

The origin of our Cole Surname

1. Great Grandparents *of Winnie Moore*
 Ann Cole - born in Bethel Springs Tenn. was tall heavy built and very quiet was laundress and carried baskets on her head. She moved to Kenton Tenn. and was ~~care~~ cared for by her grandson William C. Cole until her death in the early 30's. I never heard about my great grandfather, he was deceased.
 ① Grandparents of W. J. Moore
 Monroe Cole Sr. born in Bethel Springs Tenn. he was the father of William, Charlie and Monroe Jr. he left Kenton and worked as a molder in Skullins Foundry in St. Louis. Liza Jackson was the mother of Charlie and Monroe Jr. he was never married and died in St. Louis his son William C. Cole buried in in Kenton, Tenn.
 Charlie Cole was a School Teacher and artist he could draw pictures just like those taken with a camera. He died and is buried in Kenton.
 Winnie was a Mulatto.

Back in 1986 I asked my Mom to write down our family history. I had asked her to tell me the family history from time to time but could not write fast enough to keep up her diction. In the text on the right, she mentions that her Cole grandparents came from Bethel Springs, TN. I did not act on this information until 2021. I found out that my 2gp Ann 's sisters name was Winnie. With the help of the McNairy Tennessee Office of County Archives I have traced Ann Cole back to Macon, MS in Noxubee County in the 1870 Federal Census. As you can see in the snippet of the 1870 censuses (click to enlarge all images), Ann is 24, Winnie is 16, and Monroe is 6 years old.

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Schedule 1 - Inhabitants in 13 Townships in the County of Noxubee of Noxubee, enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1870.

Post Office: Macon, Miss. C. B. Smith, Asst. Marshal.

No.	Name	Sex	Color	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Married		Place of Birth	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Males 20 and over	Females 20 and over	Males 15 and under	Females 15 and under	Males 10 and under	Females 10 and under	Males 5 and under	Females 5 and under	Total	
						Male	Female													
6	Ann Cole	F	W	24				Alabama												24
7	Winnie Cole	F	W	16				Alabama												16
8	Monroe Cole	M	W	6				Mississippi												6

It's worth noting that Ann and Winnie were born in Alabama, and Monroe was born in Mississippi; also, that

Ann Cole's death certificate doesn't provide any new information, however Winnie's death certificate does. Winnie's death certificate lists her father as Dick Cole. Placing several pieces of information together I have formed the hypotheses that Rich Cole who lived in Noxubee County, Mississippi was the last enslaver of our Cole surname. Looking at the 1860 Slave Schedule for Rich Cole in Noxubee County, Mississippi, we see that, of the twenty one enslaved, a fourteen year old Black female and a six year old

STATE OF TENNESSEE
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 Bureau of Vital Statistics
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH: County: *Madison* Civil Dist.: *5th* Registration District No.: *48786* Registered No.: *192*

2. FULL NAME: *Winnie Cole* MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX: *Female* 4. COLOR OR RACE: *White* 5. DATE OF BIRTH: *Oct 6, 1854* 6. DATE OF DEATH: *Sept 6, 1925*

7. AGE: *70* 8. OCCUPATION: *None* 9. PLACE OF BIRTH: *Alabama*

10. FATHER: *Dick Cole* 11. MOTHER: *None* 12. MARITAL STATUS: *Never Married* 13. BIRTHPLACE: *Alabama*

14. THE SERVICE WHICH PREVAILED AT DEATH: *None* 15. CAUSE OF DEATH: *None*

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SCHEDULE 2 - Slave Inhabitants in 13 Townships in the County of Noxubee of Noxubee, enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1860.

No.	Name	Sex	Color	Age	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate
1	Rich Cole	M	W	40		
2	Ann Cole	F	W	14		
3	Winnie Cole	F	W	6		

Mulatto female are included; Ann and Winnie.