

## Nicodemus aka Nicholas Colbert (c1771-aft 1830)

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**abt 1771<sup>1</sup>** Nicodemus, later known as Nicholas, Colbert was born in Granville Co NC to John Colbert and Martha<sup>2</sup> "Patty" Philpot.<sup>3</sup>

**1787<sup>4</sup>** Wilkes County (GA) Tax Digest.<sup>5</sup>  
Richard Colberson, 100 acres, 79 acres [Kidd District]  
John Colberson Sr., 100 acres, 90 acres [Kidd District]  
John Colberson Jr., 0 acres [Kidd District]  
David Culberson, 150 acres, 150 acres [Kimbrough District]  
Susanna Colbert [Allen District] (widow of James Colbert)

*This is the first record I have found where John Colbert was in Georgia.*

1788-89 No extant Wilkes Co tax records for 1788 and 1789.

**Oct. 20, 1788** Wilkes County (GA). Moses Trimble to Thomas Colbert, both of Wilkes County, Vann's Creek, for £100...Moses Trimble  
Wit: Charles Goss, Nichodemus Colbert  
Proved 23 Oct. 1788 Reuben Allen JP Registered 20 Oct. 1790<sup>6</sup>

**Aug. 28, 1789** Wilkes County (GA). Will of John Colbertson<sup>7</sup>  
In the name of God Amen I John Colbertson of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being very weak of body...

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<sup>1</sup> His birth year is estimated from the 1830 census - 59 = 1771. Also he married about 1791 and could have been about age 20 or 21.

<sup>2</sup> Her father Thomas Philpot (b. c1712 Penn's Neck, Salem Co NJ, d. Nov. 1787 Oxford District, Granville Co NC). He was in Orange Co VA in 1754; in Granville Co NC by 1764.

<sup>3</sup> Issue of John and Martha Colbert:

1. Thomas (c1764-1835) m. Anne \_\_\_\_\_. His will written Elbert Co GA 08/19/1834, proven 05/16/1835.
2. John (c1766)
3. Mary (c1768) m. bef. 1789 Charles Goss (d. 1807 Greene Co GA)
4. Nicodemus (later Nicholas) (c1771-c1835) m. Maria "Mary" Gaar
5. Philpot (later Phillip) (c1773- bef. 06/08/1836) m1) Sarah Gaar, m2) Sarah Walker
6. Martha (Patsy) (c1775)
7. Fanny (c1777) m. James Gollither
8. Nancy (c1779) m. Jacob Hightower 02/18/1799 Greene Co GA

<sup>4</sup> In the 1786 Wilkes Co GA Tax Digest, Thomas Colbert, Susanna Colbert, David Culbatson, and Richard Colbert appear but John Colbert does not appear.

<sup>5</sup> <https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/tax/id/1179/>

<sup>6</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Wilkes County, Georgia Deed Books A-VV 1784-1806, p. 147. Originally recorded Deed Book GG (1790-1793), p. 158

<sup>7</sup> Wilkes Co GA Wills 1790-1852, written 08/28/1789, proven 02/02/1790. In his will, the family surname was incorrectly written as Colbertson.

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Item I devise provided any of my children that are unmarried should marry before the disease of my wife that those of them at their marriage shall receive out of the increase of the estate such requisites to the value of twenty pounds as my wife shall see fit, and further all those that remain unmarried shall at her disease first receive the value of twenty pounds each except the above mentioned legatee and further as to the remaining part of my estate with its increase after my wife's disease I devise + will that it be equally divided among my children that are hereafter mentioned, Tho<sup>s</sup> Colbertson, Jn<sup>o</sup> Colbertson, Mary Goss, Nicodemus Colbertson, Philpot Colbertson, Martha Colbertson, Fanny Colbertson, the expenses of 3 years scholling [sic] to Philpot and 2 to Nancy Colbertson ...

...

Last will and testament whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty eight day of August 1789

....

Duly proved before me the 2<sup>d</sup> day of February 1790 by the above Reuben Allen one of the subscribing witnesses-

Edw<sup>d</sup> Jones Reg<sup>f</sup>

**Dec. 13, 1789** Greene County (GA). Gerald Burch of Greene Co, Grantor, and John Colbert, Grantee, for £60, 180 acres of land formerly in Wilkes, now Greene Co... Wit: Nichodumus Colbert. Recorded Nov. 12, 1796<sup>8</sup>

I infer from this transaction that John Colbert (the father) was still living on 12/13/1789 but deceased by probate date of 02/02/1790.

