

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD AND JOHAN COLLAS

Richard Collas was born in about 1550 of Withington, Herefordshire. He married Johan.

Richard and Johan had the following children:

1. **John**, christened 25 September 1574 in Withington; married Elizabeth; died about 1622 in Withington. John left a nuncupative will dated 1622: *"The five and twentieth daie of Aprill one thowsand sixe hundred twentie two in the twentieth yeare of the Kinges Majesty Raigne of England &c. Memorand that the daie and yeare above written **John Collas the sonne of Richard Collas** of Church Wythington in the Countie of Herefs yeoman nuncupative in manner and forme following and in the presence of the persons whose names are subscribed vizt: he did give and bequeath all his goodes cattells and chattells debtes duties and demaundes whatsoever to **Elizabeth his wife** and **Richard Collas theire sonne** to be equallie divided between them after his debtes payd which was cashe witnessed fower poundes and sixe shillings due unto **Alice Hidley, his the said testators sisters daughter** and of the same his will appointed the said **Richard Collas** his sole executor. Theise beinge witnesses Humfrey Taylor Jam: Wellingtons Sibill Kinges marke."*

2. **Catherine**, christened 23 March 1577 in Withington.

3. **Anne**, christened 16 October 1580 in Withington.

*4. **Margaret**, christened 27 January 1582 in Withington; married William Deeme 15 June 1615 in Withington.

5. **Richard**, christened 24 June 1585 in Withington.

6. **Johan**, christened 11 August 1588 in Withington.

SOURCE: Extracts from the Withington parish records, www.findmypast.co.uk.

In 1542, a muster roll was created in Withington of men sixteen years and older. The muster roll listed men and weaponry that could be used to defend the parish.

(BB3) (TNA: E 36/31 p. 203; 102r col 2)
Wethyngton, Nonyngton, Preston and Bothe
Dyngylles
(Withyngton, Nunnington, Preston Wynne & both
Thinghills)

B	John Bayly
B	John Serell
B	William Kyng
A	James Denne
B	John Alford
B	John Gyles
B	James Colles
B	Thomas Chamberlen
B	John Draper
B	Richard Tompkyns

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John Burghill one harnest man on
horseback with a bowe

B	John [Broune] Brome
B	Richard Masser
B	Thomas Tompkyns
B	John Colas
B	Thomas Francke
B	William Bayly
A	Roger Masser
B	Thomas Wotton
A	John Masser
A	John Bythell
A	John Deme
B	Richard Gravell
B	John Hawlynges
B	Thomas Hyll
A	Rouland Turnor

Abilaments &c

Ha	4 pr;	Ho	4
Bw	5;	G	4
Sa	3;	Spt	4 pr
Sw	4;	Da	6

Withyngton muster roll, 1542

Two men are listed and either may be Richard's father - James Colles and John Colas. Richard's firstborn son is named John, and there are no sons named James, so John Colas is more likely the father.