

BULL TERRIER KILLS CHILD

Grabs Him by Throat
at Newburyport.

Bert Leadbetter, 2 Years Old,
of Lynn, on Visit.

Uncle John P. Colby Owner
of the Dog.

NEWBURYPORT, Feb 2—Bert, the 2-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Walter Leadbetter of Lynn, was killed this afternoon by a fighting bull terrier, owned by his uncle, John P. Colby, at 36 Franklin st.

Mrs Leadbetter and her son had come here to visit her brother, who is a dog fancier. The little fellow wandered into the yard where the kennels are.

The dog sprang at the child's neck and growling ferociously shook him like a rag. Then the savage animal, dropping its prey, snapped at other portions of the body, inflicting a number of wounds.

Mr Colby ran out, drove the dog away and bore the child into the house. He was faintly breathing, but quickly all signs of life disappeared. Medical Examiner Hurd, who was called, found that the backbone and spine had been broken at the base of the brain. The other wounds, while serious, were not necessarily fatal.

The mother was prostrated. Mr Leadbetter was hastily summoned from Lynn.

Mr Colby was very secretive about the affair and declined to give out any details. The police were not notified. Patrolman Hayes, whose beat is at the south end, heard of the death and reported it to the marshal, who ordered an investigation. The patrolman was finally able to secure the particulars.

No action has been taken relative to the dog. Mr Colby told the medical examiner that his own child had played about the kennels and had never been molested.

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DEDICATED TO THE AMERICAN 'PIT' BULL TERRIER



JOHN P. COLBY & SON LOUIS B. COLBY
& COLBY'S "OLD GYP" 1922



COLBY'S SPRING

Whelped in 1894

Sire, Racine's Sam; Dam, Racine's Bess

Pit Weight, 22 Lbs.

Owned by John P. Colby, Newburyport, Mass.

Colby's "Spring" was one of those foundation dogs. He was sired by Racine's "Sam" and whelped by Racine's "Bess" in 1894. Colby's "Spring" gained great fame when he defeated Gilligan's "Crib" in Boxford, Massachusetts on April 29th, 1897 at a pit weight of 22 pounds. The contest raged for three hours and fifteen minutes with Colby's "Spring" the victor.

John P. Colby pictured his dog "Spring" on his business envelopes for many years after that.

John P. Colby is noted for making only one outcross during his lifetime, and that was after thirty years of breeding experience. This was indeed possible, due to the extreme care he took in the selection of his initial breeding stock and his own talent and skills as a breeder.

When John P. Colby did finally decide to make an outcross, it was to the dog known as Colby's "Galtie". A lot of fanciers think of "Galtie" as being at the beginning of the Colby dogs,

now you can understand that this was not the case at all.

Circa 1919, Henry Colligan and his friend John Kelly purchased a pit dog from Mr. Edwards of Nashua, New Hampshire. John Kelly, not being much of a dedicated dogman, soon lost interest in the dog and sold his half to Mr. Colligan. Mr. Colligan kept the dog "Galtie" and continued to raise him. The longer he kept "Galtie" the better he liked him. Mr. Colligan knew that his long time friend, John P. Colby had been looking for a proper outcross to use in his strain of dogs and figuring that Colby could use "Galtie" to a better advantage than himself, took "Galtie" to the Colby home in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Together, they decided to test "Galtie" and see just how good he really was. Colby went ahead and bought "Galtie" from Colligan and bred him to one of his finest females. This was done in case "Galtie" proved to be game, but did not survive the test he would have to undergo.



It was a great testimony to 'the man', when his own son, Joseph L. Colby, then residing in Sacramento, California published his book, The American Pit Bull Terrier and dedicated it to his father, John P. Colby, in 1936.

The breeding of John P. Colby cover a span of time from 1889 to 1941, over 50 years of proven success. During this time it is said that John P. Colby raised more than five thousand dogs. The lineage of these dogs can be traced back as far as records were kept in America and passed those records to their very origin in Ireland and England, long before there were such things as Registries, or Kennel Clubs to keep records of pedigrees.

A witness to the success of John P. Colby as a breeder is the establishment of one of the greatest records of all time for producing consecutively winning pitdogs. It is extremely doubtful that anyone could do historical research on the American 'Pit' Bull Terriers of modern times without returning to the name John P. Colby. His dogs were sold all throughout North, South, and Central America and were extremely popular in both Cuba and Mexico.

