

## **Collins (Collens, Collings), William** <sup>[1]</sup>

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**d. ca. July 1709**

William Collins (Collens, Collings), justice of the general court and of Pasquotank Precinct Court, came to North Carolina before 1693. He was probably the son of William and Alice Collins, who at some earlier date settled in Perquimans Precinct with their three sons, Thomas, James, and William.

Collins was a justice of the Pasquotank Precinct Court in 1694 and 1697. The surviving records of that court do not show the length of his tenure, but he probably served at least in the intervening years.

On 20 Mar. 1699/1700, Collins was appointed justice of the North Carolina General Court <sup>[2]</sup>. He held that office through November 1705.

Collins owned five hundred or more acres of land in Pasquotank Precinct. He died before 19 July 1709, when his will was probated. He apparently left no descendants. His widow, Elizabeth, later married Jonathan Jacocks.

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