

James Bluford Coffey

HIS ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Volume II - Ancestors

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And the Related Families of
Powell, Stapp, Graves, Mayfield, Cleveland, Wade, Lane,
Dabney and Others

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ERRATA AND ADDENDA

Page 27, # 8: after first "ibid" it should read "also, Essex co. VA Deeds & Wills, Bk. 14, pp. 669 & 189."

Page 40, line 7: Recent information indicates this Jesse may be a son of Reuben Coffey and Sally Scott who died in 1840.

Page 140, Lines 9 & 10: A reexamination of the list of 1853 immigrants to Oregon has revealed that on July 25 those passing the Uvilla Agency included a J.J. Lane (wife, 3 sons, and 1 daughter) and a M. (Mordecai ?) Lane (wife and 3 daughters). Also the 3 son-in-laws of Mordecai are listed: James Perry (J. Perry, wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters), James T. Lynch (listed J.T. Lenk, wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter), and Creed T. Biggers (listed C.S. Riggers, wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters.) It thus appears that John J. Lane and his wife Louisa did come to Oregon but I have found no other record of them in Oregon as yet.

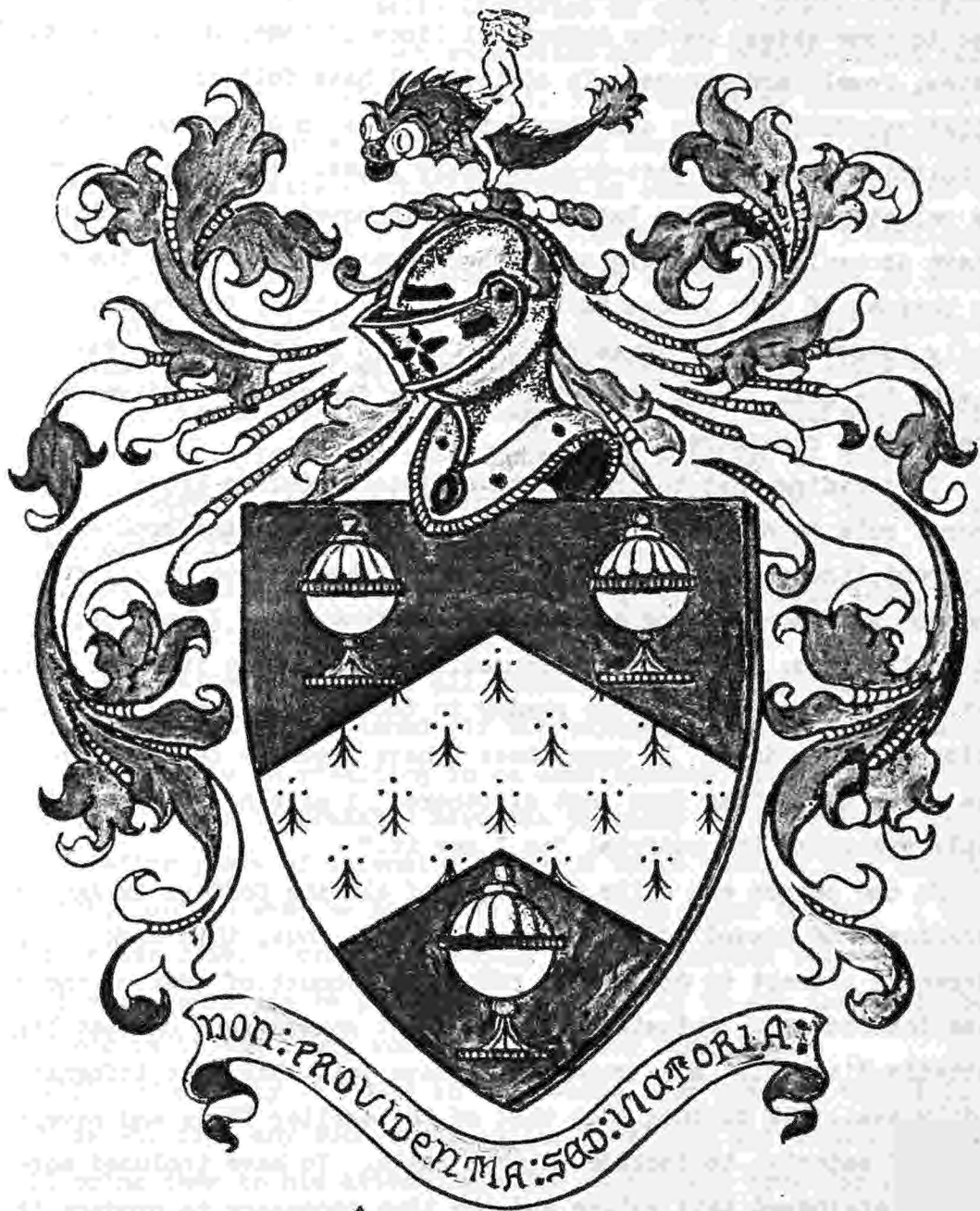
Page 191, last 2 paragraphs: Apparently the Coffeys did come through the northern route. The reexamination mentioned in the note for page 140 has shown that on July 25 with the Lanes was listed a "Coffin" family (most likely John Coffey but misspelled) with a wife, 3 __, 4 daughters. Again this is confused as it should be 4 sons, 3 daughters.

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Preface

In Volume I of this work a history of James Bluford Coffey (my great grandfather) was given. All of his descendants, as far as known, were also listed and discussed. This volume deals with his ancestors, not only on the Coffey line but also to some extent on the collateral lines of Lane, Dabney, Wade, Cleveland, Graves, Powell and others. In addition, I have felt it advisable to include some collateral Coffey lines and considerable data on other and unplaced Coffey lines in Colonial and early post-Revolutionary times. There is much yet unknown about the relationships of the latter, and it is hoped that the inclusions of the data I have accumulated may help some other researchers to find their ancestral lines. The purpose of this volume is thus two fold: first, to provide information for my family (descendants of James Bluford Coffey) about their ancestry, and second, to make the data I have accumulated during the past 20-odd years available to other Coffey researchers.

In deciding what to include on collateral Coffey lines I started out with the general rule to not go further than the families of the brothers and sisters of my direct line ancestors. However, where I have known or had considerable correspondence with some living descendants of these lines I have often included them and their lines. Where much information is available in other published family histories I have referred the reader to those works rather than attempt a repetition of their data. In some cases I have given my own interpretation of the data which may differ from that of others. I make no apologies for this; I have simply presented the material "as I see it."

No one person can write a history of all the Coffeys in America or even the descendants of Edward Coffey and Ann Powell. Thus, this work should not be considered an attempt to do so, but rather an account of some of the better known of these descendants. Omission of more recent generations on most lines will undoubtedly disappoint some readers. I have felt that that information is more readily available to them than that of the earlier lines and have thus made my choice of material to include on this basis. To have included more would have greatly lengthened this volume and the time necessary to produce it.

The reader will find a study of the charts in Chapter 1 helpful before proceeding further as this should orient him to the overall picture and to the chapter where a particular family can be found. In using the charts in other chapters the reader should note that I have used standard genealogical form with the dates and abbreviations. While dates are given in the traditional manner (e.g., February 2, 1827) in the narrative part, in the charts (and other compacted material)

the genealogical form (e.g., 2 Feb 1827) is used. State abbreviations are those used by the U.S. Postal Service. Other abbreviations are also rather standard. They include:

b = born d = died bur = buried m or md = married dau = daughter
abt = about bef = before aft = after, etc.

The system employed in many family histories of assigning a number to each ancestor or a number or letter to each generation has not been employed here. Instead, each generation is indented 6 spaces, 3 for the vital information about a given person, and 3 more for a listing of his or her children. Note, for example, page 47. The vital data of Thomas Coffey is indented 3 spaces and then a numerical listing of the children follow, each indented the same 3 additional spaces under the heading "children." Note that all the descendants of each child will be listed before going to the next child. If someone has been married twice, all the descendants of the first marriage will be listed before going to the second marriage (e.g., Thomas Coffey's first marriage (p. 47) to Elizabeth Smith is followed by all of her children and then Thomas' 2nd marriage to Sally Fields is followed by her children. Information about a spouse, if known, usually follows his or her name and is in parentheses. For example, on page 46 it can be seen that Edmond Coffey married Nancy Barnett who died before 27 April 1829, the marriage taking place in Albemarle or Amherst county.

Although I have attempted to get all material up to date, this book will be out of date as soon as it is published (if not before). The turn to a search of "roots" by so many people is resulting in an accelerated uncovering of new material. In time some of the information here can probably be added to or improved upon. However, after years of intensive research there comes a time when one must draw a line, publish what he has, and get on with other things. I believe that time for me has come. Perhaps if enough new information becomes available a second edition may some day be published. Suffice it to say that this book is not complete, nor is it the final word on the Coffey history.

Errors will undoubtedly be found in this work. For these I take full responsibility. Those who find any such errors will be helping the author a great deal if they would bring them to his attention. The same holds true for omissions. It is anticipated that an "errata and addenda" sheet will be produced at a later date. I would welcome correspondence from anyone having additional or different information, including differing interpretations. Family history is only useful if it can be shared. It is my hope that the information in this volume will be useful to many others.

I wish to acknowledge my wife, Wanda, for help in preparation of the index, and my daughter, Lorilee, for some of the drawings of maps. Most of the other drawings are mine. Those redrawn from other sources are generally acknowledged after the caption of the drawing. Illustrative material used on many of the chapter pages has been taken from the Dover Publications Clip-Art Series and grateful acknowledgement is hereby given.^a

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Ashland, Oregon
June 1984

DEDICATION

To all Coffey descendants: Those who have gone before, those who are now searching, and those yet to come -
This book is thoughtfully dedicated.

^a One notable exception is the picture on the cover plate of Chapter 5. This is from "The Baptist Almanac and Repository of Indispensable Knowledge" by Reuben Herring and published by Broadman Press, Nashville, TN who gave permission for its use.

CHAPTER 1

OVERVIEW



"Man is but the sum of his ancestors"

--- Emerson

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CHAPTER I

Harris D. Coffey
Atlanta, Georgia
June 1934

VIEW



... a ... of his ancestors
--- Emerson

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James Bluford Coffey was born October 11, 1837 in the Saline district of Gallatin county Illinois. When not quite 16 years old he made the long trip to Oregon in a covered wagon with his family. He, his parents, and his grandparents were restless pioneers, moving often and into undeveloped areas. James' story was told in Volume I of this work; that of his parents and grandparents is in Chapters 13 and 10, respectively of this volume. The story of these families is not greatly different from that of many others of the same time periods. As new areas of the United States were charted, children or whole families moved further into such lands seeking new opportunities.

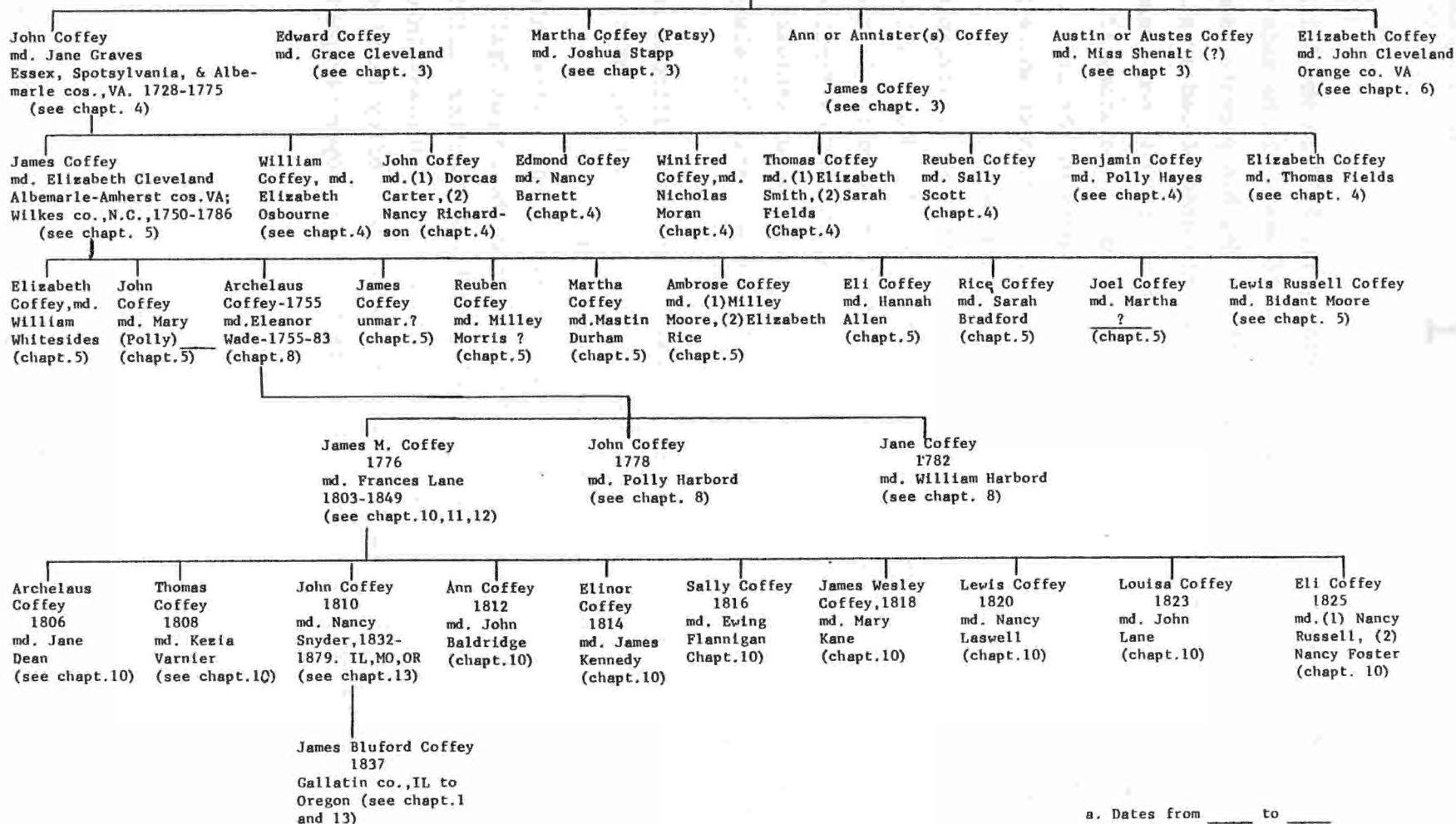
Our Coffey line started in the "lower" counties of Virginia but soon moved further west and south as new lands were surveyed. Nearly all of this line finally left Virginia, most going first to North Carolina in the 1770s and 1780s. In the late 1790s and the early 1800s most of the Coffey families of North Carolina moved on, either further south or to Tennessee or Kentucky. In each of these areas large groups of the families became established, but always, some moved further west.

From Kentucky my line moved to Indiana and then Illinois and Missouri. Many others followed suit and today Coffeys are found in every state of the Union. However, the largest number remain in the South.

The story told in this volume is largely one of a line which made one of the biggest breaks at an early date, following the Oregon Trail in 1853. One could not tell this story without relating those of other families found along the way. Thus the reader will find in this volume abundant information on many other Coffey families, as well as a number of non-Coffey families. The following charts should help put some of these families in proper perspective for the reader.

CHART I
SOME DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD COFFEY

Edward Coffey and Ann Powell
Essex co. VA, 1699-1716^a
(see Chapt. 3)



a. Dates from ____ to ____
Indicate married years;
single dates are year born.

CHART NUMBER I-A

Ancestry of James Bluford Coffey

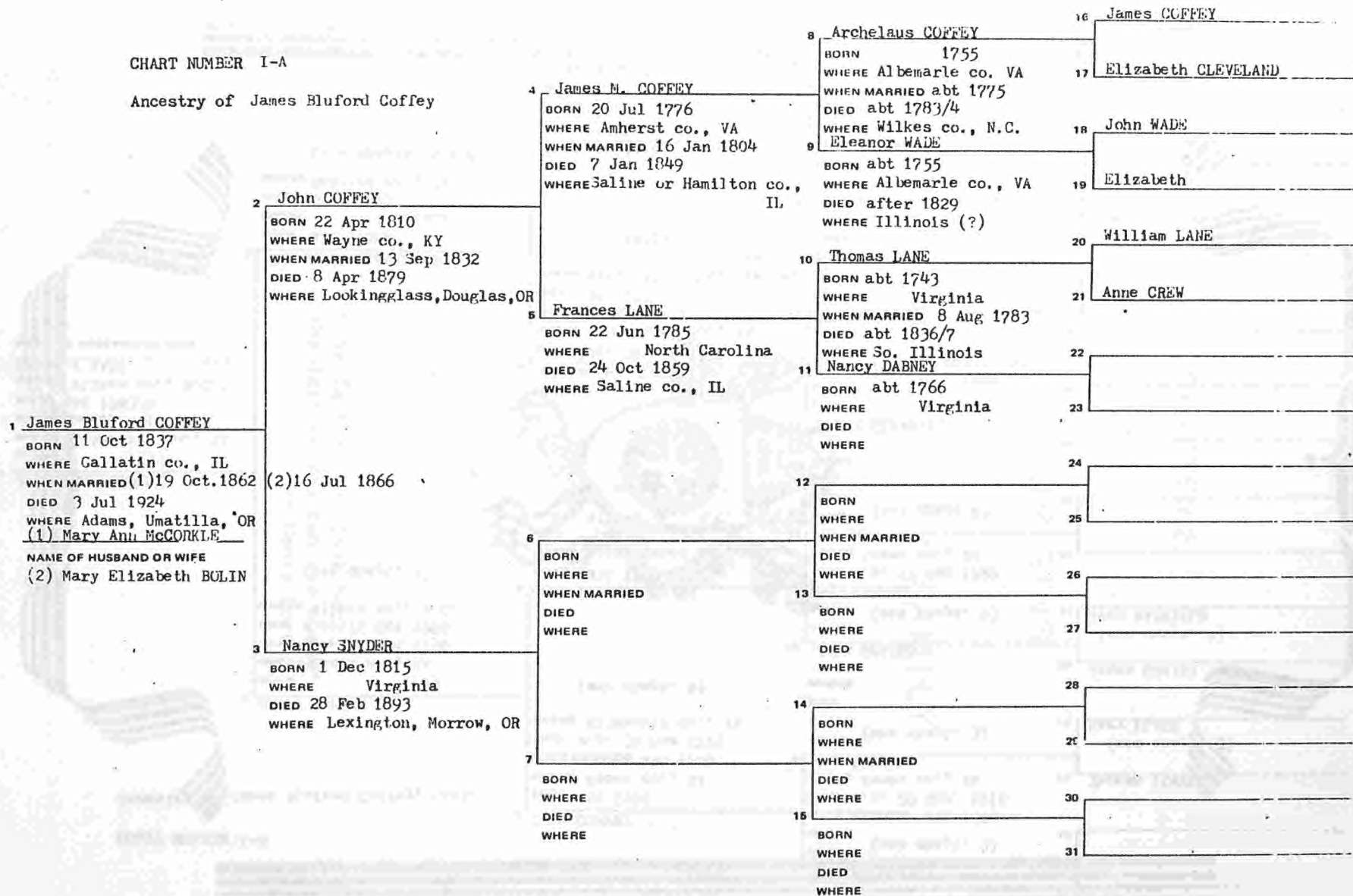


CHART NUMBER I-B

Ancestry of James Bluford Coffey, Cont.

1 Archelaus COFFEY
 BORN 1755
 WHERE Albemarle co., VA
 WHEN MARRIED Abt. 1755
 DIED abt 1783/4
 WHERE Wilkes co., N.C.
 Eleanor WADE
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 James COFFEY
 BORN 1729
 WHERE Essex co., VA
 WHEN MARRIED abt 1750
 DIED W.p. 26 Oct 1786
 WHERE Wilkes co., N.C.
 (see chapt. 5)

3 Elizabeth CLEVELAND
 BORN abt 1726/7
 WHERE Virginia
 DIED abt 1826/7
 WHERE Bedford co., TN
 (see chapt. 5 & 6)

4 John COFFEY
 BORN abt 1700
 WHERE Essex co., VA
 WHEN MARRIED abt 1728
 DIED W.p. 30 Mar 1775
 WHERE Albemarle co., VA
 (see chapt. 4)

5 Jane (Jean) GRAVES
 BORN abt 1707
 WHERE prob. Essex co., VA
 DIED 1792
 WHERE Wilkes co., N.C.
 (see chapt. 4)

6 Alexander CLEVELAND
 BORN bap. 31 Jul 1687
 WHERE Gloucester co., VA
 WHEN MARRIED abt 1711
 DIED abt 1770
 WHERE prob. Blue Run, Orange, VA
 (see chapt. 6)

7 Mary or Milley PRESLEY
 BORN
 WHERE
 DIED abt 1770
 WHERE prob. Blue Run, Orange, VA

8 Edward COFFEY
 BORN (see chapt. 3)
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED abt 1699
 DIED W.p. 20 Nov. 1716
 WHERE Essex co., VA
 9 Ann POWELL
 BORN (see chapt. 3)
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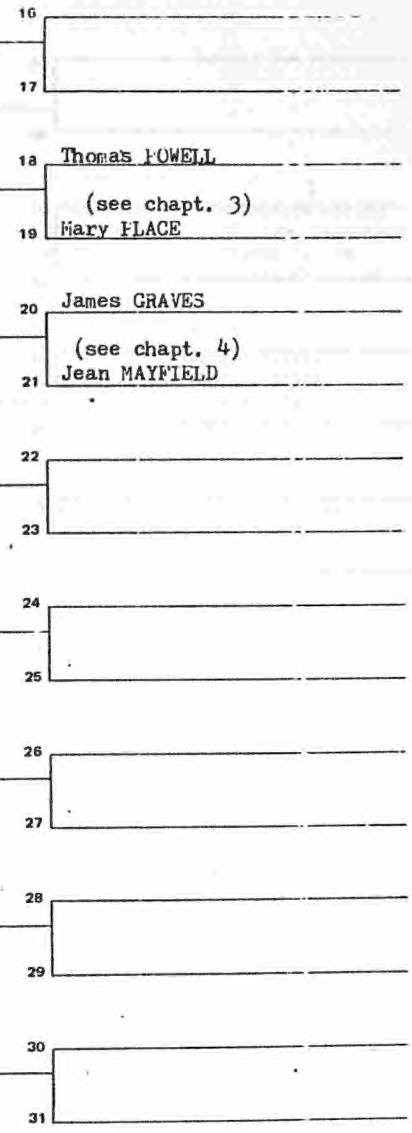
10 John GRAVES
 BORN (see chapt. 4)
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED W.p. 17 May 1720
 WHERE Essex co., VA
 11 Hannah
 BORN (see chapt 4)
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE


12 Roger Cleveland
 BORN
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED (see chapt. 6)
 DIED

13 Dorcas
 BORN
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

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 BORN
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 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED
 WHERE

15
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CHAPTER 2

ANCIENT ORIGINS
OF THE COFFEY FAMILY



"The farther you look back,
the farther you can see ahead"
--- Henry Ford




CHART NUMBER 1-2

Accompanying chart number 1-1

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ROY FAMILY

WIGINS

CHAPTER 2



In considering this subject it should be understood that we do not know the specific origin of our Coffey line. However, all of those coming to America seem to have originated in Ireland. The name Coffey is an English rendering of the Irish Cobhthaigh or Cobhthach, which means "victorious".² As is true with many other Irish names it was in earlier times given as O'Coffey and O'Cobhthaigh, meaning "of the family of" or "descendant of". The name Cobhthaigh is Gaelic, originating from Celtic bands that roamed over much of Europe in the 3rd and 4th centuries, B.C. and invaded Ireland sometime later.³ The Cobhthaigh line is traced back to Cobhthaigh's grandfather Olliol Flann Beag, King of Munster (about 240 A.D.), and from there to the brothers Ithe and Bile, relatives of Milesius, King of Spain.⁴ In 803 A.D. Fergus Mos O'Cobhthaigh brought the leaders of the 3 most powerful waring clans of Eire, the O'Briens, O'Niels, and McCarthys, together at Tara, the ancient capitol of Eire, where a peace treaty was signed. For his diplomacy and respect for law and order he was made supreme judge of Eire, a position which has been hereditarily held by the family for seven generations.

Members of this family seem to have settled in various parts of Ireland, but there were 3 main septs.⁵ The best known was O'Cowhey, O'Cowhig, or O'Coffey of Fuin Cleena, chief of Triocha Meona, now the barony of West Barryroe, Corca Laoighe (Cork county) in Munster.⁴ These once powerful chiefs had seven castles along the coast and ruins of them still exist.

A second group was Ui Maine^{2,5} (counties Galway and Roscommon in Connaught.) They lost their lands and influence in the Cromwellian and Williamite confiscations of the 17th century. The Irish Civil War of 1641 is credited with being the cause of the Commonwealth confiscations in Ireland. Because of their devotion to faith, King, and country the estates of the Irish "Papist" landed gentry were almost wholesale confiscated to make room for the Cromwellian settlement. In 1649 Cromwell became Commander-in-Chief of all English forces in Ireland and soon conquered most of the country. There followed a great deal of redistribution of the land. In 1675 12½ million acres were redistributed, nearly 8½ million acres passing into the hands of English and Scottish settlers. During the Williamite confiscations, 1688-1702, 1,060,792 acres and much personal possessions were forfeited by Irishmen loyal to King James the Second. About one-fourth of these were eventually

returned to their former owners (by the Treaty of Limerick), but most went to personal friends of King William the Third. Another consequence of the Commonwealth confiscation of Ireland was the suppression of prefixes like O'. Some families later returned to this use but the Coffeys did not.^{2,4}

Some of the Coffeys transplanted or otherwise removed from their lands included in 1653-54: Thomas Coffie, Balligiffe, county Westmeath; Edward Coffy, Ballinkeny, county Westmeath; Murtagh Coffy, Rogerstown, county Westmeath; and Daniel Coffey, Province of Connaught. Others, date and locality not given, were: Teige Coffie, and Hugh and Owen Coffy.⁶



MAP OF IRELAND SHOWING COUNTIES IN WHICH COFFEYS WERE PROMINENT

The third Coffey family^{2,5} was that of county Westmeath in Leinster, a celebrated bardic family. In ancient Ireland the bards ranked next to royalty. They preserved the folklore, handing it down from generation to generation by word of mouth. A bardic Coffey family also lived in Connaught.

There are genealogical charts listing descendants from Ithe through over 90 generations down to an Edward Coffey in America in the 1800s.⁴ However, we do not know at which point our line branched from this genealogy. It is quite possible the ancestor went from Ireland to England

for sometime before coming to America. The later (nineteenth century) Coffeys who came to America from Dublin were probably of the Munster sept (largely from county Cork.)

If one wishes to trace their origins further than the above a good source is O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees⁴ and The Annals of the Four Masters by O'Clery, et al.⁷ After listing the generations from Adam to Noah as given in the Bible,⁸ and that Noah's son Japhet was given Europe and most of Asia as an inheritance, O'Hart mentions some descendants of Japhet that settled and developed the Scythian nation (see map on next page). Ireland was invaded by a series of sythian groups in very early times but the most prominent were the Melesians. They seem to be descended from Japhet's son Magog (as were the earlier groups) but through the

latter's son Baoth and several generations of descendants who spent some time in Phoenicia, Egypt, and Crete before one Brigus conquered large areas around the Mediterranean, including what is now Spain. He had 2 sons, Ithe and Bile. The latter was King of these conquered contries and his son Milesius succeeded him. Milesius was quite an adventurer. He went to Scythia where he became a general and married the King's daughter. Because he was so popular the King became jealous of him and ensuing events led to Milesius slaying the King. He then went to Egypt where the Pharaoh made him his general and gave him a daughter, Scota, in marriage, Milesius now being a widower. At length he took leave and returned to Spain. Some years later he sent his uncle Ithe along with the latter's son Lughaidh to Ireland. Ithe was subsequently killed by the ruling group there. Lughaidh and some of the men escaped to bring word back to Milesius who then dispatched his sons and many men to conquer the Island. Milesius' son Heremon eventually became the sole ruler of Ireland and his brother's sons received large land inheritances. He also gave a part of Munster to Lughaidh.



'MAP OF EUROPE, THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST, INDICATING SOME POSSIBLE ORIGINS OF THE MELESIAINS AND IRISH CELTS THAT MAY HAVE GIVEN RISE TO THE COFFEY LINE

The Milesians ruled Ireland for 2,385 years down to their submission to the Crown of England in the person of Henry the Second. The Heremonian nobility includes all the kings of Scotland down to the Stuarts and the Kings and Queens of England from Henry the Second down to the present time.⁴

From Ithe's son Lughaidh O'Hart gives the descendants down to Cobthach Fionn, a name meaning "Fairhaired Victor." Cobthach is synonymous with Cobhthaigh. His son was O'Cobhthaigh and as mentioned earlier, local dialects were anglicised to O'Coffey, O'Cowhig, Cowhey, Caughey, Coffey, Coffy, and Coffee. The name O'Coffey exists at least from as early as 1213 A.D. when Airmire O'Coffey died.⁴ He was an "abbot of the Church of Derry, an ecclesiastic of noble birth, distinguished for piety, charity, wisdom and other virtues." He was also a near kinsman of Erlile, number 104 on the Nicholson line.

A list of the principle or well-known families in Ireland from the 11th to the beginning of the 17th century included O'Coffey, chief in Westmeath, O'Coffey in Galway and O'Coffe' (location not mentioned).⁴ In 1960 there were listed as being 4,250 Coffeys in Ireland.⁹

Since Ireland was invaded by many groups over the centuries, the Coffey line as well as others must have been well mixed. Gomer, another descendant of Japhet, is thought by most scholars to be the ancestor of the Cimmerians who in turn were the source of, among others, the Gaelic and Celtic peoples, some of whom settled Ireland. It should be mentioned that the terms Gaelic and Celtic have come to be almost synonymous in terms of origin.

There is another source¹⁰ that suggests that the name which means "fairhaired victor" (Cobthach Fionn) must have come from a Norseman during the Norse invasion (in the 9th and 10th centuries), who stayed around and married a native Irish girl. This does make more sense as one would not expect a line from Spain or Southern Europe to produce someone who was "fairhaired" and we know that the Norsemen did remain in Ireland for several centuries and intermarried with the Celts and others who were already there. However, I know of no other records indicating this to be the case and it would seem that the name Cobthach (or Cobhthaigh) Fionn was used before the Norsemen came.

O'Hart⁴ makes a strong point for the similarity of the Irish language with the ancient Scythian and claims this (the Celtic language) was the Adamic language of Eden, the Irish is the most pure form of it, and is a key to the modern languages of Europe.

THE COFFEY FAMILY COAT OF ARMS

The Coat of Arms (see frontispiece) consists of a shield, the surface (escutcheon) of which is green with a broad band (fesse) across the middle (either straight or chevron-shaped) in ermine between three covered cups (coons) which are gold. The green refers to a religious temperament, eternity, everlasting life, and fecundity. Gold is the metal denoting strength, authority and wealth, while ermine is the fur denoting judgeship or a judicial position.

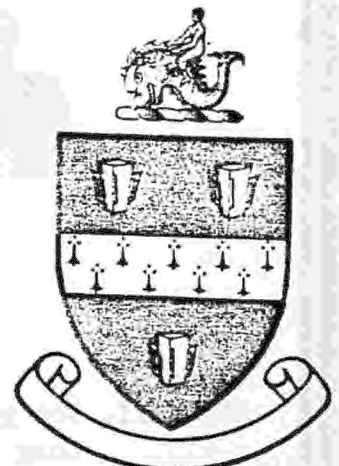
The coon or Celtic drinking cup was a very important charge. Since each treaty or agreement was sealed by a drink it became a symbol of friendship, honor and peace. The three cups in the Coffey arms allude to the peace of Tara, the great capitol of ancient Eire, between the clans O'Brien, O'Niel and McCarthy.

The motto, which can be translated "Not by Providence but by Conquest" or "Not Prudence but Victory", is a canting upon the name inasmuch as O'Cobhthaigh means "victory" or "conquest".

The mantle or decorative matter around the shield has no special shape. This is left to the taste and discretion of the artist. It takes its name from a cloak or mantle which the mounted knight wore suspended from his helmet. This mantle would become cut and slashed in combat and the knight was very proud of these rents.

The shape of the shield is also immaterial and left to the discretion of the artist. The one pictured to the right is one which is more commonly pictured in books on coats of arms, as for example, the book by MacLysaght.² The one figured in the frontispiece originally came from a tracing in the Office of the Ulster King of Arms (for Ireland) in Dublin.

The crest of the Arms shows a nude man riding a dolphin. The latter symbolized the sea and the naked man represented the family. This is another canting as the man riding the dolphin signifies conquest of the sea.



O'COFFEY
(Co. Cork)

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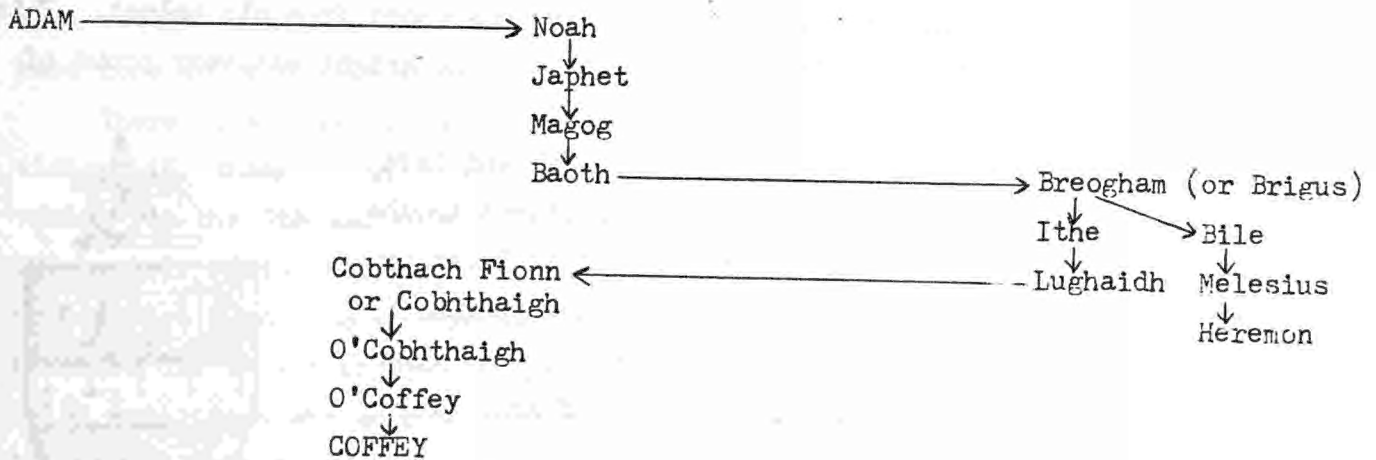
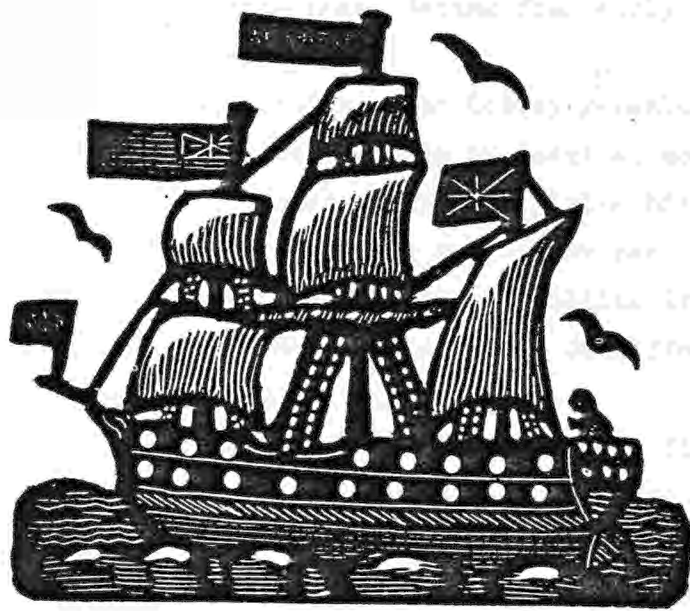


CHART II. One possible line of descent for the Coffey family.
Long lines indicate many generations.

CHAPTER 3

THE EARLY COFFEY
ANCESTORS IN AMERICA

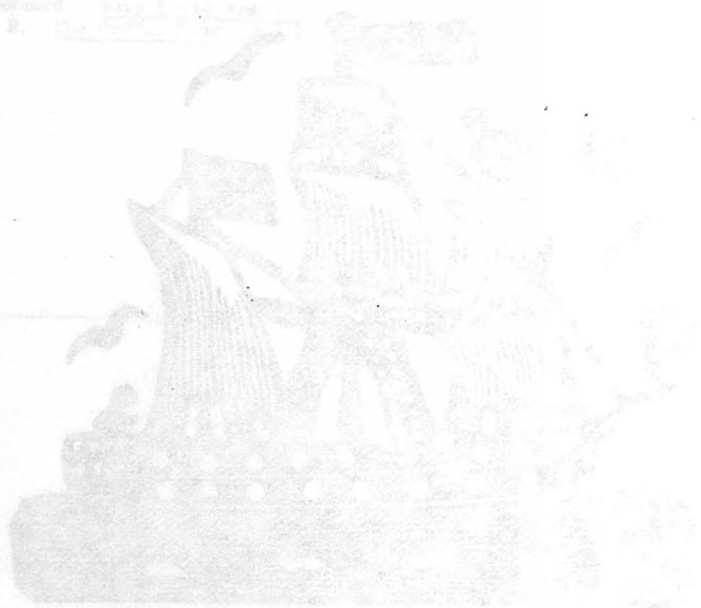


"America is a fortunate country;
she grows by the follies of our
European nations."