In the early part of his career as a breeder, John P. Colby became the center of controversy. One must understand that up until this time, breeders and fanciers of the pitdog were a much tighter group, much more exclusive than the fanciers of today. The finest dogs were only passed to family and the most trusted friends and the secrecy of their lineage was closely guarded. John P. Colby broke that tradition when he began to offer stud service and quality bred pups for sale to the "common man". This was to be his crime. He became successful in making the American 'Pit' Bull Terrier popular to the general public, and was one of the first to do so. As it is with anyone who has the foresight and fortitude to do things "first", there will always be those quick to ridicule and criticize. He was, by some, labeled no more than a "puppy peddler". However, a "puppy peddler" is a person who will sale you any dog on his yard and they do not care about the quality of dogs they breed. Their only concern lies somewhere in the dollar sign and the number of puppies their females can produce to reach that end. You can see and judge for yourself that John P. Colby was a far cry from that, by any means. Why, to call John P. Colby a "Puppy Peddler", would be like calling Henry Ford no more than a "Car Salesman", or John Glenn no more than a "Pilot"! It would be ridiculous!!

It is true that a lot of the Colby dogs are slow to 'start' or to 'come on', sometimes taking two to three years to fully mature. However, this is not uncommon with the breed as a whole. Also, when the Colby dogs did mature, they were well worth waiting on, being some of the gamest dogs the world has ever seen.

John P. Colby worked hard in all areas to help promote the breed and their popularity to the general public. It is a little known fact, but true enough, that John P. Colby was a charter member, and help to establish the Staffordshire Club of America. He did this to help insure the preservation of the breed, and backed them in forcing

the breeds acceptance into the registry of the American Kennel Club in 1936. When the A.K.C. (American Kennel Club) did finely accept the breed for registration, it was under the name of Staffordshire. As a standard for the breed they chose the game dog known as Colby's "Primo".

He and his wife Florence were both active in all areas beneficial toward the preservation of the breed. Florence Colby, raising a family, worked closely beside her husband from 1905 until his death in 1941. Mrs. Colby herself was President of the Staffordshire Club of America for awhile and worked closely with the screening process of the American 'Pit' Bull Terrier into the American Kennel Club under the name of Staffordshire. Mrs. Colby and her sons continued on with the breedings of these great dogs in the tradition that John P. Colby had passed on to them and intrusted to them....., They would not betray that trust!

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COLBY'S TIGE (2XW)

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PRINTER FRIENDLY



BREEDER: J.P. COLBY
OWNER: J.P. COLBY
SEX: MALE
COLOR: BRINDLE & WHITE
CONDITIONED WEIGHT: 35#
BIRTHDATE: 1896-00-00
POSTED: 2001-04-09
LAST MODIFIED: 2004-03-14
PEDIGREE HAS BEEN SEEN: 39120 TIMES

Tige was considered the 35# champion of America and a great sire of game dogs.Tige became even more famous after defeating Dan Roses Captain in 3 hours 27 minutes.

4 GENERATION PEDIGREE

First	Second	Third	Fourth
		UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
	RACINE'S GINGER	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
(Sire) CH COLBY'S PADDY		UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
		MIKE LLOYD'S JACK	UNKNOWN
	NEAGLE'S NELL	ROSE'S OLD ENGLISH ROSE	UNKNOWN
		WOBURN'S BUCKY	BURKE'S BUCKY
	GALVIN'S PUP (10XW)		JOHN T. MOORE'S BITCH
		WOBURN'S JUMBO	BURKE'S TANNER (6XW-1XL)
(Dam) COLBY'S JENNIE (1XW) (1890'S)			THE GAS HOUSE BITCH (A.K.A SWEENEY'S FLY)
	DONAHUE'S SAL (DOWD'S OLD SAL)	GALVIN'S PUP (10XW)	WOBURN'S BUCKY
		MC INTYRE'S JESSIE	WOBURN'S JUMBO
			UNKNOWN
			COLLIGAN'S QUEEN

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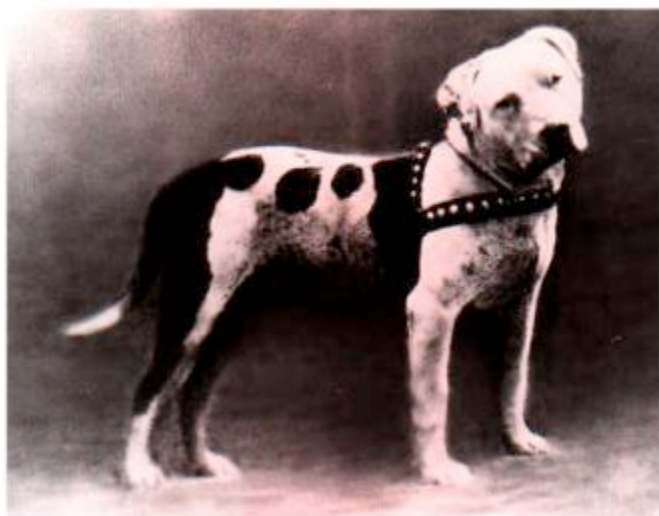
COLBY'S PINCHER (24XW)

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PRINTER FRIENDLY



BREEDER: J.P. COLBY
OWNER: J.P. COLBY
SEX: MALE
COLOR: WHITE W/BRINDLE MARKINGS
CHAINWEIGHT: 75#
CONDITIONED WEIGHT: 56#
BIRTHDATE: 1896-12-31
POSTED: 2001-04-09
LAST MODIFIED: 2004-06-30
PEDIGREE HAS BEEN SEEN: 122475 TIMES

One of the best match dogs that ever lived!