**abt 1791** Nicodemus Colbert married Maria "Mary" Gaar<sup>9</sup> in Wilkes Co GA. *Genealogy of the Descendants of John Gar* p. 64 has Maria Gaar born 11/29/1776

**Nov. 8, 1791** Franklin County (GA). Edmund King of Halifax Co VA to Daniel Thornton of Elbert Co GA, £40, 500 acres on Flatt Creek, adj. William Lawrence. Wit: John Hosea, Nicodemus Colbert. Sworn Dec. 12, 1791. Recorded Dec. 24, 1791.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Greene County GA Land Records, Deeds 1785-1810

<sup>9</sup> Her first name (Mary) comes from the 1798 deed where she relinquishes her dower rights. Her surname comes from Elbert Co GA Loose Estate Records (Michael Gaar) provided by Adam Gaar, administrator.

<sup>10</sup> Franklin Co GA Deed Book C p. 123; abstracted by Mrs. Martha Walters Acker in her book on p157

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**Dec. 12, 1791** Franklin County (GA). Daniel Thornton of Elbert Co GA to John Mayfield of Warren Co NC, £40, 500 acres in Franklin Co. on Flatt Creek, adj. William Lawrence. Wit: J. Gorham, Nicodemus Colbert. Recorded Dec. 24, 1791.<sup>11</sup>

**Nov. 16, 1792** Elbert County (GA). As guardian to Fanny and Patsy Colbert, John Colbert, Chas. Goss, Nicodemus Colbert and Thomas Colbert Senr. as guardian for Philpot Colbert of Elbert Co., to William Bibb of Wilkes Co., 150 acres on Vann's Creek for £93 10 shillings, originally granted to Thomas Gregg and formerly conveyed to John Colbert, dec'd. Registered Nov. 18, 1796. H. G. Walker, Wm. Moss JP Test.

Signed: John Colbert, Chas. & Martha Colbert, Nicodemus Colbert, Thomas Colbert and Fanny Colbert. Thomas Colbert for Philpot Colbert as guardian<sup>12</sup>

**[Dec. 19, 1793 ~ Oglethorpe County established]**

**Oct. 8, 1794** Elbert County (GA). Thomas Colbert and Anne, his wife, to Philpot Colbert, all of Elbert County, 100 acres on Vann's Creek waters, beginning at the original line of Moses Trimble and adjoining Roland Ware, Fauses, Fauseses Branch, to below Trimble's old house. Witnesses: Nicodemus Colbert, Thomas Wooten, J. P. Recorded in Book "D," Folio 117, Dec. 16, 1797.<sup>13 14</sup>

**Feb. 5, 1795** Elbert County (GA). Henry Townley of Pendleton Co SC to Nicodemus Colbert of Elbert Co GA, in Elbert County on Dry Fork of Van's Creek, for £50, 170 acres Henry Townley  
Wit: James Walker Rubin Allen JP Registered January 30, 1796<sup>15</sup>

**Dec. 3, 1795** Elbert County (GA). Estate returns of Michael Gaar by Adam Gaar, administrator<sup>16</sup>  
A settlement of Michael Gaar's estate made by Joseph Rucker & Lorenz Gaar this third day of December 1795 (viz)  
Nechodemus Colbert 74=18=0

<sup>11</sup> Franklin Co GA Deed Book C p. 123; abstracted by Mrs. Martha Walters Acker in her book on p157

<sup>12</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J 1791-1806, p. 117. Originally recorded Deed Book D (1796-1797), p. 11

<sup>13</sup> McIntosh, John H. (1940) The Official History of Elbert County 1790-1935, p. 178

<sup>14</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J 1791-1806, p. 140. Originally recorded Deed Book D (1796-1797), p. 117

<sup>15</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J 1791-1806, p. 97. Originally recorded Deed Book C (1795-1796), p. 77

<sup>16</sup> Elbert Co GA Loose Estate Records (Michael Gaar)

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**Dec. 28, 1795** Elbert County (GA). Estate returns of Michael Gaar by Adam Gaar, administrator<sup>17</sup>  
[Cash] Paid Nicodemus Colbert his part of the s<sup>d</sup> estate

**Jan. 2, 1797** Elbert County (GA). Estate returns of Michael Gaar by Adam Gaar, administrator<sup>18</sup>  
Memorandum of Negroes Hired Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1797  
Nicodemus Colbert  
to Amey at . . . . . 4"25

[on another page:]  
Nicodemus Colbert hired Amey at ~ ~ ~ 4|25  
The property of George Gaar

**Dec. 28, 1797** Elbert County (GA). John Keys and Winny, his wife, to Stephen Heard, all of Elbert Cunt<sup>y</sup>, for \$150, 100 acres part of 300 acres granted to John Kees Sept. 1797, was Wilkes Co, now Elbert Co...Wit: Nicodemus Colbert William Allen JP Registered 30 Dec. 1797<sup>19</sup>

**Oct. 19, 1798** Elbert County (GA). The Court met pursuant to adjournment.<sup>20</sup>  
William Daniel, one of the original panel of grand jury, and was sworn.  
Jacob Odum }  
vs }  
James Dudly }  
Jury Sworn, to wit.  
4. Nich<sup>s</sup> Colbert  
We, the Jury, find for the plaintiff the sum of twelve dollars.  
E. Brewer, foreman.