--- Napoleon



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"America is a fortunate country
the goods by the folks of our
European nations."

CHART II. The possible...
Long lines indicate many...



Anyone who has been associated with the Coffey family history for sometime will tell you that the first known Coffey to come to America was John Coffee who came to Elizabeth City county, Virginia in 1637 as an indentured servant, the patentee being Nicholas Hill¹. However, Greer made a mistake in copying his name from the Virginia land patents, a mistake that was picked up by Nugent² when she compiled her books² on these land patents. She records his name as "John Coffin or Scoffin." In order to rectify the discrepancy I went to the original records and found that Nugent had made a correct copy; the name is given as Coffin at first and then at the end the name is repeated but appears to have an old style "s" in front of it so as to make it Scoffin. At any rate, it is not Coffee or Coffey. It may be that Greer assumed Coffin was meant to be Coffee. However, Coffin is an entirely separate name, dating from early times, and perhaps more common than the name Coffey in America.

It seems rather ironic when we consider that Coffey genealogists have for years accepted John Coffee as the earliest Coffey in America, some even making him the ancestor of Edward Coffey of Essex county and giving him one or two wives, either Mary Jolliffe and/or Rebecca Ireland. I have never seen any records that could document the above marriages or individuals. A William Ireland does appear in York county Virginia records, 1633-48. The earliest Jolliffe I have found was a John² in Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties in 1653.

Many people have proposed, as mentioned above, that this fictional John Coffey was the grandfather, or even the father, of Edward Coffey. Others have Edward coming directly from Ireland in about 1680 or 1690. Thus some have postulated that he was born anywhere from 1650 to 1680. This all appears to be speculation as I have yet to see a single record indicating one possibility or the other. The first record of Edward Coffey in Virginia appears to be the will of Edward Mosely, dated January 6, 1699 in which he gives to his "servant Ed. Coffe one heifer of 2 years old." The will was proved in Essex county court April 16, 1700 and on September 10 of that year Edward Coffey received a judgment⁴ from the Mosely estate for his freedom, corn, and clothes. My own "guess" is that Edward came to Virginia from Ireland during the Williamite Confiscation mentioned in chapter 2, perhaps around 1690 or a few years later, and was transported by Edward Mosely. If this is so, why is he not mentioned in the land patent books?

If one examines these carefully he will see that an individual received so much land for transporting so many people but not in all cases are the names of all these people listed. Edward Mosely transported many people into Old Rappahannock county from about 1660 until and including the 1690s. It is logical that he transported his servant Edward. As we shall see later, Edward probably lived on land owned (or once owned) by Mosely.

But before we proceed with an account of Edward lets return to other possible early Coffey immigrants. Although Nugent mentions² some others by the name of Coffey (variant spellings) in the 1600s there seems to be no other records of them. The only Coffey for whom I have seen a record this early is Abraham Coffee who signed a petition about 1683 in New Kent (now King & Queen) county.⁵ This may be the same man Greer lists as Abr. Cofface and Nugent as Coffall being transported in 1653. The land patent for this transportation was "on the south side of the freshes of the York river right against Totopotomoy." Abraham is mentioned further in Chapter 7.

Nugent also lists⁶ some Coffeys who were transported in the 1700s: A Thomas to Isle of Wight county in 1711, a Charles to King and Queen county in 1714, and an Edward to Isle of Wight county in 1726. I have no further information on any of these Coffeys and they were all too late to be the ancestors of our line.

The next record we have of Edward, our progenitor, comes on March 10, 1700 when Thomas Powell of Sittingbourne Parish, Essex county Virginia made his will.⁷ In it he bequeathed 1 shilling to his daughter Ann Coffey, a witness being Edward Coffey. Thus Edward had married Ann Powell by 1700. Unfortunately some genealogists have used this date for the marriage. Edward made his will⁸ (see Appendix A) February 14, 1715/16 and all of his children were under 16. Although it wasn't probated until November 20, 1716 he died before July 16 as on that date John and Edward Coffey, his sons, concluded a land transaction⁹ for 200 acres on Occupatia Creek with John Mosely, son and heir of Edward Mosely and one-third was set aside for John and Edward's mother Ann Coffey as a widow's dower. The deed lacks explanation but it seems probable that this may have been land the Coffeys lived on and which was willed by Edward to his sons although he did not have clear title. This deed is a lengthy one and apparently gave clear title to John and Edward with the additional payment of 8,000 pounds of tobacco (a common medium of exchange in those days).

The purpose of the above lengthy account is to show that John and Edward, the sons of Edward, Sr., were not 16 on February 14, 1716 but were on July 16. It would thus appear that they must have been twins and born between February and

July 1700. We can thus affix the date of Edward and Ann's marriage as probably being in 1699, at least not later than that.

Ann Powell and Her Ancestry

While on the subject of Ann it would be well to mention here a little of her ancestry. According to Lucas¹⁰ her father Thomas Powell was born about 1630 and married Mary Place before 1657. However, I believe there is some misinterpretation of dates here. Mary's father, Francis Place, who had apparently lived in Isle of Wight county, patented⁶ 300 acres on the "north side of the Freshes of the Rappahannock River" on September 7, 1654 for transporting 6 persons. On August 11, 1655, in making his will, he conveyed¹¹ this land and some cattle by deed of gift to "my daughter Mary Place when she arrives at 18 years." On September 30, 1666/7 (actually, probably 1667) she and her husband Thomas Powell sold¹² this land to James Coghill for "9 barrells of good Indian corn and divers other considerations." This indicates that (1) Mary had arrived at the age of 18 and (2) she had married Thomas Powell. It seems unlikely that these events had taken place much before this date. We might therefore fix the birth of Mary Place as taking place in about 1648 or 1649, agreeing with Mrs. Hiden in her article¹³ on this family.

The Powells seemed to have been an early English family in Virginia. A John and a Nathaniel Powell were involved in the discovery of Chesapeake Bay in 1608. At least 72 Powells had come to Virginia by 1666¹ and of these, 10 were named Thomas. Another, more complete source² shows that 8 Thomas Powells were transported into Old Rappahannock and adjacent counties (Lancaster and Westmoreland) between 1650 and 1683, a span of only 33 years. The reader can thus see that it is not easy to see which Thomas was ours. Mrs. Hiden¹³, and other authors who have followed her, have suggested that our Thomas was the son of William and Elizabeth Powell of Isle of Wight county, this William being the son of another Thomas Powell of the same county. They cite William's will in Isle of Wight county in 1695 in which he names a son Thomas. I tend to discount this connection because (1) it would seem strange that a man, in 1695, would will a large tract of land to his son who was himself perhaps 65 (at least 55) years old and well established on his own land in another county, and (2) at least one Thomas Powell persists in Isle of Wight county records long after our Thomas would have moved to Rappahannock. Mrs. Hiden's main premise for believing as she does is that many Nansemond and Isle of Wight families moved to Rappahannock about this time.

Lucas¹⁰ states that our Thomas was probably a brother of the John Powell who married (1) Mary Coghill (2) Margaret Coghill, and (3) Jane Lucas (John born 1644, died 1698-9 in Essex county). There was also a Thomas Powell in neighboring Lancaster county in the 1650s and 1660s who had a son Thomas. However, he must be ruled out as our ancestor since he had a wife Anne who died by 1664 and Thomas remarried¹⁴ Mrs. Jane Catesby in late 1664 or early 1665. A Howell Powell, mentioned several times in deed records, was probably either a son or a brother to this Thomas. This may also be the Thomas who patented 500 acres on the north side of Rappahannock river, "being a neck of land commonly called Powell's Quarter bounded ...on the eastermost with Deep Creek" October 24, 1650 for transporting 10 persons. This land would be in present Lancaster county just south of present Richmond county (then part of Rappahannock).

The above being the case, and looking at every other land transaction and importation in the same critical way, our Thomas Powell may more likely be the one transported¹⁶ by William Mosely in 1663 for which Mosely received 1157 acres on the south side of Rappahannock river in Sittingbourne Parish. He may even have been a servant of this Mosely for a time. If so, it must have been for only a short time for it is generally thought that our Thomas is the one who purchased¹⁷ 50 acres in Rappahannock county on Tignor's creek from John Mills December 12, 1665. It may well have been about this time or in the next year or two when he married Mary Place.

The sum of all this is, that we can't be certain who our Thomas Powell is and where he came from. Suffice it to say that I think the long-held idea of his origin from William Powell of Isle of Wight county is not entirely tenable and I feel it more likely that he was an immigrant from England to Virginia (specifically Old Rappahannock county) sometime after 1650 and most likely about 1663. He was probably thus born about 1640, not 1630 as generally listed.

Thomas purchased¹⁸ more land in 1668 and he and Mary conveyed 100 acres to their oldest son Honorias in 1694. From this and later deeds in Essex county and from Thomas' will¹⁹, made March 10, 1700 and proved April 10, 1701, we learn the names of his children. They are as follows:

1. Honorias - born about 1669, died after 1750, md. 1694 Mrs. Joyce Lamberth, widow of George.
2. Place - d. abt 1715, md.²⁰ Mary _____ bef 1705.
3. Thomas, Jr. - b. abt 1680, d. by 1739, md Mary Gibson.
4. William - b. abt 1682 (under 21 in Thomas' 1700 will), d. 1705, unmd.
5. Frances - nothing known.
6. Elizabeth - md. John Salmon.
7. Ann - md. Edward Coffey.

Most of Thomas' descendants went west - Orange, then Amherst county Virginia and into North Carolina and Kentucky. It is of some interest to note that Hon- orias' son John named a son Ambrose and this may be the origin of the name of Ambrose Coffey, son of James and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey (see Chapter 5).

Mary (Place) Powell died²¹ in Richmond county about the middle of December 1710. About the only other item of interest to note about Thomas is that a Major Thomas Powell of Rappahannock county was wounded in the taking of Jamestown in Bacon's Rebellion⁵ (about 1676). We have no proof but this might well have been our Thomas.

Returning now to Ann Powell, after her husband Edward Coffey died in 1716 she married Robert Dooling (or Dulin), the ceremony occurring before March 19, 1717.²² They had two children, William, born about 1720 and Thomas, born about 1725. In Ann's will²³ made October 30, 1744 in St. Ann's Parish, Essex county she leaves all her possessions to the two "Dooling" boys and her daughter Annisters (Ann) Coffey and Annister's son, James Coffey. It would seem, from the language of the will, that Annisters was living with her mother. We know of no marriage of Annisters and unless she did marry some unknown Coffey the likelihood exists that her son James was illegitimate. For a possibility of what may have happened to this James see Chapter 7. From the date of birth of Ann's last child it would appear that she was probably born about 1685, or a few years earlier.

The Children of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey

Edward Coffey was a tobacco planter and had land on branches of Occupatia Creek (or swamp) in Essex county.²⁴ When he died the inventory of his estate listed a valuation of 45 pounds, 10 shillings, and 9 pence. His will⁸ lists 6 children. He leaves all of his land to his 2 sons John and Edward, a cow each to John and daughter Martha (it is written Marther) and all the tenables to his wife Ann. He then names his 6 children as John, Edward, Marther, Ann, Austes (we think this should be Austin), and Elizabeth. There has been some difference of opinion over the dates of birth for these children. If we accept the premise that John and Edward were twins, born in 1700, and allowing for the "normal 2 years" between children we might list their birth years as Martha 1702, Ann 1704, Austes 1706 and Elizabeth 1708. However, such is probably not the case. Ann was young and still able to bear children. It seems unlikely there would be the period of 1708 to 1716 without any children. Also, since Edward didn't leave anything to Ann, Austin and Elizabeth it is probable that they were quite young and Edward only thought of leaving something to his older children who would soon

be out on their own. Since Elizabeth married John Cleveland who was born 1712 (see chapter 6) it's quite possible she wasn't born until 1714 as some have suggested. The birthyears as given in the chart at the end of this chapter is therefore quite hypothetical except that John and Edward must have been born in 1700 for reasons given earlier.

Edward Coffey, Jr.

John will be the subject of the next chapter. Let's now turn our attention to the other children, each in order, starting with Edward. We know very little about he and his wife Grace Cleveland. Edward sold²⁵ his share of the land in Essex county to his brother John in 1737 and apparently moved to Orange county where he witnessed a deed in 1740. The Cleveland family lived in Orange county at that time so this is probably where he met and married Grace. We do not know when this marriage took place but Grace Cleveland is mentioned in some Orange county records in 1734²⁶ so it would have been after this time and probably also after 1737. There is also a brief mention of Edward in Caroline county records in 1745²⁷ but it is not known if he lived there. On January 20, 1751 he bought²⁸ 150 acres in Anson county North Carolina on Jones Creek on the south side of the Pee Dee River. A year and a half later on August 15, 1752 he sold it and apparently moved back to Orange county Virginia. He is listed there on the 1749 list of tithables and again in 1754. The family must have soon moved over to Fredericksville Parish in Albemarle county as Edward is mentioned a number of times in these records²⁹ from 1769 to 1774. Most of these relate to payments to Edward for care which he provided for Alexander Cleveland, evidently his father-in-law.

As to the children of Edward and Grace we have no information. However, I believe there are some otherwise-unaccounted-for Coffeys who could well be their children. The most likely is a Cleveland Coffey (wife Elizabeth) who appears in various Orange and Albemarle county records from 1762 to 1774 (and possibly one record in 1791. He would have had to have been born by the early 1740s. This may also be the Cleveland Coffey who had a land entry³⁰ in 1778 on Zack's Fork of Lower Creek in Burke county North Carolina.

Another possible son of Edward and Grace is the Benjamin who was born in Virginia in 1763 and is on the Burke county North Carolina census from 1790 to 1850 (Caldwell in 1850). His wife is Leah, born about 1760 in Virginia. The Leah Coffey who married Francis Hickman April 19, 1798 in Jefferson county Tennessee may be their daughter. They also had a son Cleveland, born about 1782 with whom they were living in 1850. The name Benjamin probably came from the Cleveland family, Grace having a brother by that name (see Chapter 6). The chief problem

with this Benjamin being a son of Edward and Grace is that Grace would have been 47 when Benjamin was born, rather late in those days.

Two other possible children of Edward are James Coffey who is on the 1785 enumeration of Botetourt county Virginia and William Coffey, found in some records of Montgomery county Virginia, 1781-1785. It is also possible that these two are children of Peter and Susannah Coffey of Prince Edward county (see chapter 7), but I have found no indication for one or the other. However, the William Coffey on Buckingham county tax lists, 1783-1797, is quite probably Peter's son. He also had land in Prince Edward county and had sons Abner, David and probably Pleasant.

Still other possible children of Edward are Jesse who is in Wilkes county North Carolina records 1779-1786, and an Isaac or Isaiah Zarrah, also in Wilkes county 1782-1796 (see chapter 4 for another possibility of the parentage of these two). The Jesse in Wilkes county up to 1786 may well be the same one who is on the Pendleton county South Carolina census of 1790 and 1800 and the father of six boys, Cleveland, Edward, Joel, Elijah, Elisha, and John who moved to Rabun county Georgia³¹ in 1821. The use of the names Cleveland and Edward strengthen the possibility that Jesse was a son of Edward. Since he was over 45 at the time of the 1800 census he would have been born in 1755 or before. Jesse is not on the 1810 census of Pendleton county but a Nancy (over 45) is. This may well be his wife, Jesse having died prior to 1810. The number and age of children in the family are about right if this is the case.

Martha Coffey

Martha (Patsy) married Joshua Stapp (or Stepp).^{32,33} He was a son of Abraham and Dorothy (Moss) Stapp (or Stepp) of Essex county Virginia. Abraham made his will³⁴ October 20, 1710 and it was recorded April 18, 1714.³³ Henry Scalf wrote a book³³ about this family which is both a help and a problem for us. Abraham's children³⁴ were Abraham Jr., William, Jacob, Joshua, Joseph, James, Ruth, Rebecca, and Martha. Joshua was the most prominent and according to Scalf was born about 1688. He lists his marriage to Martha Coffey as occurring in 1709/10 and her birth as 1690. We know this is not possible as Martha couldn't have been born before 1702 as we have previously seen. I have studied over the information provided by Mr. Scalf and, although no proof is given I will acknowledge that Joshua Stapp could have been born by 1688. However, I can see no reason why he needed to be married by 1709 or 10 and start having children. Indeed, the information given would tend to fit better if the first children were born in the 1720s. I would tend to place the marriage of Joshua and Martha as

occurring about 1718-21 and the first child born about 1720-22. This is where it helps to place Martha Coffey's birth in 1702, not 1704 or even 1708 as some have it. If the above conclusions are not true, then it seems to me that the only other alternative is to look at Martha as a second wife of Joshua. There seems to be no evidence for this however.

The children³³ of Joshua and Martha were as follows (I shall not use the birthdates Scalf gives since they do not fit the conclusions I have drawn):

1. John - eldest son, d. prior to May 21, 1751; md. Ann Salmon
2. Joseph - md. Elizabeth Lucas
3. Joshua Jr. - d. Jul 1814; md. Hannah Durham
4. Thomas - md. Ann Lucas
5. James
6. Anester - md. Capt. William Sims
7. Eve - md. Anthred Salmon
8. Elizabeth - d. 1795; md. William Morris

Joshua's will is dated December 19, 1782 and according to Scalf he died just before March 27, 1783. Martha is supposed to have died in 1772. They apparently spent most of their mature years in Orange county Virginia where they also died.

Annister(s) and Austin Coffey

Dr. Laurence H. Coffey in his early work³² on the Coffeys lists the spouse of Anister (his spelling) as _____ Shenalt, but in his list of the children of Edward and Ann Coffey he doesn't mention the son Austin (Austes in Edward's will). Since Dr. Coffey's study of the family others have listed Austin as marrying a Miss Shenalt. Not having other proof I am also listing Austin this way and assuming that Annister was not married. As was mentioned in connection with the will of Ann Powell Coffey Dooling, Annister had a son named James Coffey, but no Coffey or other husband is known for her. James may be the one who later turns up in Surry and Stokes counties North Carolina after a brief time in Pittsylvania county Virginia. Or, he may be the James Coffey in Bote-tourt county Virginia in 1785 which we have tentatively listed as a son of Edward. We really do not have enough information to be certain one way or the other.

We might also note here in passing that the naming of Annister's son James might give some credence to the thought that this could be the name of Edward's father. The use of this name for John's first son (see chapter 4) and possibly also for a son of Edward is also some evidence. However, the name James appears in both the Cleveland and the Graves lines as well.

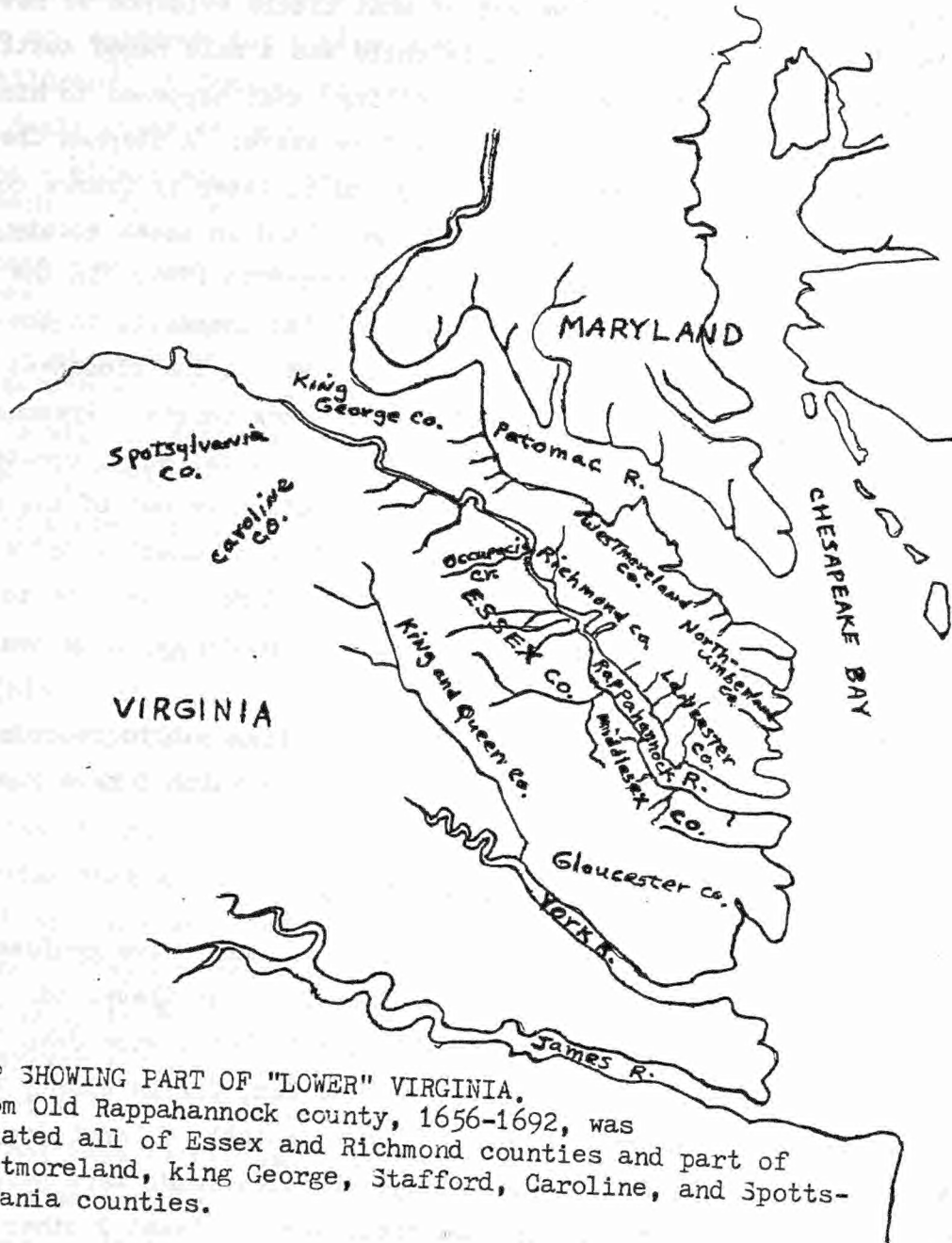
Returning to Austin, one reason to believe this was his true name is that some of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey's descendants used the name Austin. Where

Edward and Ann Coffey got the name we do not know but there was a Daniel and Susannah Austin family in Essex county contemporary with Edward, and others before 1700. Of course the name might really be Austes and the person be a female. However, I do not believe the weight of what little evidence we have is in favor of this idea. Assuming then that this child was a male named Austin and married a Miss Chenault (this is the correct spelling) what happened to him? We really haven't a trace in the records as far as I am aware. A Stephen Chenault family occurs in the early 1700s in Essex county and is later in Orange county (1750). When John and Jane (Graves) Coffey sold their land in Essex county (see chapter 4) it was sold in 2 parcels, 1 in 1745 and the other in 1747. In the first instance the witnesses included William Duling and William Chenault, in the second instance William Duling and Stephen Chenault Jr. Thus we see the closeness of the Duling (or Dulin), Chenault, and Coffey families in Essex county. Presumably Austin would have been there too, but if so he apparently failed to create any records. He may have died as a young man or perhaps he did move out of the area. It has been suggested that he might have been the father of Chesley Coffey (see chapter 7) who probably was early in Albemarle county and may have gone to North Carolina, but of whom we also have no records. However, Austin may have been too young to be the father of Chesley.

It is of course possible that without creating public records he did manage to have several children and if so, some of those which I have suggested as children of Edward might be his.

Elizabeth Coffey

Genealogical records often get confused and many have confused Elizabeth and Martha, saying it was the latter who married John Cleveland. However, it definitely was the younger Coffey daughter, Elizabeth, whom John Cleveland married. This couple lived most of their lives at Blue Run, Orange county Virginia and were the parents of several famous boys, most notably Colonel Benjamin Cleveland of Revolutionary War fame.³⁵ The Coffeys and Clevelands were neighbors in Virginia and later in North Carolina and there were at least 2 other Coffey-Cleveland marriages. Because of this close relationship I have devoted a chapter (6) to them in addition to some information in chapters 5 and 7.



MAP SHOWING PART OF "LOWER" VIRGINIA.
 From Old Rappahannock county, 1656-1692, was
 created all of Essex and Richmond counties and part of
 Westmoreland, King George, Stafford, Caroline, and Spotts-
 ylvania counties.

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CHART 2

VITAL DATA OF EDWARD COFFEY AND ANN POWELL

Edward Coffey

- b. abt 1670 (?), prob. in Ireland
- d. bef 16 Jul 1716 (will made 14 Feb 1716, proved 20 Nov 1716, Essex co., VA).
- m. abt 1699 Ann Powell, Essex co., VA (dau of Thomas Powell and Mary Place, b. abt 1683-5, Essex co., VA; d. Oct-Dec 1744 (will made 30 Oct, proved 18 Dec) St. Anne's Parish, Essex co., VA; she md. 2nd bef 19 Mar 1717 Robert Dulin).

children:

1. John Coffey

- b. bef 16 Jul 1700, Essex co. VA
- d. Jan/Feb 1775 (will dated 31 Mar 1774, proved March 1775), Albemarle co. VA
- m. abt 1728 Jane Graves (dau of John & Hannah Graves), Essex co. VA
- children: see chapter 4

2. Edward Coffey

- b. bef 16 Jul 1700 - twin of John (?), Essex co., VA
- d. after 1774, prob. Albemarle co. VA
- m. abt 1737-40 Grace Cleveland (dau of Alexander Cleveland and Willey Presley ?; b. 1 Sep 1716, Gloucester co., VA), Orange co. VA.
- children: see text, p. 22 for discussion of possible and probable children.

3. Martha (Patsy) Coffey

- b. abt 1702, Essex co. VA
- d. abt 1772, Orange co. VA
- m. abt 1718-21 Joshua Stapp or Stepp, Essex co. VA
- children: (see text for full discussion)
 1. John, b. abt 1720-22, d. prior to 21 May 1751; md Ann Salmon.
 2. Joseph, md. Elizabeth Lucas; d. after 1775.
 3. Joshua Jr., d. Jul 1814; md Hannah Durham.
 4. Thomas, md. Ann Lucas
 5. James
 6. Annester, md. 6 Aug 1751 Capt. William Simms
 7. Eve, md. Anthred Salmon
 8. Elizabeth, d. 1795; md 1745 William Morris
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4. Annester (Ann) Coffey

- b. abt 1708 (?), Essex co. VA
- m. unknown, prob. unmd.
- one known son, James Coffey

5. Austin (or Austes) Coffey

- b. abt 1710 (?), Essex co. VA
- m. Miss Chenault, prob. dau of Stephen Chenault, Sr.

6. Elizabeth Coffey

- b. abt 1714, Essex co. VA
- d. 1770, Orange co. VA
- m. 20 Apr 1734 John Cleveland (brother of Grace, above).
- children: see chapter 6

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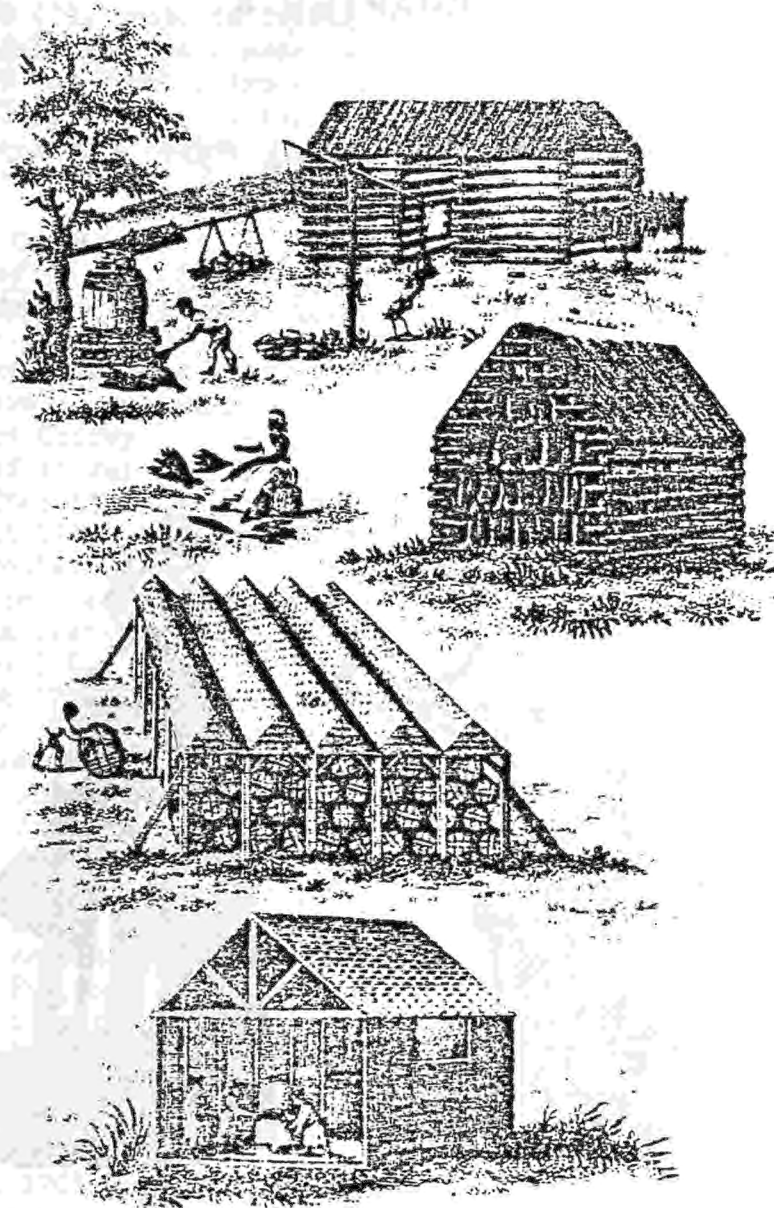
CHAPTER 4

COLONIAL VIRGINIA PLANTERS -
JOHN COFFEY AND JANE GRAVES



"The good old Dominion,
the mother of us all!"

--- Thomas Jefferson



Curing and storage of tobacco
 (from Tatham, Culture and Commerce
 of Tobacco, London, 1800)

The Coffey and Graves families of eighteenth century Virginia were probably typical of their times: planters, members of the established Church of England¹, and slave holders.² As mentioned in Chapter 3, John obtained land in Essex county in 1716 when probably only 16 years of age. This land was held jointly with his brother Edward until 1737 when Edward sold his share to John. About 1728 John Coffey married Jane Graves, the daughter of John Graves, deceased, and his wife Hannah.³

The Graves Family

The origin of our Graves ancestors is far from clear. This family was a very early and prominent family in Virginia, the first member being Captain Thomas Graves of the Jamestown Colony in 1608. Many of his descendants are known and much has been written⁴ about them. These accounts include some who lived in Old Rappahannock (later Essex) county and include more than one of the name John Graves. Unfortunately we cannot identify our John Graves as one of these nor can we (at least as yet) trace him to Capt. Thomas Graves. According to Greer⁵ at least 21 Graves had come to Virginia by 1666. Nugent⁶ lists others after this date including a James in 1667, a John in 1669 and 2 Johns in 1688. It is possible that one of the latter was the immigrant ancestor.

Coffey genealogists⁷ who have looked into our Graves ancestry claim that the parents of John Graves (d. 1720) were James Graves and his wife Jean Mayfield. She was the daughter of Robert Mayfield, Sr. and his wife Sarah.⁸ James Graves made his will January 10, 1724 and it was proved April 20, 1725, so he outlived his son (no children are mentioned in his will, only his wife). This lineage is based on a number of "ifs" and "ands" and it seems unusual that the deaths of 3 generations occur within 10 years and that there are no records of James Graves in Rappahannock or Essex Counties before 1710. Records of John Graves date from 1675 in Old Rappahannock county including one who was a constable in 1684. But these could be for one of the Johns in the Thomas Graves line rather than the John, son of James who might be of a much later arrival in Essex county. Since we have no better records than these I am following others in this lineage and proposing the following possible dates:

Robert Mayfield, b. abt 1635-45; d. 1715; md abt 1659-64 Sarah _____.

dau. Jane or Jean Mayfield, b. abt 1660-65; md abt 1674-79 James Graves who was b. abt 1650-1660 & d. 1724 or 1725.

son John, b. abt 1675-80; d. 1720; md abt 1698-1702 Hannah _____;
their children:

1. James
2. Benjamin
3. Martha
4. Ann
5. Jean or Jane

The above is the order named in the will and apparently all were unmarried (or at least without children) and probably underage when the will was made on September 4, 1719. (See appendix B for wills of Graves and Mayfield.)

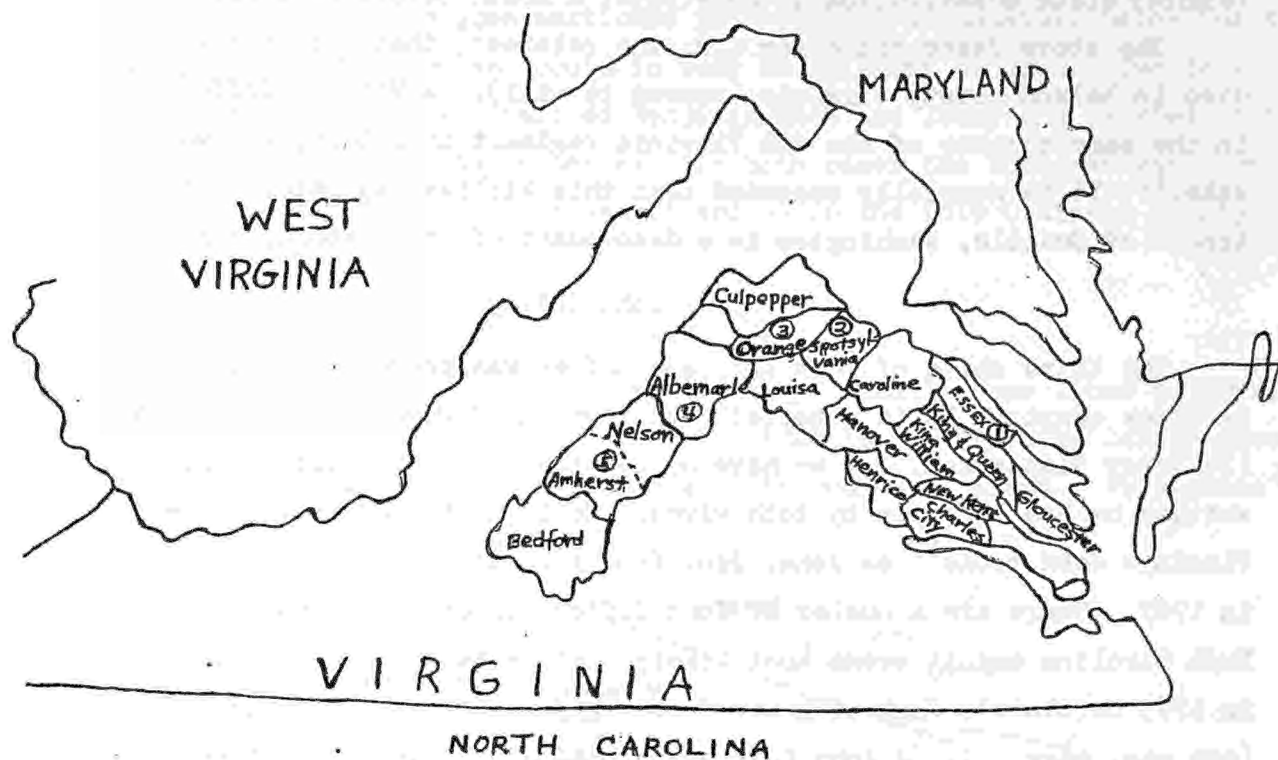
I do not have further information on any of them except Jane (familiarily called Jean) who married John Coffey about 1728. She could have been born as late as 1710-14.

John and Jane Coffey: The Essex County Years

As we follow the moves of John and Jane Coffey and their children it might be useful for the reader to refer to the map on page 33.

Nothing is known about the life and activities of John and Jane Coffey in Essex county Virginia except that several children were born there. Chart 4 gives the vital data for their family. We do not know the date and order of birth for all of the children but it probably isn't the order given in the will (see appendix B). We know Thomas was born in 1742 and Reuben most probably in 1744 so John and Edmond could not have both been born between Thomas and Reuben, in fact, probably neither of them. Also, the date of birth of the two daughters is not known. Most genealogists have followed the order given by Laurence Coffey in his book¹⁰ on Thomas Coffey. However, it is not likely that William was the youngest son as given in that work since William was mentioned with James in the will and quite likely had been established for sometime on his own. The order and dates I have followed seems to me to be the most probable, based upon the many accounts I have seen, but it should not be considered the last word.

