

DOROTHY EVELYN VANDIFORD

(CLARK and ELLIOTT Lineages)

John Colvin and Hannah Price
(John Colvin's will probated
September 24, 1793, Chester County)

Nicholas Colvin and Susan Elam
b. 1839

Nicholas Colvin, Jr. and Nancy Stone
1803-1884 1811-1887

Martha Alice Colvin and John S. Clark
b. 1829 b. 1817

Talton E. Clark and Maggie Robinson
1858-1925 1861-1911

Mary Colvin Clark and Robert Duke Vandiford
1889-1921 1883-1958

(From "Colvin and Allied Family History"
copy in Fairfield County Library)

Daniel Elliott and Elizabeth Ferguson
b. 1732 (?) b. 1734 (?)

Daniel Elliott, Jr. and Mary McCullough
b. 1767 b. 1765

Jane Elliott and Robert Robinson
b. 1797 b. 1798

John Elliott Robinson and Mary C. Horton
b. 1824 b. 1821

Margaret (Maggie) Robinson and
1861-1911 Talton E. Clark
1858-1925

Mary Colvin Clark and Robert Duke Vandiford
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(From "Elliott Family Records" belong-
ing to Mrs. K. R. McMaster, Sr.)

Mary Colvin Clark, of "upper Fairfield County," and the Halsellville section of Chester County, wrote an article for a Baptist publication.

Robert Duke Vandiford, of Rocky Mount, N. C., happened to read it. He wrote the lady to tell her how much he enjoyed it. After much correspondence, he was invited to the Clark home to meet her in person. While there, he asked of her father her hand in marriage.

Elaborate plans were subsequently made for a home wedding. When the minister checked the license, he found that it had been issued in Chester County, and he hesitated to perform the ceremony in a Fairfield County residence. The undaunted bride led her wedding party outside, they stepped across the county line which ran just below the house, were married and returned to the home for the reception. According to the groom (as later told to his daughter) thus began a marriage which was "made in Heaven."

To this union were born three children: Robert Doughtie (1914) and Dorothy Evelyn (1917)

Following her mother's death one year later, victim of pneumonia, Dorothy was given a home with her Granddaddy who had moved to Ridgeway, S. C. when he married his second wife. Sara B. ("Miss Sallie") Hartin (1868-1950) was the daughter of the late Reverend Hilliard Hartin and Frances Rhine Hartin who was an invalid at the time of the marriage.

The Colvin and Clark families were prominent in the Halsellville community and in the Beaver Creek Baptist Church. Dorothy's grandmother was one of the first organists there; she and the family members are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Robert Duke Vandiford was the youngest of five children of the late Stephen Gray and Nancy Smith Vandiford, all of Rocky Mount. (A detailed family history is being published at this time.)

Dorothy finished school in Ridgeway, then moved to Winnsboro where she has been affiliated with Home Demonstration and AAA offices, later as Materials Accounting Clerk with Uniroyal, and currently as bookkeeper at Winn Auto Parts. She is a member of First Baptist Church.