

Story of the Rollins Family  
History of Smith County, Tennessee  
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**James Rollins**, born 16 November 1770 in Virginia, married some time in the 1790's, name of first wife and mother of his five children unknown. He came to Smith Co. some time in early 1820's and settled in the New Middleton area. He brought with him his five issue born in Virginia. His first wife and mother of his children had passed on in Virginia. He was a farmer and owned land in the New Middleton area, also on Hickman Creek. He was also a slave owner and seemed to be fairly well off as he made several gift deeds of land to his children. He was married a second time to a widow, Mary Morris, whom he later divorced. He was the parent of John Rollins, b. 1799 who married Nancy, maiden name unknown; Margaret Rollins, b. 18 December 1802, died 7 April 1896, she married William McClanhan, born 17 July 1800 – died 26 January 1864, buried Bradford Cemetery near New Middleton; Enoch, born 1895 – died ca. 1874, married 1832, Martha, maiden name unknown, possible Minton. Martha died ca. 1872; Caroline, born ca. 1808, married ca. 1836, Jeremiah Hubbard; **Evaline**, born ca. 1810 – died ca. 1874, married 1<sup>st</sup> **Benjamin Denney** who died ca. 1846. She then married Dawson B. Harris, 10 March 1849; Children of Enoch Rollins, Sr. and Martha – 1.) William born 1834, married Rebecca? 2.) **Enoch, Jr.** b. 21 July 1835 – died 9 April 1912, married 5 November 1858, **Mary Denney**, born 29 August 1835 – died 12 April 1902, Buried: Rollins Cemetery, New Middleton, TN. 3.) Ammon, born ca. 1838, married Agnes Minton, 8 March 1875, had seven issue. 4.) Leanalas, b. 24 February 1840, died 26 March 1909, confederate Veteran, married Lily?. 5.) Josephine, born 25 May 1842, died 12 October 1909, married 7 April 1863, Andrew Jackson Minton, b. 18 September 1830, son of John Minton and Mahalia Carter, Andrew died 22 December 1902 and they are buried in Gordonsville Cemetery, TN. 6.) Taylor, born 1848, married 14 January 1869 Mary Allison. 7.) Amanda, born ca. 1856, married 2 January 1868 Calvin Bass. 8.) Martha, born 19 June 1852, married W.N. Minton, Martha died 2 May 1925, buried Macedonia Cemetery, New Middleton. Enoch Rollins, Jr., son of Enoch, Sr., and Martha?, were parents of: 1.) Ida Bird, born 18 June 1860, married 30 January 1878 to John Gann, born 6 May 1869, died 21 February 1919. 2.) Jefferson Davis Rollins, born 23 December 1861, died 14 January 1932, buried Dixon Springs Cemetery, married 19 December 1885, Josephine Litchford. Parents of eleven children. 3.) Daughter of Enoch, Jr. Virginia E. Rollins, born 5 October 1863, married 18 December 1879, H.F. Highers. 4.) Elijah, M., born 22 February 1865, died December 26, 1949, buried Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson Co., married 15 December 1882, Betty Cooksey. 5.) Bennie, born 13 September 1867. 6.) Betty, born 20 December 1869, married 11 January 1892, to J.W. Tucker. 7.) Mary M. born 9 May 1870. 8.) Carried Bell, born 17 October 1873. 9.) Eugene, born 20 December 1875. Children of Jefferson Davis Rollins and Josephine Litchford Rollins. 1.) Monroe T., born 13 December 1886, died June 1888. 2.) Ernest, born 28 December 1888, died 13

October 1957. 3.) James "Jim", born 6 October 1890, died March 1973, was married five times. 4.) Elijah Buck, born 20 December 1892, died 10 November 1918, buried Dixon Springs Cemetery, married Minnie Beasley. 5.) Sadie Agnes, born 3 August 1894, died Single, 17 May 1904, buried, Dixon Springs Cemetery. 6.) Dee Johnson, born 11 March 1896, Dixon Springs, married 7 February 1915 to Julia Mai Hodges, Dee died 15 April 1963. 7.) Rhoda, born 1 November 1900, died 2 October 1941, married Clyde Burrough, Jefferson died 3 may 1955, buried Dixon Springs, served 12 years as Smith Co. Sheriff, was married to Henrietta Haynie, parents of Dewitt Rollins of Carthage, a retired Federal agent and former Carthage Supervisor. 9.) Allen Hall Rollins, born 29 July 1907, died June 1959, married Inez Harris. 10.) Carrie Bell, born 12 October 1908. 11.) Inez, born 2 June 1909.