The first child, James was born in 1729. The date of July 4 comes from the records of David A. Strange of San Rafael, California but I know of no other source for this date. Certainly none of the early Coffey genealogists had more than a year date. Since my direct line comes through James, he and his family will be the subject of the next chapter. The balance of this chapter will be concerned with the other children of John and Jane Coffey.



Map of Virginia showing progressive moves of the Coffey family. 1. Edward Coffey family; 1,2,3, & 4. John Coffey family; 4 & 5. James Coffey family.

William Coffey

I am suggesting that William was the second child, born about 1731. He married Elizabeth Osborne (variously spelled) before 1759 and they spent most of their life on their 923 acres on the Tye River in that part of Amherst county that later became Nelson county (see map on page 35). They apparently lived for a time in Augusta county where there are deed records¹¹ which identify him from 1780 to 1792 and as late as 1819, and the land sales of his estate into the 1830s (unless this is another William for whom we haven't accounted). Although the estate record of John Coffey Sr., proved after the death of Jane in 1792, does not list William, he did not die until about 1828.¹² If all these dates are correct he was 97 years old when he died.

William and Elizabeth's children, to the extent known, are listed in Chart 4-A. However, we should here comment on one in particular. The oldest son, Osborn, was a Revolutionary War soldier, serving 6 months as a private and 18 months as a sergeant. After the war he moved to Casey county Kentucky where he received a pension for his services.¹³ His son Jesse was a Colonel in the War of 1812, a state senator in 1834, and a member of the delegation that wrote the

Kentucky state constitution in June 1850, a month before he died.¹⁴

The above Jesse had a son C.R. who relates¹⁵ that Osborn's father (William) died in Nelson county Virginia (proved by will). A William Coffey was a sergeant in the same company of the 6th Virginia regiment as Osborn, who was then a private.¹⁶ It is generally conceded that this William was Osborn's father. Forrest Arnold of Seattle, Washington is a descendant of this Osborn, son of William.

John Coffey

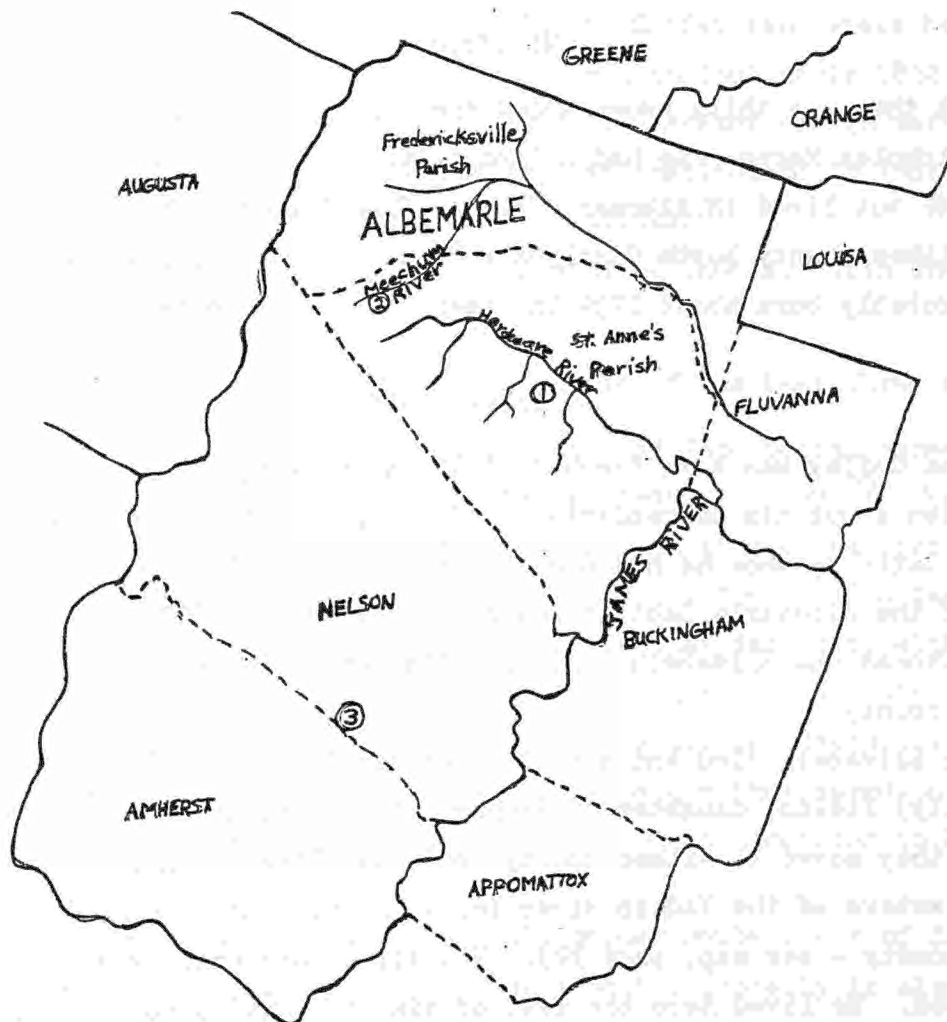
The third child of John and Jane Coffey was probably John, born about 1733 in Essex county. He is reported¹⁰ to have had 2 wives, (1) Dorcas Carter and (2) Nancy Richardson, but we have no positive identification of his children or whether he had children by both wives. He is mentioned in the Albemarle county Virginia deed books¹⁷ as John, Jun. from 1760 to 1765 and then in Amherst county¹⁸ in 1767. There are a number of John Coffeys later in Wilkes and Burke counties North Carolina and it seems most likely that he is the one who had two land entries¹⁹ in 1779 on Blair's Fork of Lower Creek in Burke county, next to Benjamin Coffey (see map, page). A John Coffey, Sr. had a land entry in Wilkes county on the Yadkin River in 1791 (#591). He is also on the tax lists there in 1787 and 1788 and as John Sr. on the 1800 and 1810 census. The terms Sr. and Jr. were sometimes used for an older and a younger person of that name but not necessarily father and son. That is probably the case here. In seeking information on what happened to this John one possibility is that he could be the John Coffey who received bounty land on "the waters of Silver Creek" in Lincoln county Kentucky (now in Madison county) for his services in the French and Indian War.²⁰ However, the record for this bounty land seems to indicate that John may never have taken up residency on the land but instead signed it over to someone else. There is also a John Coffey on the 1800 census (tax list) of Knox county Kentucky for which we have not accounted.

It seems to me most likely, however, that he left North Carolina for Tennessee and is the John Coffey over 45 on the 1810 census of Grainger county. This supposition is strengthened by the fact that the one person who is most likely a son of John, Meredith Coffey, went to Grainger county Tennessee (from Wilkes county North Carolina) by 1798²¹ and remained there until his death in 1838.²² Meredith married Esther (or Hester) _____ and his children (Chart 4-B) included a daughter Dorcas (another indication that Meredith was a son of John Coffey and Dorcas Carter). After his death his land was partitioned for his widow and children.²³

We can only be uncertain about other children of John Coffey. Some of those in the Wilkes-Burke counties area mentioned in chapter 3 as possibly belonging to Edward Coffey and Grace Cleveland could in fact be children of John. Two daughters of John may be Sally who married Benjamin Rhea and Jenny who married Levi Miller, both in Grainger county Tennessee. In both cases the bondsman was Meredith Coffey. Thomas Coffey, age between 26 and 45 on the 1810 Grainger county census might also be a son of John.

Edmond (Edmund) Coffey

The name is given as Edward by Laurence Coffey¹⁰ and in some other records, but although Edmond is more commonly found, and that is the way John Coffey gave it in his will of 1774, there was probably an interchange of names. Withycombe²⁴



Map of Albemarle county Virginia (larger outlined area) and the counties derived from it (dotted lines). 1. Home of John Coffey, North Garden, St. Anne's Parish; 2. Early home of James Coffey; 3. Later home of James, William and Edmund Coffey, Tye River.

says these two names were often confused in the 17th century (and, we might add, probably in the 18th century as well.)

Edmond (spelled variously with a "u" or an "o") was probably born about 1735. He married a Nancy whose last name may have been Barnett²⁴ or Shenalt.²⁵ They lived in Amherst county Virginia on the Tye River,²⁶ (see map, p. 35) probably near Edmond's brother William. This land of course was later in Nelson county where Edmond made his will²⁴ in 1807 and died in 1808. One of Edmond's sons was Edmond S. Coffey¹⁶ whereas William had a son Edmond F. Coffey. Both also had a son William. The entire family of Edmond is listed in Chart 4-C. Before going on we should mention that there are marriage records in Nelson and/or Amherst county of Coffeys who haven't been identified as belonging to either William or Edmond. These are Jordan (wife Elizabeth), Jemima, and Sally.

Winifred Coffey

About the only thing known about the first daughter, Winifred, is that she married Nicholas Moran. He had a land patent of 150 acres in Amherst county listed for 1767 but lived in Albemarle county from 1763 to 1766.¹⁷ I have not found them in Wilkes county North Carolina records so they may have remained in Virginia. She was probably born about 1739 in Essex county but we have no sure knowledge of this.

Thomas Coffey

Thomas Coffey was born March 7, 1742 in Essex county and an entire book has been written about his descendants.¹⁰ He married twice, the first wife being Elizabeth Smith by whom he had 6 children. This was in Albemarle county and the minutes of the Albemarle Baptist Church²⁷ show that in 1773 a list of members included Thomas and Elizabeth Coffey. Elizabeth's father was Thomas Smith of Albemarle county.

After Elizabeth died and sometime between 1775 and 1780 Thomas married Sarah (Sally) Fields, daughter of Richard Fields and Elizabeth Murrell. About 1778-1780 they moved to Wilkes county North Carolina.¹⁹ Here they settled on the upper waters of the Yadkin River below the present town of Patterson (now in Caldwell county - see map, page 39). His first land entry was in January 1779 for 25 acres. He lived here the rest of his life, had 9 more children by Sally Fields, and died in 1825.²³ See Chart 4-D for Thomas' family. I have not gone into great detail on most of his descendants because the names of these can be found in the book to which I have previously referred. However, some comment should be made concerning the son Jesse. Laurence Coffey in his book on Thomas

Coffey says that Jesse died single, and Jesse is not mentioned in Thomas' will.²⁸ (see appendix C) However, there is a marriage record of a Jesse Coffey to Winifred Crumpton December 22, 1821 in Wilkes county. Larkin Coffey provided the bond. Jesse and Winifred are on the 1850 census of Gilmer county (now Pickens), Georgia where he is listed as age 52. Several descendants have unsuccessfully sought the parents of this Jesse and some now believe him to be the Jesse, son of Thomas and Sally. He is about the right age and since Larkin (another son of Thomas, only a few years younger than Jesse) provided the bond, and we cannot place this Jesse in any other family in Wilkes county, it all seems quite plausible. Perhaps Thomas did not provide for Jesse since he had already left the area.

Most of the children of Thomas remained around the Wilkes-Burke county area of North Carolina but some went to Indiana. The most prominent of these was Reuben, a Baptist minister. He sold the Thomas Coffey land where he lived and with his wife Polly Dowell and 10 children moved to Indiana in 1832 to "get into the nearest state where slavery was prohibited." Reuben was in part responsible for the founding of Franklin College, a Baptist institution in Indiana. His family settled in Owen and Monroe counties, Indiana.²⁹

It may interest some to know that two sons of Thomas, Smith and William, married nieces of Daniel Boone.¹⁰

The Move to Spottsylvania County and the Birth of the Last Three Children

Of the 200 acre parcel of land which John and Jane Coffey owned in Essex county 100 acres were sold in 1745 and the remainder in 1747.³⁰ They were living in Spottsylvania when both deeds were recorded. In an even earlier record John Coffey of St. George Parish, Spottsylvania county, witnessed³¹ a deed in that county on October 2, 1744. Thus he was there by that date but, although John and Jane may have moved to Spottsylvania before his mother Ann died (probably November 1744) they did not sell the land until after her death. It seems likely that Reuben may have been born in Essex county before they moved but since we have no real way of knowing I am listing his birth as occurring in Essex or Spottsylvania county.

Reuben has been much confused with his nephew Reuben, son of James (see chapter 5). The Reuben here discussed married Sally Scott, probably in Albemarle county. He was not in the Revolutionary War (as far as we know), and moved to Burke county North Carolina by 1778.³² He and Sally's home was in the Globe settlement on the St. John's River (now in Caldwell county - see map, page 39). Here he died in 1818, as did his wife in October 1837.³³ Their children, and some other descendants

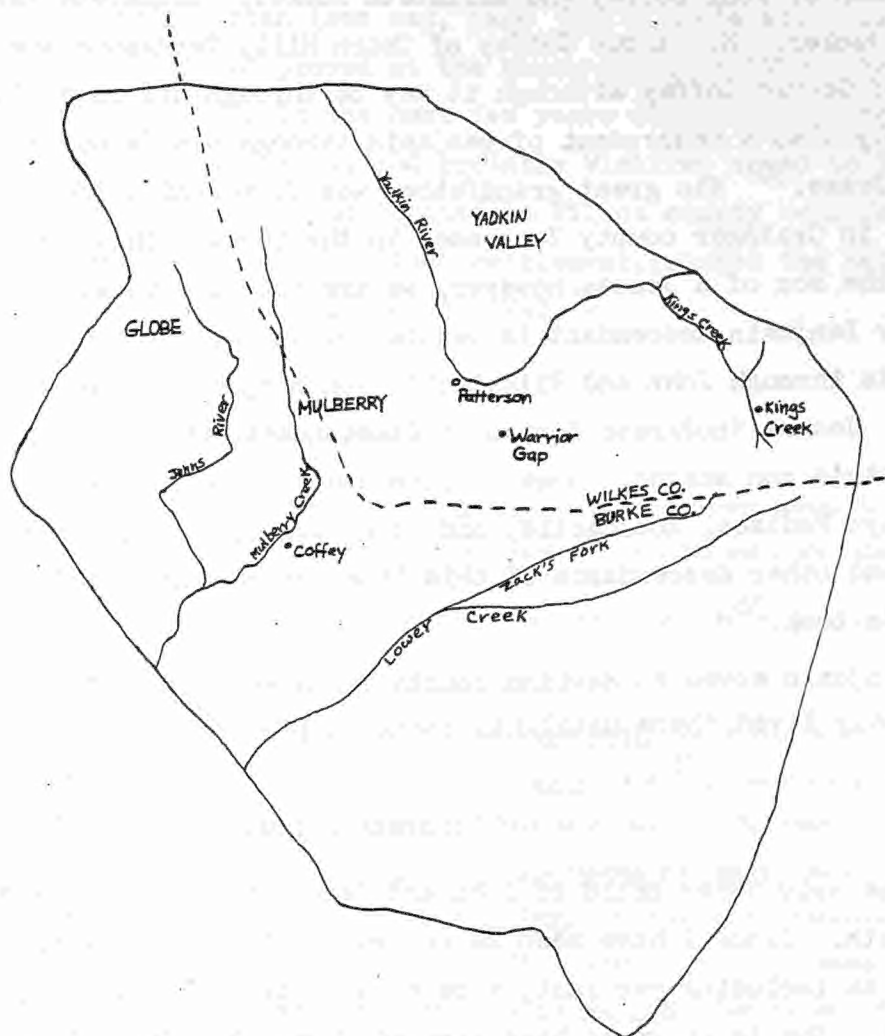
are listed in Chart 4-E. Most of them went to Owen county Indiana where there might be additional confusion with the family of Reuben, son of Thomas, previously mentioned.

Benjamin Coffey

John and Jane's youngest son, Benjamin, was born in Spottsylvania county Virginia in 1747.³⁴ We first find him in the records of Albemarle county Virginia in 1772 when he purchases³⁵ 211 acres. He sold³⁶ this in 1774 to John Coffey, either his father or his brother. The same land was sold again³⁷ to James Garland Jr. in 1780. Why or how this land came back to Benjamin so that it could be sold again is not known. Sometime during this period Benjamin moved to North Carolina, initially settling on land that would be part of Burke county, but was at that time a part of Rowan county. He was there³⁸ by April 1776.³⁴ Some of his descendants think he went there somewhat earlier and married Polly Hayes in North Carolina. There does not seem to be any Coffeys in the records of Rowan county for that time period. The Hayes family lived in Albemarle county Virginia at the time the Coffeys did and at least some of them came to North Carolina in the 1770s and '80s. I think it more logical to believe that Benjamin married Polly in Albemarle county and then moved to North Carolina. Since the Albemarle county marriage records for that time are not extant we have no way of proving it one way or the other.

Benjamin served 5 months in 1776 in the Revolutionary War,³⁴ mostly fighting Cherokee Indians on the "frontier of Burke county." In December 1778 Benjamin had 4 land entries³⁹ on Blair's Fork of Lower Creek in Burke county (see map, page 39.) Presumably this was land he had been living on for some time. It was located just over the ridge from Wilkes county and bounded land of John Coffey (probably his brother) and Nebuzaradan Coffey (see chapter 7), and not far from his brother James Coffey's land in Wilkes county. In March 1780 he bought land in Wilkes county and moved there, residing in that county until the early 1800s.⁴⁰ The first of April, 1780 he again volunteered for Revolutionary War service, being assigned to the Regiment commanded by Col. Benjamin Cleveland. Later that year they marched to Kings Mt., but Benjamin missed the famous battle due to losing his horse the night before. Because of "pains in his ankles" he was furlowed home the first of November.³⁴

A list of Benjamin and Polly's children has not been found but must have included at least 5 sons and 4 daughters.⁴¹ The best known of these is John, born October 15, 1776.³⁸ It is logical that he should be the oldest. However, if William who married⁴² Polly Coffey (daughter of Thomas) is Benjamin's son he



CALDWELL COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA, showing areas of principle Coffey settlements in the 1770s and 1780s in what was then Wilkes and Burke counties.

may have been older because of his 1796 marriage. Also, if either Ann who married Alexander McKinsey in 1793 or Sarah who married James Coffey in 1794 are his daughters, they could also be older. If Benjamin came to North Carolina as early as 1774 he could have been married by 1773 or earlier. Since he owned land in 1772 it is reasonable to think he might have been married then. However, this is all speculation since we have no records to prove it. Nevertheless, I believe it is useful to mention this as it might provide a clue of information for someone else to pursue.

The known, probable, and possible children and some descendants of Benjamin and Polly are outlined in Chart 4-F. James Coffey of Riverview, Michigan and Jeff Radcliffe of Jacksonville, Illinois are known descendants of Colby Coffey who

was a son of John Coffey and Elizabeth Rucker. Elizabeth was a daughter to Colby Rucker. H. Marcus Coffey of Thorn Hill, Tennessee seems to be a descendant of George Coffey although it may be through his mother's line.⁴⁵ He is probably also a descendant of Benjamin through his father's line, possibly by a son Jesse.³⁸ His great grandfather was Cleveland Coffey who was married and living in Grainger county Tennessee in the 1830s. This Cleveland is supposed to be the son of a Jesse; however, we are not sure to whom this Jesse belongs. Another Benjamin descendant is Bennie Lou Coffey Loftin of Garland, Texas. She descends through John and Elizabeth's son Benjamin (1808) who married Nancy Hayes. Jeanne Snodgrass Bonham of Cincinnati, Ohio descends through John and Elizabeth's son Ausbon. Some of John and Elizabeth's descendants settled in Kentucky: Madison, Rockcastle, and other counties. For further information on these and other descendants of this line the reader is referred to Bennie Loftin's book.³⁸

Benjamin moved to Hawkins county Tennessee by 1810⁴³ (some say 1809) and apparently lived there until his death in 1834.⁴⁴

Elizabeth Coffey

The only other child of John and Jane Coffey not yet accounted for is Elizabeth. Since I have seen no records that indicate when or where she was born I am including her last, more as a matter of convenience than knowledge of fact. She is known to have married Thomas Fields, brother of Sally and son of Richard Fields and Elizabeth Murrell. Elizabeth and Thomas also moved to Wilkes county North Carolina.⁴⁶ Thomas was active in the Yadkin Baptist church, holding the office of clerk and later that of a Deacon.⁴⁷ The will⁴⁸ of Thomas Fields in 1807 lists wife Betty and children James Crumpton, William Fields, Reuben Fields, Betsy Penley, Winifred Humphrey, Polly Humphrey, and Sally Penley.

John and Jane Coffey's Later Years

Although we have followed the children of John and Jane Coffey into North Carolina and Tennessee we have not finished our story of John and Jane themselves. Sometime in 1747, presumably after Benjamin was born, the Coffeys apparently moved from Spottsylvania to Orange county. John bought 137 acres there on June 23, 1747⁴⁹ and was listed as among the purchasers of an estate there in July 1751.⁵⁰ When the 137 acres was purchased in 1747 John was listed as being from Spottsylvania county, when it was sold, August 30, 1752⁵¹, his residence was given as Orange county. The latter date may be when they moved to Albemarle county. He appears in various Albemarle records in the 1750s and 1760s and remained there the rest of his years. The home place was at North Garden on the

Hardware River in St. Anne's Parish (see map, page 35). John's will (see appendix B) was made on March 31, 1774 and proved at the March court in 1775. He likely died in January or February 1775. In the next few years following his death all of the children except William, Edmond, and probably Winifred moved to North Carolina. Jane also went with them and located in Wilkes county near James and Thomas.⁵² John's will was such that the final settlement, granted the heirs, would not be made until Jane died. This occurred in 1792.⁵³

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CHART 4

VITAL DATA OF THE JOHN AND JANE (GRAVES) COFFEY FAMILY^a

John Coffey

b. bef 16 Jul 1700, Essex co., VA, son of Edward Coffey and Ann Powell

d. Jan/Feb 1775, Albemarle co., VA

m. abt 1728 Jane (Jean) Graves, dau of John Graves and Hannah _____.

children:

1. James Coffey

b. 4 Jul (?) 1729, Essex co., VA

d. Sep/Oct 1786, Wilkes co., N.C.

m. abt 1750 Elizabeth Cleveland, Orange or Albemarle co., VA

children: see chapter 5

2. William Coffey

b. abt 1731, Essex co., VA

d. abt 1828, Nelson co., VA

m. abt 1758 Elizabeth Osborne

children: see chart 4-A

3. John Coffey

b. abt 1733, Essex co., VA

m. (1) Dorcas Carter, (2) Nancy Richardson

children: see text and chart 4-B

4. Edmond (Edward) Coffey

b. abt 1735, Essex co., VA

d. w.p. 25 Jul 1808, Nelson co., VA

m. Nancy Barnett

children: see chart 4-C

5. Winifred Coffey

b. abt 1739, Essex co., VA

m. Nicholas Moran

6. Thomas Coffey

b. 7 Mar 1742, Essex co., VA

d. Apr 1825, Wilkes co., N.C.

m. (1) Elizabeth Smith, (2) Sarah (Sally) Fields

children: see chart 4-D

7. Reuben Coffey

b. 1744, Essex or Spottsylvania co., VA

d. 1818, Burke co., N.C.

m. Sally Scott

children: see chart 4-E

8. Benjamin Coffey

b. 1747, Spottsylvania co., VA

d. 4 Jan 1834, Hawkins co., TN

children: see chart 4-F

9. Elizabeth Coffey

b.

d. after 1807, prob. Wilkes co., N.C.

children: see text

^a This information comes from many sources including references # 7, 24, 51, John's will, and the many papers of Abby Dyer Griffin, a descendant of child # 7.

CHART 4-A

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY: # 2, WILLIAM^b

William Coffey

- b. abt 1731, Essex co., VA
- d. bef 28 Mar 1828 (date will proved), Nelson co., VA
- m. abt 1758 Elizabeth Osborne (or Osborn), prob. Albemarle co., VA

children:

1. Osborn (various spellings)
 - b. 29 Jul 1759, VA^c
 - d. 31 Mar 1840, Casey co., KY
 - m. 15 Feb 1783 Mary (Polly) Nightingale (b. 1761, d. 1847, dau of Mathew Nightingale), Amherst co., VA

children:

1. Jesse
 - b. 26 May 1784
 - d. Jul 1850, Casey co., KY, bur Middleburg cem.
 - m. (1) Tabitha Riffe (or Rife), (2) 16 Feb 1805 Elizabeth Rife (1785-1842), Pulaski co., KY
 - children: had dau Sally and sons C.R. and Jesse Jr.
2. Elizabeth
 - m. 9 May 1806 Christopher Riffe
3. Patsey
 - m. George Portman^{cc}
4. Matthew
 - b. abt 1790, Amherst co., VA
 - d. prior to 1830
 - m. 29 Jul 1823 Nancy D. Adams (d. 1854, Schuyler co., MO), Lincoln co. KY
5. Lucy
 - b. abt 1792
6. Richard N.
 - b. abt 1790-95
 - m. 29 May 1820 Catherine McCormick, Lincoln co., KY
7. Osborn
 - m. 1829 Jane Bell
8. William
9. John
 - m. 2 Sep 1843 Catherine Bryant, Lincoln co., KY
2. William Jr.
 - m. 2 Nov 1790 Polly Rippetto
3. Winnefred (Ureney?)
 - m. 29 Mar 1792 Thomas Hayes (bond 28 Mar)
4. Mildred (Milley)
 - m. 1783 Samuel Collman (Coleman)^d
5. Elizabeth (Betsey)
 - m. 15 Sep 1795 John Bridge

- b. Marriage bonds and records of Amherst co., VA; deed rec of Amherst & Augusta cos., VA; ref. # 16; pension papers for Osborn; Will of William, Nelson co. VA Will Bk. C, p. 417.
- c. DAR Patriot Index
- cc. DAR Lin. Bk. 119: 208-9.
- d. Marriages of Fredericksville Parish, in Papers of the Albemarle co. Hist. Soc. Vol. 6, p. 57.

6. Edmond F.
b. abt 1773 (age 72 in 1845 - ref. # 16)
m. 3 Apr 1802 Elizabeth Burger
7. Jane
m. (1) 16 Dec 1819 _____ Anderson; (2) _____ Fitzgerald
children of # 1: Joshua, Sallie, and Winnie; children of # 2: Perry
and Asbury.
8. Margaret
m. _____ Monroe
9. Mary
10. Frankey

CHART 4-B

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY: # 3, JOHN

John Coffey

b. abt 1733, Essex co., VA
m. (1) Dorcas Carter, (2) Nancy Richardson
probable children:

1. Meredith^e

b. abt 1760-70 (perhaps 1769), Albemarle or Amherst co., VA.
d. 1838, Grainger co., TN
m. Esther (or Hester) _____ (b. abt 1776). - md. abt 1797.
children:

1. John

b. 18 Oct 1798, Grainger co., TN
m. (1) 24 Feb 1821 Rebecca Ragsdale; (2) Jane Hopper

2. Anna

b. abt 1800, Grainger co., TN
m. 3 Nov 1819 Jacob Arnett, Grainger co., TN

3. James

b. abt 1803, Grainger co., TN
d. bef 10 Sep 1851^f, Grainger co., TN
m. 14 Dec 1825 Sally Fielding, Grainger co., TN
children: Joel Henry Coffey and James Temple Coffey.^f

4. Dorcas

m. 26 Jan 1840 Jubal Mitchell, Grainger co., TN

5. Joel

b. abt 1806, Grainger co., TN
d. bef 10 Sep 1851^f, Grainger co., TN
m. 5 Feb 1829 Elizabeth Grubb, Grainger co., TN
children:^f

1. Nancy

m. 16 Oct 1847 John Hinshaw, Grainger co., TN

2. John

b. abt 1833

3. Susan

b. abt 1838

m. Samuel Stalsworth

4. Jacob

b. abt 1839

5. William E.

b. abt 1842

6. Sarah E.

m. 6 Dec 1860 Robert Inkle-
barger

7. Elvira

^eRef. #s 22 and 23. Thomas Roach, Kenneth Fortner, & Peggy Swenson are descendants.
^fGrainger co. TN Invent. of Est. & Wills, 1847-52, pp. 399, 408-10; same, 1852--, pp. 157 & 252; Deed Bk. M, pp. 38-41.

6. Mira
b. abt 1809
m. 6 Aug 1827 Hardiman Sparkman, Grainger co., TN
7. Eliza
m. 16 Feb 1834 Henderson Sparkman
8. Mary
m. 29 Oct 1838 Henderson Dyer, Grainger co., TN
9. Mahalia
m. 11 Aug 1838 Samuel Crain, Grainger co., TN
10. Rice
m. 16 Jun 1839 Elvira Trogden, Grainger co., TN
moved to Crawford co., MO

Possible children of John Coffey:

2. Thomas
b. 1766-84 (age 26-45 in 1810)
3. Sally
m. 9 Feb 1802 Benjamin Rhea, Grainger co., TN
4. Jenny
m. 23 Sep 1806 Levi Miller, Grainger co., TN
5. For others see text.

CHART 4-C

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY: # 4, EDMOND^g

Edmond (or Edmund) Coffey

- b. abt 1735, Essex co., VA
d. 1808, Nelson co., VA
m. Nancy Barnett (d. bef 27 Apr 1829 - prob bef 23 Mar), Albemarle or Amherst co.

children:

1. Edmund S.
b. abt 1773^b
d. after 1845
m. 3 Jan 1798 Tildy Fitzgerald, Amherst co. VA
2. William
m. 18 Apr 1800 Betsey Giles, Amherst co., VA
3. Reuben
m. 5 Sep 1801 Nancy Giles, Amherst co. VA
4. Amelia (Milley)
b. abt 1772
m. 22 Feb 1793 John Campbell, Amherst co. VA
5. Nancy
m. Sep 1817 (bond 29 Aug) Joel Campbell, Nelson co. VA
6. Polly
m. 28 Aug 1819 John Steel, Nelson co. VA

^gWill of Edmond Coffey in Will Book A, page 1 and Bk. D, p. 70, Nelson co., VA;
marriage rec of Amherst and Nelson cos., VA

CHART 4-D

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY: # 6, THOMAS^h

Thomas Coffey

b. 7 Mar 1742, Essex co., VA
 d. Apr 1825, Wilkes co., N.C.
 m. (1) abt 1762 Elizabeth Smith, prob Albemarle co., VA
 children:

1. Elizabeth

b. 25 Oct 1763 Albemarle co., VA
 d. 1850, Indiana (Owen co.?)
 m. David Allen
 moved to Owen co., IN in 1828

2. John

b. abt 1765 Albemarle co., VA
 d. abt 1812, Wilkes co., N.C.
 m. 3 Oct 1796 Hannah Wilson, Wilkes co., N.C.
 children:

Eliza, Cassandra, Wilson (or William), Rebecca, Jane.

3. Thomas

b. abt 1767, Albemarle co., VA
 m. (1) Margaret Coffey; (2) Nancy Pendley
 children of # 1: Joshua, Sallie, and Winnie; children of # 2: Perry
 and Asbury.

4. James

b. 1772, Albemarle co., VA
 d. 1840, Wilkes co., VA
 m. 31 Aug 1799 Delilah Ferguson, Wilkes co., N.C.
 children: Thomas (b. 1804), James, Lovancy, Marvel, Eli (m. Caroline
 Story^{hh}), Myra, and Louisa (m. John Jackson 15 Aug 1820 Wilkes co.)

5. Mary (Polly)

b. abt 1775, Albemarle co., VA
 m. 3 Jul 1796 William Coffey (prob. son of Benjamin).
 children: Austin, William, Elijah

6. Smith

b. abt 1776, Albemarle co., VA
 m. Hannah Boone
 children: Squire, Morgan, Athan, Sallie, Leland, Isaac, Millie.

m. (2) abt 1778/9 Sarah (Sally) Fields, prob. Albemarle co., VA
 children:

1. Martha (Patsy)

b. abt 1780 Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. Indiana
 m. 3 Sep 1807 Rev. James Dowell

2. William

b. 29 Nov 1782ⁱ, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. 21 May 1839, Wilkes co., N.C.
 m. 16 Oct 1804ⁱ Annie Boone (b. 26 Jul 1785ⁱ)
 children: Daniel, Wilborn, Celia, Gilliam, Calvin (latter is ancestor
 of Dr. Robert Coffey of Portland, OR (see chapter 13)).

^hSee ref. # 10 for a more complete list of descendants.

^{hh}A descendant of this line is Waneta (Coffey) Matney of Tacoma, WA.

ⁱCoffey fam. Bible in possess. of Mrs. Miriam Leeper, Manhattan, KS.

3. Reuben A.
 b. 15 Sep 1785, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. Feb 1854, Indiana
 m. 1805 Polly Dowell, dau of Goerge Dowell.
 children: J
1. Alfred Martin
 b. abt 1807
 m. Jane Coffey
 2. Albert
 b. abt 1810
 m. Sarah Goodnight
 3. Cornelius
 b. abt 1812
 m. Margaret Smith
 4. Emily
 b. abt 1814
 m. William I. Curtis
 5. Malena
 b. abt 1816
 m. Wilson Coffey
 6. Luther
 b. abt 1818
 m. Myra Crisp
 7. Rufus
 b. abt 1820
 m. Charlotte Allen
 8. Miriam
 b. abt 1822
 m. (1) John Sanders 30 Sep 1849; (2) J.H. Buchanan
 9. Shelton
 b. abt 1825
 m. Dicey Sanders
 10. Judson
 b. abt 1830
 m. Caroline Rone

All went to Monroe-Owen co., IN in 1832

4. Elijah
 b. 1788, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. 1865, Georgia
 m. Polly Hull
 moved to Georgia in 1835
 children: Anderson, Minerva, Newton, Starling, Alphonso, Elvira, Milton.
5. Sally
 b. abt 1792
 d. N.C.
 m. 2 Mar 1824 Samuel Thomas Stewart
6. Lewis
 b. 25 May 1796, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. Owen co. (?) Indiana (moved there)
 m. Harriet E. Powell
 children: Sarah, Martha, Mary, Richard, Amanda, Jasper, and Sephronia.

7. Jesse^k
 b. abt 1798, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. _____, unmar. or d. 1858 in Georgia if this is the Jesse who
 m. 22 Dec 1821 Winnifred Crumpton, Wilkes co., N.C.
 children:
 1. Lewis E. (Elbert?)
 b. abt 1826
 2. William
 b. abt 1829
 3. Eli
 b. abt 1832
 4. Martin Van Buren
 b. abt 1834
 m. 24 Feb 1859 Francis Pettit, Pickins co., GA
 5. John
 b. abt 1840
8. Larkin
 b. 18 Feb 1800, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. 12 Jan 1881, Owen co., IN (moved there in 1833)
 m. Catherine H. Wilson 9 Jan 1826, Wilkes co., N.C.
 children: Susan, Sylvester, Lorenzo, Jason, Sarah, Adolphus, and Elzy.
9. McCaleb (or Caleb)
 b. 22 Aug 1803, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. 17 Feb 1881, Caldwell co., N.C. (lived near Patterson, N.C.)
 m. 1 (or 5) Feb 1828 Elizabeth Collett, Burke co., N.C.
 children: Thomas Jefferson, Charles L., Sarah A., John E., Mary Lou,
 Margaret, Wm. Columbus, Martha E., Henry C., James E., Frances
 Caroline, Rachel M., Julia Jane, Laura Louise, and Buddie.

CHART 4-E

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY: # 7, REUBEN^m

Reuben Coffey

- b. 1744, Essex or Spottsylvania co., VA
 d. 1818, Burke co., N.C.
 m. bef 1772 Sarah (Sally) Scott (d. Oct 1837), prob. Albemarle co., VA
 children: (most went to Owen co., IN)
 1. John
 2. Reuben
 b. 1772
 d. 30 Nov 1851, Owen co., IN
 m. 7 Feb 1797 Naomi Hays, Wilkes co., N.C.
 children:
 1. Hiram (1802-1889), m. Charlotte Stansbury 19 Apr 1827
 2. Alfred, m. Rachael Fulling
 3. Celia, m. James Sharp
 4. Minerva, m. Gilbraith Neil
 5. Thomas R., m. Sarah Rocket

^kProb. the J.C. Coffey on Cherokee co., GA 1840 census.

^lSee ref. # 7.

^mSources are various but include rec. of Abby Dyer Griffin and Ann Gold, both descendants, and a petition of heirs in Burke co., N.C. Ct. of Equity, Spring term 1838. Abby Dyer & her brother Fred were some of the earliest Coffey genealogists. The order of birth may differ from the order listed here.