**Nov. 30, 1798** Elbert County (GA). Nicodemus Colbert to Joseph Nix, both of Elbert County, 170 acres on Dry Fork of Vann's Creek, for \$350. Nicodemus Colbert

<sup>17</sup> Elbert Co GA Loose Estate Records (Michael Gaar)

<sup>18</sup> Elbert Co GA Loose Estate Records (Michael Gaar)

<sup>19</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J 1791-1806, p. 144. Originally recorded Deed Book D (1796-1797), p. 133

<sup>20</sup> Ports, Michael A. Elbert County, Georgia Superior Court Minutes December 31, 1790-October 16, 1800, p. 94 (p. 128 in original volume)

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Wit: Philip Colbert Joseph Nix Reuben Allen JP Mary Colbert relinquishes  
dower rights before Reuben Allen JP Recorded 01 December 1799<sup>21</sup>

- 1800** Oglethorpe County (GA) Tax List. Capt. James Thompson's District<sup>22</sup>  
54 Philip Colbert D<sup>o</sup> 100 acres [Beaver Dam Creek] 2 negroes,  
granted to John Webb, adjacent Berry Bridges  
55 D<sup>o</sup> for Nichodemus Colbert 100 acres D<sup>o</sup> 1 negro, granted to Jn<sup>o</sup> Webb,  
adjacent Jn<sup>o</sup> Bridges

- 1800** Oglethorpe County (GA) Census, Capt. Colbert's District.<sup>23</sup>  
Phillip Colbert  
1 male 16-25  
1 female 0-9  
1 female 16-25

Nicholas Colbert  
2 males 0-9 [Larkin, John]  
1 male 26-44 [Nicholas]  
1 female 0-9 [Elizabeth]  
1 female 16-25 [Mary]

- 1801** Oglethorpe County (GA) Tax List. Capt. Phillip Colbert's District<sup>24</sup>  
13 Nicholas Colbert, O.C., 100 acres, Bea. C., 1 negro, granted to John Webb,  
adjacent John Bridges  
18 Philip Colbert, O.C., 100 acres, Bea. C., 3 negroes, granted to John Webb,  
adjacent Joseph Spicer

**Dec. 12, 1803** Oglethorpe County (GA). Book D, pg. 357 -- 12 Dec 1803: James SPICER and  
Pronella his wife, to Bains BRIDGES, for \$500, 130 acres on Beaverdam Creek adj.  
William ELSBURY. Signed: James (x) PATRICK. Witness: Nicholas COLBERT,  
Hardy (x) SPICER.<sup>25</sup> Proven by Nicholas Colbert Mar. 19, 1804.

<sup>21</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Elbert County, Georgia Deed Books A-J 1791-1806, p. 192. Originally recorded Deed Book F (1799-1800), p. 86

<sup>22</sup> Georgia Property Tax Digests 1787-1900 ([www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/)). Image 289 of 564

<sup>23</sup> <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/census/1800/colberts.txt>

<sup>24</sup> Georgia Property Tax Digests 1787-1900 ([www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/)). Image 340 of 564

<sup>25</sup> <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/deeds/b6320001.txt>

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- 1805** Oglethorpe County (GA). Land Lottery Entitled to Draws.<sup>26,27,28</sup>  
Lot 383, Nicholas Colbert, Oglethorpe, fortunate drawer and grantee; 4 Dec 1805, grant date; BaD2GB:257, grant book  
Philip P Colbert  
Thomas Colbert
- Nov. 6, 1806** Oglethorpe County (GA). Book E, pg. 199 -- 6 Nov 1806: John Bridges of Oglethorpe to Phillip Colbert of same, for \$1000, 320 acres on Beaverdam Creek adj. Nathaniel Bridges and said John Bridges. Signed: John (x) Bridges. Witness: Robinson Hendon, Nicholas Colbert, John Luckie, JP.
- 1807** Oglethorpe County (GA) Tax List. Capt. William Hitchcock's District<sup>29</sup>  
47 Nicholas Colbert 140 acres B.[eaverdam] C.[reek] granted to John Webb, adjacent M Bridges  
48 Phillip Colbert 570 acres granted to Shorses Robston, adjacent Nath<sup>l</sup> Bridges
- 1810** Oglethorpe County (GA) Tax List. Capt. William L. Ponder's District<sup>30</sup>  
30 Nicholas Colbert, O.C., 150 acres, B.[eaver] D.[am Creek], granted to John Webb, adjacent Baines Bridges
- Apr. 11, 1811** Oglethorpe County (GA). George Varner, administrator of the estate of Joseph Price, deceased, to Frederick Varner, both of Oglethorpe County, 280 acres, \$250 Wit: Isaac Collier James Johnson Nicholas Colbert  
Proved by Isaac Collier 27 Oct. 1817  
Recorded 27 Oct. 1817<sup>31</sup>
- Feb. 1, 1816** SHERIFF's SALE.<sup>32</sup>  
On the first Tuesday in March next, in the town of Lexington, Oglethorpe county will be sold, within the usual hours, the following property, to wit :-