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		CH CHARLIE LLOYD'S PILOT	SMALL'S BILLY
	MITCHELL'S PADDY		DARBY'S KIT
		CH CHARLIE LLOYD'S PADDY	UNKNOWN
(Sire) JACK WHITE'S TEDDY (2XW)			UNKNOWN
	J. SULLIVAN'S BECK	J. SULLIVAN'S JACK	UNKNOWN
		J. SULLIVAN'S NELL	UNKNOWN
		UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
	RACINE'S SAM (2XW)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
			UNKNOWN
(Dam) CH COLBY'S PANSY 3XW		MIKE LLOYD'S JACK	UNKNOWN
	WHITE'S NELL	ROSE'S OLD ENGLISH ROSE	UNKNOWN

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CH COLBY'S TWISTER (3XW)

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PRINTER FRIENDLY



BREEDER: JOHN P. COLBY
OWNER: JOHN P. COLBY
SEX: MALE
COLOR: BRINDLE & WHITE
CONDITIONED WEIGHT: 54#
BIRTHDATE: 1903-10-20
GROUP: COLBY
POSTED: 2001-04-09
LAST MODIFIED: 2009-02-28
PEDIGREE HAS BEEN SEEN: 7598 TIMES

Twister defeated Jim Moberly's Big Boy in 42 minutes at Boxford, Mass, on November 19, 1906.

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(Sire) **COLBY'S PINCHER**
(24XW)

JACK WHITE'S TEDDY
(2XW)

MITCHELL'S PADDY

CH CHARLIE LLOYD'S PILOT
CH CHARLIE LLOYD'S PADDY

CH COLBY'S PANSY
3XW

J. SULLIVAN'S BECK

J. SULLIVAN'S JACK

J. SULLIVAN'S NELL

RACINE'S SAM (2XW)

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

WHITE'S NELL

MIKE LLOYD'S JACK

ROSE'S OLD ENGLISH ROSE

CH COLBY'S PADDY

RACINE'S GINGER

NEAGLE'S NELL

COLBY'S TIGE (2XW)

COLBY'S JENNIE (1XW)
(1890'S)

GALVIN'S PUP (10XW)

DONAHUE'S SAL (DOWD'S OLD SAL)

(Dam) **COLBY'S RHODY (LITTLE RHODY)**

COLBY'S RED NELL

GALVIN'S BUCKY

GALVIN'S PUP (10XW)

FOX IMPORTED NEW YORK BITCH

MC CART'S BRAT

SON OF IMPORTED PETE

MC CART'S ROSE

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COLBY'S MALACHY

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BREEDER: JOHN P. COLBY
OWNER: JOHN P. COLBY
SEX: MALE
COLOR: BRINDLE & WHITE
CONDITIONED WEIGHT: 35#
BIRTHDATE: 1904-12-02
POSTED: 2002-07-31
LAST MODIFIED: 2004-01-09
PEDIGREE HAS BEEN SEEN: 1628 TIMES

Malachy was open to match against any dog in the world in the pit for \$500.00 a side.He was advertised as the 35# champion of America. Taken from Joseph L. Colby's book from 1936.

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First	Second	Third	Fourth
		MITCHELL'S PADDY	CH CHARLIE LLOYD'S PILOT
	JACK WHITE'S TEDDY (2XW)		CH CHARLIE LLOYD'S PADDY
(Sire) COLBY'S PINCHER (24XW)		J. SULLIVAN'S BECK	J. SULLIVAN'S JACK
			J. SULLIVAN'S NELL
	CH COLBY'S PANSY 3XW	RACINE'S SAM (2XW)	UNKNOWN
		WHITE'S NELL	UNKNOWN
		CH COLBY'S PADDY	MIKE LLOYD'S JACK
	COLBY'S TIGE (2XW)	COLBY'S JENNIE (1XW) (1890'S)	ROSE'S OLD ENGLISH ROSE
(Dam) COLBY'S NEITZ (BENEITZ)			RACINE'S GINGER
			NEAGLE'S NELL
		GALVIN'S BUCKY	GALVIN'S PUP (10XW)
	COLBY'S RED NELL		DONAHUE'S SAL (DOWD'S OLD SAL)
		MC CART'S BRAT	GALVIN'S PUP (10XW)
			FOX IMPORTED NEW YORK BITCH
			SON OF IMPORTED PETE
			MC CART'S ROSE

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