

Timeline of Events in William Edward White/Schottlander/Collins Life

1901

1 April 1901 **Birth of William Edward**
Edmonton, Enfield, London, England

1909

6 December 1909 **Barnardo Admission**
Age 8 London, Greater London, England, United Kingdom
Taken to Barnardo Leopold House

1910

1 October 1910 **Embarkation on SS Sicilian**
Age 9 Transportation to Canada

14 October 1910 **Arrival in Canada**
Age 9 **Québec, Canada**
Arrival in Canada, and then to Barnardo Homes in Toronto

18 October 1910 **B.O. (Boarded Out?) - Odessa, Ontario**
Age 9 **Odessa, Ontario**
B.O. with Mrs Alva Snider, Odessa Ont (a small farming community midway between Kingston, Ont and Napanee, Ont on Hwy 2), in Lennox & Addington County

27 December 1910 **2d. Rep. 12065 (Barnardo)**
Age 9 Bright, g.h. (good hearted?), faithful & obed. (obedient), D. (doing) well.

1912

18 June 1912 **Gdn. (Guardian) report (Barnardo)**
Age 11 **Odessa, Lennox and Addington County, Ontario, Canada**
Mrs Norman Snider reports William is "Untruthful and tricky - has been fighting & playing truant"

13 December 1912 **Employer report (Barnardo)**
Age 11 **Ridgetown, Ontario**
Ridgetown is a community in southern Ontario in Chatham-Kent, and located SE of London. Employer is a James Gladstone, reports William "Now doing well. Well liked. Was (illegible) when he came to this situation."

Followed up in 1913 & 1914 with remarks "Becoming capable, on the

whole is well", and
"Doing fairly well, capable".

1914 **18 November 1914** **Employer report (Barnardo)**

Age 13 **Beaverdale, Ontario**

Employer Joseph W Fothergill, Beaverdale, Ontario (believed to be in the Cambridge & Kitchener/Waterloo area).

"Not robust or capable of heavy work (he WAS only 13 years old!) but an excellent boy. Is getting a good education."

1915 **30 April 1915** **Employer report (Barnardo)**

- 8 February 2016 Employer James Gladstone (same as in 1912? But in Highgate, Leeds Age 14 Lane?) .

"Growing well (illegible). All going well"

In Feb 1916 "On the whole is well, but is troubled with hasty temper".

1916 **29 February 1916** **WW I Enlistment**

Age 14 Enlisted in Windsor, Ontario as William Edward White born 1897

23 May 1916 **Reenlistment!**

Age 15 William deserted the military on April 1, 1916 (his 15th birthday), on May 23rd, 1916 he reenlisted in Amherstburg, Ontario (a suburb of Windsor) using the alias name of Collins. The Next of Kin (apparently whited out and overwritten at a later date) is shown as (friend) Miss Mary Switzer, PO Box 117 Pembroke, Ontario.

1917 **23 January 1917** **Enlisted in Army (Barnardo)**

- 11 December **Not legible**

1917 Private W E Collins enlisted, at Whitby (?) Camp. Survey Engineering Age 15 (?).

The reason for the assumed name i.e. Collins is, this lad has once deserted from the Army, and enlisted again in this name.

Dated Dec 11, 1917 "Letter received recently by James Gladstone, Highgate (illegible), from somewhere in France.

21 June 1917 **1917 - Military Discipline**

Age 16 Sentenced to 14 days imprisonment for being improperly dressed and for mutilating Government property.

1918

- 24 June 1918** **1918 - Service in France**
- 23 August 1918 - June 24 - Transferred to a Cavalry Artillery Pool
Age 17 - July 30 - Wounded by a poison gas shell
- August 2 - Gas poisoning
- August 10 - "W" (wounded?) Gas Poisoning
- August 21 - "W" Gas Poisoning
- August 23 - Class A T on S (?)
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1919

- 29 January 1919** **1919 - Military discipline**
Age 17 Disciplined for deserting piquet duty
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6 June 1919 **Demobilization from Army in 1919**

Age 18 **Toronto, Toronto Division, Ontario, Canada**
Discharged from Army, rank of Driver (Quebec). Official home address changed from Highgate, Ontario to PO Box 118, Pembroke, Ontario on March 9, 1922.

8 July 1919 **1919 Marriage**

Age 18 **Chalk River, Ontario**

This wedding took place in Chalk River, Ontario as being between William Edward Gladstone & Mary Ethel Beatrice Biggs, and was certified in Pembroke on July 8th. William reported his father to be James Gladstone and mother to be Mary Collins, and his Occupation as a Millhand.