6. Denzia (1812-1842), m. William Mayfield
 7. Isom (1814- ?), m. Martha Smock
 8. Nancy, m. John Fullen
 9. James W. (1819-1885), m. Theresa Wampler
 10. Temperance, m. Mr. Moreland
3. Joseph
d. 1835
children:
1. Sarah, m. Larkin Calloway
 2. Margaret, m. Tyre Webb
 3. Nancy, m. William Gragg
 4. Enoch, m. 15 Dec 1831 Prudence Cragg, Burke co., N.C. (?)
 5. Elisha
 6. Zacheus
 7. Matilda
 8. Luchia
 9. Brice
- } Minors in 1838
4. Jesse
d. 1840
5. Elizabeth B.
b. 30 Jul 1776
d. 5 Mar 1868, Greene co., IN
m. John Green or Thomas Roper ?
6. Elijahⁿ
b. 11 Mar 1779, Globe, Burke co., N.C.
d. 3 Sep 1863, Owen co., IN
m. 23 Sep 1803 Mary Abby (Polly) Dyer, Ashe co., N.C.
children:
1. Lucinda, b. 8 Aug 1804; m. 30 Sep 1838 Emanuel Falkner
 2. Allen, b. 21 Sep 1806, Globe Settlement, Burke co., N.C.
 3. Alfred, b. 18 May 1809; d. 11 Jun 1885.
 4. Amos, b. 12 Jun 1811; md. 11 Feb 1834 Martha K. Niell
 5. Jane Louisa, b. 12 Jun 1813, Globe settlement, Burke co., N.C.
 6. Albert, b. 7 Dec 1815; m. 28 Jan 1841 Caroline Hall
 7. Joel Anderson, b. 10 Jun 1818, TN; d. 21 Mar 1901; m. 12 Dec 1847
Charity McDonald
 8. Wm. Trimble, b. 17 Dec 1820, KY; d. 19 Mar 1879
 9. Wiley H., b. 27 Feb 1823, IN; m. 10 Jun 1849 Harriet McDonald
 10. Malinda Caroline, b. 6 Mar 1825, IN; m. 25 May 1845 Isaac Franklin.
 11. Nancy Annaline, b. 25 Sep 1827, IN; d. 19 Mar 1904.
7. James D.
b. 23 Oct 1786, Globe, Burke co., N.C.
d. 27 Oct 1868, Owen co., IN
m. Hannah Alloway Strange (b. 18 Feb 1790, d. 14 Dec. 1871)
moved to Indiana in 1834, first to Monroe and then Owen co.
children:
1. Archelaus (or Archelius)^o, b. 1 Mar 1810, Wilkes co., N.C.;
d. 27 Dec 1900, IN; m. 23 Jan 1834 Rachael Wilson, Ashe co., N.C.
 2. Sally, b. 12 Feb 1812; d. 22 Feb 1861
 3. Abraham, b. 26 Apr 1814, Wilkes co., N.C.; d. 23 Aug 1885; m.
Nov 1835 Sally Green.

ⁿInformation from a Bible owned in 1943 by Mrs. Bladen of Indianapolis, IN; see ref # 7 for further information on this line.

^oTales of Pioneers: History of Owen County (IN), Vol II. Spencer (IN) Chamb. of Comm., Spencer, IN. 1963.

4. Polly (Mary), b. 9 (or 19) Jul 1816, N.C.; d. 18 Oct 1909, Owen co., IN; m. 28 Apr (or Mar) 1859 Anderson B. Mills, Owen co., IN.
5. Riley, b. 27 Jun 1818; d. 27 Aug 1855.
6. John Davidson, b. 4-10^P Jul 1821, Ashe co., N.C.; d. 5-15^P Jan 1909, Ellettsville, IN; m. (1) 1844 Mary Whisanand, (2) 1847 Mary A. Mayfield, (3) 1874 Mary J. Ridge.
7. Elvira Ann, b. 27 Oct 1823; d. 19 Mar 1880, IN; m. 5 Jul 1853 Geo. W. Starnes.
8. Nancy^q
 - b. 10 Sep 1788, Globe, Burke co., N.C.
 - d. 19 Apr 1866, IN
 - m. (1) _____ Durham, (2) Joel Anderson Dyer ancestor of Abby Dyer Griffin, early Coffey genealogist.
9. William H.^q
 - b. 1789, Globe, Burke co., N.C.
 - d. 17 Oct 1844, Owen co., IN
 - m. Mary Faulkner
 - children:
 1. Mary Ann, m. 9 May 1859 David H. Allen
 2. Silas, b. 23 Feb 1839, d. 6 Mar 1904, m. 1 Nov 1864 Carolyn Byles
 3. John
 4. Isaac
 5. James L., b. 9 Jun 1834, d. 6 Nov 1890, m. 30 Sep 1855 Elizabeth Litton
 6. Oliver N., b. 2 Dec 1832, d. 30 Dec 1900, m. 30 Jan 1851 Elizabeth Litton
 7. Serena T., b. 1846, d. 1 Apr 1855
10. Thomas
 - d. bef 1838 (no children)
11. Benjamin^q
 - b. abt 1790 (?), Globe, Burke co., N.C.
 - d. 1843, Owen co., IN
 - m. 1816 Exa Saphronia Stepp
 - children:
 1. Jesse, b. 18 Nov 1818; d. 10 Oct 1885; m. 12 Feb 1840 Lucinda Burpo
 2. Lawson, b. 15 Aug 1820; d. 7 Aug 1904; m. (1) 1 Feb 1851 Mary Litton, (2) 1856 Eliza Campbell
 3. Nancy J., b. 1823; d. 3 Feb 1866; m. 22 Dec 1842 David Allen.
 4. Sally Ann, b. 1838; m. (1) William Litton, (2) George Luggett, (3) Ira Graham.
 5. William W., b. 15 Nov 1830; d. 18 Jun 1865; m. 7 Feb 1850 Malinda Litton.
 6. Milton Hiatt, b. 14 Nov 1831; d. 25 May 1915; m. 1 Jun 1858 Cynthia J. Nicholas → James Marion Coffey → Bessie May Coffey^{qq}
 7. Matilda C., b. 9 Aug 1837; d. 15 Apr 1917; m. (1) Elijah Miller, (2) Calvin Lyman.
12. Jane
 - m. James Webb
13. Sally^r
 - m. Samuel Curtis

^PVarious dates from different lists; at this writing I don't know which is correct.

^qSee ref. # 7 for further information on these lines.

^rI am not certain that this child fits in this family.

^{qq}Mother of Herschel Sharr (husband of Noreva), El Monte, CA.

CHART 4-F

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY: # 8, BENJAMIN^s

Benjamin Coffey

b. 1747, Spotsylvania co., VA

d. 4 Jan 1834, Hawkins co., TN

m. Polly Hayes (poss dau of Jesse Hayes)

known children:(according to 1790 & 1800 census they had 5 male & 4 female children)

1. John^t

b. 15 Oct 1776, prob. Rowan co., N.C. (area that became Burke co.)

d. 15 Mar 1845, Grainger co., TN

m. Elizabeth Rucker, dau of Colby Rucker, and b. 6 Jan 1787, d. 22 Mar 1855.
children:^u

1. Ausburn (various spellings), b. 11 (or 14) Jan 1805 Wilkes co., N.C.; m. abt 1830 Matilda Dalton; d. 30 Dec 1876, Grainger co., TN. A descendant of this line is Jeanne Snodgrass Bonham of 516 Hickory Hill Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45215. Her line is Ausburn → Thomas Jefferson Coffey (1822-1897) & Perlina Hayes → Lee Coffey (1854-1934) & Isabelle Hiatt → Arthur A. Coffey (1876-1929) & Gatie Ramsey → Ella Mae Coffey (1898-) & Bradford Snodgrass → M. Jeanne Snodgrass (1928-) who m. C. Philip Bonham. Another son of Ausborn, James Madison Coffey (1834-1886) m. Lydia Wolfe and had Glathia Jane Coffey (1864-1939) who m. Joseph Love Ramsey and had Janie Lydia Ramsey (n.md.)
2. Colby, b. 23 Aug 1806, Wilkes co., N.C.; m. 22 May 1830 Mary Adams, Grainger co., TN; d. 17 Jun 1888, Estill co., KY. A descendant of this line is James V. Coffey of 13869 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI 48192. His line is Colby → William W. Coffey (1841-1906) & Josephine Jones → Vernon Coffey (1895-1972) & Beulah Curtsinger → James Junior Coffey (1929-1967) & El Wanda Beasley → James V. Coffey. Jeff Radcliffe of Jacksonville, IL is another descendant of Colby.
3. Benjamin, b. 8 Feb 1808, Wilkes co., N.C.; m. Nancy Hayes; d. 8 May 1867, Rockcastle co. KY. A descendant of this line is Bennie Lou Loftin of 4006 Clemson, Garland, TX 75042. Her line from Benjamin is → Ausburn (Ausbon) Coffey (1846-1923) & Celia Ann Laswell → William Ransome (Rance) Coffey (1869-1932) & Lou Mina Jane Clark → William Benjamin Coffey (1912-) & Lou Ellen Simcox → Bennie Lou Coffey (1934-) m. (1) Roy Chapman (div), (2) Robert Loftin.
4. Nancy, b. abt 1811, TN; n.md.; d. 20 Nov 1896.
5. John Jackson, b. 12 Jan 1812, Tn; m. 7 Jul 1839 Alsy (Elsie) Nash, Grainger co., TN; d. 15 Oct 1877, Rockcastle co. KY.
6. Elizabeth, b. 1821, TN; m. (1) 30 Nov 1839 Nathan Whitsett, Grainger co., TN (he d. 22 Jan 1842, Grainger co.), (2) 20 Feb 1845, Geo. W. Hayes, Grainger co., TN. A descendant of this line is Kathryn Johnson of 159 Sheridan Ave., Longwood, FL 32750. Her line is through Elizabeth's 2nd marriage to George W. Hayes (abt 1817-18--) → William Daniel Hayes (1861-1911) & Ida Mae Henry → William Ernest Hayes (1902-) & Irene Theresa Gudde → Kathryn E. Hayes m. William Wallace Johnson

^sRef. #s 7,22,23,34,44; corr. from Marcus Coffey, Thorn Hill, TN, Jeff Radcliffe, Jacksonville, IL, James Coffey, Riverview, MI, Alice Ketrone, Winchester, IN, & Bennie Lou Loftin, Garland, TX (latter has Bible rec.)

^tInfo. fr. 2 fam Bibles, War of 1812 Pens. pap., census, & tombstone rec.

^uChildren proven by deeds of sale (of inheritance of each child) to Ausborn, Grainger co. Deed Bk. K (pp.209,10,425,532), L (pp130,491,602-3); also Bible recs.

7. Sarah Lucinda, b. 1822, TN; m. 21 Mar 1840 William Coffey (son of George), Grainger co. TN; d. 4 Nov 1895, prob West Plains, MO
8. Margaret, b. 28 Feb 1825, TN; m. 7 May 1844 Isaac Bullen, Grainger co. TN; d. Rockcastle co. KY.
9. William M., b. 31 Oct 1828, TN; m. 12 Jun 1849 Ellen Nash, Grainger co. TN; d. 9 Aug 1893, Grainger co. TN
10. Catherine, b. 10 Aug 1834, TN; m. _____ Sweet(?); d. Prob Cass co. MO.

probable children:

2. George

- b. abt 1782 (age 68 in 1850)
 m. Margaret Rucker (prob. sister of Elizabeth and dau of Colby Rucker, b. 1789-90.)

children:

1. Mira
 b. abt 1810
 m. John Hipshire
2. Thomas
 b. abt 1812
3. Delphia
 b. abt 1815
 m. 29 Dec 1828 Timothy Dalton, Grainger co., TN
4. Mary
 m. 2 Sep 1833 Jack Dalton, Grainger co., TN
5. William
 b. 20 Jan 1817; d. 15 Jun 1878
 m. Sarah Lucinda Coffey, dau of John & Elizabeth, Grainger co., TN
6. Elijah
 b. 23 Feb 1820; d. 13 Jul 1890
 m. 11 Jan 1840 Rebecca Shockley, Grainger co., TN
7. Matilda
 b. abt 1821
 m. 27 Aug 1835 Tandy Dalton, Grainger co., TN
8. Malinda (not certain this one belongs in this family)
 b. abt 1823
 m. 11 Nov 1839 Cleveland Coffey, Grainger co, TN
9. Mahalia
 b. abt 1828
 m. 21 Jan 1846 Enos Shockley, Grainger co., TN
10. Emily or Emeline
 b. abt 1831
 m. 20 Feb 1851 Wainright Shockley, Grainger co., TN
11. Louisa
 b. abt 1834
 m. 18 Mar 1851 William Shockley, Grainger co., TN

3. Bennett^v

- b. abt 1779 (age 71 in 1850); d. by 1858
 m. 5 Feb 1805 Sally Ferguson

children:

1. Caswell
 b. abt 1806, N.C.; d. 7 Sep 1882, Grainger co., TN
 m. 3 or 4 times, one was Martha Campbell

^vBennett was closely associated with Benjamin in Hawkins co. on tax list, witness to deeds, etc.; also see ref. # 38.

2. Joel^W
m. prob. Sarah Mullins, 5 Nov 1855, Grainger co., TN

3. Jesse
b. abt 1828, TN

4. Louisa
b. abt 1831, TN

Others unknown

4. William

b. prob. 1778 or poss. 1774/5 if Benjamin md. abt 1773/4.

m. 3 Jul 1796^X Mary (Polly) Coffey (dau of Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith)

children:

1. Austin

m. Betsy Hawkins

2. William

m. Margaret Robbins

3. Elijah

m. Elizabeth Robbins

possible children:

5. Jesse (there are a number of Jesses and it's difficult to separate them)

6. Jane

m. Aug 1793^X Joel Coffey, Wilkes co., N.C. (It seems more probable that this Jane and Joel belong to the Chesley Coffey family - see chapter

7. It may be that Benjamin had a dau Jane but we do not have her mar.)

7. Ann

m. 28 Oct 1793 Alexander McKinsey, Wilkes co., N.C.

8. Sarah

m. 30 Aug 1794 James Coffey, Wilkes co., N.C. (Note: It has been suggested that this Sarah and James also belonged to the Chesley Coffey family - see chapter 7).

9. Another daughter

^WDeed from Bennett to Joel and old letter regarding Caswell, recd. by corr. from Bennie Loftin.

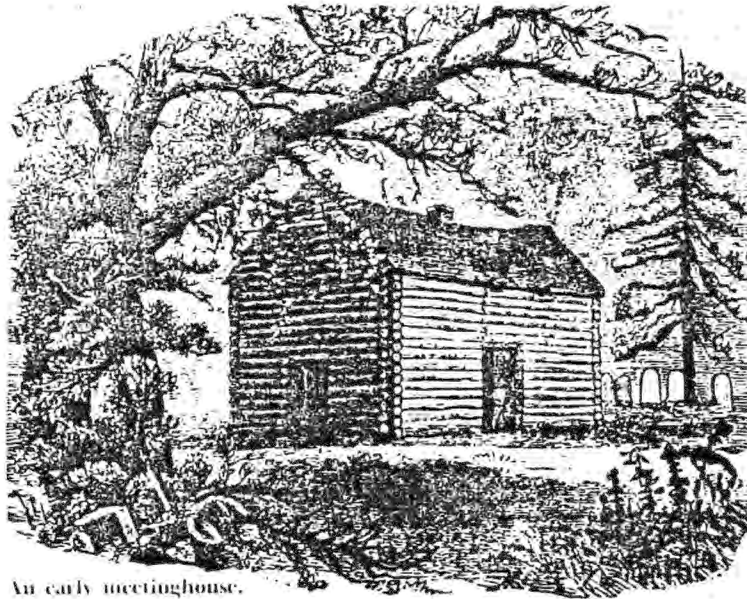
^XBenjamin was a witness to these marriages so he may have been the father.

CHAPTER 5

VIRGINIA TO NORTH CAROLINA-

JAMES COFFEY AND

ELIZABETH CLEVELAND



An early meetinghouse.

"There goes the parson, oh illustrious spark!
And there, scarce less illustrious, goes the clerk!"

... Cowper

CHAPTER 5

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James is one of the best known of the children of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey. Born 1729 in Essex county Virginia, he was their first child. He is referred to as Reverend James Coffey because he became a Baptist minister in Wilkes county North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Cleveland, the daughter of Alexander Cleveland. The Clevelands are further discussed in the next chapter. It appears that the Cleveland and Coffey families lived in both Orange and Albemarle counties.¹ Most Coffey genealogists have assumed that James and Elizabeth were married in Orange county about 1750 and the date has been listed as August 30, 1750.² However, there is no reference given for this date and it is not found in the Orange county marriage records. The date may be confused with the date of James' first land entry (see below). Since we haven't found a record in Orange county it is quite possible that they were married in Albemarle county where the marriage records for that period of time are not extant.

James Coffey was on the Orange county "List of Tithables" in 1749 but not in 1754 so they probably settled in Albemarle county soon after their marriage. However, the first deed record I have found in Albemarle county is dated 1758. In this they bought 124 acres from James' father John, at the head of the middle branch of the Hardware River.³ Again, many of the early Albemarle county records are missing and we do not even know when John bought this land. Thus it is presently impossible to be certain when James Coffey settled in Albemarle county, but I am assuming it was probably by 1754 and possibly as early as 1750. Jacqueline Sexton says they had a land entry of 115 acres there August 30, 1750.⁴ The only land entry I have been able to find is a Virginia land patent for 262 acres "on the head branches of Meechums River (see map, page 35), under the Ragged Mountains." This was received July 26, 1765 but such dates were often several years after the land was entered. In this case, James had already moved to Amherst county a year previous to the date of this land patent (see later). I am thus listing the birth of the first 2 children, Elizabeth (born about 1751) and John (born about 1753) as probably Albemarle county.

Elizabeth Coffey

Elizabeth (the first child and daughter) was generally called Betty. She married Robert Whiteside of Albemarle county and they later moved to North Carolina where they lived next to her parents in Wilkes county. This marriage was probably

in Albemarle county since Robert's father, William, had a land patent there near the Coffeys (in 1753). William and Thomas Whiteside, probably brothers, were listed as members of the Orthodox Reformed Presbyterian Church⁵ on Ivy Creek March 29, 1747 and William was among the Albemarle company of Militia for Protection of the Frontier Against the Indians, September 1758.⁶ Robert was in the Revolutionary War and probably at the Battle of Kings Mountain with some of the Coffeys.⁷ Sometime later Robert and Elizabeth moved to Wayne county Kentucky where they probably both died, 1810-1812. Their best known son was Jonathan who it is said settled in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He and brother Robert are on the Pulaski county Kentucky tax lists in 1806-7. See Chart 5-A for the data on this family.

John Coffey

According to long standing tradition and early family lists the second child and first son of James and Elizabeth Coffey was named John and was born about 1753. Recently a supposed Bible record⁸ has come to light which gives his birth as February 13, 1755. If true, he may not be the first son. However, at present there is enough room for doubt that I will here use the 1753 date. There are few records concerning John. He also settled in Wilkes county North Carolina⁹ where his children were raised and where he died December 27, 1825.¹⁰ His wife was apparently named Mary (called Polly or Molly)¹¹ but nothing further is known about her. The names of only 9 children have been known¹¹ but David Strange's records list 11. We have the marriage records of 5 of these.¹² A daughter Sarah married Michael Israel, Jr. and a descendant of this couple is Willard Israel who presently lives in Crossville, Alabama. A descendant of the son Levi, who married Dolly Edmondson, is Lavar West of Thatcher, Arizona. Two descendants of the daughter Elizabeth who married Archelaus Alloway Strange are Frances Tiller of Kansas City, Missouri, and David A. Strange of San Rafael, California. Their lines are given in Chart 5-B along with other descendants of John and Polly. The son Lewis went to Gwinnett county Georgia and is listed there on the 1830, 1840, and 1850 census. A Revolutionary War pay voucher for John Coffey, dated June 26, 1784, is supposed to be for this John.⁴ It has been said that Reverend James said he had 2 sons and 1 son-in-law who served in the war. The sons might thus be John and Reuben and the son-in-law Mastin Durham. However, we have already seen that another son-in-law, Robert Whiteside, had Revolutionary service, and later we shall discuss two more sons, Ambrose and Eli, who may also have served in the War.

The next child was Archelaus, born about 1755 in Albemarle county. He will be the subject of Chapter 8.

James, Jr. was born about 1757 in Albemarle county. Some say he never married; however, R. Ivey Moore¹⁴ says he married Mollie Moore (born June 2, 1766 and a daughter of Jesse Moore). This must have been an error in recording however, as an earlier source¹⁵ gives Mollie's husband as Abraham Alloway Strange. We have no record of a marriage between James and Mollie, but two of Mollie's sisters married Coffey brothers from this family. There is one marriage record in Wilkes county North Carolina for a James Coffey to Sarah Coffey (August 30, 1794) and we haven't definitely accounted for either of these individuals. Sarah could be a daughter of Benjamin, as mentioned in chapter 4. Also, in chapters 4 and 7 it is pointed out that these 2 individuals could both belong to the Chesley Coffey line. June Bork¹⁶ lists him as married to Salley Rue. It is difficult to separate this James in the records of North Carolina from James, son of Thomas, who married Delilah Ferguson. The James Jr. mentioned in the Wilkes county Court of P and Q minutes is probably the son of Reverend James as is the James mentioned in the Yadkin Baptist church records¹⁷ as being clerk in 1790. Our James lived next to his father in Wilkes county,¹⁸ but is said to have gone to Wayne county Kentucky quite early in the 1800s, later returning to North Carolina and trading his land in Kentucky to his brother Lewis Russell Coffey.¹⁹ I have seen no record of this land unless it is the 1799 grant in Elk Spring Valley (Wayne county) listed for Lewis Coffey.²⁰ There are no deed records for this James in Wayne county. It is possible that researchers have confused him with James M. Coffey, son of Archelaus (see chapter 10) who was in Wayne county at that early date.

James cannot be definitely found on the 1800 or later census of Wilkes or Burke counties, but he cannot be found in Wayne county, Kentucky either. Perhaps he went with Rice and others to Bedford county, Tennessee as there is a James there in 1830 of the appropriate age and its difficult to imagine who else this could be. There is also a James on the Jefferson county, Tennessee tax lists of 1800 and a will listed for 1807.²¹

Martha Coffey

Martha Coffey, according to her great great granddaughter Nell Marsh²² was born about 1758 (this would be in Albemarle county) and married in February 1774 Mastin Durham (born 1755, died August 1, 1844) who served in the Revolutionary War.²³ Mastin was active for a time in the Yadkin Church, holding the office of clerk, but according to the minutes¹⁷ in 1807 he accused the church with being "extortionists, drunkards and disorderly persons," and desired to withdraw his fellowship. He was excommunicated.

The children of Martha and Mastin were born in Wilkes county, North Carolina but the family moved to Wayne county Kentucky in 1811 where both Martha and Mastin died. She died prior to August, 12, 1826 and was buried near the Coffey Settlement in Wayne county.⁴ Most Coffey genealogists have listed Martha as born 1768 and married 1794. However, the family records of Nell Marsh are probably more reliable. It appears that the dates 1768 and 1794 were copying errors.

Reuben Coffey

Reuben Coffey was born September 16, 1759 in Albemarle county Virginia. He is frequently confused with his uncle Reuben who married Sally Scott (see previous chapter). The Reuben here discussed was in the Revolutionary War and received a pension.²⁴ He fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, a first cousin (see page 87). Reuben lived in Wilkes county 1778-1797 (on the north side of Warrior Gap - see map, page 39), Burke county 1797-1819 (Blairs Fork), and Wayne county Kentucky from 1819 until his death on June 9, 1842.²⁵ The wife of Reuben is not given in any records, but tradition has it that her name was Millie Morris.²⁶ Reuben is listed as having 10 children.⁴ The 1800 census of Burke county, N.C. would seem to indicate that there was another male, born between 1790 and 1800. If so, we have no record of him. Many of Reuben's children lived in Wayne county Kentucky. Some descendants still live there today, among them Bennie Bryan Coffey and his daughter Jacqueline Coffey Sexton, authors of "The Coffeys of Wayne County."⁴

Ambrose Coffey

The next child was Ambrose, born in 1762 in Albemarle county Virginia. He is said by some to have also served in the Revolutionary War, but I have seen no proof of it. I believe he has been confused with the Ambrose who was at the siege of Fort Boonesboro (see below). Our Ambrose married Mildred (Millie) Moore, another daughter of Jesse and Alley Moore. Millie was born March 31, 1770¹⁴ (or March 13, 1770¹⁵) and died in 1812, probably in Pulaski county Kentucky. Following her death Ambrose married Elizabeth Rice²⁷ and later probably Polly _____.

Ambrose lived in Wilkes county, N.C. until about 1804²⁸, lived in Tennessee for a short time, and came to Kentucky about 1806.²⁰ He was living in Pulaski county when he died, as his widow petitioned there for letters of administration and for the allowance of dower, September and November 1818, respectively. They had just sold³⁰ 90 acres of land (purchased in 1816) in Pulaski county to Vincent Garner on September 2. The balance of Ambrose's land (157 acres) which fell to

the widow and children as heirs was finally sold³¹ April 18, 1826, also to Vincent Garner. The settlement³² mentions that there were 12 children but doesn't name them. In all of these petitions and deeds Ambrose's wife is listed as Polly. Since this is not a diminutive of Elizabeth it seems likely that Ambrose had a third wife. In the indenture of 1826 she is listed as the wife of John Mills but I did not find the record of her remarriage, nor do I know her maiden name. There is a marriage of Polly Coffey to James McHenry on July 7, 1821, security Vincent Garner, so perhaps she married him first and then John Mills before 1826. Since Vincent Garner provided the bond when she obtained letters of administration and he is frequently found in other records involving Polly and Ambrose, it seems likely that her maiden name may have been Garner. In October 1877 Samuel Tate is granted³³ letters of administration in the estate of Polly Coffey, deceased, but this could be another Polly. There is a Polly Coffey on the Pulaski county 1820 census (age 15-20) and a Polly Ann on the Pulaski 1830 census (age 20-30). Four children are listed at home in 1820, three in 1830, but one of the latter is a male under 5. Perhaps she was remarried once or even twice (briefly), had 1 son and resumed her first married name (Coffey).

The children listed in the indenture are Jesse, Hiram, Betsey, America, Mira, Jefferson, Washington, Greenup, and Emily. The latter two we understand to be children by the second wife, Elizabeth Rice,³⁴ the others by Millie Moore. However, omitted are James Madison, Holland, Alice, and Mildred.³⁴ Perhaps they were older and already gone from home, although some could have been predeceased. We know for certain that Holland was alive as he later became quite prominent in Texas. He is known there as an Indian fighter and owner of the Coffey Trading Post on the Red River (in Red River county). Eventually he was killed and buried at the trading post.³⁴ Ambrose's family appears in Chart 5-E.

Many Coffey genealogists have mistakenly said that our Ambrose Coffey was in the battle of Fort Boonesboro (Kentucky) with Daniel Boone. True, an Ambrose Coffey was there but it was a different one. A deposition³⁵ taken in 1809 in Madison county Kentucky proves that this Ambrose was not the same man as ours. He was born about 1759 in Dublin, Ireland and came to this country as a young boy. He is undoubtedly the Ambrose on the Fayette county Kentucky census of 1790 and Montgomery county 1800, and the Revolutionary soldier stationed at Fincastle (Kentucky) in 1776.³⁶ He had several children, including a son Ambrose who in turn had a son Ambrose. These families are found in the records of Montgomery, Morgan, and Greenup counties.

Eli Coffey

The next child was Eli (often spelled Ely in some records). He was born March 1, 1763, probably in Albemarle county Virginia. He married Hannah Allen, daughter of David and Hannah Allen, and they probably lived in Wilkes county³⁷ North Carolina until 1816²⁰ when they moved to Wayne county Kentucky. Eli was quite active in the Yadkin Baptist church, serving as church clerk, 1804-1807. In June of the latter year he left the church "on account of principle and rules of said society."¹⁷ In 1808 he was a Justice of the Peace.⁶¹ He is said to have died at the home of his son, Colonel Asbury Madison Coffey in Knobnoster, Missouri September 5, 1847. However, Asbury did not move to Knobnoster until 1859 and was in Pettis county Missouri at that time. There is a Revolutionary War pension application³⁸ for Eli Coffey, and his son Asbury wrote a letter³⁹ in which he says that his father entered the army at the age of 16 and served the balance of the war.

Eli and Hannah had 2 boys that died in infancy, James and Allen,⁴⁰ and one who lived to maturity. The latter was Colonel Asbury Madison Coffey, born July 25, 1804 in Wilkes county North Carolina. He graduated from Center College in Danville, Kentucky in 1826 and moved to Tennessee where he taught school. On July 22, 1828 he married one of his former pupils, Mary Bradford. She was a niece of Sarah Bradford, the wife of Rice Coffey who was the brother of Asbury's father Eli.⁴⁰ Asbury and Mary lived in McMinn county Tennessee⁴¹ until 1842. During this time he was treasurer of the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad.¹⁶ They moved to Pettis county Missouri, and finally in 1859 to Knobnoster, Johnson county, Missouri. Asbury was elected to the legislature from Pettis county in 1850 and appointed as an Indian Agent by President Fillmore in 1851.⁴² He lived for some years among the Peories in Kansas.⁴³ He was a member of the first Territorial Legislature of Kansas ("Bogus Legislature") in 1855 and Coffey county Kansas was named for him, but not the town of Coffeyville as many have stated.⁴⁴ Of some interest to Western Coffeys is the fact that 2 of his children settled in the Beaverton-Portland, Oregon area. These were Henry and Rachael. The latter married Robert Walker. Asbury died in Knobnoster November 28, 1897.⁴⁵

Rice Coffey

Rice Coffey, born April 1766 in Amherst county Virginia, was probably the next child of James and Elizabeth. On December 13, 1764 James bought land along the Tye River in then Amherst county but now Nelson county (see map, page 35) from Thomas Jefferson.⁴⁶ The land in Albemarle county was sold in 2 parcels, one in 1766 and the other in 1767.⁴⁷ Thus Rice was probably the first child born in

Amherst county. As previously mentioned he married Sarah (Sally) Bradford. This took place in 1790. She was born July 22, 1770 and died September 3, 1840 in Bedford county Tennessee.⁴⁸ Rice died at the same place July 24, 1853. Their home place was near Wartrace. They probably went there quite early as Rice appears in very few North Carolina records. He is on the 1788 and 1789 tax lists as well as those for 1796-99, but not on the 1790 or 1800 census. This could indicate that he was gone during the period 1790-95 and that he moved permanently about 1800 or soon thereafter. The first tax list in Tennessee in which he appears is 1812, in Bedford county (first list extant for that county). A short account⁴⁹ of the family written about 1890 by Rice Abner Coffey, a grandson, says that Rice moved from North Carolina to Bedford county Tennessee in 1808. It also says that all of the children except the last 3 were born in North Carolina which would put the migration date a bit earlier.

Rice and Sally were parents of 9 children. Some discrepancy exists in various lists of these children but I believe the one given at the end of this chapter is about as correct as we can get it. The 1820 census lists 5 male children and 3 female, which would be correct because Jerusha died in 1810. Rice and Sally's youngest son, John Reid was a colonel in the Mexican War (later Brigadier General of the Alabama Militia) and otherwise rather prominent in the south, serving as sheriff of Jackson county Alabama, and in 1861 as a delegate to the convention which passed the ordinance of secession.⁵⁰

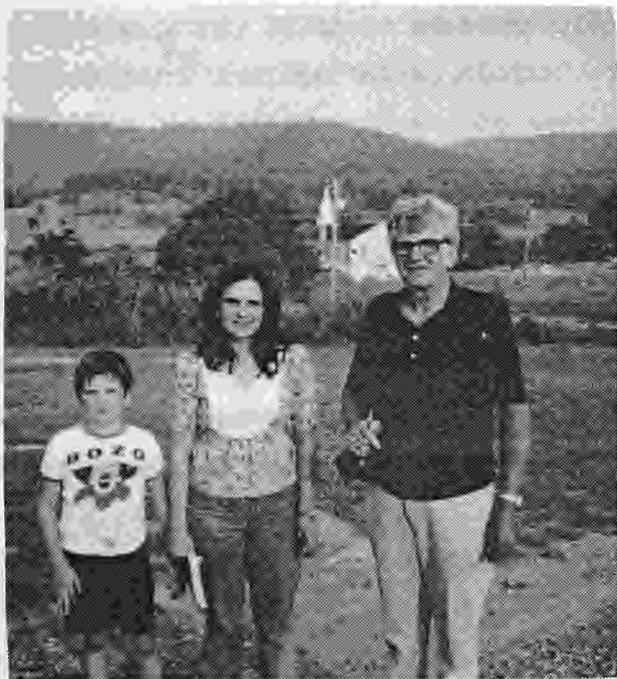
Joel Coffey

The tenth child of James and Elizabeth was Joel, born in 1770 in Amherst county Virginia. He married Martha (Patsy) _____ (maiden name unknown). It is difficult to be certain about records in Wilkes county for Joel, as he can be confused with another Joel living there. This other Joel will be discussed in Chapter 7. Our Joel may have gone to Burke county as he and his family are reported⁴ to have moved from there to Wayne county Kentucky about 1806. A Joel of the "correct" age appears on the 1800 and 1810 census of Burke county. Joel was a carpenter and built the Wayne county courthouse in 1825.⁴ He died in December 1826 leaving a will.⁵¹ Martha went to Randolph county Missouri where she died in 1839. Their children were 6 in number and are listed in Chart 5-H.

Lewis Russell Coffey

The last of James and Elizabeth's children was Lewis Russell, born November 18, 1772 in Amherst county Virginia. He married on December 10, 1795 Bidant ("Biddy") Moore, another daughter of Jesse and Alley Moore. She was born May 3, 1775 and died

January 3, 1851. Although Lewis had a land grant in the Elk Spring Valley of Wayne county Kentucky in 1799 (then Green county) they apparently didn't move there until 1807²⁰ Perhaps the 1799 grant was originally to his brother James and was the land previously mentioned which was traded to Lewis. Many of their children and relatives settled around them so that this area became known as the "Coffey Settlement", and was located on the east side of a mountain known as "Coffey Mountain." (see pictures). It is a beautiful spot, only a few miles from Monticello. There is a family cemetery located there in which both Lewis and Biddy are buried. I visited this area in 1976 and marveled at its beauty and solitude.



Bennie Bryan Coffey and Jacqueline Coffey Sexton (authors of 'Coffeys of Wayne County') and Jacqueline's son - in Elk Spring Valley, Wayne county Kentucky. Foothills in background lead to Coffey Mountain.



Mark Alan Coffey holding Todd Coffey, sons of Marvin D. Coffey--- in Coffey cemetery, Elk Spring Valley, Wayne co. Kentucky. Large toombstone is for Lewis R. Coffey.

Lewis was a large land-holder and quite prominent in Wayne county.¹⁹ There were 11 children in this family, listed in Chart 5-I. It is probably the best known family descended from James and Elizabeth Coffey. A grandson, Shelby Moore Cullom, was a U.S. Senator and Governor of Illinois (son of Elizabeth Coffey and Richard Northcraft Cullom).⁵² It has sometimes been said that Lewis was in the Revolutionary War. This is an error since he would have been too young to serve then. However, there may have been an older Lewis, still unidentified, who was in that War. Lewis was in the War of 1812¹⁹, serving as a private in Captain Micah Taul's company from Wayne county. He also served in the House of Representatives

of the Kentucky Legislature in 1815.¹⁹

We should now go back to Amherst county Virginia where the last of James and Elizabeth's children were born. James had sold some of his property to William Coffey (presumably his brother) in 1768.⁵³ The remainder was sold March 1, 1779.⁵⁴ However, James moved his family to Wilkes county North Carolina before this as he had a land entry there June 2, 1778 for 200 acres on Warrior Creek.⁵⁵ (see map page 39). He had a second land entry November 23, 1779 for 300 acres and several other early deeds such that by 1782 he owned 700 acres.⁵⁶

Although James became a large landholder in North Carolina and had sufficient land in Virginia he was far from a wealthy man. In an undated British Mercantile Claim document⁵⁷ (probably about 1777-8) he had a debt at the Amherst Store of Speirs, Bowman and Company of 10 pounds, 1 shilling, and 1 pence. The record states "James Coffie or Coffey was insolvent before the war as appears by the return of the Sheriff upon an execution which issued against him in behalf of Tucker Woodson 'that the defendant had no goods whereof the debt and costs could be made'. At no period since the commencement of the war has he been able to pay anything."

