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He was pastor of a number of churches, some which he organized and for which he built houses of worship. Brother Collins was always held in high esteem by those who knew him and were blessed by his ministry. He was zealous, earnest and a true follower of Jesus Christ. He believed the Bible to be God's inspired message to men, and preached it as such. He found great comfort in resting securely upon its promises in his declining years, and when the end came, went to be with Jesus.

The Rev Ogilvie N. Collins (b. Dec 5, 1830 - d. Oct 28, 1913), son of Elizabeth Johnson (b 1803 in Pendleton Co., KY) and John W. Collins, married Mary Ann Cheatham (b. May 5, 1831 - d. June 28. 1916) daughter of Archibald Cheatham b. 1794 VA - d. 1854 Lewis Co., MO) and Ester Hare (b. 1800 TN or VA - d. 1855 Lewis Co., MO). Ogilvie served in Co "D" of the 69th Enrolled Missouri Militia 1862-1864. He had a blacksmith shop in Knox City from about 1875 to 1900 with his younger brother Henry P. Collins, who died in 1906. Ogilvie and Mary Ann's children were:

- Oliver W. Collins b. 1853
- William F. Collins b. 1855
- John W. Collins b. 1859
- Francis M. Collins b. 1862
- G. Grant Collins b. 1863
- Ella M. Collins b. 1866
- Henry G. Collins b. 1869

He was pastor at the following churches that I have found:

- 1870 O.N. Collins, Pastor: Mt. Pleasant Church (or Pleasant Ridge Church), Knox Co., MO (1870 Wyaconda Assn. Annual Mtg. Minutes)
- 1875 O.N. Collins, Pastor: Highland Baptist Church, Lewis Co., MO (1875 Wyaconda Assn. Annual Mtg. Minutes) 1880 Listed as Pastor with Assoc. but no church listed (Wyaconda)
- 1891 O.N. Collins, Pastor: Shiloh Church, Shelby Co., MO (Mt. Salem Assn Min) A Baptist Church in Bethel Township, eight miles north and two east of Shelbyville, at Elgin; established in 1869. The church house was built in 1870. The church was still active. Cf. above.
- 1894 O.N. Collins, Pastor: Mt. Pisgah Church, Shelby Co., MO (Mt. Salem Assn Min) A Baptist Church located seven miles north and west of Shelbyville; organized in the Applegate Schoolhouse (q.v.) in 1886. The church was still active. Source: Elliott, Katherine. "Place Names of Six Northeast Counties of Missouri." M.A. thesis., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1938.
- 1895 O.N. Collins, Pastor: Knox City Baptist Church, Knox Co., MO (1895 Wyaconda....)
- O.N. Collins, Pastor: Hedge City Church, Knox Co., MO (Mt. Salem Assn Min)
- 1895-97 O.N. Collins, Pastor: Mt. Pisgah Church, Shelby Co., MO (Mt. Salem Assn Min)
- 1900 O.N. and M.A. Collins, Delegates from Knox City Baptist Church to Wyaconda Annual. (1900 Wyaconda Minutes)

A. P. Porter was Superintendent of the Sunday School for Lewistown Baptist Church 1905 Ed. W. Porter was Clerk for the Lewistown Baptist Church, Lewis Co., MO (Wyaconda Assn Min)

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A. P. Porter (her husband) was Superintendent of the Sunday School for Lewistown Baptist Church 1914 Eulogy & printed Obit for O.N. Collins in Wyaconda Min.

Obituary:

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