11 July 1919 **Contact Barnardo - Name change, address change,**
- 18 September **and marriage**

1920 July 1919, William writes, address is Box 118, Pembroke, Ontario,
Age 18 writes that he has a good job, nature not stated.

September 1920, William reported he has changed his address and recently married, also that he is now known as W. E. Collins;

This marriage likely was to Ethel Biggs, ref. 1926 return to Canada

1921

- October 1921** **Birth of Vivian Margaret Collins**
Age 20 **Pembroke, , Ontario, Canada**
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1923

- 3 May 1923** **Birth of Reg Collins**
Age 22 **Pembroke On**
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1925

1 January 1925 Travel to England

- 26 April 1926 In January 1925, William called & requested information about relatives in
Age 23 England and where they were living, and used the name Schottlander.

January 5, 1926, Barnardo in England are contacted by a police Chief Constable in Cambridge (England), a man claiming to be William Schottlander arrested and remanded for stealing a lady's Macintosh. He travelled from London on January 1 ostensibly to find his relatives, and stayed at the Church (illegible) Laborer Home called Willow Walk.

January 22, 1926 - William Edward White (giving his name as Schottlander) called at Stepney asking for addresses, he wanted to see his relatives, he said.

April 1, 1926 - Wm Edw White called at Stepney, expressed a wish to return to farm work, preferably in Australia, was given a written reference to take to Australia House.

April 26, 1926 - Barnardo received a letter from William stating that he had no recourse to return to Canada and had enlisted in the Royal Artillery for 12 years, that he is single, and was born in 1902, not 1901.

This was the last Barnardo Ledger entry.

30 May 1925 1925 Military Adventure!

- 23 September 1925 On May 30, 1925 William enlisted with the Royal Dragoons in Toronto, was
Age 24 at Stanley Barracks, and was sent to Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, to the B Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

On July 23rd, 1925, a Board of Enquiry was called as William Edward Collins had gone AWOL on July 15, 1925, and was still missing as of September 23, 1925.

1926

15 November 1926 Return to Canada from England

Age 25 **Quebec, Canada**

Arrival on ship Ascania from Southampton; manifest shows travel as 3rd class, occupation Stoker, and destination as "Wife's address, General Delivery, Pembroke, Ont, wife's name shown as Ethel Cooke, Cooke crossed out by hand and Collins written in.

1 December 1926 Liaison with Sarah Williams (Barnardo Girl)

Age 25 According to a Childrens Aid Society letter written in the 1990s, William and a Barnardo domestic, Sarah Williams who arrived in 1926, ran away to Bancroft, Ontario.

1927 **22 December 1927** **Birth of Ruth Patricia Collins**
Age 26 Bancroft, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada

1929 **26 October 1929** **Birth of William Collins, aka Bill Williams**
Age 28 Bancroft, Faraday Township, Ontario

1930 **11 November 1930** **Marriage of Dorothy Bernice Martin and William Edward Schottlander**
Age 29 Toronto, Ontario

1931 **12 December 1931** **Birth of Sally Schottlander**
Age 30 Perhaps Picton, Ontario

1941 **27 October 1941** **1941 - 42 Military Service and Discharge**
 - 21 December **Newcastle, New Brunswick**
 1942 Enlisted Oct 27, 1941 in Woodstock, New Brunswick
Age 40 Showed his next of kin to be his brother Schottlander, Collins in Toronto, address unknown.

Admitted to hospital on December 12, 1941, then military hospital January 16, 1942, again on January 26, 1942 (severe pain right lower leg, rupture of middle third of right tibialis anticus, considered to be permanent). William also reported he suffered from sinus trouble, headaches, and shortness of breath since 1918 (when he was gassed).

William also stated that "when he was living in the south he was free from attacks".

Discharged from 39 Active Company Veterans Guard of Canada Dec 21, 1942,

Unable to meet the required military physical standards.

1941 **Marriage of William Edward Schottlander and Georgina Bernadetta Silbernagel**
Age 39

1943 **1943** **Birth of Gloria Jean Collins**
Age 41 St John, NB, Canada

1946 **22 August 1946** **Birth of Sheila Mary Cooper**
Age 45 Chilliwack, Fraser Valley, British Columbia, Canada

1951 **1951** **Marriage of William Edward Schottlander and Mildred Esther Jane Shelton**
Age 49

1959

25 June 1959 **Death of William Edward Collins**

Age 58 **Vancouver, Greater Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

30 June 1959 **Burial of William Edward**

Age 58 **Greater Vancouver Regional District, BC, Canada**