It has often been said that James was a missionary to Wilkes county, perhaps as early as 1757, and a minister when he lived there. Also, some tradition says that he founded the old Mulberry Fields Baptist church which was located at the present site of Wilkesboro, North Carolina.⁵⁸ There are probably two major errors in this idea. First of all, some Baptist records written in 1772⁵⁹ indicate that James joined the Baptists sometime between 1767 and 1771 and he and his wife were part of a group forming the Amherst Baptist church May 10, 1771. Thus, if he did serve as a missionary it was probably after this date. Secondly, the Baptist records dealing with the Mulberry Fields church,⁶⁰ organized in 1769, make absolutely no mention of James Coffey, either in the founding or in the preaching, then or later. Records of other Baptist churches in the region are very scant until about 1790 when we find records of the Yadkin Baptist church. Several Coffeys were active in it but this was after the death of James. However, one other history⁶¹ indicates he may have founded a church in the Mulberry Field sector of Wilkes county. It goes on to say that this was a mere meeting house, commonly called "Brother Coffey's Meeting House" and was not strictly Baptist but was attended by people of many faiths. Since an area near where the Coffeys lived is also called Mulberry (now a township by that name) it seems probable that this simple meeting house where he preached was located there (in present Caldwell county) and not at Mulberry Fields. The latter was some distance away and would have necessitated considerable travel to attend meetings. It is not clear in various

histories whether this meeting house was located on the Yadkin (near Patterson) and was thus the forerunner of, or was actually the original Yadkin church, or whether it was located on or near James' property and the establishment of the Yadkin church was independent and a few years later. From Hayes' work⁶¹ it would appear that they are separate entities since on page 110 he refers to the church at the head of Yadkin (Patterson) being established in 1779 and on page 111 there is a reference to a meeting in 1791 at Brother Coffey's Meeting House on Lower Creek. The latter area is a bit south of James' property. Of course James Coffey died in 1786 and the minutes of the Yadkin church show that most of his relatives were associated with it in the 1790's and early 1800's. Some of these minutes from 1801 lead one to believe there was only one church as they mention the "Mountain Association met on Head of Yadkin at Coffey's Meeting House".⁶² There is another reference to this same church as "Coffey's Meeting House" in 1807. Thomas Coffey was very active in church affairs and James Jr. (son of James Sr.), Eli Coffey, and Mastin Durham were all clerks at one time or another. Thomas Fields was a deacon. Eli and Mastin (and probably James Jr.) left the church over disagreements.

James was a patriot during the Revolutionary War.⁶³ It has been said that all of his sons that were old enough served in the War, and more particularly in Colonel Ben Cleveland's Regiment of Wilkes county "Bulldogs." However, the only ones for whom I have seen materials that would tend to verify this are John, Reuben and Eli. Both of his son-in-laws were Revolutionary soldiers.

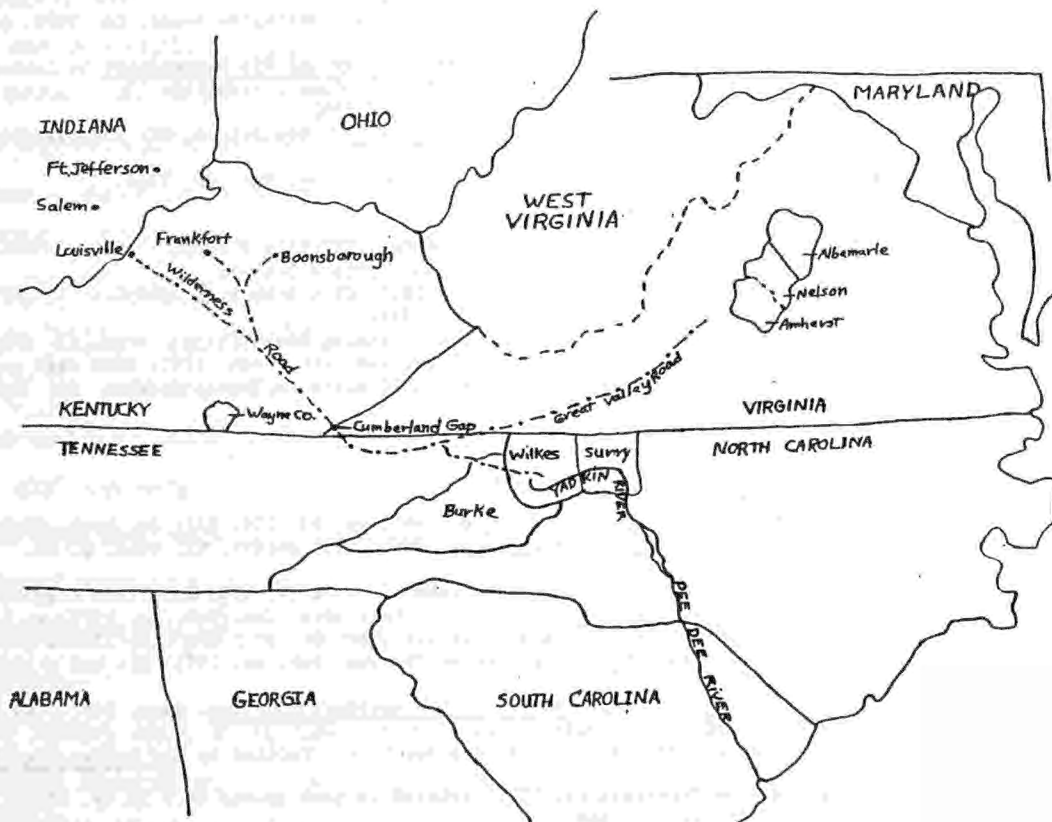
James made his will (see appendix C) September 13, 1786 and it was proved October 26 in Wilkes county.⁶⁴ All of his children are named except he mentions the "heirs of my son Archelaus." The latter thus died before September 1786. Elizabeth is said to have gone to Tennessee with her son Rice where she died about 1827, and probably about 100 years old. At the Bell Buckle or Old Salem cemetery (in Bedford county Tennessee) there are 2 stones in the Coffey lot that are underground and unreadable. According to Timothy and Helen March⁶⁵ one of these is probably that of Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey, or at least they say she is buried there.

We have noted that a number of the children of James & Elizabeth Coffey went to Wayne county Kentucky. A neighbor of theirs, Daniel Boone, was of course instrumental in the blazing of the Wilderness Trail into Kentucky. It began near where the Coffeys lived and went through the Watauga country into Tennessee where it joined the Great Valley Road coming down from Virginia. Here the road passed through the famous Cumberland Gap into Kentucky (see map, page 68 and picture, page 118.)

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Map showing areas where the Coffey families lived in the 1700s and 1800s and some of the routes they traveled. North Carolina counties are as they occurred in 1778.

CHART 5

VITAL DATA OF THE JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY FAMILY^a

James Coffey

- b. 4 Jul (?)^b 1729, Essex co., VA, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves
- d. Sep/Oct 1786, Wilkes co., N.C. (w.d. 16 Sep, w.p. Oct 1786)
- m. 30 Aug (?) 1750 Elizabeth Cleveland (dau of Alexander Cleveland, b. Feb (?)^b 1726/27; d. 1826/27, Bedford co., TN), Orange or Albemarle co., VA

children:

1. Elizabeth (Betsy or Betty)
 - b. abt 1751, prob. Albemarle co., VA
 - d. 1811/12, Wayne co., KY
 - m. abt 1770 Robert Whiteside, Albemarle co., VA
2. John
 - b. abt 1753 (or 13 Feb 1755 ??)^b, prob. Albemarle co., VA
 - d. 27 Dec 1825, Wilkes co., N.C.
 - m. abt 1773/4 Mary (Polly or Molley) _____, prob. Albemarle or Amherst co., VA
3. Archelaus (see chapt. 8)
 - b. abt 1755, prob. Albemarle co., VA
 - d. abt 1783/4, Wilkes co., N.C.
 - m. abt 1775 Eleanor Wade, prob. Amherst co., VA
4. James, Jr.
 - b. abt 1757, Albemarle co., VA
 - d. prob. N.C. or TN
 - m. unmd. ??
5. Martha (Patsy)
 - b. abt 1758, Albemarle co., VA
 - d. abt 1826, Wayne co., KY
 - m. 1774 Mastin Durham
6. Reuben
 - b. 16 Sep 1759, Albemarle co., VA
 - d. 4 Mar 1842, Wayne co., KY
 - m. Mildred (Millie) Morris - (tradition)
7. Ambrose
 - b. 1762, Albemarle co., VA
 - d. abt 1818, Pulaski co., KY
 - m. (1) Mildred (Millie) Moore, (2) Elizabeth Rice, (3) Polly Garner (?)
8. Eli
 - b. 1 Mar 1763, Albemarle co., VA
 - d. 5 Sep 1847, prob. Johnson or Pettis co., MO
 - m. Hannah Allen
9. Rice
 - b. Apr 1766, Amherst co., VA
 - d. 24 Jul 1853, Wartrace, Bedford co., TN
 - m. 1790 Sarah (Sally) Bradford
10. Joel
 - b. 1770, Amherst co., VA
 - d. Dec 1826, Wayne co., KY
 - m. Martha (Patsy) _____.

^aInformation is from many sources (see text).

^bThese dates come from David A. Strange, San Rafael, CA, who has a xerox copy of a Bible record giving such dates. However, at this writing there is some doubt about the veracity of the source, hence question marks (?) are used.

11. Lewis Russell
 b. 18 Nov 1772, Amherst co., VA
 d. 29 Sep 1850, Wayne co., KY
 m. 10 Dec 1795 Bidant (Biddy) Moore

CHART 5-A

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 1 ELIZABETH^c

Elizabeth "Betty" Coffey

- b. abt 1751, prob. Albemarle co., VA
 d. 1811/12, Wayne co., KY
 m. abt 1770 Robert Whiteside (b. 22 Feb 1743, Albemarle co., VA, son of William Whiteside and Elizabeth Stockton; d. 1810), Albemarle co., VA

children:

1. James
 b. 21 Jul 1771; d. 24 Apr 1848
2. William
 b. abt 1773; d. 1824; m. Lavina Singleton
3. Jonathan
 b. 13 Apr 1776, Amherst co. VA or Burke co., N.C.
 d. 1860, Tennessee
 m. 19 Jul 1796 Thankful Anderson, Madison co., KY
4. Robert
 m. Betsy Dick, Wayne co., KY
5. Mary "Polly"
 m. Isaac Davis
7. Joel
 m. Sally Lunch

CHART 5-B

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 2 JOHN^d

John Coffey

- b. abt 1753 (or 13 Feb 1755?), prob Albemarle co., VA
 d. 27 Dec 1825, Wilkes co., N.C.
 m. abt 1773/4 Mary (Polly or Molley) _____ (b. 18 Dec 1755, d. bef 1825)

children:

1. Levi
 b. 19 Dec 1774, VA
 d. bef 1850
 m. 18 Aug 1799 Dorothy "Dolly" Edmundson
 children:
 Rice (1802), Mary Ann (1804), James (1806), Robert (1807), John (1809),
 Keziah (1812), Enoch (1812), Elisha (1814), Levi (1817) and Nancy (1820)
2. Lewis
 b. 12 Jan 1777, VA
 d. after 1850, Gwinnett co., GA
 m. ?
 children:
 1. Louney (b. abt 1806, N.C.)
 2. Sarah (b. 1 Sep 1812, N.C.; d. 5 Nov 1893, Atlanta, GA; m. 5 Nov 1833 Jesse Brawner Jr.^e)

^cSee Ref. # 7; also The Whiteside Book by Clarence Cannon, 1957.

^dSee Ref. #s 10, 11, 12 & especially 8 for specific dates.

^eA descendant of this line is Mic Barnette of New Orleans, LA

3. Poss. Catherine ?
 4. Poss. sons Webster and Edmond
3. Sarah (Sally)
 b. 1 May 1779, prob. Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. 26 Aug 1842, Ashe co., N.C.
 m. 26 Feb 1800 Michael Israel, Jr. (son of Michael Sr. & Sarah Graves),
 Wilkes co., N.C.
 children:
 James (b. 1802, m. Mary _____); Mary (b. 1804, m. A.B. Carland);
 Elizabeth (b. 1805, n.md.); Celia (b. 1807, m. Russell Jones); John
 C. (b. 1811, d. 1904, n.md.); Sarah (b. 1814, d. 1898, m. Laxton Case);
 Arminta (b. 1818, n.md.); Caroline (b. 1820, m. William Bishop).
 Willard Israel of Crossville, AL descends through the oldest child
 James and wife Mary → son Monterville Marvin Israel (1826-1864) &
 wife Matilda Green → son James Monroe Israel (1850-1928) and wife
 Elizabeth Jones → son Marvin Belson Israel (1897-1968) and wife Eve
 Gertrude Hagler → son Willard Alfred Israel (1926--) n.md.
4. Elizabeth
 b. 10 Jan 1782, Wilkes co., N.C.
 m. 23 Nov 1802 Archelaus Alloway Strange (son of Abner Alloway Strange,
 b. 12 Jul 1780, Fluvanna co., VA; d. 23 Oct 1852, Adair co., KY).
 children:
 John Strange (1803-1865), m. Sally Walkup; William Strange (1805-1845),
 m. Demoriah Davis; Abraham Strange (1808-1866), m. Elizabeth Morrison;
 Lewis Strange^f (1810-1886), m. Isabel Biggs; Archelaus Strange (1812-
 1883), m. Celia Miller; Levi Strange (1817-1882), m. Elizabeth Robertson;
 Larkin Strange^g (1819-1884), m. Mary Simpson; Winston Strange (1821-
 1900), m. Margaret Meadows; Elizabeth Strange (1823-1890), m. Mr. Wal-
 kup; Mary (1814-1875), m. John Thomas; Ellen Strange (1826-1840), n.md.
5. William
 b. 17 May 1784, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. after 1850, prob. Gwinnett co., GA
 m. Sarah _____
6. James
 b. 23 Oct 1786, Wilkes co., N.C.
7. Celia (Sealy)
 b. 19 _____ 1789, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. bef Aug 1825 (pre-deceased when John made his will)
 m. Mr. Smith
8. Nancy
 b. 14 Jul 1791, Wilkes co., N.C.
 m. 10 Sep 1818 Thomas Pendley
9. Eleanor
 b. 9 Jan (prob. 1793/4)^h, Wilkes co. N.C.
 m. 10 Feb 1819 Jesse Crumpton (or Compton)
10. John
 b. 5 Jul 1796, Wilkes co. N.C.
11. Polly
 b. 5 Feb 1799

^fA descendant is Frances L. Tiller of Kansas City, MO. From Lewis & Isabel her line is: Lewis Wilson Strange (1853-1905) & wf. Frances Pound → Zou Ellen Strange (1882-1970) & hus. Arthur Linvill → Frances Linvill (1916 --) & hus Stanley Tiller.

^gA descendant is David A. Strange of San Rafael, CA. From Larkin & Mary his line is: Samuel Archelaus Strange (1850-1938) & wf. Melrose Lisenby → Ian Maclaren Strange (1897-) & wf. Adelaide Weihe → David Alloway Strange (1924 --) & wf. Florence Fernsteiner.

^hThe Bible rec. says 1791 but this must be an error in transcribing.

CHART 5-C

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 5 MARTHAⁱ

Martha Coffey

b. abt 1758, Albemarle co., VA

d. bef 12 Aug 1826, Wayne co., KY

m. Feb 1774 Mastin Durham (b. 1755 Hanover co., VA; d. 1 Aug 1844), Albemarle co., VA

children:

1. Molly Durham

b. 7 Feb 1775

2. James Durham

b. 8 Feb 1777

3. John Durham

b. 29 Mar 1779

4. Elizabeth "Betsy" Durham

b. 29 Sep 1781

m. Mr. Boone

5. Selah Durham^j

b. 29 Jun 1784, N.C.

d. 12 Aug 1874

m. 4 Feb 1804 Ebenezer Fairchild, Burke co., N.C.

6. Sally Durham

b. 11 Mar 1787

CHART 5-D

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 6 REUBEN^k

Reuben Coffey

b. 16 Sep 1759, Albemarle co., VA

d. 9 Jun 1842, Wayne co., KY

m. abt 1782 Millie Morris (tradition)

children:

1. Eleanor

b. abt 1783, Wilkes co., N.C.

m. Mr. Hisan

2. Sally

b. abt 1785, Wilkes co., N.C.

m. Joseph Owens

3. Elizabeth ("Betsy")^l

b. abt 1786, Wilkes co., N.C.

m. Thomas Sumpter

4. James^l

b. 1790, Wilkes co., N.C.

d. 1870/80, Flat Rock, KY

m. 7 Jul 1810 Sally Sumpter

5. Anna

m. Washington Owens (?)

6. Rachael

m. 23 Jul 1820 Burnett Elam, Wayne co., KY

ⁱSee ref. # 22^jA descendant is Nell Marsh of Monticello, KY^kSee ref. #s 25, 26 & especially 4 for information on additional descendants.^lAlma Whitis, Indianapolis, IN is a desc. of James; Bennie Coffey & Jacqueline Sexton are desc. of both Elizabeth & James.

7. Polly
m. Mr. Giddens
8. Oliver
m. 18 Oct 1815 Sally Ramsey
9. Austin
b. abt 1796, Wilkes co., N.C.
10. Naomi N.
b. abt 1805, Burke co., N.C.
m. Summers Wright

CHART 5-E

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 7 AMBROSE^m

Ambrose Coffey

b. 1762, Albemarle co., VA
 d. Sep 1818, Pulaski co., KY
 m. (1) Mildred "Millie" Moore, dau of Jesse and Alley Moore
 children:

1. James Madison
d. 25 Jun 1833, Mississippi
2. Jesse
b. 1792
d. 11 Feb 1835, Tennessee
3. Thomas Jefferson
b. 16 Feb 1805, Burke co., N.C.
d. 1 Nov 1858, Brazoria co., TX
m. Malinda Graves Williams Haley
4. George Washington
b. abt Dec 1806ⁿ
d. 17 Mar 1840, Jackson, MS
m. Mary Catherine Isler
5. Holland^o
b. 15 Aug 1807
d. 5 Oct 1846, Texas
m. 29 Jan 1839 Mrs Sophia Suttentfield
6. Hiram
d. 19 Jan 1836, Mississippi
7. Alice
b. Burke co., N.C.
8. America
b. Burke co., N.C.
m. Samuel Lusk
9. Mildred
b. Burke co., N.C.
10. Myra
d. 3 Sep 1835, Tennessee
m. Mr. Edmondson
11. Elizabeth
d. Jan 1843, Warren co., TN
m. George Washington Jewell

^mData from several sources; see chiefly ref. # 34

ⁿBased on age at indenture of apprenticeship, Wayne co., KY Deed Bk. C, p. 85.

^oRay, Worth S. Austin Colony Pioneers. Washington co., Austin, TX. 1949

- m. (2) 1812 Elizabeth Rice
 children:
 1. Christopher Greenup
 d. 19 Apr 1861, Jackson, MS
 2. Emily
 m. (3) bef Sep 1818 Polly Garner (?)

CHART 5-F

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 8 ELI^P

Eli Coffey

- b. 1 Mar 1763, prob. Albemarle co., VA
 d. 5 Sep 1847, prob. Johnson or Pettis co., MO
 m. bef 1790 Hannah Allen, dau of David and Hannah Allen
 children:
 1. James
 d. in infancy
 2. Allen
 d. in infancy
 3. Asbury Madison
 b. 25 Jul 1804, Wilkes co., N.C.
 d. 28 Nov 1897, Knobnoster, Johnson co., MO
 m. 22 Jul 1828 Mary Bradford, (dau of Col. Henry Bradford), Tennessee
 children: (9 - only 7 listed)
 1. Rufus L.
 b. abt 1831
 d. 25 Dec 1860
 m. Martha Ann _____
 2. Alexander B.
 b. abt 1832
 m. Mary Bradford
 3. Ellen B.
 b. abt 1836
 m. Mr. Corrum of Knobnoster, MO
 4. Mary
 b. abt 1838
 5. Tipton H.
 b. 18 Feb 1846
 d. 19 Dec 1860
 6. Henry
 b. 8 Jul 1848
 d. Nov 1934
 7. Rachael Frances (twin of Henry)
 b. 8 Jul 1848
 m. 24 May 1871 Robert H. Walker

^PSeveral sources - see chiefly ref. 39-45 and 1850 census of Pettis co., MO. According to census records there was probably a son b. 1829 and another either 1835 or 1839/40. An article in an Oregon newspaper in 1932 says the twins were the youngest of a family of 9 children.

CHART 5-G

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 9 RICE^q

Rice Coffey

- b. Apr 1766, Amherst co., VA
- d. 24 Jul 1853, Wartrace, Bedford co., TN
- m. 1790 Sarah "Sally" Bradford (b. 22 Jun 1770; d. 3 Sep 1840)^r

children:

1. Jerusha (or Joenash)
 - b. 4 May 1792, N.C.
 - d. 10 Mar 1810, Bell Buckle, Bedford, TN
 - unmd.
2. Elvira
 - b. 14 May 1794, N.C.
 - d. 10 Jul 1849
 - unmd.
3. Henry Bradford
 - b. 12 Jul 1796, N. C.
 - d. 11 Apr 1864, Jackson, AL
 - m. Sarah Edmonson
4. Mary C. (or G.)
 - b. 12 Oct 1797, N.C.
 - d. 22 Oct 1878
 - m. John Kendall (?)
5. Weightstill Avery
 - b. 1801, N.C.
 - d. 1837, unmd.
6. Alexander Hamilton
 - b. 1803/4, N.C. (?)
 - d. 1864, Bedford co., TN
 - m. Nancy E. (Mary) Weatherly (or Matherly ?)
7. Martha "Patsy"
 - b. 1805/6 (or 1808), TN (?)
 - d. 1845
 - m. Alex Yell (or Bell?)
8. Benjamin B.
 - b. 1809/10, TN
 - d. 1864
 - m. Mrs. Mary E. Roache (Beach ?)
9. John Reid
 - b. 27 Mar 1814, Wartrace, Bedford, TN
 - d. 21 Mar 1896, prob. Jackson co., AL
 - m. 21 Aug 1849 Mary Ann Cross (b. 28 Dec 1831; d. 8 Sep 1897).

CHART 5-H

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 10 JOEL^s

Joel Coffey

- b. 1770, Amherst co., VA
- d. Dec 1826, Wayne co., KY

^qSee ref. #s 4, 16, 48, 49, 50^rTombstone rec in Bedford co., TN (Bell Buckle or Old Salem cem.)^sSee principally ref. # 4; one ref. (# 16) lists a 7th child, Elizabeth (Betsy) who md. Burrell Elam.

m. Martha "Patsy" _____.

children:

1. Nathaniel
m. (1) 1823 Louisa Durham; (2) after 1830 Nancy Clark
2. Alvina (Elvira)
m. 27 Mar 1828 Martin Wright
3. Carolina (or Caroline)
b. abt 1819, Wayne co., KY
m. Noah Summers
4. Martha L.
m. 19 Feb 1835 Perry M. Stacey
5. Frances (Franky)
m. Andrew Jackson Jones
6. Henry B.
d. Macon or Moniteau co., MO
m. 24 (or 3) Jan 1838 Sara Ann Isbell, Wayne co., KY

CHART 5-I

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CLEVELAND) COFFEY: # 11 LEWIS RUSSELL^t

Lewis Russell Coffey

- b. 18 Nov 1772, Amherst co., VA
 d. 29 Sep 1850, Wayne co., KY
 m. 10 Dec 1795 Bidant "Biddie" Moore, (dau of Jesse & Alley Moore, b. 3 May 1775; d. 13 Jan 1851, Wayne co., KY), Wilkes co., N.C.

children:

1. Elizabeth "Betsy"
b. 1797/8, Wilkes co., N.C.
d. 5 Dec 1868, Tazewell co., IL
m. 17 Mar 1819 Richard Northcraft Cullom (b. 1 Oct 1795; d. 4 Dec 1872)
2. Mary "Polly"
b. 19 Oct 1800, N.C.
d. 29 Mar 1855, Wayne co., KY
m. 4 Jan 1821 Joshua Oatts
3. James Lewis
b. 12 Sep 1802
d. 7 Aug 1855
m. Feb 1829 Sarah Alloway Strange
4. Henderson
b. 8 Oct 1804, Wilkes co., N.C.
d. 8 Dec 1868 (or 6 Dec 1866)
m. 27 Aug 1827 Minerva Alexander
5. Edward Northcraft Cullom
d. bef 13 Apr 1850
m. Rachael A. Isaacs
6. Rachael
b. abt 1809
m. 1829/30 Thomas Jefferson Jones
7. Shelby
b. 12 (19) Aug 1811, Wayne co., KY
d. 2 Sep 1863
m. Zerilda Emarine Meadows

^t Several sources - see principally ref. #s 16, 19, 4; also Lewis' will in Wayne co. KY Will Bk. A, p. 112, 13 Apr 1850.

8. Jesse Moore
 - d. Aug 1835, Wayne co., KY
 - m. 1832 Elizabeth Ann Smith (or Elizabeth Griffin)
9. Benjamin Franklin
 - b. 10 Dec 1816
 - d. 11 May 1868
 - m. 11 Oct 1842 Mary Ann Worsham
10. Thomas Coleman
 - b. 1819
 - m. (1) 11 Dec 1839 Mary "Polly" Havens; (2) 23 Aug 1848 Patience Jane Miller; (3) Sarah Havens, (4) Mrs. Amanda Jane Hudson Stone
11. Cleveland L.
 - d. 26 Oct 1834^u
 - m. (1) Mrs. Bradshaw; (2) Sophronia Oatts

"My boys to you, we have broken
the chain, and we can beat them
again. I will show you, by an
example, how to fight ..."

Benjamin Cleveland to his
sons of Wilkes and Barry at
the Battle of Kings Mt.

^u See ref. # 16.

n. Martha "Patsy" _____
children:

- 1. Nathaniel
 - a. (1) 1811 (1811)
- 2. Abigail (Silvia)
 - a. 27 Mar 1808
- 3. Carolina (or Caroline)
 - b. 1811, Wayne Co., N.C.
 - c. Noah Burgess
- 4. Martha L.

and _____
children:

- a. _____
- 6. Henry
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

CHILDREN OF _____

Lewis Russell _____

- b. 18 Nov 1772
- d. 29 Sep 1847
- m. 16 Dec 1795
- 1775: _____

children:

- 1. _____
 - b. 1797
 - a. _____
 - c. 17 Mar _____
- 2. Mary _____
 - b. 18 Mar _____
 - d. 27 Mar _____
 - e. _____
- 3. James _____
 - b. 18 Mar _____
 - c. _____
 - e. _____
- 4. _____
 - b. _____
 - d. _____
 - f. _____
- 5. _____
 - a. _____
 - e. _____
- 6. _____
 - b. _____
 - d. _____
- 7. _____
 - b. 18 Mar _____
 - d. 2 Jan _____
 - e. Bertha _____

† Several sources - see _____
co. NY Will Bk. 1, p. _____

CHAPTER 6
THE CLEVELAND
FAMILY



"My brave fellows, we have beaten
the Tories, and we can beat them
again ... I will show you, by my
example, how to fight ... "

Benjamin Cleveland to his
men of Wilkes and Surry at
the Battle of Kings Mt.

CHAPTER 8
THE CLEVELAND
FAMILY



... and we had been there
... I will show you, by my
... how to do it ...
... Cleveland to his
... and I like and carry it
... the title of King Mr.

Several notations have been made in previous chapters concerning the Clevelands. It seems appropriate at this point to give an account of the Cleveland genealogy since all who descend from Rev. James Coffey share some Cleveland ancestry, and some other Coffeys may be related.

It is extremely difficult, and perhaps impossible to arrive at a true account regarding the relationships and ancestry of the Clevelands of eighteenth century Virginia. Most accounts of this family's genealogy seem to have been derived from the works of Edmund James Cleveland, published in 1899.¹ Mr. Cleveland details, perhaps accurately, the history of the New England immigrant, Moses Cleveland, and then in volume 3 proceeds to give an account of an Alexander Cleveland who is supposed to be the ancestor of the Virginia Clevelands and possibly a brother of Moses. He admits that there is no documentary evidence for this Alexander in America. Apparently the best evidence is a letter written by Oliver Cleveland of Albemarle county Virginia which states "my father and grandfather were both named Alexander Cleveland. My grandfather lived to be 111 years old and my grandmother to be 103 years old. My grandfather was an Englishman by birth." It appears, however, that Oliver's grandfather was the son of this (perhaps imaginary) first Alexander. Edmund Cleveland lists only 1 known son, Alexander, born about 1659 (apparently in England), and died about 1770 at the home of son John Cleveland on Blue Run, Orange county Virginia. His wife was perhaps Milly Presley, born about 1667 and died 1770, 3 days after Alexander. Children listed were:

John Cleveland, born abt 1695-1700
 Alexander Cleveland, born abt 1698-1710
 Jeremiah Cleveland, born abt 1700-1712
 Micajah Cleveland, born about 1702-1712 (this may not have been his son)
 Elizabeth Cleveland, born abt 1704-1716
 William Cleveland, born about 1719

He also indicates that the above Alexander may have been the original immigrant rather than another Alexander who was his father. At any rate he says they settled on Bull Run in Prince William county Virginia and removed prior to 1734 or 1738 some 60 miles southwest to Blue Run in Orange county (near the line of Albemarle.)

At this point it seems to me that Mr. Cleveland may have confused two Cleveland lines. In 1958 George A. Martin published an article² which refutes much of these original claims. Citing the Abingdon Parish Register of Gloucester county

Virginia (which I also have checked) he shows that Roger and Dorcas Cleveland were the parents of Alexander who in turn was the father of John who settled in Orange county. He also cites evidence³ that the Clevelands went from Gloucester county to Spotsylvania county. There is a deed for Roger Cleveland in 1679 which says he was of Gloucester.⁴ He purchased land in Old Rappahannock county which of course later became Essex county and may have been that part of Essex which still later became Spotsylvania county.

We do not know when Roger and Dorcas Cleveland came to Virginia, or whether he came over and married her here, but they seem to be the first Clevelands in the records of Virginia, and Roger was in Virginia by Nov. 16, 1670.⁵ It is not entirely clear to me whether the Clevelands moved from Spotsylvania to Orange or were just in that part of Spotsylvania that became Orange county in 1734. At any rate an Alexander Cleveland witnessed a deed in Spotsylvania county April 2, 1734³ and Alexander Jr. bought 100 acres from Rice Curtis in Orange county March 17, 1734.⁶ He was listed as being from Spotsylvania county at the time. Alexander also bought 100 acres in Orange county from Lawrence Franklin in September 1738 but sold (or leased) this to John Taylor November 23, 1752.⁷

John Cleveland also bought 100 acres from Rice Curtis on Branches of "Blew Run" adjoining that bought by Alexander and on the same day.⁶ Both of these deeds were witnessed by Grace Cleveland who I suppose is the Grace Cleveland that married Edward Coffey, son of Edward Sr. and Ann Powell. Grace was John's sister. John also bought part of 1600 acres on March 18, 1734. He apparently remained in Orange county on Blue Run the rest of his life and died there. His will was made November 1, 1778 and proved in Orange county court November 26, 1778.⁸

Alexander Sr. (son of Roger and Dorcas) married Mary _____ or Milley Presley and according to the Abingdon Parish Register had the following children:

1. Alexander Jr., baptised May 25, 1712 (this is probably the Alexander later found in Albemarle county.)
2. John, born July 31, baptised August 24, 1714 (this is the John mentioned above in Orange county.)
3. Grace, born September 1, baptised September 30, 1716 (she married Edward Coffey, son of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey).
4. William, born February 23, baptised March 22, 1718.
5. Benjamin, born November 21, baptised November 28, 1721.

According to family tradition Alexander died at Blue Run at or near his son John's home (possibly 1770?). There is no will for him.

Moving over to Albemarle county we find that Jacob Cleveland and wife Mildred sell to Alexander Cleveland 99 acres in North Garden on the Hardware River⁹ (this is where John and Jane (Graves) Coffey lived) September 9, 1762, witnessed by Eli Cleveland. This is the land he received by patent November 10, 1757. Also in 1762 he bought 114 acres from Henry Carter (witnessed by Eli Cleveland.) He sold 184 acres in March 1778. In the minutes of Albemarle church (Baptist) a list of members in 1773 included Jacob Cleveland, Milley Cleveland and Fanney Cleveland.¹⁰ I do not know where this Jacob fits in. Edmond James Cleveland says he is a son of Jeremiah (son of Alexander), born May 6, 1739. Perhaps this is correct, although the date may be off somewhat.

I did not find any other deeds for Alexander but he witnessed a deed by James Cleveland July 26, 1767.¹¹ His will¹² is recorded as being made February 2, 1776 and proved at November court 1776. It lists his wife Margaret and children James (eldest), Oliver, William (under 21), Anne, Elizabeth, Mille, and Polley. (Polley is a nickname for Mary). It doesn't list Eli as a son but executors included "wife Margaret and son in law and son Eli Cleavland and Edward Johnson" (presumably he meant Eli as a son). Witnesses were Eli and Oliver Cleavland and Edward Johnson. This could well be the Alexander that Edmund Cleveland listed as the second child of the Alexander who was supposedly born in 1659 and died in 1770, (but in reality born in 1687².) This Alexander Jr. would have been a brother to John of Orange county. The children listed in the will are also listed by Edmund Cleveland. However, there are additional ones listed in Edmund's book (Anka, Alexander, John, and Martha or Patsey) which are not listed in the will. In a 1782 tax list a Margarett Cleavland is listed with no males in the household above age 21. She must have been the widow of Alexander.

Putting Edmund James Cleveland's list together with information from other sources¹³ we can come up with the following:

Alexander Cleveland, b. 1712, Gloucester co. VA; m. Margaret Doolittle (deed records, will and statement of grandson Henry Wilson Cleveland); children:

1. James, b. ____, d. prob. 1791 (if this is the James whose will is rec. in Loudon co. 12 Sep 1781 - wife Frances, child. Johnston, Hannah, & George); was a captain in the Rev. War.
2. Eli, b. 1729-34 (according to tradition he was 95-100 at time of death. However, most Cleveland ages seem to be exaggerated and he was probably somewhat younger - note birthdates of brothers and sisters); d. Apr. or May 1829 in Fayette co., KY (w.p. Jun 1829). Possibly this is the same Eli who was an assistant minister in the Littleriver Church (Regular

Baptist), Louden co., VA in 1772.¹⁰ This church had several branches and he may have been in the Bull Run Branch. On Oct. 16, 1766 he leased land in Prince William co. and was listed as being of that county.

3. Alexander, b. ____; d. abt. 1825; md. Sarah Ann ____.
4. John, b. ____; d. bef. 1839.
5. Oliver, b. abt 1749; d. Feb. or Spring 1844, Madison co., KY; md. 19 Dec 1792 Jane Buckner (The Oliver Cleveland who d. in Albemarle co. in 1785 is apparently an earlier one).
6. Anna, b. 1751; d. 14 Jan 1838, Montgomery co., KY; m. John Hazelrigg.
7. Anka or Ankey, b. ____; d.-still living in Amherst co. VA in 1839; m. ____ Wood.
8. Elizabeth, b. abt 1755-6; d. 1845/6; m. John McWilliams or perhaps Bennett Gillum (?); went to KY.
9. William, b. 24 Dec 1757, Albemarle co., VA; d. 18 Jun 1842, Pendleton co., KY; m. Margaret Wilson.
10. Milly, b. ____; d.-living in KY in 1839; m. ____ Henry.
11. Mary (Polly), b. ____; d. prior to 1839; m. ____ Johnson.
12. Martha (Patsy), b. 9 Jun 1764; d. ____; m. Mar 14 1793 Bernard Franklin¹⁴
Also went to KY.

All six of the boys were in the Revolutionary War and were supposed to have all been at the Yorktown surrender.

The problem that still remains with the above list is that the age span of birthdates is too great, at least for one wife. However, I offer this list since there seems to be nothing better at this time. As previously mentioned, Alexander Jr. (the father in the above list) died in 1776 in Albemarle county. His wife Margaret lived for some years after the war. It can be seen that most of this family went to Kentucky, although it is possible the son Alexander may have gone to Prince William county Virginia.

