

## Warm and Wishful Welcome to The Collie Family



The Collie family's arrival from Scotland to Canada occurred a month ago. Because of the many things that the family had to keep up with in their new land of permanent residency, the Collie apologized to me for telling me about their little family history. I said to Mr. Paul Collie, the head of the family, "It's understandable, Mr. Collie. Your family business comes first. It's also opportune and appropriate of you to tell us about your family and yourself after what matters most is taken care of. So here you are!"

Mr. Collie's family consists of 4 members who are: Mr. John Collie, the head of the household, Mrs. Laura Collie, his wife and an excellent embroider, Lana, daughter, and Lenny, son. Mr. Collie is proud of his family because they are good looking, genial, and intelligent. He believes that all of these favorable traits are in the genes of his and his wife's families. That is, the looks and geniality are inherited from the side of his wife, Laura, and the intelligence and health from his side of family. What's more, Mr. Collie takes inordinate pride in coming from the pure pedigree of his surname, Collie.

However, one must not misconstrue such pride as haughtiness in claiming his families' breed superiority to the others of mixed breeds. Anyone who is acquainted with and knows Mr. Collie and his family will testify their affability, generosity, and diligence to you based upon their personal dealings with them in a daily life back in their native Scotland. This sense of pride belonging to Mr. Collie is somewhat akin to a sentiment that you feel and confirms that your accomplishments when recognized in the eyes of your peers and or in comparison with others in your own eye. It's like an innocuous, genuine sense of endearment to himself and his families.

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Mr. Collie, relaxed upon hearing my words of heartsease, thanked me for being an affable reporter and thus began to introduce me his family stories.

Mr. Paul Collie's trade in his native Scotland was a manager of the security department at Mulberry, the popular department store in the entire region, with their famous gourmet section on the ground level. According to Mr. Collie, the kinds of food sold there are so fine in all respects that they are provided to the loyal family in the Aragon Castle.

Likewise, Mr. Collie being in the management level at the department store, used his privilege to buy the selections of food at an employee discounted price, he reminisced. When I asked him if he missed the days in Scotland, he responded with a pleasing smile, "Surely we all missed our memories we had shaped in our native land, but then memories are on the built until our destiny ends. It's not a hyperbole to make it sound any more grandiose than it actually is, but it's a fact of our lives. We miss our bygones and receive presents and futures from the Lord. It's scientifically a cosmic law. Yes, you can travel to Future, but not to Past. It's Impossible." Who would not agree to the wise words from Mr. John Collie?

Mrs. Laura Collie worked as a shopkeeper at a fanciful embroidery store in Scotland owned by her great aunt Mina in Scotland. Recognizing her talent for sewing and needing and embroidering, Aunt Mina had one day invited her great niece Laura to her shop on high street, and asked her to be her shop assistant, which Laura gladly accepted with relish.



It was there Laura met her future faithful husband John on his way to his home on early evening after getting off at a bus stop nearby the shop. When John saw Laura pulling down one of the drapes over the shop windows for closing, he was enchanted with her beautiful big dark chocolate brown eyes that seemed to light her whole body. And in turn, Laura saw the handsome John standing in front of the shop window, she thought to herself, "What a nice posture the man has with kind eyes..." Laura and John nodded to each other with the Cupid's arrows shot on their hearts.

And from the moment then on, the two began to date on a daily basis on evenings when their work hours were done for the day. Thenceforth, they exchanged their vows of faithfulness and trust and love with each other in front of their families and friends in the cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle located 1 and a half mile away from the farm owned by Laura's grandparents. Both John and Laura treasure the moments when the vows exchanged all the time, and this makes their family stick together through thick and thin.

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Lana, an active 7-year-old with a very dainty physiognomy and pretty face, likes the outdoor contrary to her delicate physical features. She likes to jog and walk whenever possible because such activities make her feel uplifted and refreshed with a clear mind.

Lana's dresses are all made by Laura and thereby enable her and John to save funds for the future of the children and themselves. Besides, Laura thinks that these days, children's clothing – especially for girls' dresses – are not made as adorably and durably as they used to. She thinks they are out of her and her daughter's tastes, and therefore they decided to make them their own.

The dress as modelled by Lana in this photo is Laura's newest design with a pretty combination of the lilac colors of purple and pink, which Lana loves so much that she insisted on having a lilac-colored lip balm that she had seen on a TV commercial!

Lenny the youngest is the trickster but with a heart of gold. In fact, he is more emphatic toward anyone in need than his sister. Of course, this does not mean to say that Lana is less warm and sensitive, but in the sense that Lenny is more deeply moved by a sense of humanity when it is bludgeoned by ignorance and injustice.

For example, when Lenny saw a World War II documentary on the atrocities perpetrated to the defenseless elderly, children as little as himself, and women on TV a month ago, Lenny could not stop tears running down on his little cheeks... It was like he was being hooked to a water company. Also, Lenny makes friends with the loners who seem somehow shunned from circles of peers for whatever reason it might be. He can't just bear the sight of anyone being estranged from others, so he reaches out to a lonely one who sits alone and eats alone by asking the person to join him.



Lenny is a testament to what Shakespeare has called, "Milk of human kindness." Observing her son's such magnitude of humanity, Laura weighs in if Lenny might become a man of cloth when he grows up. It's just her notion of what Lenny might amount to in his future. No one knows or even predicts what tomorrow will bring to each of us.