Inez, #11, married Julian Stone 14 February 1942, Julian, born 9 December 1913, died 18 March 1977, buried at Dixon Springs Cemetery. Inez living in Michigan. They had a son, Robert Julian Stone who was born 20 August 1950, lives in San Francisco and is a District manager for the Social Security Admns. Children of **Evaline Rollins** and **Benjamin Denney**: 1.) **Caroline Denny**, born 12 July 1835, died 25 February 1939, married Louis Allison, born 8 April 1858, died 25 February 1929, buried Macedonia Cemetery. 2.) James W. born ca. 1837, married Mattie J. born 13 July 1850, died 10 November 1917, buried Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson Co., TN. 3.) **Sarah Denny**, born 28 August 1842, died 15 July 1908, married Pleasant Gold Harrison, 2 July 1860. Pleasant born 1830, died 28 March 1906, buried Harrison Denny Cemetery. 4.) **Wyatt B. Denny**, born 2 January 1845, died 18 October 1913, married Aggie Rollins, 9 April 1865, buried Harrison Denny Cemetery. Aggie born 10 March 1845. Eliza Harris, born 14 February 1854, died 1 may 1938, married 15 December 1878, W.D. Hubbard. Eliza is the daughter of Evaline and Dawson B. Harris. Eliza married 2<sup>nd</sup> James W. Ligon, married 11 November 1869. James, born 4 May 1846, died 27 April 1921.

Children of Ammon Rollins and Agnes Minton. 1.) Charlie L. born ca. 1867, died 16 January 1935, he married Effie, maiden name unknown, she was born 6 September 1884, died 18 January 1912, buried Harrison Denny Cemetery, New Middleton, TN. 2.) Sally, b. 1869 married A. Stewart. 3.) John H. born ca. 1876, married Aggie Malone, 17 July 1897. 4.) Callie, born ca. 1877, died ca. 1956, married 6 December 1915, Mason Winfrey, buried Brush Creek Cemetery. 5.) Elizabeth, born ca. 1880. No other information. 6.) Ammon, Jr., born 4 April 1882, died 13 October 1973, married Cora Hudson, 26 November 1905. Cora born 23 June 1879, died 11 September 1943, buried Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, TN. 7.) Cheatham, married Elsie Harel, 24 July 1909, no other information on them.

Children of Elijah M. Rollins and Bettie Cooksy. 1.) William Wink, born 14 June 1894, died 13 May 1975, married Ora Culbreath, born 13 December 1892, died 22 July 1955, buried Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson County, TN. 2.) Author born

22 September 1904, died 5 November 1970, buried Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson County, TN, married Lydia Moorefield, born 5 October 1908. 3.) Ora Lee, born 13 December 1892, died 22 July 1955, married 10 April 1919, L.M. Williams, buried Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson County, TN. 4.) Jefferson, born ca. 1913 at Flat Rock, died 19 September 1979, Veteran WWII, buried Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage, TN, married M. Elizabeth White. 5.) Mary, married an Army Officer name Pope. No other information. 6.) Mattie C. married a Mr. Leach, possibly of Gadsen, AL. 7.) Raymond, born 12 October 1899, died 11 April 1976, married Blanche, buried Bethlehem Cemetery, Wilson County, TN. Blanche born 8 August 1917.

As a Rollins descendant I have tried to present names and dates on as many of the older members of the Rollins line as was possible in the space allowed. I hope this information will be of some help to a possible descendant who will be tracing their family line. I have much more Rollins information that I would be happy to share with any interested party. The Rollins mostly lived in the New Middleton and Brush Creek areas and most all of the older ones are buried in these areas. Most were farmers and owned considerable land in those areas. Some of them have lived in Wilson County, TN and still do.



James Rollins  
b. 16 November 1770, VA  
d. 24 November 1856, New Middleton,  
Smith Co., TN  
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John Rollins of Nashville, TN