Returning to the family of Alexander Cleveland Sr., the second son, John (who settled on Blue Run in Orange county) had a well-known family. He married Elizabeth Coffey (not Martha, as Edmund James Cleveland says). She was a younger daughter of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey (see chapter 3). John's will in 1778 lists 5 sons and 3 daughters. He omits his son Larkin but there are enough other accounts of the Clevelands to indicate that Larkin belonged to this family. The account of Edmund James Cleveland omits Patty, and does not have the names for daughter Betty (Elizabeth?) and son Reuben. Some of his dates are also incorrect. Utilizing these two sources together with the Draper papers and other historical

accounts we can arrive at the following:

John Cleveland, b. Jul 31, 1714⁴, Gloucester co. VA; d. Nov 1778, Blue Run, Orange co., VA; m. 20 Apr 1734¹⁵ Elizabeth Coffey (b. abt 1714, Essex co. VA).
Children:

1. Mary - m. Bernard (Barnett or Meishack) Franklin; moved to Wilkes co. N.C. with most of the Clevelands (land entry in 1778); d. Jan 1828. There is some confusion here with the Bernard Franklin who m. Martha of the previous family (I am here assuming they are two different individuals.)
2. Benjamin¹⁶ - (prob. the oldest son) b. 26 May 1738, prob. Orange co. VA; raised there; m. abt 1761 Mary Graves, dau of William Graves. Benjamin spent some time in Pittsylvania co. VA where he became known as a mighty hunter. In about 1768 he moved his family to N.C., initially to Surry (created from Rowan in 1770), finally settling on the "Round about" on the upper Yadkin River in Wilkes co. He and Mary had three children: Absalom, John and Jemima. In 1779 & 1780 he represented Wilkes co. in the N.C. General Assembly.²⁶ Ben was a Colonel in the Rev. War, commanded a Regiment of N.C. Militia ("Wilkes county Bulldogs") in the famous battle of Kings Mt.¹⁷ (So. Carolina) Oct. 7, 1780. This regiment included several Coffeys and relatives. Col. Ben was known as the "terror of the Torries", being forever in and out of scrapes with the British but always coming out victorious. For awhile after the War he operated an inn in Wilkes co. but soon moved to the Pendleton District of So. Carolina along the Tugalo River on a line between the whites and the Cherokee Indian tribe. Here he became a judge. Benjamin is reported to have grown to enormous proportions, reaching a weight of 450-500 pounds. One account even says his weight at death was 734 pounds (rather unlikely). He died in S. Carolina (some say Georgia) in Oct. 1806 (w.d. 10 Sep, w.p. 21 Oct). Cleveland co. N.C. was named in his honor.
3. John - b. 1740?. Edmund James Cleveland says he was the oldest and born 1730. This seems highly unlikely and probably based on age reported (by some) at his death. As we have seen and will continue to point out, tradition has a tendency to lengthen the life of an ancestor and this seems especially true in the case of the Clevelands. This John Cleveland should not be confused with one called "Devil John" who is supposed to be the son of Benjamin and with him at the battle of Kings Mt. However, if the birthdate of 1769, generally given for him, is correct he would only have been 11 years old at the time of the battle! (I think the b.d. is incorrect). The John we are here discussing became a Baptist minister in Wilkes co., N.C. (land entry there Jan. 1779), later in S. Carolina. His death is reported to have occurred at Cleveland's Ferry, Tugalo R., S.C. (or poss. Georgia) in 1820/1. He m. Mary or Molly McCann.
4. Elizabeth (Betty) - b. 6 Jun 1742, Orange co., VA; d. 19 Apr 1828, Scott co. KY; m. abt 1760-65 David Gillaspay; moved to Madison co. KY in 1802.
5. Robert - b. 8 Jan 1744, Blue Run, Orange co., VA. He also removed to Wilkes co. N.C. (land entry 1 Oct 1779) where he remained the rest of his life, dying Apr. 10/26, 1812 at his home on Lewis Fork. He was a captain in the War and also at King's Mt. He also was involved with his brother Ben in some daring skirmishes with the Torries. Robert m. (1) bef 1770 Alice (Aley or Aily) Mathis of Kentucky who was b. 11 Dec 1750 and d. 18 Dec. 1791, and (2) Sallie Johnson of Wilkes co. He had 17 children by the 2 wives. In 1809 he was a member of the 6th U.S. Electoral College from N. Carolina. He may have lived in Pittsylvania

county Virginia before going to Wilkes co., N.C. as a Robert Cleveland, not otherwise accounted for, is there as a land owner in 1779 (Deed Bk. 5, p. 91).

6. Reuben - Little is known about him but he is mentioned in his father's will. He apparently d. bef. 9 Feb. 1792 and had a son John.¹⁸
7. Jeremiah - b. abt 1746 according to Edmund Cleveland. However, his dau. Martha Cleveland Lingow, b. 1788,¹³ (quoted in Draper papers) says 1753. He remained in VA & d. there in 1806. He is mentioned several times in Albemarle deed and order bks. His wife was Mary Gentry (dau of Benajah Gentry & Miss Austin & b. abt 1755) of Albemarle co.¹⁹ Jeremiah had 13 children.²⁰ One must be careful to distinguish between this Jeremiah and his uncle, son of Alexander Sr. Some claim that Jeremiah, son of John, also went to N.C., but the dates fit better here. It may be that he went to Wilkes co. briefly then back to VA. The Jeremiah who m. Elizabeth Moon was a son of this Jeremiah.^{12,20}
8. Larkin - b. 6 Apr 1748 (his monument says "April 1748"); went to Wilkes co., N.C. where he was among the earliest to make a land entry in 1778, and was a Lieutenant in the Rev. War. He was badly wounded at Kings Mt. and was a cripple the rest of his life. After the War he also went to So. Carolina, Georgia and finally settled in Lincoln co. TN. He d. in Giles co. TN 9 Jul 1814. Larkin m. Frances _____. A Larkin Cleveland appears on some records of Bedford co. VA in 1774 (Ct. Ord. Bk. 5, pp. 26, 111.)

9. Patty or Patsy - m. James Smith 9 Nov 1775, Orange co., VA.²¹

It should be noted that some sources list the b.d. of Patty as 1750 and Reuben 1752 but the above order (with the exception of the omitted Larkin) is as they are given in John's will. I have also seen a source listing Larkin's birth as 1756.

Of the other children of Alexander Cleveland, Sr. given in the Abingdon

Parish Register:

- (1) nothing is known of the Benjamin born in 1721.
- (2) William, b. 1718, was among the citizens of Albemarle co. signing a declaration of Independence April 21, 1779, but apparently lived later in Loudoun co. VA²² and had a wife Nancy and a dau. Dorcas; d. 1787/8.
- (3) We have already seen that Grace (b. 1716) md. Edward Coffey the son of Edward. They lived in the Albemarle-Orange co. area, at least for a time.

Edmund J. Cleveland does not list Benjamin or Grace as children of this Alexander but does list Jeremiah, Elizabeth, and perhaps Micajah. This Jeremiah had a son Jacob and it may be he who is mentioned in the Albemarle county deeds.⁹ I have no record on Micajah and it is uncertain if he belongs here so I will not discuss him further.

That brings us to Elizabeth who Cleveland says was born about 1704-16 and married Rev. James Coffey. However, since the latter was born in 1729 it would seem that Elizabeth could not be as old as he says. Since all the other dates for this family given by Cleveland seem to be wrong there is no reason to believe this one would be correct. But why do not the names of Elizabeth and Jeremiah

appear in the Abingdon Parish Register? This is because they were born after the family left Gloucester county and moved to Spottsylvania county and we have no record of births there. Thus Elizabeth might have been born about 1726 or 1727 or as late as 1730 as some have suggested. (Note that in chapter 5 we have shown that there is one possibly good record that gives the date as February 1727).

There is another Cleveland that does not appear in either Edmund Cleveland's book or the Abingdon Parish Register but nevertheless probably belongs here. This is Jane Cleveland who married Chesley Coffey. The reader should turn to chapter 7 for additional information on this couple and their descendants but for now I will simply say that I am placing her birth as occurring about 1725. This date fits an open spot in the list of Alexander Sr.'s children and would make her about the right age to marry and have the children attributed to her in chapter 7.

This just about accounts for all of the Clevelands in the records of the counties around Orange and Albemarle except for a John who died in Albemarle county in 1786.²³ He sold 259 acres in Albemarle to Edward Johnson December 13, 1774, witnessed by Alexander Cleveland.²⁴ At present I have no idea who this John was because all other John Clevelands we know about moved elsewhere and died later. If he was the John son of Roger (b. before 1678), he would be at least 108 at the time of his death. Perhaps he was a son of William (1718), Benjamin (1721), Jeremiah (1723) or Micajah. The latter supposedly had two sons named John.¹ We should also not rule out Alexander and Margaret as his parents.

In order to bring some sort of logical conclusion to this lengthy discussion I suggest that Chart 6 might explain what I believe to be the true Cleveland genealogy at least as far as I can derive it with the information I have.

It will thus be seen that Elizabeth Cleveland is a daughter of Alexander Cleveland (as her son Rice gives it²⁵) and a granddaughter of Roger Cleveland. She is thus an aunt of our Colonel Benjamin Cleveland (not a sister as some have said). Also, she would be an aunt to the Clevelands who went from Albemarle county to Kentucky (children of her brother Alexander).

Using these dates we would find that Alexander Sr. (b. 1687), who if he died in 1770, was only 83 years old, not 111 as related by many descendants. Alexander Jr. (b. 1712) died at age 64 (1776) and his brother John at Blue Run, Orange county (b. 1714) was also 64 (d. 1778). Also many of the other Clevelands previously mentioned as having died between age 90 and 100 were probably somewhat less. I am reminded of the saying, "the palest ink is better than the strongest memory."

An early Cleveland, still unplaced, is William Cleiveland who gave his power of attorney in 1724 in Essex county. Another unplaced one is the Robert "of Fauquier county" who leased land in Prince William county on December 18, 1775. Perhaps he is a son of William (1718) or Eli since both were in neighboring Loudoun county. The Alexander Cleveland who witnessed two wills in Fairfax county (Will Ek. D) in 1777 must have been the son of Alexander and Margaret (Doolittle) Cleveland.

It should finally be mentioned that an important source of Cleveland history has been the Draper Papers.¹³ Lyman Draper wrote to a lot of the Cleveland descendants to get information for his Kings Mt. and other histories. He collected a multitude of information, much of it contradictory and based on tradition. How he pieced it together to get his history leaves something to be desired. An examination of his original papers together with other known facts can easily lead one to different conclusions which I believe to be more correct.

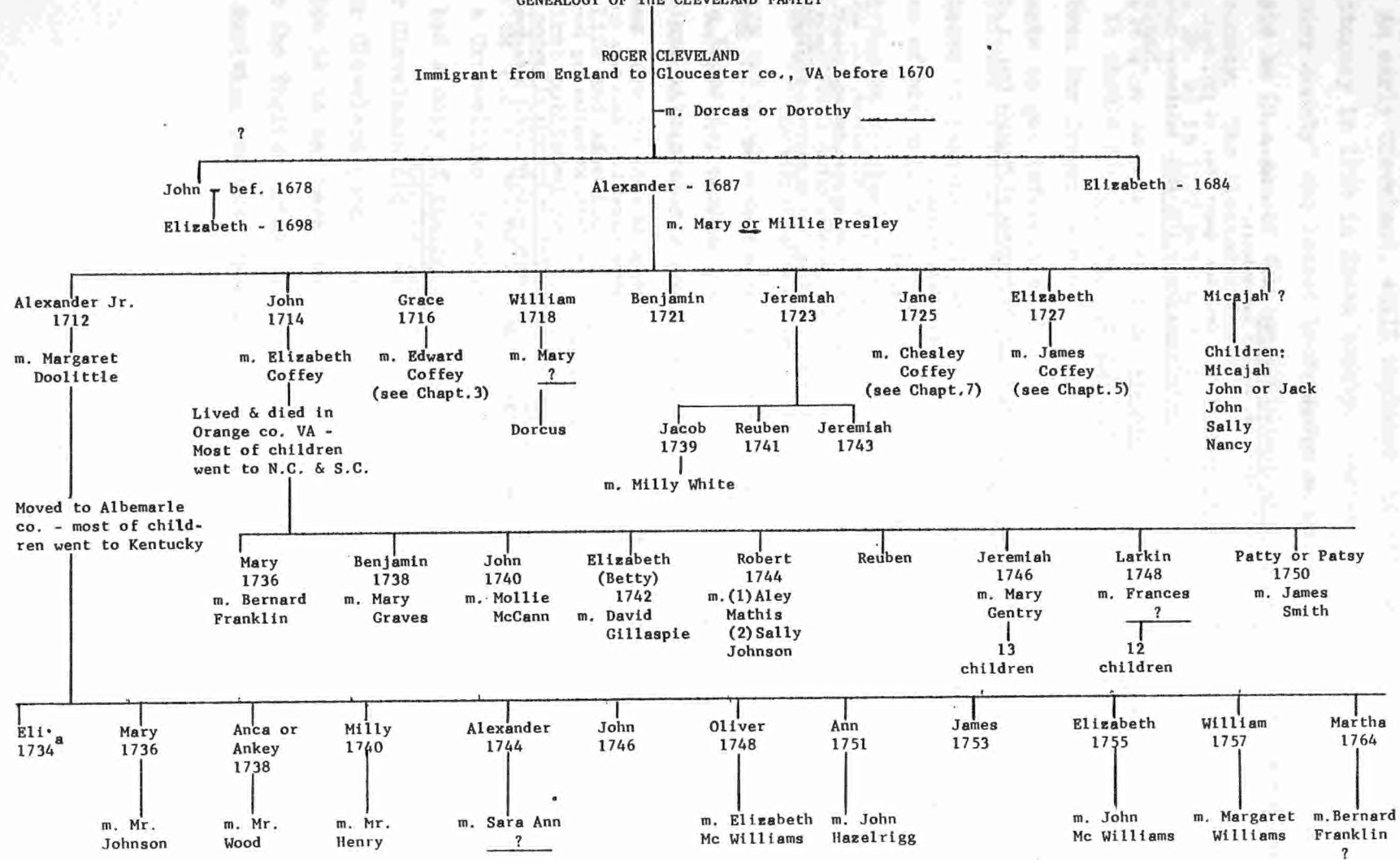
To Draper's credit he does discredit the story of the supposed Cleveland connection with Oliver Cromwell. Since this has become so much a part of Cleveland history and tradition I feel compelled to make some mention of it. As the story goes a beautiful maiden in the palace of Hampton Court by the name of Elizabeth Cleveland attracted the attentions of Oliver Cromwell, the Crown Protector, and a son was born to them. When he grew up he took his mother's name and wrote a book "The Life and Adventures of Mr. Cromwell, Natural Son of Oliver Cromwell" which was first published in 1731 (after his death) by the consent of his son. Several researchers have concluded that it is a fictitious romance and no evidence for such a Cromwellian-Cleveland son exists. Be that as it may, Col. Benjamin Cleveland had a copy of the book and delighted in claiming his descent in this manner. Other Clevelands did so as well and the story has become legend. I suspect that Oliver Cleveland (son of Alexander Jr.) was named for the character in this book. Suffice it to say here that the Roger-Alexander descent seems to be the correct one. As to the English origin of the Clevelands we know that this family is an ancient one, deriving its name from a tract of land in the North Riding of Yorkshire.¹⁷

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GENEALOGY OF THE CLEVELAND FAMILY



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CHAPTER 7

KISSIN' COUSINS - OTHER COFFEYS
IN VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

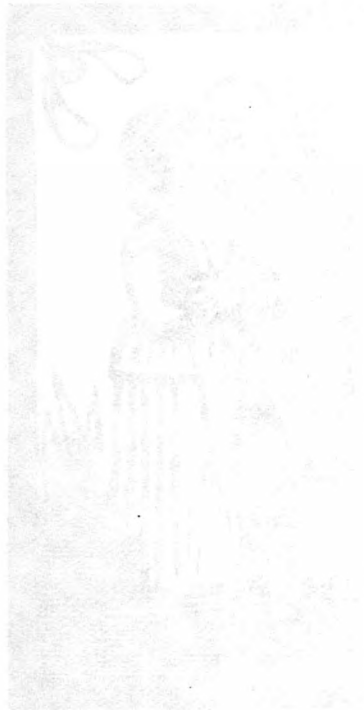


"Great families of yesterday we show,
And lords whose parents were
the Lord knows who."

...Daniel Defoe

CHAPTER 5 OTHER COFFEYS NORTH CAROLINA

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At this point in our story I believe it helpful, primarily for the benefit of future Coffey researchers who might read this, to discuss somewhat the other Coffeys who were contemporaries of those on our line. As everyone who has done much family searching knows, it is necessary to separate one's own line from others of the same name that occur in the same place and same time period. In the process of doing this I have accumulated a great deal of data on other Coffeys, particularly in Colonial Virginia and North Carolina, that I think should be shared with others. A complete account is not intended since the main purpose of this book is to give an account of one main line and those closely related to it, and many Coffeys appear in the records for whom it is difficult to assign a family line. However, a few family lines appear rather frequently and members of these lines have been confused with those of our line. Thus it seems necessary to set the record straight, at least to the extent of our present knowledge.

Early Immigrants

It appears that there may have been a number of Coffey immigrants to Virginia during colonial times, and at present we have no way of knowing if or how they might have been related. Several individuals by the name of Coffey (with variant spellings) reached Virginia in the 1600s and 1700s as indentured servants. Those who paid for their importation received land grants. Some of the importees include an Alice Coffe¹ (New Kent co., 1673), another Alice Coffe¹ (New Kent co., 1691), Tho. Coffey² (Nansemond/Is. of Wight co., 1711), Charles Coffee² (King & Queen co., 1714), and Edward Coffey² (Is. of Wight co., 1726). In addition to indentured servants there were also many bonded servants who came to America from English prisons. I have only found one Coffey (Peter) who came to Virginia in this manner (see later).

About 1683 the name of Abraham Coffee appears on a vestry petition³ in New Kent county. I know of no further reference to him and this is an unusual name for a Coffey. The only other mention of an Abraham Coffey before 1800 that I have seen is one born in Virginia in 1797.⁴ He was a son of a William Coffey Sr., born (apparently in Virginia) in 1763. Most of this line went to Logan county Ohio with some then going to Rock Island county Illinois and a few on to Iowa. A brother of William Sr.⁵ was John who married Rachael Pidgeon December 8, 1784 in Loudoun county Virginia. His Virginia connections are better known since he was a Quaker.⁶

He seems to originally have come from Loudeun county but moved to Bedford county in 1788. There are several records of him there. In 1805 he and family moved to Belmont county Ohio.

A Timothy Coffey died April 1, 1728 in Spotsylvania county.⁷ He left his entire estate to a friend, Adam Gordon, who was also the executor. It does not seem that he would be closely linked to our family.

It might be useful at this point to say a few words about the spelling of the name Coffey since there seems to be so many variant spellings. It should be apparent from what we have said in chapter two on the origins of the family that the name did not arise from the beverage coffee, but rather from the English rendering of an Irish name that sounded like it. The spelling -ee must surely have come about by association with the better known beverage and also due to the uneducated status of the masses who spelled by sounds almost exclusively. In the United States we generally find that those going to the south have spelled the name -ee and those to the north -ey. However, because I am convinced that the true and original spelling was -ey, I shall use that spelling henceforth except when quoting from a record that has it otherwise.

Peter Coffey

The only other immigrant for which we have a definite record is a Peter Coffy who came from Newgate (England) to Virginia on the ship "Forward Galley" which sailed October 28, 1730 and arrived on the Potomack in January 1731.⁸ This Peter was apparently one of those taken from Newgate prison and shipped to the Colonies to atone for their crimes by penal servitude in the plantations. Lest anyone think he was some sort of heinous criminal let us remember that it was common then to put a person in prison for stealing a loaf of bread! Generally they served for 7 years but a notation in his record says 14 years. It seems quite possible, if not probable, that this may be the Peter Coffey who settled in Prince Edward county. However, the two most common accounts of this family usually say that (1) "Peter and Joshua Coffey, brothers, came from Ireland in 1750 and settled in Prince Edward county Virginia."⁹ Each had a son named John and both became generals in the War of 1812; or (2) "Peter and Susannah Coffey came from Ireland in 1750 and brought at least several of their children with them." The best known son, Joshua, is usually quoted as being born in Ireland in 1745. However, the Overwharton Parish Register in Old Stafford county Virginia¹⁰ mentions children born (presumably there) in the early 1740s and a marriage in 1745. There are some discrepancies between these children and those mentioned in the will of Peter (Prince Edward county Will Bk. 1, p. 132 - w.d. 1 Jan. 1771), but similarities suggest they are the same family, having been in Stafford county before going

to Prince Edward. A book dealing with this line¹¹ prints the will of Peter and then makes a list of the children which does not take the will into consideration. Although I have not investigated this line extensively I feel the evidence indicates the following may be the approximate truth, at least a good point of departure for further research:

Peter Coffey came from Ireland by way of England in 1730¹ probably as a bonded or indentured servant. He married Susannah _____ probably soon after coming to Virginia. They lived during the early 1740s (and probably the 1730s) in Stafford county, moving to that portion of Amelia county that later became Prince Edward county, perhaps by 1745. Peter received a Virginia Land Patent of 220 acres in Amelia county September 20, 1748. One daughter, Mary, was born in the early 1730s. She married James Kendall February 25, 1745 and they had the following children:¹⁰ Jesse, b. 19 Jan 1747, d. 17 Apr 1750; John, b. 26 Feb 1749; Jess, b. 20 Sep 1752; and Bailey, b. 8 Oct 1755.

Daughters born during the 1730s probably included Catherine who married a Thomas, Hannah who married a Weakly, and Elizabeth (Bettie), probably not married. There was also a son William and a daughter Frances born before 1741 (the latter died January 1741). Other children were James, born February 27, 1740; Lydia, born January 25, 1742; Benjamin, born October 9, 1743; Joshua, born January 26, 1745, and Peter, evidently born after Joshua. William was probably born by 1734 since he is on the 1755 list of tithables for Prince Edward county. However, Peter and Peter Jr. are also listed. If Peter was younger than Joshua then according to my calculations Peter Jr. would be less than 10 years old. Either he was much older than Joshua or perhaps the Peter who married Susannah was a junior and his father, a Peter Sr., came with them from Ireland. (I believe the first option is more nearly correct).

Extensive information is available for only 2 of these children, Joshua and Peter, although there is some data relating to William (see later). Peter married Sarah Smith in 1774, fought in the Revolutionary War (Private, 12th Virginia Regiment), and eventually went to Hancock county Georgia where he died. They had 7 girls, a son Joshua who never married, and a son John (b. 3 Dec 1782, d. 25 Sep 1836) who married Ann Penelope Bryan (1784-1865). This John was a general of the State troops of Georgia in the War of 1812 and later rather prominent in that state (see picture). Coffey county Georgia was named for him in appreciation of his service against the Creek Indians.⁸ He was in the state legislature and twice elected to congress, dying on the day of his second election.⁸

The other son, Joshua married Elizabeth Graves in Hanover county June 2 (or August 11), 1767¹² (she was born January 28, 1751 (or 1741)¹² in Hanover county

Virginia and died in 1804 in Davidson county Tennessee). A Joshua Coffey appears as a plaintiff in a court case in Pittsylvania county Virginia in 1772. It is not known if this is the same Joshua. Joshua lived in Prince Edward county until 1775 when he moved¹³ to Granville county North Carolina. He enlisted in the War in 1779, was captured by Indians, and did prison labor at Detroit. Aided by a trader's wife he escaped and in 1780 was made a captain commanding a company of mounted gunners (North Carolina Militia) in the Southern Campaign (D.A.R. # 3930). After this conflict he moved to Rockingham county where he died September 8, 1797.¹² Only 2 children, John and Mary are mentioned in the will but the following is supposedly a more complete list:

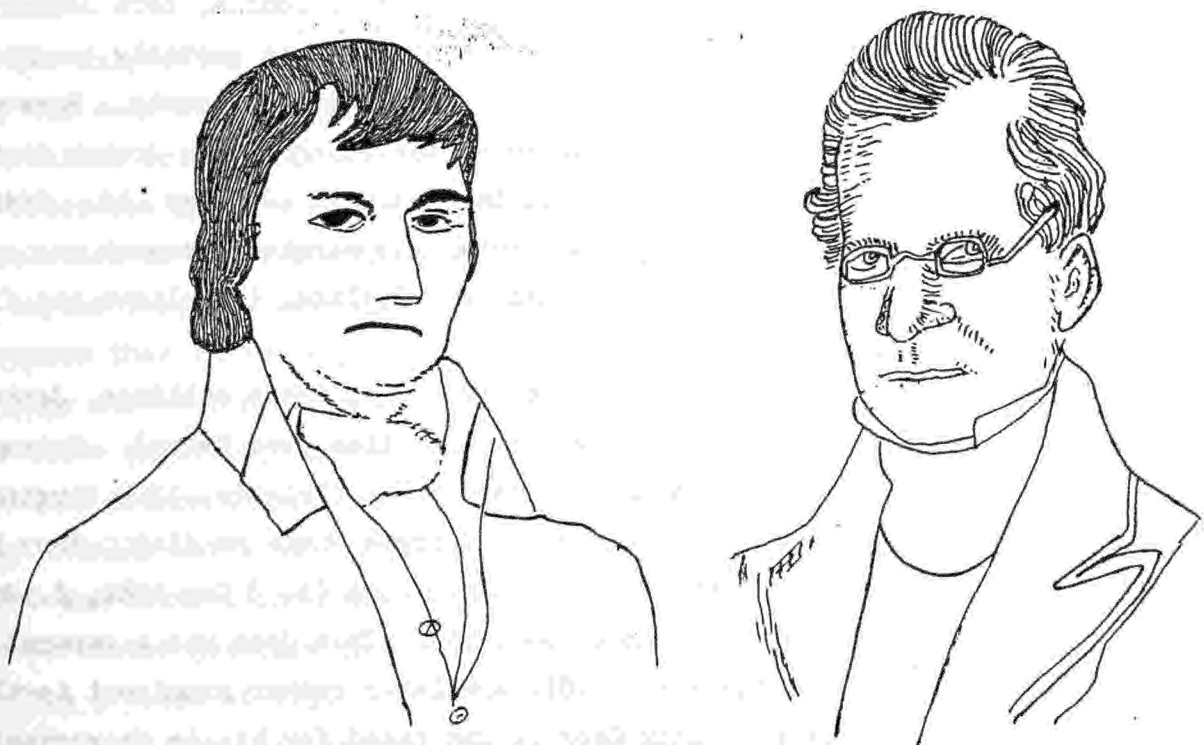
Thomas Graves, b. 4 Sep 1769 (some say 7 Dec 1764 but his parents weren't married until 1767); d. 5 Sep 1846; m. 10 Jul 1787 Mary Knight (1770-1832).

William, b. 20 Sep 1768.

Elijah, b. 15 Oct 1770.

John, b. 2 Jun 1772; d. 7 Jul 1833, Lauderdale co. AL; m. 3 Oct 1809 Mary Donelson.

Mary, b. 17 Aug 1774; d. 28 Apr 1839, Rutherford co., TN; m. 1792 Simpson Harris



Two General John Coffeys: left, John, son of Joshua and friend of Andrew Jackson; right, John, son of Peter and Georgia statesman. (Drawings made from oil paintings)

According to some records there was another son (but perhaps a grandson), Joshua M., born September 27, 1789 who married January 29, 1810 Jane Trousdale and went to Smith county Tennessee in the early 1800s. He is on the 1820 census of Smith county as is a David Coffey, somewhat older.¹⁴ Joshua died in Warren county Tennessee in 1842.¹⁵ Joshua M., Abner, David and Pleasant B. Coffey are supposed to be brothers. David died in 1822 and Pleasant is on the 1820 census of Overton county Tennessee. Abner and wife Christianna probably remained in Prince Edward county. All four are apparently sons of William (son of Peter) who probably lived in both Prince Edward and Buckingham county Virginia¹⁶ or at least he owned land in the latter.

Some of the children of Joshua and Elizabeth went to Tennessee. The one of most interest to us is John. He, like his cousin John of Georgia, rose to rank of General in the War of 1812. However, this John was more famous. He was a comrade in the war and lifelong friend of Andrew Jackson,¹⁷ whose niece, Mary Donelson, he later married. John Coffey and Andrew Jackson were early business partners.¹⁸ They had a fleet of flat boats that traded up and down the Cumberland, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers. As early as 1798 we find John Coffey moving salt from the Illinois Saline (an area later to become Saline county) down the Mississippi River. John was a Colonel of the Tennessee volunteers and with Jackson in the Creek War, his incursions into Florida, and the famous Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812.¹³ Many authors have extolled the heroics, loyalty and integrity of this John Coffey (see picture on preceding page).

After the War John Coffey, who was a surveyer by trade, settled on a large plantation known as "Hickory Hill" in Florence, Lauderdale county, Alabama where he died in 1833.⁸ He is buried in the Coffey cemetery 3 miles north of Florence. Rice Coffey (see chapter 5) wrote his nephew that he was a cousin of Gen. John Coffey. I'm not sure if this was supposed to be through the Graves or Coffeys but in either case they were not more than "kissin' cousins", some generations removed. It was common to refer to someone as cousin even though the blood lines were thin, or even supposed, as was probably the case here. In the early 1920s when Laura McFarland Thompson was living at Adams, Oregon with her grandparents, James B. and Mary E. Coffey, she used to write letters for James B. to Dr. Robert Coffey of Portland.²⁰ James B. told her that Dr. Coffey was a cousin. An investigation of this shows that they were actually only 4th cousins!²¹

Thomas Coffey also went to Tennessee and then to Lauderdale county Alabama. He had a son, Richard S. Coffey who married Sarah Fielder.²²

Chesley Coffey

Another line which has caused much confusion is the one which I shall call the Chesley-Joel line. There were many large families in this line and today many descendants are researching it. Because of this, and since it is not my line I will not go into great detail but rather give only some of the early branches where confusion with the Edward-John-James line might be more likely to occur. Beyond this I refer the interested reader to other researchers²³ and especially an essay on the family written by Timothy Peterman (see later reference).

As mentioned, there were many large families in this line in early American times. Each family used a lot of the same names and thus it is sometimes difficult to untangle all of them. Fortunately there are some early Bible and other family records, and a few wills, all of which help immensely. Mary Porter²⁴ has some of these old records that provide many of the keys. Her husband, Calvin Reese Porter, is the great grandson of Nathan Coffey and Sarah Meredith, this Nathan being the son of Joel Coffey and Martha Step, and Joel the son of Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland.

The information back to Nathan seems documented by an old Bible. However, the material on Joel Coffey-Martha Step, and Chesley Coffey-Jane Cleveland was written down by a daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Eliza Emeline Coffey Porter) about 1895, presumably from older records which she had.²⁵

A DAR record²⁶ has always listed Joel as born 1730 and married in 1753 to Martha Sealey who was born in 1737. However, their youngest son Nebuzaradon, born posthumously in 1789 would thus have been born when Martha was 52 years old. Several possible explanations have been proposed: (1) Joel married Martha Sealey who died and then he married Martha Step; (2) Joel married a widow by the name of Mrs. Martha Step Sealey; (3) Sealey was a nickname for Celia which was a middle name of Martha; (4) Joel was really much younger, being born circa 1750. One or more of these possibilities could exist. Let us examine them.

It has been suggested that a son Joseph who is not listed in Joel's will²⁷ of 1789 but is on the list of children given by Eliza Porter, could have been born to the first wife and died before the will was made. Also, this Joseph is reported to have gone to Kentucky quite early and was supposedly older so he might have already been provided for and perhaps thus not be listed in the will. Of course, even if there was only one wife Joseph could have died early. Martha Step's father was named Joseph so it is quite logical that the first son could have also been named Joseph.²⁸ One of the daughters of Joel and Martha was named Celia but re-

ferred to as "Sealy" in Joel's will. This may be where the name "Sealy" originated. I have not been able to find any Sealy family in any county where the Coffeys lived in either Virginia or North Carolina. What have generally been identified as Joel's brothers appear to have all been born mostly in the 1750s and none later than 1760. It has been suggested that Joel could have been born in 1730 and been the father of those listed here as his brothers. However, a family record²⁴ says that Joel's son James married Betsy, daughter of his uncle (Nathan). Thus Nathan (1760) at least would have to be a brother of Joel. Timothy Peterman ably discusses²⁹ other evidence which points to them as brothers. Space does not permit me to go into detail here but suffice it to say that the evidence I have seen leads me to believe that Joel was born closer to 1750, probably 1745-48, married (1765-68) Martha Step (b. abt 1750, d. 1816), who may have had a middle name of Celia (Sealy), and their children were born mostly in the 1770s and 1780s. Although the sequence may not be correct, the following seems to be the list²⁴ of their children:

- Joseph - may have died young, but there is a Joseph Coffey on the early tax records of Adair co., KY.
- Cleveland - prob. b. by 1768 since he was named an executor of his father's will in 1789; d. 29 Oct 1814. Adair co., KY; m. 11 Feb 1794 Jane Witherspoon, Wilkes co., N.C.; children: Kitty, George, Humphrey, Elijah (b. 1806 Adair co. KY), Walton, Lincy, & Cleveland (all under age when father died). An indenture in Russell co. 30 May 1836 indicates a dau. Patsey but no mention of Kitty or Lincy.
- Catherine (Caty) - prob. named for her mother's mother, Katherine Witherspoon.
- James - b. 13 Mar 1774 (one acct. has James b. 1783 and his wife b. 1791 & d. 1837, Jackson co., AL); d. 15 May 1826; m. 4 Mar 1804 Elizabeth (Betsy) Coffey (dau of Nathan & Mary Saunders Coffey, Nathan stated to be an uncle of James), Adair co. KY.; children: Langston, Logan, William, Woodson, Cleaveland, Wyatt, & Lucy.
- Joel - d. 1849; m. abt 1815 Martha Patricia Cobb.
- Jane - prob. the one who md. Joel Coffey (son of Nebuzaradan) Aug 1793, Wilkes co., N.C.
- Celia (Sealy) - m. Fielding Coffey (prob. son of Nebuzaradan) 3 Mar 1800 - bond dated 10 Mar, Madison co., KY. She was stated as being over 21.
- Nathan (or Nathaniel) - b. 10 Jan 1788; d. 19 Sep 1834; m. 11 Nov 1806 Sarah Meredith, Adair co., KY.
- Nebuzaradan - b. 29 Aug 1789, Wilkes co., N.C.; d. 20 Jan 1867, Marion co., OR; m. 11 Sep 1810 Elizabeth Easley, KY

Joel apparently lived in the King's Creek area of Wilkes county.³⁰ It's interesting that this is the general area where my Archelaus Coffey bought land.

Sometime after Joel's death the mother and children moved to Kentucky, first Madison and then that part of Green county that became Adair county and still later Russell county. Some of the children later went to Illinois, and the youngest son, Nebuzaradan, and his family were Oregon pioneers (see chapter 13). Elijah Coffey³¹ says the first move to Kentucky was in 1794 but I do not find them on the Madison county tax lists³² until 1796. The first Coffeys of this family appear on the

Green county tax lists³³ in 1799 but some do not appear until 1800.

Now lets return to the family of Joel Coffey. Eliza Porter states²⁵ that his parents were Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland. As far as I know no one has found a record of this early Chesley or of a Jane Cleveland. The latter seems obviously related to the Cleveland family of Virginia³⁴ and later Wilkes county North Carolina (see chapter 6), and tradition seems to have the Joel Coffey family coming from (probably) Albemarle county Virginia³⁵ to North Carolina in an early day, perhaps in the 1750s or by 1760. If Joel was born closer to 1750 perhaps Chesley may have been born around 1730. The latter could then, as has been suggested, be a son of Edward or Austin Coffey, brothers of the John Coffey who married Jane Graves. Supposedly Edward (who could have been born as early as 1700) married Grace Cleveland and Austin married a Miss Shenault.³⁶ However, Grace Cleveland was a witness to a deed in Orange county in 1734 so apparently hadn't married Edward Coffey early enough to be the mother of Chesley. Also, she wasn't born until 1716 (see chapter 6). We know little about the early life of Edward; perhaps he could have been married before Grace. As we saw in chapter 3 he is in Orange and Albemarle counties in the 1750s to 1770s and had a short stay in Anson county North Carolina (1751-2). This might establish the close relationship of Edward Coffey to the Chesley-Joel line, but we don't have adequate information to make this connection and dates do not coincide as well as need be. Perhaps a number of our dates are somewhat off and perhaps there is something incorrect about the Chesley Coffey-Jane Cleveland information. Of course it is possible that this line is entirely separate from the Edward-John-James line but there seems to be so many connections, in Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky that it is difficult to imagine them not related. Timothy Peterman²⁹ also points out the many close parallels in the two lines.

It has been suggested that Chesley Coffey could have been a son of an unknown Coffey who married a Miss Chesley since the practice of using sir names for given names in such cases was not uncommon. I have seen nothing to substantiate this except that a Phillip Chesley and wife Margaret are mentioned in York county Virginia court records January 25, 1674 and Phillip is mentioned even earlier (1664) in connection with his land patent in James City county. Also a Dan Chesley is mentioned.³⁷

The children of Chesley and Jane appear to be as follows:²⁹

1. Joel - b. 1730 (DAR) or more probably abt. 1745-48, in Virginia (?); d. bef. 27 Jul 1789, Wilkes co., N.C.; m. 1765-68 Martha Step (Sealey of DAR rec.); served in Rev. War.
2. Salathiel - b. abt 1750-55; d. bef. 28 Jul 1784, Wilkes co., N.C.; m. bef. 1773 Elizabeth _____.

3. Chesley Jr. - b. 19 Nov 1755; d. 18 Sep 1818, Maury co., TN; m. bef. 1780 Margaret Baldwin.
4. Nebuzaradon - b. 1757 (or earlier); d. 1797, Madison co., KY; m. abt 1780 (tradition) Elizabeth Hays; pvt., N.C. Militia in Rev. War. If his son Joel was the one who md. Jane Coffey in Wilkes co., N.C. 22 Aug 1793 then Nebuzaradon must have md. several years before 1780.
5. Nathan - b. 1760 (or earlier), Rowan co. (?) - DAR Lineage recs. say Anson co., N.C.; d. 1823, Jackson co., AL; m. late 1770s Mary Saunders.
6. (Perhaps) Cleveland or Jesse Cleveland and/or other undetermined Coffeys.