<sup>26</sup> Graham, Paul K. 1805 Georgia Land Lottery Persons Entitled to Draws

<sup>27</sup> The Lottery Act was authorized by the legislature May 11, 1803. Justices of the Inferior Court registered eligible citizens 05/11/1803-03/01/1804. Drawings occurred at Louisville in July and August 1805.

<sup>28</sup> List of Eligible Drawers for Oglethorpe County is available in the Georgia Virtual Vault under county records.

<sup>29</sup> Georgia Property Tax Digests 1787-1900 ([www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/)).

<sup>30</sup> Georgia Property Tax Digests 1787-1900 ([www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/)). Image 276 of 578

<sup>31</sup> Farmer, Michal Martin. Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Books F-J 1809-1820, p. 278-279. Recorded in Deed Book I (1816-1818), p. 392

<sup>32</sup> Athens Gazette, Feb 1, 1816, page 3. Entry also appears in 02/15/1816, 02/22/1816, and 02/29/1816 editions.

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Sixty acres of land more or less lying on Beverdam creek adjoining Nicholas Colbert, Levied on as the property of Stephen Allen to satisfy two executions one in favor of John Felton and the other in favor of Sarah Moore Land pointed out by the said Allen.

Conditions cash.

WILLIM [sic] L. PONDER

Deputy Sheriff.

*February 1, 1816.*

**1817**

Oglethorpe County (GA) Tax List. Capt. Kellis C. Bridges' District<sup>33</sup>

69 Nicholas Colbert, O.C., 150 acres, B.[eaver] D.[am Creek], granted to John Webb, adjacent Allen

70 for John Colbert, O.C.

71 Steven Allen, O.C., 67 acres, B.[eaver] D.[am Creek], granted to unknown, adjacent Colbert

Do Do , WI, 405 acres, granted to Allen,

83 Philip P. Colbert, O.C., 296 acres, 296 acres, B.[eaver] D.[am Creek], granted to Bridges, adjacent Bridges

Do Do , O.C., one two wheel carriage

Do Do , O.C., one stud horse

**1820**

Oglethorpe County (GA) Census, Lexington District.

Nicholas Colbert

2 males 10-15

1 male 16-25

1 male 45 and over

2 females under 10

1 female 16-25

1 female 26-44

**May 4, 1825** Oglethorpe County (GA). Inventory of the goods of John Walton decd<sup>34</sup>

[Store Accounts]

Wyatt Bullock . . . . . 9 43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Nicholas Colbert . . . . . 8 75

W<sup>m</sup> P Culbertson . . . . . 36 93<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

<sup>33</sup> Georgia Property Tax Digests 1787-1900 ([www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4130006/)). Image 96 of 471

<sup>34</sup> Oglethorpe County GA Loose Estate Records: John Walton, page 25 (also image 114 of 1303)

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**June Term 1826** Oglethorpe County (GA). Jurors drawn for January term 1827.<sup>35</sup>

- 6. Nicholas Colbert
- 23. John Colbert

**1830** Oglethorpe County (GA) Census, Capt. Hardiman's District.

- Nicholas Colbert
- 1 male 50-59
- 1 female 15-19

Known children of Nicholas and Mary (Gaar) Colbert:

1. Elizabeth Colbert (1799-1880) m. Henry Allen 11/13/1816 Oglethorpe Co GA
2. Larkin Colbert<sup>36</sup> (c1792- will dated 10/11/1848, recorded 11/08/1848 Talbot Co GA)
  - a. m1) Sarah McIntosh
  - b. m2) Mary Ellen (m.s. Daniel) Dismukes 09/21/1838 Talbot Co GA, widow of Joseph T. Dismukes
3. John Colbert<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> McRee, Fred W., Jr., Oglethorpe County, Georgia Inferior and Ordinary Court Records 1794-1920 Vol II, p. 292.  
Original Minutes of the Inferior Court Book 1822-1832, pages not numbered

<sup>36</sup> War of 1812 and Seminole War of 1817-1818

<sup>37</sup> Will of Richard Colbert legacy to "John son of Nicholas Colbert"