.  
Mrs. Beard had wanted it for  
some purpose, said it was so  
rotten & faded she just copied  
what she could & sent her.

My sister Mrs. Tipton (Hannah)  
passed away Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> of this  
year. shock from her oldest son's  
death caused her death 3 mo. later  
The girls visited me last week  
(over please)



said their father was the only one  
of his people living & he would be  
93 in Oct. was sure he could not  
tell anything about his ancestor  
but to ask some of the ~~breed~~<sup>breed</sup>  
if Sallie Clemark still living  
she could tell you the history.

This is very scatter history  
I have been down with Arthritis  
for 2 weeks is why I havent  
Ans. you at once. Thanks for all  
the information you gave me. This  
is scatter. but hope you can  
make it out. & Thanks for your  
interest in the Cemetery.

We came to Texas Dec. 6 ~~19~~ 1900  
Sister Hannah came Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1803  
Wish it would be possible to read  
the History of North Ala,



Now like the Bynum family, I  
always heard my grand father  
spoken of as Billie Collins. don't  
remember Grand Mother's name,  
she was a Wood though. for father  
was named for her name. he had  
1 brother Barbra, died in his <sup>killed in</sup> 40's <sup>Civil</sup> <sup>war</sup>  
1 girl named Gertrude 5 sisters  
Nancy Ivy. <sup>lived near top of</sup> Mary Bullman. <sup>Butler neighbor</sup> age 96  
Lida Gray. Hannah Hallard.  
Lisetta Fester. Ask Sallie  
<sup>she lived & died out next</sup>  
Bud Procter. her mother was an  
own cousin of my father's:

Elija Collins Hall was a first Coy  
of Lone Woods Collins  
So Archibald W. Collins & Billie Collins  
were brothers.



Father

William Woods. Collins. born  
Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1837. died July 26<sup>th</sup>  
1884

Letitia Catharine, born Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>  
1847. died Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1828.

This may not tally with your  
figures but that is the way  
copied from the Record.

hope this will help you in  
your effort. my eyes are failing  
I can't keep in the line, excuse  
the writing + all mistakes

Success to you in your work.

Respt yours

Mrs J L Barker