Salathiel died (bef. 28 Jul 1784) intestate in Wilkes county and although his wife is named in the administration³⁸ of the estate, no children are named. His wife and children moved to Adair county Kentucky²⁹ about 1799-1801³⁹ (Green county at the time) and some children later went to Illinois. The children and some other descendants are apparently the following:⁴⁰

1. Newton⁴¹ - b. 1773, Wilkes co., N.C. (Surry co. at that time); d. 1858; m. 1802 Sarah Meridith; went to Bond & Montgomery counties, IL by 1818 where he founded the town of Hillsboro; children: Cleveland Salathiel, Martha (Patsey), Ruth Eliza, Thomas L., Colbert L., Nancy, and Murry.
2. Eli - b. 8 May 1775; d. 18 Jul 1833; m. 22 Mar 1801⁴² Mary Coffey, dau of Nathan (1760); Green co., KY; moved to Sangamon, then Shelby, then Christian co., IL; 12 children: Mariah, Willis, Elizabeth⁴⁴ (b. 14 Aug 1807; d. 21 Jan 1891; m. 19 Dec 1826 Jacob Wolford, Russell co., KY), Nancy, Salathiel, Sirena, Nathaniel J., Stanton P., William S., Newton Eli⁴³ (b. 2 May 1823; d. 1890; m. 13 Apr 1843 Martha Vermillion), Mary Ann, and Reuben.
3. Elizabeth "Graney" Coffey - b. 1781-4; m. 17 Mar 1801 Rutherford Coffey (son of Nathan, 1760), Green co., KY.
- 4-6. Possible children may have been James, Richard, and Salathiel, the latter b. 1781 & m. 25 Oct 1808 Polly Blair in Adair co., KY.⁴⁵

Chesley is the only one of the 5 known sons of Chesley Sr. for whom we have exact birth and death dates. He and his wife Margaret Baldwin were married before 1780 and are on the 1782 tax list of Wilkes county. They had 9 children as follows:

1. Nathan - b. 13 Aug 1780; m. (1) 3 Mar 1806 Elizabeth Gilbreath (or Kilbreath), Adair co., KY, (2) Euphy Stockard.
2. Polly - m. John McClain.
3. Isaac - murdered in 1799 as a young boy.
4. Gracie - b. 1782; d. 13 Jan 1859; m. 12 Dec 1802 Andrew Turnbow, Adair co. KY
5. John - m. 29 Mar 1809 Sallie Brown, Adair co., KY.
6. Felicia⁴⁶ - b. 3 Mar 1787; d. 18 May 1865; m. 21 Aug 1811 James Turnbow, Maury co., TN.
7. Joel (Joe) - b. 15 Jun 1789; m. Sallie Mackey; see chapt. 13 for more on this family which came to Oregon in an early day.
8. Jacob (Jake) - m. Annie Kelsey.
9. Landon - b. 1794; m. 15 Mar 1821 Polly Tate.

This family moved after 1795⁴⁷ to Knoxville, Tennessee²⁹ and were in Adair county Kentucky by 1802⁴⁸ and possibly as early as 1799.⁴⁹ Chesley had gone to

Maury county Tennessee by 1809⁵⁰ but he and some of the children are on the Adair county census of 1810. However, it seems that most of the family did finally settle in Maury county Tennessee. At least Nathan and Landon are on the 1850 census of Maury county.

The next child of Chesley and Jane was Nebuzaradon. He married Elizabeth Hays, probably before 1780, and went to Madison county Kentucky about 1794.⁵¹ Here he made a will⁵² and died in 1797. By 1801 his family joined the other relatives in Adair county.⁵³ According to the will his children were:

1. Joel - m. 22 Aug 1793 (if this is the Joel-Jane marr. in Wilkes co. N.C.) Jennie Coffey (prob. Jane, dau of Joel); d. 1822-6; Child: James, 1800, Celia.
2. Sary (Sarah) - It is sometimes claimed that this might be the Sarah who md. James Coffey in Wilkes co. N.C. 30 Aug 1794 but that Sarah is also claimed to be a dau. of Benjamin (see chapt. 4).
3. Polly - m. Jo McDowell McMillian.
4. Fielding - d. w.d. 14 Nov 1833, w.p. 13 Jan 1834; m. 13 Mar 1800 (bond dated 10 Mar) Celia (Sealy) Coffey, Madison co. KY. She is prob. the Celia, dau of Joel; children: Thomas H., Mahala, Elizabeth, Sealy, Fielden, Louis, and Allen.
5. Sail (Sale or Salathiel) - d. bef. Oct 1835; m. 19 Aug 1813 Anna Lynch (dau. of William Lynch), Pulaski co., KY.
6. Nias (Ananias) - 1785-1828; m. 1809 Jane Hindman.⁵⁴ Son, Zidner, b. 1810
7. Hayes⁵⁵ - 1793-1860 ; m. Mary Burkett.
8. Betsy - m. 14 Dec 1819 James Lester, Pulaski co., KY.
9. Ruth - m. 15 Jan 1800 (bond dated 7 Jan) Andrew Moody, Madison co., KY. She was stated as being over 21, another indication that Nebuzaradon was md. bef. 1780.

Other possible children are Louis (1793-1860) who md. Cassey Coffey (1798-?) and a James Coffey.

Perhaps the fifth child of Chesley and Jane was Nathan, born 1760 (or earlier). He was also a Revolutionary soldier and is known to have married Mary Saunders, probably before 1780. Their children were as follows (some birthdates may be several years off):

1. Mary (Polly) - b. 7 Dec 1780; d. 10 Mar 1872; m. 22 Mar 1801 (consent note dated 12 Mar, bond dated 17 Mar) Eli Coffey, son of Salathiel, Green co. KY. She signed her own consent note and testified that she was over 21.
2. Rutherford - b. 1786 (tradition, but prob. 1779 or earlier - may be older than Mary); m. 17 Mar 1801 Elizabeth "Graney" Coffey, dau of Salathiel (one record says he md. Celia Coffey; there may have been 2 Rutherfords).
3. Absolom - b. 1788; m.²⁹ (1) Mary Lusk, (2) Nancy Chadwick, but unless there is another Absolom the same age, then he md. Polly Beard 20 Sep 1808 in Adair co. KY.
4. Joel - b. 3 Aug 1790; d. 1850; m. 5 Jan 1818 Mary Knox (1798-1874), dau of John Knox. In marr. bond Joel's name is given as Joseph. They had dau. Elizabeth (1827-62) who m. in 1848 John C.C. Peacock (DAR Lin. Bk. 77, p. 53-4).

5. Elizabeth - b. 1791 ?; d. 1837, Jackson co., AL; m. 4 Mar 1804 James Coffey (b. 1774 or 1783 ?, son of Joel), Adair co. KY.
6. Grace - b. 1793; m. 29 Oct 1809 John Harlow, Adair co., KY.
7. William Saunders - b. 1795; m. Elizabeth Scheyler (or Schuyler).
8. Nancy - b. 1797; m. 15 Feb 1823 Richard Lockett, Adair co., KY.
9. Catherine - b. 1799; m. John Baxter.

There is also an Appleton mentioned by some but perhaps this was meant to be Absolom.

This family also went to Kentucky and settled primarily in the Adair county area. Some later went further south. Nathan died in Jackson county Alabama in 1823.

There were probably other children of Chesley and Jane. We do not know of any girls but there may have been a son Cleveland, or Jesse Cleveland. There is more than one Cleveland Coffey in the Wilkes county area in the late 1700s. It is probable that at least one belongs to the Edward-John line, possibly as a son of Benjamin and Polly Hayes (see chapter 4) or as a son of Edward Jr. and Grace Cleveland (see chapter 3). We should also mention that there is a Cleveland Coffey in the Orange and Albemarle county Virginia records from 1762 to 1791 (see chapter 3). His wife was named Elizabeth. A Cleveland Coffey did have a land entry in 1778 on Zacks Fork of Lower Creek in Burke county, N.C. but we don't know which Cleveland he is.

An Adair county Kentucky Coffey that hasn't been identified is Richard, aged 26-45 on the 1810 census. He is probably too young to be a son of Chesley Sr., but by association would seem to belong somewhere in this family. His 2 sons and 3 daughters were all under 10 in 1810. A Richard Coffey married Catherine Mc Cormick May 29, 1820 in Lincoln county but he was probably a son of Osborn (see Chart 4-A, Chapter 4).

Another "mystery" Coffey is Martin. According to an old Bible record⁵⁶ he was born September 15, 1762 and either in Virginia or North Carolina.⁵⁷ He appears in Green county Kentucky as early as 1799 (tax list) and is on the Adair county tax lists from 1802 to 1807. He is later found on records in Wayne, Warren, and finally Russell county where he died November 27, 1867, age 105. He is probably the Martin who married Nancy Phelps August 17, 1798 in Madison county Kentucky. He married 2 or 3 times and one of the marriages was on December 1, 1817 to Nancy Hansford. They had a son James, born September 7, 1818 who married Martha (Patsy) Tucker. The latter were the parents of Moses Coffey, born August 6, 1843, who lived in Casey county Kentucky. Because of the close association in Madison, Green, Adair and Russell counties it may be that he belongs to the Chesley Coffey family.

perhaps as a younger brother of the 5 just discussed. I do not have a list of the children of Joel (son of Nebuzaradon) and Jane (daughter of Joel, d. 1789) but I understand that they had a son Martin.⁵⁶ It is quite possible he could have been named after an uncle. Of course if Joel and Jane married in 1793 and this Martin was born in 1821 it might seem a little unlikely. The latter Martin died in Russell county in 1855, age 34. Perhaps a different Martin married Mary Meljuire on October 5, 1830.

Hugh Coffey

Still another family for which there may be some confusion in the records is the Hugh Coffey family.⁵⁸ The origin of this family in America is also obscure. A Hugh Coffey appears in the records⁵⁹ of Northumberland county Virginia in 1705. A history⁵⁸ of this family indicates that Hugh came to Virginia about 1725 but if this is the same Hugh then the earlier record must have been missed. Hugh is supposed to have initially settled around Harpers Ferry,⁶⁰ but soon afterwards moving to Augusta county. Here he died before August 22, 1767. His son John who married Susannah Watson, was born in Augusta county about 1730 and moved to Lancaster county South Carolina about 1754.⁵⁸ Hugh's wife was named Mary and they may also have had sons William and Benjamin.⁶⁰ However, one or both of these might be sons of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey of Albemarle county who could have spent some time there. At least it seems that the William mentioned as buying land in Augusta in 1780 and as a land insolvent in 1792 must have been the William of Albemarle-Amherst-Nelson counties (see chapter 4). Hugh is mentioned in the records⁶⁰ of Augusta county as early as 1747. He had a land patent of 220 acres in "Cowpasture" received November 3, 1750. His son John administered his estate and sold this land in 1767.

Succeeding generations of this family used the names of Hugh and John over and over. From South Carolina some descendants went to Tennessee (Hugh W., born 1800 in South Carolina, and wife Jane are in Maury county in 1850), but most seem to have settled in the deep south and there are apparently thousands of descendants there today. A Hugh Coffey, son of John, was born April 9, 1784 in South Carolina and sometime after 1827 settled in Mississippi.⁶¹ He died in Lafayette county Mississippi May 7, 1861. To avoid confusion we should also mention the Hugh Coffey living in Anson county North Carolina in 1755. The John Coffey family in Lancaster county South Carolina lived near the North Carolina border (Anson county at that time but now Mecklenberg county). They are said to have sometimes been in the records of first one state and then the other. Presumably this Hugh (1755) was a brother of John and another son of Hugh of Virginia.

James Coffey of Surry/Stokes North Carolina

In the early records of Surry county North Carolina (about 1779 or early 1780s) we find several references to a James Coffey who was a constable. After Stokes county was formed from Surry in 1789 further references are found there. Others in Stokes county at this time include a Micajah Coffey and a Sarah Coffey. James apparently had a son James who had a son Lewis M. (born 1798 in Stokes county). The latter went to Pulaski county Kentucky where he married Delilah Turpin January 11, 1818⁶² (name is Levi in marriage records). Among Lewis' children was a son James Wilson, born in 1822. In 1827 the family moved to Morgan county Indiana. A descendant, Leonard Coffey, lives in Martinsville, Morgan county Indiana today and has a great deal more information on this line.

The original James of Surry county, N.C. came from Pittsylvania county Virginia according to both Surry and Pittsylvania⁶³ county records. Since he has not been connected otherwise a possibility exists that he may be the son of Annister Coffey of Essex county Virginia (see chapter 3). This possibility is strengthened by the fact that the 1820 census of Stokes county, N.C. has an Anis Coffey who could be named for a grandmother, Annister. All the Coffeys of Stokes are apparently descended from or closely related to the first James.

Other Coffeys

There remain a few other Coffeys in colonial Virginia and North Carolina records, but tying them to specific family lines is difficult. In Rockingham county, N.C. there is a Michael Coffey who made a will in 1804 (probated 1810). He names wife Margaret; sons Michael, Robert, Thomas and John; and daughters Sophia, Mary, and Margaret. I have no further information on this family. Some other Coffeys appear in some eastern and central counties of North Carolina but since there is little likelihood of confusing them with the Wilkes-Burke Coffeys I have not investigated them.

I would like to end this chapter with a mention of one James Coffey who was born in Chester county Pennsylvania August 17, 1759. In this study I have paid little attention to Colonial Coffeys in states other than Virginia and North Carolina. However, this James Coffey has sometimes been confused with our family so I will make a few comments about him. We do not know who his parents were.⁶⁴ He was in the Revolutionary War,⁶⁵ married Mary Leeper, and later went to Marshall county Tennessee where he died. There are Bible and DAR⁶⁶ records on the many descendants of this family in Marshall county Tennessee. Mary Miller Coffey, great aunt of Noreva H. Sharr of El Monte, California, was a descendant of this line.⁶⁷

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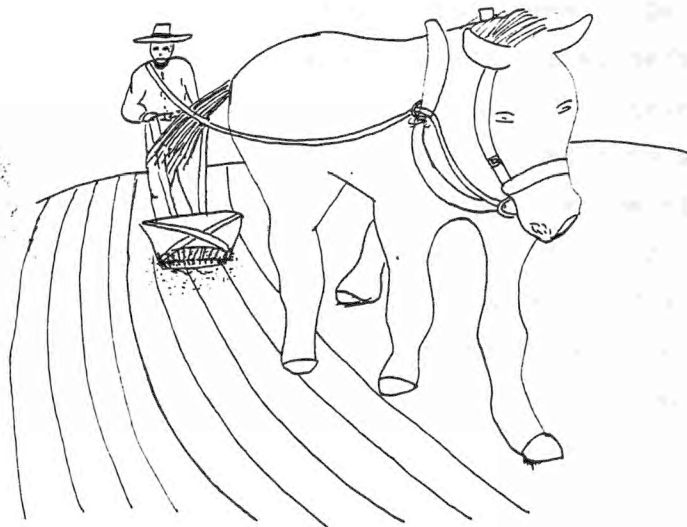
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28. The definitive work on the Stepp family is "The Stepp/Stapp Families of America" by Henry P. Scalf, 1976 and is the reference from which most of my material comes. Abraham Stapp or Stepp, referred to in chapter 3 as the father of Joshua who married Martha Coffey, also had a son Joseph, supposedly born 1690-1. He however died in 1735 in Orange co. VA, too early to be the father of Martha, and supposedly died single anyhow. Joshua & Martha (Coffey) Stapp had a son Joseph, prob. b. in the 1720s and thus the right age to be the father of Martha. However, he is reported to have md. Elizabeth Lucas and is not known to have had a dau. Martha. Eliza Porter's Bible recs. say that Joseph's wife was Katherine Weatherspoon. Thus this does not seem to be the right Joseph either. Apparently the only other Joseph among the early Stapps is a grandson of Joshua & Martha through son John and his son James. This Joseph wasn't b. until 1757, a date probably later than the b. of Martha. We can only conclude that Scalf's book is not complete on the Stapp-Stapp families, a fact true of probably all early family histories. There were a number of Stepps or Stapps in Wilkes co. N.C. at the time Joel & Martha lived there. For example, the 1782 tax list has Thomas, Moses, and 2 James, and the 1787 State census has Thomas & John. Early land entries show a James Stapp and James Stapp Sr. in 1779. However, I did not find a Joseph Stepp there but a Joseph Stape had a land entry (# 1358) in Burke co. "... between William & Thomas Stapes line," Dec. 27, 1778. It appears that many of the Stapps moved to the Wilkes-Burke co. area.
29. Correspondence from Timothy Peterman and his essay previously referred to.
30. Some papers, source unknown, refer to him as "Joel Coffey of King's Creek."
31. Letters written by Elijah Coffey of Liberty, Casey co., KY 1873-4 to Lyman Draper. He says he is a son of Cleveland Coffey (commonly called Clifton) and _____ Witherspoon and that Cleveland brought his mother & brothers & sisters to KY (1st Lincoln or Madison co., then Russell & Adair) in 1794. However, he has him coming from Albemarle co. VA (not N.C. as it should be). He does say his grandfather was Joel Coffey & his g. grandmother was a sister of Col. Cleveland (the latter prob. incorrect but at least giving further evidence that she was a Cleveland). These letters are in the Draper Kings Mt. Papers, 13 DD-128-31.
32. Madison co. KY tax lists (microfilm copy).

33. Green co. KY tax lists (microfilm copy).
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39. They appear in different years on Green co. tax lists, 1799, 1800, 1801.
40. As Timothy Peterman points out (see Ref. # 29) we do not have proof that these are his children but the evidence is quite convincing.
41. This is the line of Mrs. Truman (Ruby) Buck of Sacramento, CA.
42. Green co. KY Marr. Rec. The bond says Mary was over 21.
43. He is the ancestor of Timothy E. Peterman of Kansas City, MO.
44. She is the ancestor of Doris V. Miller of Barnard, MO.
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49. 1799 & 1800 tax lists of Green co. KY show son John Coffey already there.
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64. A Thomas Coffey is on tax lists in Chester co. PA 1753-58 and thus is likely his father. There is also some early mention of a James Coffey in the 1750s.
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66. Marshall co. TN, Bible & other Fam. Recs., recd. from Mrs Richard Frank, Brentwood, TN, Genealogical Records chairman of the Tennessee DAR.
67. Mary Miller Coffey, b. 9 Jun 1858, d. 11 Jun 1949, m. 18 Oct 1877 James Alexander Pope Neill. She was dau. of Thomas Whitfield Coffey (b. 17 Mar 1824, TN, d. 6 Sep 1889, TN) & Malissa Davidson. Thomas W. was the son of Thomas Coffey (b. 17 Jan 1788, d. 14 Nov. 1852) who md. Mary Jane Miller (1795-1882). Thomas Coffey was the son of James Coffey (b. 17 Aug 1761 Chester co., PA, d. 20 Dec 1836 Marshall co. TN) & Mary Leeper (1769-1861). It is also of some interest that Noreva Sharr's husband (Hershel Emery) is a descendant of Reuben Coffey (1744) & Sally Scott through son Benjamin (1790) who md. Exa Saphronia Stepp, & their son Milton Hiatt Coffey (1831-1915) who md. Cynthia J. Nicholas. The latter couple had a son James Marion Coffey (1861-1941) who md. Jessie Richards & had Bessie May Coffey (1885-1969), the mother of Herschel Emery Sharr of El Monte, CA.

CHAPTER 8

FRONTIER FAMILIES-

ARCHELAUS COFFEY AND ELEANOR WADE



"The first farmer was the first man,
and all historic nobility rests on
possession and use of land."

... Emerson

CHAPTER 8

MEMBER FAMILIES -

EDWARD AND ELEANOR WADE

ST. JOHN'S
CHURCH
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It has long been held that the third child and second son of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland was named Archelaus. There are no records as to his exact date of birth but it has generally been considered by Coffey genealogists to be in 1755 in Albemarle county Virginia. If the records of David Strange (see chapter 5) are true and John was born in 1755, the above assumptions may not be true. Again, it is not known when he married Eleanor Wade but from the date of birth of the oldest son it is presumed that the marriage took place in 1775. It must have been in Amherst county as this is where the Coffeys lived at the time and also where the parents of Eleanor, John and Elizabeth Wade lived. However, the Amherst county clerk does not have a record of the marriage.¹ More is written on the Wades in Chapter 9.

In October 1777 Archelaus Coffey bought 150 acres on Davis' Creek in Amherst county from his father-in-law, John Wade.² A year later he sold 50 acres back to him and the other 100 acres to James McAlexander.³ I believe that the occasion for these sales was the move of Archelaus and his family to Wilkes county, North Carolina. This was either in company with or close to the time James and Elizabeth Coffey moved there. Archelaus' land entry in Wilkes county⁴ is dated January 4, 1779. It was for 60 acres on the North Fork of Kings Creek in what is now Caldwell county. This is also recorded in the deed books in 1782⁵ but it is not entirely clear whether this is an additional and separate purchase or another recording for the same land. I believe the latter to be the correct interpretation. Tax records indicate only 60 acres. Archelaus originally entered 250 acres of land in Burke county⁶ on the main Mulberry Fork of Johns River on December 29, 1778, but for some reason this was transferred to others and he settled on the above-mentioned land in Wilkes county.

The first child of Archelaus and Eleanor seems to have been James (perhaps James M.) According to his tombstone⁷ he was born July 20, 1776 and since he was listed as heir⁸ to Archelaus it is assumed he was the oldest child. He will be the subject of chapter 10. Only 2 other children are known for certain, John W. and Jane. Mr. John L. Coffey of Oklahoma City has a chart in which he lists the children as James, Baily, Hezekiah, and John W. However, I have never been able to find records of a Baily or a Hezekiah belonging to this family and I believe that in family tradition a generation was "slipped" (a rather common occurrence). We know that John W. had sons Bailey and Hezekiah and that Hezekiah had a son Milton, the latter being listed as a son of John W. on Mr. Coffey's chart. The

name Bailey seems to have come from the Harbord family (John W. Coffey married Mary Harbord).

The second child was probably John W. The initial "W" stands for Waid, the traditional family spelling of his mother's name, although all Virginia records show it to be Wade. John W. is very closely associated with James in Wayne county Kentucky and later for a time in Indiana. Since he had a land grant in Wayne county in 1799⁹ and was married by 1801¹⁰ it is presumed he was close to the age of James, most likely born two years later in 1778 and probably in Amherst county before going to North Carolina. This is supposition of course and the reader should take it as such since we have no record of John's birth. His marriage was to Polly (Mary) Harbord, daughter of John Harbord, on December 29, 1801 in Wayne county Kentucky.¹⁰ This John W. should not be confused with a John W. Coffey who appears on various Wayne county records in the 1840s and later. I have never been able to discover where the latter, born about 1797, fits in.

Our John W. is only on the tax records¹¹ of Wayne county through 1807. In 1811 he is listed on the delinquent tax lists as "not found" and in 1812 as "moved to Ohio". We have no record of him going to Ohio but the first record in Washington county Indiana is that he located near Harristown in 1811.¹² His first land record there is in 1813.¹³ He was an early teacher in the first school house in the Franklin township,¹⁴ west of New Philadelphia and not far from Salem. This may be the point of confusion regarding John A.W. Coffey (see chapter 13), grand nephew of John W., who was said to have been a teacher and lived around Salem (Oregon). John W. was also a clerk in the Sharon Baptist Church,¹⁵ the oldest Baptist church in Washington county. On February 3, 1821 he resigned his clerkship and requested a letter of dismissal because of his intention of removing. John and Mary sold part of their land in Washington county in April 1820 and more in January 1821.¹⁶ He bought land in Vigo county Indiana in 1823,¹⁷ one-half of which was sold the next year, the remainder still owned by John at his death (about 1834). He doesn't seem to be on the 1830 census of Indiana and I couldn't find him in other records of Vigo county. He may have moved back to Washington county by 1825 as one daughter was married there then. I didn't find anything further on him in the Washington county records, but Stevens' History of Washington County says¹⁴ he died in Washington county. This seems to have been before July 9, 1834 as on this date his son Hiram made petition in Washington county court for a guardian (Henry Young) in order to obtain a sale of the land in Vigo county of the deceased John W. Coffey.¹⁸ According to these records his wife was still alive as the heirs' rights were "subject to the widow's dower." Mary may have

gone to live with her son Bailey or one of the other children in Bloomington, Illinois. Although I couldn't find her there on the 1850 census she is supposed to have died there in 1853.¹⁹ Bailey was a first sergeant in the company of Capt. Merritt L. Covell, 5th Regiment, Whitesides Brigade in the Black Hawk War.²⁰ Following this service, in 1832 he went to McLean county Illinois along with a number of the Harbords. Bailey was quite prominent in McLean county, being a



Bailey H. Coffey

county clerk, justice of the peace, sheriff, and county judge.²¹ After his wife Nancy died (Feb. 27, 1850)²² he went to Davies county Missouri where he married Catherine, widow of Matthew Harbord (April 29, 1851).²³ He died at Coffeysburg (now Coffey), Davies county, Missouri August 23, 1879.²⁴ This town was named for him. Bailey also laid out the village of Salem (Davies county) in the fall of 1856 and in the township he served as a supervisor (1873) and a trustee (1874-77).²⁵

As mentioned, other children of John W. went to McLean county. Eleanor and her husband Jacob Young were there in 1850.²⁶ John W. was there before he went to Davies county Missouri. In the latter place he was a pastor and a justice of the peace.²⁴ Mary (Polly) Ann also lived in McLean

county, in the 1840s and 1850s. Hiram was also in Bloomington, in 1860.²⁷

The oldest son, James Harvey was a carpenter who continued to live around Salem, Washington county, Indiana until his death. Descendants of his still live in the area.²⁸ One of these is Gary K. Coffey of Borden, Indiana. His line is:

John Waid Coffey, Sr. & Mary Harbord → James Harvey Coffey, Sr. & Ann Eliza Graham → James Harvey Coffey, Jr. & Diantha Boling → Talmage I. Coffey → Gary K. Coffey.

The son Hezekiah also lived in Washington county Indiana until the mid-1850s. He then went to Lawrence county Indiana until about 1869 when he joined his brothers Bailey and John W. in Davies county Missouri. Here he stayed only about 3 years, moving on to Republic county Kansas where both he and his wife Susan died.²⁹ Their daughter, Susan Amanda, was the great grandmother of Mrs. William Tripp of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Hezekiah's occupation was a blacksmith.

A more complete list of the John "Waid" family appears in Chart 8. It should be noted that the date of birth is not known for all so the order of birth given may not be correct.

The girls Betsey and Mary are presumed to belong to this family because of their early marriages in Washington county where no other Coffey family was known. If this is true it would appear that the family used the name Mary twice. However, the 1820 census of Washington county Indiana does not indicate that there was a girl of Mary's age in this family.

The only other known child of Archelaus and Eleanor was Jane, quite possibly named for her great grandmother, Jane Graves Coffey who lived near them in Wilkes county North Carolina and a person Archelaus would have known well. Jane was born June 22, 1782³⁰ in Wilkes county. Her step-father, Jesse Shasteen, signed the consent note for her marriage to William Harbord in Wayne county Kentucky January 2, 1802.¹⁰ The bondsman and witness was her brother John W. Coffey who married William's sister Polly. This was a second marriage for William Harbord who had one son, Robert A., by his first wife (name unknown). The children of the second marriage are shown in Chart 8.³⁰ About 1809-10 William and Jane moved to Indiana, settling in that part of the territory that became Decatur county in 1822. During the War of 1812 they had many problems with the Indians. A company of soldiers was stationed in a fort near their home and William served for a time in this War. In 1832 most of the family moved to McLean county Illinois, settling in Twin Grove. Life was quite primitive here too. The first school at Twin Grove was a round-log house with greased paper for windows and a fireplace which extended across one entire end of the building. It had seats made of hewed logs.³¹

Mary Ruth Ross of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Viola Cook of Santa Clara, Utah are descendants of the daughter Eleanor who married William Platt. Mary Ruth (Platt) Ross is the daughter of Samuel Platt (1880-1960) and Alice Miller (1884-1963). Samuel was the son of John Platt (1839-1906) and Mary Ann McKinney (1841-1931). John was the son of William Platt (1810-1869) and Eleanor Harbord (1818-1889). William's parents almost certainly were Jonathan Platt (1780-1849) and Amelia Brinley. Jonathan Platt was from New Jersey.

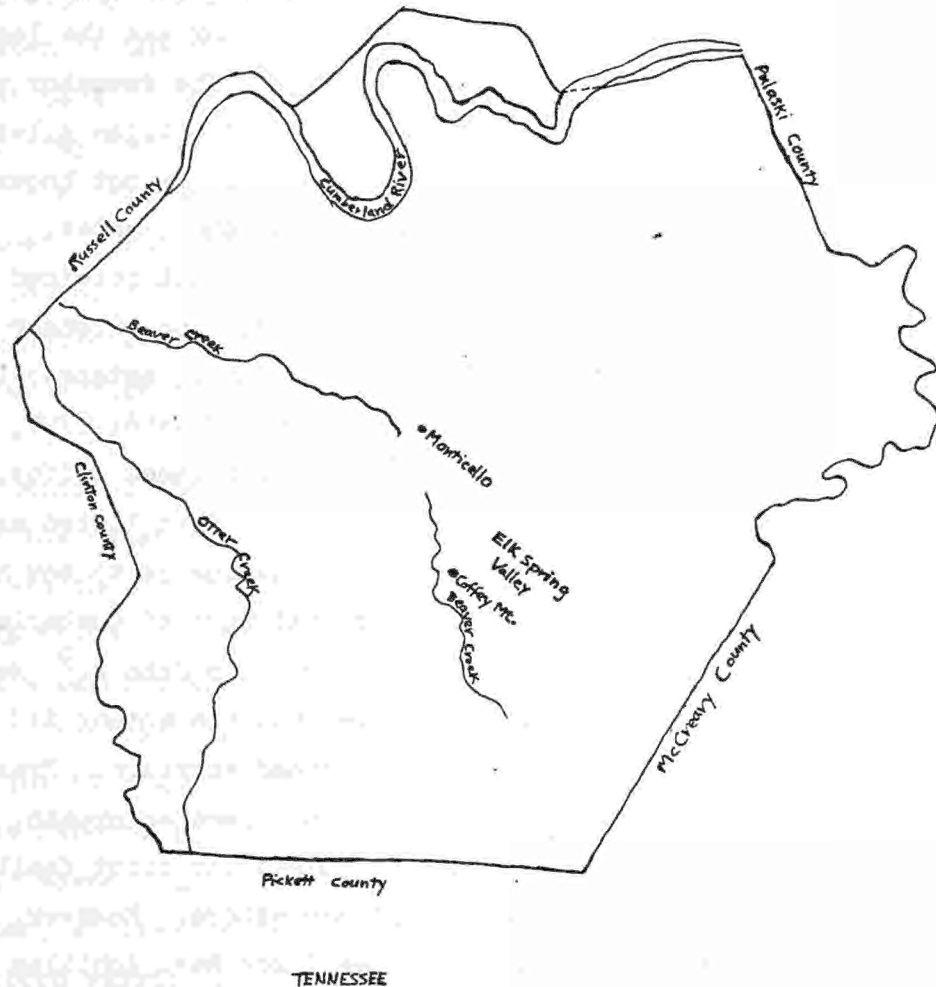
At this point it might be of interest to some descendants to give some information about the Harbord family.³² John and Mary Harbord came with their children from Virginia to Wayne county Kentucky quite early. John named in his will Agnes, Matthew, Susannah, William, Patsey, Mary Bayley, Joseph Bayley, and Hezekiah Mosby. Mary Bailey Harbord married John W. Coffey and William married Jane Coffey. A number of the Harbords went to Indiana and then on to McLean county Illinois, Joseph Bailey Harbert (he changed the spelling) being the first, in 1824. Of the descendants of William & Jane Harbord, Eleanor Harbord married William Platt in McLean county in 1835 and Matthew Harbord married Catherine Low there the next year.

Matthew died at Tremont, Illinois in 1849 of cholera. Catherine then married Bailey H. Coffey (previously mentioned) whose wife had also died.

Having given the children of Archelaus and Eleanor Coffey we need now to return to the parents. Archelaus died quite young and apparently quite suddenly as he left no will. The date is unknown but would have been before tax time in 1784 as Eleanor's name appears on the tax list for their 60 acres.³³ There is no mention of them on the 1782 list and apparently there is no 1783 list. Archelaus' father James mentions the "heirs of the deceased Archelaus" in his will dated September 1786.³⁴ It has been thought that Archelaus may have been killed in the Revolutionary War since it is supposed that all of James' sons who were old enough (that would include Archelaus) fought in the War. However, no Revolutionary War record for Archelaus has ever been found. Eleanor apparently returned to her native Amherst county Virginia sometime after Archelaus' death and there married Jesse Shasteen November 22, 1785.³⁵ Eleanor was the legatee in 1784 of the will of William Trotter in Amherst county.³⁶ The executor was Samuel Denny who was also a witness along with Charles Tate and William Allen. The will was dated February 27, 1784 and proved May 3, 1784. It is not known how if any of these men were related to Eleanor or why she was the legatee.

Archelaus' land in Wilkes county was not sold but retained for the heirs and listed variously on the tax rolls: 1785, Eleanor; 1786, Elonder by James Coffey; 1787, Elender by Reuben Coffey (an executor of James' estate); 1788, Elizabeth for Archelaus Coffey; not specifically mentioned 1789-96; 1797, Elender C. by John (another executor of James' estate). In 1798 James Coffey, as heir of Archelaus Coffey sells this 60 acres.⁸ James was then listed as in Madison county Kentucky but there seems to be no information as to how he got there or what he was doing. The next year he is in that part of Cumberland county that became Wayne county in 1800, along with his brother John W.⁹ We do not know where James was between 1784 and 1798. It may be that his mother did not take him (and possibly John as well) to raise after her second marriage. Frank R. Moore in his book on the Coffeys states that James was raised an orphan, being about 5 when his father died and about 10 when he joined the first families crossing the mountains, eventually getting to Fort Boonesboro. However, he gives no reference for this other than a letter by James' son Rev. Achilles (Archelaus) Coffey³⁸ in which he says his father was raised an orphan boy. We know that Eleanor and her second husband Jesse Shasteen joined James and John W. Coffey in Wayne county Kentucky by January 1802 (when Jane Coffey was married) and that the Shasteens remained in Wayne county (according to tax records) until the 1820s. They then

apparently went to Gallatin county Illinois where James had taken his family, but I have been unable to find any record as to where or when Eleanor died. Jesse and Eleanor had other children, probably sons Thomas and Jesse Jr. and possibly William and daughters Elizabeth and Margaret. The Wayne county Kentucky 1810 census shows 2 males 10-16 and one female 16-26 still at home. There were no children listed on the 1820 census. The 1830 census of Gallatin county Illinois has a Jesse Shasteen family where the oldest male is 60-70. There is no correspondingly older female so Eleanor must have died before 1830. There is a male and female each 20-30 and some children. The male must be Jesse Jr. as there is no older male on the 1840 census of Jesse Shasteen. He is listed as 40-50 so I believe the 1830 census is in error and should read 30-40. This would also agree better with the 1810 census. Jesse Jr's wife was probably named Polly as that name is given in the Bethel Creek church records.



Wayne county Kentucky showing areas where Coffeys lived. James M. & John W. Coffey and the Lanes lived on Otter Creek.

In the late 1700s and early 1800s the route to Kentucky (as well as Indiana and Illinois) from Virginia, North Carolina or Tennessee passed through the Cumberland Gap and along the Wilderness Trail (see map p. 68). This road was originally blazed by Daniel Boone, but was surveyed, cleared, and opened by others in 1781 under authority of an act passed by the Virginia General Assembly. It was some thrill for me in 1977 to travel through the Gap and over part of this route. The picture shown here is drawn much as it might have looked in the early pioneer days. (see page 118).

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View of Cumberland Gap, looking north from Tennessee, much as it may have looked in early days.
(A drawing adapted from a photograph by William W. Lockett in *The Tenn. Hist. Quart.* Vol. XXIII,
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CHART 8

VITAL DATA OF THE ARCHELAUS AND ELEANOR (WADE) COFFEY FAMILY

Archelaus Coffey

b. abt 1755, Albemarle co., VA, son of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland.
 d. by 1784, prob. 1783, Wilkes co. (?), N.C.
 m. abt 1775 Eleanor Wade (dau. of John & Elizabeth Wade, b. abt 1755, d. bef 1830), prob. Amherst co., VA
 children:

1. James M. Coffey
 - b. 20 Jul 1776, Amherst co., VA
 - d. 7 Jan 1849, Saline or Hamilton co., IL
 - m. 16 Jan 1804 Frances Lane, Wayne co., KY
 - For additional information on this line see Chapter 10.
2. John Waid Coffey
 - b. abt 1778, prob. Amherst co., VA
 - d. abt 1834, prob. Washington co., IN
 - m. 29 Dec 1801 Mary "Polly" Harbord (dau of John & Mary Harbord, b. 30 Oct 1781^a, d. 19 Apr 1853, Bloomington, IL), Wayne co., KY.

children:

1. Eleanor
 - b. abt 1804, Wayne co., KY
 - m. 23 Nov 1824 Jacob Young, Vigo co., IN.
 - children: Mary A. (b. abt 1831), Sarah E. (b. abt 1833), Henry C. (b. abt 1835), Elizabeth (b. abt 1837), Jacob H. (b. abt 1840), and Irenius M. (male b. abt 1842).
2. James Harvey
 - b. 6 Aug 1806, Wayne co., KY
 - d. 13 Feb 1855, Washington co., IN
 - m. Anna Eliza Graham
 - children:
 1. Celestis E. - b. abt 1836
 2. William H.H. - b. abt 1838
 3. John Waid - b. 13 Jan 1841, Washington co., IN; m. 26 Oct 1869 Eliza Matilda Persinger; children: George Henry, James Harvey, William Waid, Anna Eliza, Mary Elizabeth, & Minard Ernst.
 4. Almira E. - b. abt 1843
 5. Mary A. - b. abt 1846
 6. James H. - b. 1848, Washington co., IN; d. 1904; m. 8 Dec 1883 Diantha E. Boling, Washington co., IN; children included Claud M. (d. at age 1), Talmage I. (b. 4 Jan 1903, d. 23 Nov 1978) and 4 others. A son of Talmage is Gary K. Coffey living in Borden, Washington co., IN
 7. Addie Caroline - b. abt 1851
3. Betsey
 - b. abt 1808, prob. Wayne co., KY
 - m. 9 Oct 1825 (lic.) Horace S. Ranson, Washington co., IN
4. Bailey H. Coffey
 - b. 16 Aug 1810, prob. Wayne co., KY
 - d. 23 Aug 1879, Davies co., MO
 - m. (1) 27 Dec 1832 Nancy Cox, McLean co., IL (dau of Benjamin, Sr. and Philena Dye; b. 16 Apr 1813; d. 28 Feb 1850, Bloomington, IL).
 - children:
 1. Mary Philenah - b. 1834; m. 20 Mar 1851 Edwin McIntire, McLean co., IL

^a Bloomington (IL) cem. recs. & Bloomington Intelligencer 27 Apr 1853

2. John Wm. - b. 4 May 1837; d. 13 Apr 1853, Bloomington, IL
 3. Hiram Jerome - b. 21 Sep 1839; d. 13 Nov 1854, Bloomington
 4. Volney Thornton - b. 4 Jun 1843; d. 1 Jun 1853, Bloomington
 5. Taylor Y. - b. 15 Oct 1846; d. 1 Jun 1847, Bloomington, IL
 6. Lucinda A. - b. abt 1849; m. 27 Jan 1870 Wm. B. Vandervort, Davies co., MO.
- m. (2) 29 Apr 1851 Mrs. Catherine Low Harbord (widow of Matthew Harbord, b. 19 Jan 1816; d. 9 May 1895), Davies co., MO.
- children:
1. James B. - b. 28 Feb 1852; d. 2 Aug 1911, Davies co., MO; m. 17 Mar 1878 Janie (Jennie) E. Maloney, Davies co., MO.
 2. Catherine - b. abt 1855/6; m. ? - some records say a Weldon, but Davies co., MO marr. recs. say Cynthia B. Coffey md. 25 Mar 1875 John R. Weldon (I don't know who this Cynthia could be), and a Catherine Coffey md. 29 Dec 1891 Robert Adams - but this could be the Catherine, dau of John & Esther.
 3. Nancy - b. abt 1860
 4. Harvey B. - b. abt 1859; m. 9 Mar 1884 Maggie Glaze. There is doubt as to whether this one belongs to Bailey & Catherine. He is not listed on the census with them but in 1860 census he is age 1 & in household of Ira & Naomi Jones, living near Bailey & Catherine. Deed recs. indicate he does belong.
5. Mary
b. abt 1812, Washington co., IN
m. 17 Feb 1828 George Beck, Washington co., IN
The 1820 census would not indicate that Mary was a member of this family but she is listed here as we do not know of another family to which she could belong.
6. John W.
b. 9 Mar 1814, Washington co., IN
d. Davies co., MO
m. Esther _____ (b. 4 Nov 1814, d. 19 Aug 1894).
- children:
1. Laura - b. abt 1840, IL
 2. Mark W. (or Marquis) - b. abt 1842, IL or MO
 3. Mary - b. abt 1844, MO
 4. Phebe - b. abt 1848, IN; m. 28 Dec 1876 James O. Ellis, Davies co., MO
 5. Elias Y. - b. 14 Apr 1848; d. 4 Sep 1891; m. Jessie P. _____
 6. Catherine - b. abt 1850; m. ? 29 Dec 1891 Robert Adams ?
 7. Sarah Bell - b. abt 1853/4, IN; m. 24 Feb 1876 Elijah Ellis Jr., Davies co., MO.
7. Hiram
b. 2 Apr 1816, Washington co., IN
d. Jul 1873
m. abt 1839/40 Elvira Coe
children: 1. Theodore - b. abt 1844; 2. Henrietta C. - b. abt 1845, m. Teter; 3. Mary E. - b. abt 1846, m. 11 Oct 1866 Charles E. Kimler; 4. Loretta - b. abt 1848, m. 19 Jul 1866 John Allen Stewart; 5. Frances Josephine - b. abt 1850, m. Duckett; 6. Arabine - F - m. Davis; 7. Amadin (Amy) - b. abt 1855, m. Gay; 8. Lincoln; 9. Clara - m. George.
8. Hezekiah
b. abt 1818, Washington co., IN
d. 19 Nov 1892, Courtland, Republic co., KS

- m. 25 Apr Susan A. Jones, Washington co., IN
children:
1. Milton J. - b. abt 1842/3; m. Rebecca A. _____
 2. Sarah E. - b. abt 1847/8; m. Harris
 3. Susan Amanda - b. 24 Nov 1853, Lawrence co, IN; d. 22 Apr 1896; m. Joseph Woody Fullen.
9. Mary "Polly" Ann
b. 1 Feb 1822
d. 26 Nov 1856, Bloomington, IL
m. (1) 10 May 1843 Edward M. Depew (he d. 19 Apr 1844)
children:
1. Ella
m. (2) 21 Feb 1850 Harvey Bishop
children:
 2. Margaret
3. Jane Coffey
b. 22 Jun 1782, Wilkes co., N.C.
d. 2/3 Oct 1862, Bloomington, McLean, IL
m. 28 Jan 1802 William Harbord, Wayne co., KY (he was b. 24 Dec 1777, VA, son of John & Mary Harbord, d. 17 Sep 1845, McLean co., IL).
children:
1. James Coffey Harbord
b. 16 Dec 1803, Wayne co., KY
d. 8 Mar 1873, Bloomington, McLean, IL
m. 17 Jan 1825 Esther Guthrie, Decatur co., IN
children: 1. Martha Ann - b. 21 Jan 1827, d. 15 Jan 1844 McLean co., IL, m. 18 Aug 1848 John Wesley Walker, McLean co. IL; 2. Moses G. - b. 3 Jul 1837, d. at Portland, OR, m. Jane Price; 3. George W. - b. 22 Oct 1840, d. 27 Dec 1914, Lyon co., KS, m. 1863 Effie C. Gault, McLean co. IL; 4. Mahala - b. 22 Sep 1846, d. 8 Jul 1873, m. 7 Jan 1864 James A. Hunt, McLean co. IL (may have been md. once or twice bef.); may have also been children Nancy, Margaret and twins Adelia & Adeline.^b
 2. Agnes Harbord
b. 9 Aug 1805, Wayne co., KY
m. 24 Nov 1829 James Wilkins, Decatur co., IN
children: George, Jemima and prob. others.
 3. John W. Harbord
b. 18 Jul 1807, Wayne co., KY
d. 5 Mar 1882, Clarence, Shelby co., MO
m. 9 May 1830 Mary S. McKee, Decatur co., IN
children: son H.H.
 4. Matthew L. Harbord
b. 23 Jan 1813, IN
d. 24 Jul 1849, Tremont, IL
m. 26 Nov 1836 Catherine Low, McLean co., IL
children: 1. George C. - b. 19 Apr 1837; 2. Alphonzo - b. 12 Oct 1839; 3. Sarah J. - b. 20 Mar 1843, m. 5 Oct 1859 Napoleon B. Brown; 4. Ione - b. 24 Dec 1844, m. _____ Brown; 5. Laura - b. 24 Dec 1846; and Matthew Adolphus - b. 20 Mar 1849.
 5. Mary B. Harbord (Harbert)
b. 19 Mar 1815, Indiana
m. 27 Apr 1835 Matthew B. Harbert, McLean co., IL

6. Eleanor Harbord
 b. 3 Oct 1818, Indiana
 d. 1889
 m. (1) 17 Jul 1835 William Platte, McLean co., IL (he was b. 1810 in N.J. & d. 1869 in KS (?).
 children: 1. Amelia Jane - b. abt 1838, m. Kelly Webb; 2. John A. - b. 30 Dec 1839, McLean co., IL, d. 11 Mar 1906, Arlington, TX, m. 4 May 1869 Mary Ann McKinney; 3. Merit C. - b. abt 1842; d. 8 Jan 1863, Colliersville, TN; 4. James H. - b. abt 1844, d. 7 May 1889, Dry Grove, IL; 5. William H. - b. abt 1847; 6. Samuel Leonard - b. abt 1849; 7. Lewis; 8. Eldora (Ella) - b. 8 Jul 1862, KS, d. Dec 1922, Twin Grove, IL, m. Wm. H. Morgan; 9. Della.
 m. (2) Stephen Webb
7. William D. Harbord
 b. 18 Oct 1820, Indiana
 d. 5 Sep 1862, Bloomington, IL
 m. 28 May 1849 Susan J. Snodgrass, McLean co., IL
 children: son Charles B.
8. Mahala J. Harbord
 b. 16 Aug 1823
 m. 2 May 1839 Nathan Hendrix (?), McLean co., IL

Eleanor Wade Coffey md. (2) 22 Nov 1785 Jesse Shasteen, Amherst co., VA
 children: see text

- ^b Another (and perhaps better) list of James C. Harbord's children is as follows: Mary Jane (d. age 7), Martha Ann (Walker), Richard H., William E., Nancy A., Moses G., Mary Margaret, George W., Elinor Adeline, Elizabeth Adelaide (latter two twins), and Mahala Cassandra Helen (Hunt)

CHAPTER 9

THE WADE FAMILY



"Our Irish blunders are never
blunders of the heart"
... Maria Edgeworth

6. Eleanor Harbord

b. 3 Oct 1818, Indiana

d. 1889

m. (1) 17 Jul 1835 William Platt

in N.J. & d. 1869 in N.J.

childrens 1. Amelia

b. 30 Dec 1839

d. 4 May 1869 Mary Ann

Jan 1865, Collier

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a. 28 May 1859
childrens son Charles
b. 10 Aug 1863
d. 2 May 1877

Wade Coffey
childrens son

and perhaps mother
(?), Martha Ann
Margaret, George
and Mahala Campbell



never
"just
a big

Very little is known about Eleanor Wade and her ancestry. There were many Wades in colonial Virginia, at least 10 by 1666¹ and several had the first name of John (Eleanor's father). There were also some Wade bonded servants shipped to Virginia or Maryland in the 1700s, including two by the name of John Wade² in the 1740s. Also, a John Wade was granted a land patent of 47 acres in James City County Virginia in December 1710.

John Wade, and his brother Pearce were in Albemarle county Virginia as early as 1750.³ They apparently settled in that part of the county which later became Amherst county. They may have had brothers David and Jeremiah and possibly Dawson. All of these names are used here and in adjacent counties so frequently that it is difficult to separate father, son, and cousins. In neighboring Augusta county there are mentions in the records⁴ of a Dawson Wade in 1766, 1767 and 1773 (on the latter date Dawson and Rachel (Burside) Wade of Botetourte county sell land Dawson had patented in Augusta); a John Waid in 1773, 1781, 1787, 1794 and 1796; a John Wade Sr. in 1790; a Priscilla Wade, daughter of John Wade, who married Abram Gum in 1785; Alexander, Thomas and John Wade in 1777; a John Wades in 1782; and David Wade (wife Rebecca) who was in Montgomery county in 1802 and died there in 1803.

The maiden name of John's wife Elizabeth may have been McAlexander as several by this name are associated with the family and three of them were witnesses to John's will made in 1785.⁵ This will was proved July 2, 1787 and besides Elizabeth lists only a son Dawson, and Eleanor and her second husband Jesse Shasteen. There probably was another daughter, Hannah, as she was listed with Eleanor and "their mother" as members of the Baptist church.⁶ The Wades and Coffeys were apparently both associated to some degree with the first Baptist church in Amherst county.

Because of the close association with John of Pierce Wade it might be well to briefly mention his will (Amherst co. Will Bk. 1, p. 161). Through it and subsequent citations concerning guardianship (Will Bks. 1 & 3) we find that his wife was Elizabeth also and her maiden name was probably Ballenger (or possibly Hardwick). Children were probably Ballenger (heir), Mary who married I. White, Charity who married John Dawson, Jane, David, Pearce, Jeremiah, Lucretia, Clary (female), and Abigail Hardwick Wade. The latter four were minors, the latter three "infants". The will was made in 1769, the guardians appointed July 5, 1779 so I suppose he died shortly before the latter date.

As to the origin of the Wades we have only a letter⁷ written by Rev. Archelaus Coffey in which he says "my grandmother on my father's side by the name of Waid. I think her parents came direct from Ireland..." The name 'Waid' has largely become 'Wade' in America. The original spelling did however persist in the family of Eleanor's son John Waid Coffey until the late 1800s (see chapter 8). It would thus appear that James M. Coffey (as well as John W. and Jane, his brother and sister) is four generations removed from Ireland on his father's side and only two generations removed on his mother's side.

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CHAPTER 10

ON THE WILDERNESS TRAIL-

JAMES COFFEY AND FRANCES LANE



"Stand at Cumberland Gap and watch the procession of civilization, marching single file - the buffalo following the trail to Salt Springs, the Indian, the fur trader and hunter, the cattle raiser, the pioneer farmer - and the frontier has passed by."

... Frederick Jackson Turner

As to the origin of the name we know that it is derived from the name of the place where the coffee was first grown in the district of Wald. I think her parents were named Wald and the name of the family of Wald is now a name of the family of Wald. It would thus appear that the name of the family of Wald is now a name of the family of Wald and sister (retains) Wald.

THE WILSONS AND FRANCES LANE

1. Great, George Lane
2. F. William Wilson
3. Colonel, Peter Wilson
4. Charles, Lynn Wilson
5. Asher, W. Wilson
6. Richard, Wilson
7. Letter to his son, Wilson



and the house
the cattle house
and the house
Jackson Turner

The early life of James Coffey, up to the time he came to Wayne county Kentucky, has been given in chapter 8. Although he is on the 1799 tax list in Cumberland county (later a part of Wayne county) he had no land there until 1802. He settled 239 acres in February 1802 and 136 acres in July 1802 on Otter Creek¹ in the western part of Wayne county (see map, page 116 and picture, page 130). His marriage to Frances Lane is dated January 16, 1804, although the consent note was signed September 29, 1803 and the bond on October 1.² In those days they had to wait for a circuit rider preacher to come around in order to get married but once the bond was completed they were considered married. Thus one can use either date but I have chosen the actual marriage date for use here. She was the daughter of Thomas Lane and, according to the oldest son Archelaus,³ Nancy Dabney. However, there is some question about this since the consent note is signed Thomas and Ann Lane. I believe she also went by the name Ann and that this wasn't a second wife. Withycombe lists⁴ Nancy as a diminutive of Ann. The Lanes will be further discussed in chapter 11 and the Dabneys in chapter 12.

James Coffey is listed on the Wayne county tax records⁵ 1802-1813. However, he is also on the delinquent tax records⁶ of 1812 and 1813, listed as "moved to Ohio." A biography of Elder "Achilles" Coffey,⁷ son of James and Frances, states that they moved in 1813 to Indiana, Jefferson county and settled 4 miles from the fort. Because of fears from Indians they moved one year later to Washington county and settled near the town of Salem where they remained 3 years. Here they lived close to James' brother John W. When in Jefferson county it may be that they lived near his sister Jane and her husband William Harbord. It is said that during the War of 1812 there was a fort, or at least an encampment of soldiers, near where they lived so they may have been in this area before moving to Decatur county (see chapter 8).

James is mentioned in the Washington county commissioners records as being appointed an overseer of a road during this time.⁸ In the fall of 1817 they moved back to Wayne county Kentucky. The only Indiana deed records I could find were two in Washington county, the first a purchase on June 30, 1815⁹ and the second a sale on October 14, 1817.¹⁰ This was for 160 acres about 1-2 miles from land owned by his brother John W. Coffey. James sold the land for \$1500, probably a nice profit as it was undoubtedly obtained as a land grant for very little cost. Frank R. Moore¹¹ says that he "sold his improved farm near Salem at a profit..."

While in Washington county in 1816 he sold his 2 parcels of land in Wayne county.¹² Thus, when the family moved back to Wayne county in 1817 they had to buy more land,¹³ which they sold a year later when they went to Alabama.⁷ Frank Moore says¹¹ (no reference given) that James "could not compete with slave labor (implying that he was not a slave holder), and the available farm land was poor, so after a stay of two years he decided to move to Illinois." We do not know where they lived in Alabama. They left there on July 30, 1820⁷ so they may or may not have been counted on the census. However, the 1820 census is missing for many of the counties of Alabama.

According to "Achilles" Coffey's biography⁷ James took up a claim in Sangamon county Illinois, but partly due to Indian conditions they moved south 2 years later to the northwestern part of Gallatin county (now Saline county). This area is generally flat but is occasionally broken by low hills (see picture, page 131.)



Area along Otter Creek in Wayne county Kentucky where James Coffey lived. Note Coffey Mountain in background.

At the time our ancestors moved there it was densely wooded. Even today those areas that have not been cleared show a dense thicket which must have presented a considerable problem to these southern farmers. At this time they had only the barshare plow which had a wooden mold board and only "stirred" the earth to a depth of about two inches.¹⁴ However, the soil was fertile so they were probably able to grow crops wherever they could clear the land. The woods were inhabited by "deer, turkey, wolves, bears, and some panthers."¹⁵ The township map on page 131 shows the location of James' land as well as that

of some of his sons, and some other landmarks. The Shawneetown Land District records, and Gallatin and Saline county deeds, testify to the ownership of these lands.

While here James was active in the affairs of this area as some early records note¹⁶ that he was a signer of petitions to (1) obtain a constable, (2) change the voting place, and (3) change the county seat. He was also commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county in 1824.¹⁷ In the spring of 1829 the family moved to Sangamon county but returned in the spring of 1832.¹⁸ They already held

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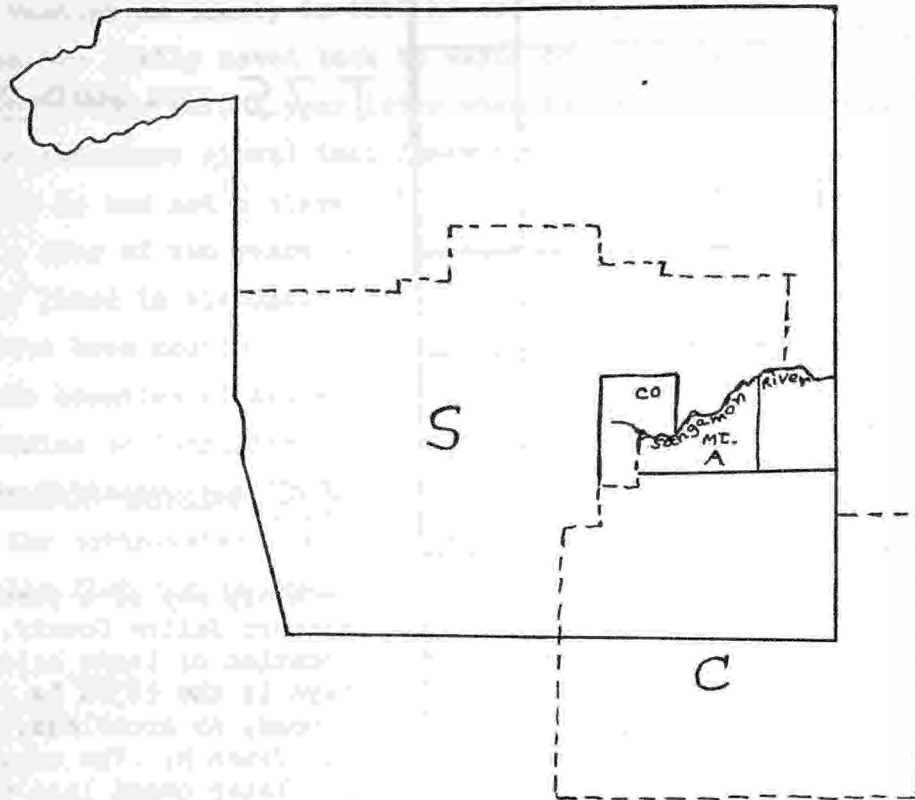
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Twonship map of a portion of North-western Saline County, Illinois. Location of lands held by the Coffeys in the 1830s is shown by T= Thomas, A= Archelaus, J= John, and Ja= James M. The sons James W. & Eli later owned land a short distance to the north in Hamilton co. Durhams, Sloans, Deans, Lanes and others who married into the Coffey family had land nearby or in Hamilton county.

240 acres in Section 17, township 15, Range 2 (now in Mt. Auburn township of Christian county). While there James managed to obtain 2 more grants totaling 160 acres in Cooper township of Sangamon county. The location of these can be found on the map of Sangamon county on page (note dots). Archelaus' land was in Mt. Auburn township (two parcels of 80 acres each). The reader should get the proper perspective of the relationship of those areas in Illinois where the Coffeys lived by studying the Illinois map shown on page 132. James and Archelaus sold²⁰ all of their land in Sangamon county when they moved back to Saline precinct of Gallatin county, but one parcel of James' was not



Land Where John Coffey Lived in Saline County Illinois, 1832-42

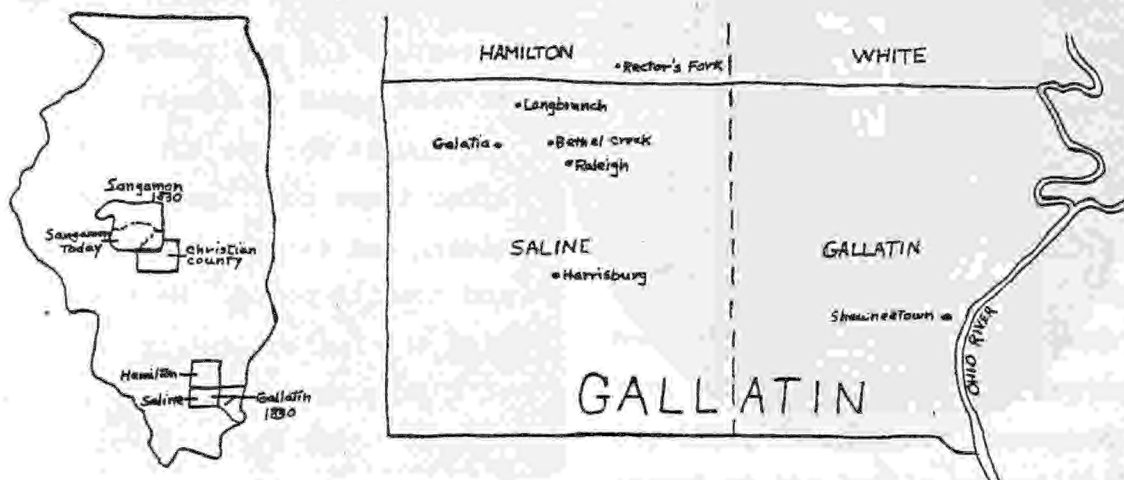


Sangamon County Illinois (solid lines) in early days and (dash-line area with S) at present time. Co= Cooper township. Dash-line area with C is present day Christian county. Mt.A= Mt. Auburn township. James owned land in both of these, north and south of the Sangamon River, but the lands were not adjacent.

finalized until October 1835 and one of Archelaus' until January 1837.

James and Frances continued to live in what became the Longbranch township of Saline county until 1847 when they sold²¹ their 160 acre farm there to Charles Sloan, who married their granddaughter Permelia Coffey. A descendant of this marriage, also named Charles Sloan, lives on this or adjacent land today. He related to me the story of how the land in Saline was covered with thick brush and trees (some still is, and is indeed a dense thicket). This made clearing the land and farming difficult and was a major reason why they went north to Sangamon county (a more open area). However, Mr. Sloan says they nearly froze in Sangamon county so came back to "Southern" Illinois. It seems unlikely that the distance, 140-150 miles, would make that much difference but one of the winters they spent there (I believe it was 1831) has been called in some accounts, the "winter of the big snow", and perhaps this is what convinced them to return south.

Exactly where James and Frances were living when James died January 7, 1849 is not known but in 1850²³ Frances, together with her unmarried children, Eleanor, James Wesley, and Eli, was living across the county line in Hamilton county. I could find no deed record for James in Hamilton county but Eli was listed as Head of Household on the 1850 census so he perhaps owned the land and they were living with him. Frances died October 24, 1859 in Saline county.²⁴ Both she and James are buried in the Bethel Creek Baptist church cemetery lot.²² (see pictures of tombstones.)



Map of Illinois with enlargement of Gallatin and Saline counties to show areas where Coffeys lived and relationship to surrounding areas.

We do not have the 1810 or 1820 census of James Coffey's family. However, known children plus the 1830 census indicate that there must have been at least 10 children. Each will be discussed in the probable order of their birth.

Archelaus

The first child of which we have record is Archelaus (later frequently shortened to Archilles and "Achilles".) He was named for James' father. Since Archelaus wasn't born until July 30, 1806 it is quite possible that another was born before him but died young (or of course a miscarriage could have occurred). Archelaus married Jane Dean, a daughter of Rev. Jacob and Susannah Dean, April 23, 1824 in Hamilton county Illinois.²⁵ The clerk wrote his name as Nicholas but I don't think there can be any doubt it was Archelaus. Rev. Jacob Dean was a Methodist minister, born June 23, 1775 in Virginia and died August 5, 1851 in Hamilton county Illinois.²⁵ His wife, Susannah Hatty, was born about 1766 in Virginia. The Deans were of German ancestry.

Archelaus and Jane's first child was named Permelia and was born about 1825.²⁷

As mentioned earlier Permelia married Charles Samuel Sloan, a son of James and Hannah Sloan. Their children are listed in Chart 10-A. The third child and



*Yours truly
Achilles Coffey*

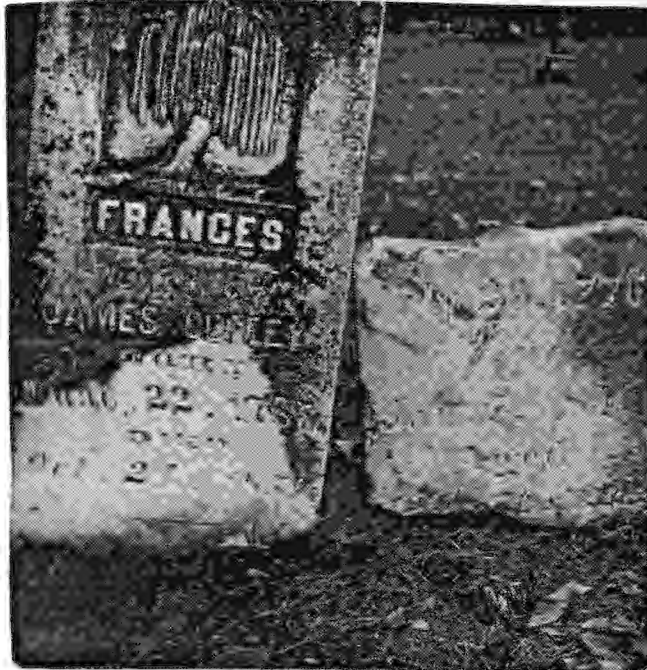
first son of Archelaus and Jane, and by far the best known, was James Asbury. His middle name was quite possibly given for Archelaus' uncle, Asbury Madison Coffey, son of Eli. James A. Coffey farmed in Saline county for a time but apparently this occupation lacked the adventure and excitement he desired. In 1854 he moved to Kansas where he worked and fought for the anti-slavery forces. After these conflicts he took up merchandising and established several stores and trading posts. He traded extensively with the Indians and in the process learned 2 languages. In 1870 he founded the town of Coffeyville, Kansas. (Note, the Kansas county 'Coffey' but not the city Coffeyville was named after Asbury Madison Coffey.) A descendant of James A. was Frank R. Moore (now deceased) of Laguna Beach, California and much of the book¹¹ he wrote is about this man. James A.

Coffey apparently had the rank of Colonel in the Missouri-Kansas skirmishes as that is how he is usually referred. He had established a store in Dodge City, Kansas when he contracted pneumonia in 1879 and died there. It should be noted that there is a gap of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years between the birth of James A. Coffey and the next child, Sales. Some descendants have thought that Archelaus married (2) Jane Durham (Jane Dean having died). If so this would likely have been the time. However, there is absolutely no evidence that this happened; Jane Dean was, I



James A. Coffey (drawing from a photo.)

believe, his only wife. Two descendants of Archelaus which I have either met or corresponded with are Charles Sloan (previously referred to) of Galatia, Illinois, and John Lockhart Coffey (a descendant of John McClernan Coffey) of Oklahoma City.



Tombstones of James (broken) and Frances Coffey in Bethel Creek Church Cemetery

Archelaus was commissioned 2nd lieutenant of the 4th Illinois Regiment December 19, 1825²⁸ and on May 12, 1832 he volunteered for the Black Hawk Indian War. He was then a 2nd lieutenant in Captain James Hampton's company until the latter was promoted to major and then Archelaus was made a captain. He was in charge of what was called Captain Coffey's company, 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade, Illinois Mounted Volunteers of the Black Hawk War. He was mustered out September 25, 1832, having been furoughed in August at the battle ground on the Mississippi where he lost his horse, saddle, bridle, and blanket on a

forced march. For his services he received a bounty land warrant of 40 acres in 1851 and another of 120 acres in 1855.²⁹

After the war he became interested in religion and, in July 1833 joined the Bethel's Creek Primitive Baptist church.³⁰ His wife joined at the same time. The histories of this area often overlook this small church, which was likely the first one in the area. It was organized with 7 members in June 1820,³¹ and was associated with the Muddy River Baptist Association. In October 1834 Archelaus was chosen as moderator of this church and in May 1836 he was ordained to preach.²⁹ He is said to have organized a number of churches and is known to have been a moderator of the Salem Primitive Baptist church in Benton, Illinois.³² In 1877 he wrote his book,⁷ about the split in the church over the missionary question. In 1837 this split affected the Bethel's Creek church, those favoring the missionary work were in the minority and were excluded by the majority. The former proceeded to form on October 19, 1837 the Union church (later known as the Raleigh church³³). Archelaus was apparently very conservative, following the old order of the church, somewhat the opposite of the Reverend Reuben Coffey mentioned in Chapter 4. Archelaus must have also been active in the community. In 1844 his name appears on a

list of election of presidential electors. He was listed among the Democratic party electors.³⁴ Archelaus died of lung disease in Saline county³⁵ March 10, 1883 and is buried at Bethel's Creek church cemetery. I visited this cemetery and the little church there in 1976. The church still has service one Sunday a month. Although not so named for this reason, I thought it appropriate that it be called Bethel's Creek Primitive Baptist church. It is located in what one might say is a primitive (at least country) area of Saline county (see below).



Road Leading to Bethel Creek Church



Bethel Creek Church, Saline co., Ill.

One needs to know where to look to even find it. The graveyard in front of the church is well kept except for some vandalism, including the broken stone for James Coffey.

While discussing this area it might be well to mention the schools. According to the leading history of the area³⁶ the first school in what is now Saline county was started in 1823 and had only a 3 month term in the fall. The winters were considered too severe to send the children to school. Another school (date unknown) was taught by a man named Sloan. One wonders if this was an in-law of Archelaus and if any of the Coffey children attended. It was more common in those days for the boys to attend (and thus know how to read and write) than the girls.

Thomas

It is probable that the second child of James and Frances was Thomas, named for Frances' father, Thomas Lane. His date of birth is unknown but it must have

have been about 1808. On October 13, 1828 in Gallatin county Illinois he married Kezia Varnier, daughter of Peter Varnier. They moved to Sangamon county in 1829 with Thomas' parents³⁷ but I didn't find any land ownership for them there. They probably moved back to Saline at the same time as did James and Frances. A Thomas Coffey was a private in the Black Hawk War of 1832 in the Company of Capt. James Hall. This probably was our Thomas. He joined the Bethel's Creek church in April 1834 and was examined for ordination November 1837.³⁰ The church records do not mention an actual ordination but our own family records say he was a preacher.³⁸ However, the records do say he was appointed assistant clerk of the church in 1839. In May 1843³⁹ he and Kezia sold their land (S 19, T 7, R 6 - obtained in 1836) and in August of that year received a letter of dismissal from the church. In these records he was at the time listed as "Elder Thomas Coffey." They went to Miller county Missouri where Thomas died 2 years later.⁴⁰ He and Kezia are known to have had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls, although there apparently was a third girl⁴¹ (see Chart 10-B). A descendant of this line through the son Allen is Fred Coffey of Kingsport, Tennessee.

The third child of James and Frances was John, born April 22, 1810 in Wayne county Kentucky. Chapter 13 will be devoted to him and his family.

Ann, Eleanor and Sally

The next child may have been a girl named Ann. We can only speculate here since we have no family or official records linking her to this family, but there were 2 girls 15-20 on the 1830 census and one must have been Eleanor (discussed below). Ann married John Baldrige December 24, 1834 in Gallatin county Illinois (marriage performed by Jacob Dean.⁴²) There seems to be no Coffey of marriageable age belonging to any other Coffey family in Gallatin county at this time.⁴³ What happened to Ann is unknown. They apparently did not settle in Gallatin county as there are no Baldrige deeds there at this time and they do not appear on other records. There are a number of Baldrige families in nearby counties, especially Jefferson, and several with the first name of John. However, in each case the wife is not named Ann, although Ann could be a middle name or a nickname. I have been unable to identify the wife of any John Baldrige in Illinois at this time as the correct one to fit this marriage. It is quite possible that Ann died soon after their marriage and John remarried. Another possibility is that they may have left the state. I believe the first option to be more likely.

"Elinor" (probably correctly spelled Eleanor) Coffey is listed as 35 years of age on the 1850 census.⁴⁴ If true, she probably was born late in 1814 or early 1815. On March 17, 1852 Rev. Archelaus Coffey performed the marriage of Elendor

Coffey to James L. Kennedy. It is presumed this is the same Eleanor. James L. Kennedy was elected an associate justice of the Saline county court in 1855. He was born March 12, 1804 and died July 20, 1858, buried in Bethel Creek cemetery.²² There is no further record of Eleanor, unless she is the Ellenor Kennedy on the 1900 census in Franklin county listed as a widow, born November 1812, age 87. She had 1 daughter, Lou (or Lori) K. Auld, born March 1853 in Illinois. If this is the same Eleanor then her birthplace and that of her father and mother are incorrectly given and her age on the 1850 census is wrong. The latter is a good possibility since two others in the family have the incorrect age listed. Thus, if she was born in 1812 then Ann must have been younger, perhaps born in 1814. I suspect this may be the correct interpretation but since proof is lacking I will, for the time being, stick with my original data.

The 1830 census also lists a girl 10-15. Since the next child of known birth, James Wesley, was born May 15, 1818, it seems probable that she was born about 1816 and was the Sally Coffey who married Ewing Flannigan July 28, 1836.⁴² This marriage was performed by the Rev. Jacob Dean whose family had close ties with the Coffeys and Lanes. Ewing had a land entry in Hamilton county in 1837⁴⁶ and they apparently settled there. Sally is said to have had 2 girls and died before 1840, Ewing later remarrying.⁴⁷ However, the 1840 census of Hamilton county shows a male and female each 20-30 and 3 females under 5. According to Gallatin county Illinois marriage records (Book 1, page 225) Ewing didn't marry his second wife, Caroline Mace, until May 19, 1843. Thus it would seem that Sally had 3 daughters. The records of Mildred Pulliam²⁶ show that Ewing married (3) Mary Elinor Cantrell on September 15, 1843. Ewing was killed or died in the Mexican War on December 20, 1846 at Matamoras, Mexico. He was born in 1816 in Tennessee to Samuel Ewing Flannigan and Nancy Sharp, both of North Carolina. In the 1850 census of Hamilton county the two known daughters of Sally and Ewing, Perlina (age 13) and Martha E. (age 11, are living with their grandmother Frances (Lane) Coffey.

James Wesley

James Wesley Coffey (mentioned above) apparently remained in Longbranch township of Saline county all of his life (although he owned some land in Hamilton county) and was a rather prominent farmer there. He married Mary E. M. Kane on November 20, 1854 in Saline county, the marriage being performed by his brother Archelaus.⁴⁹ Mary Kane was born January 11, 1839 and died July 11, 1916.²² James W., along with William Durham had the town of Hamburg platted in 1871 and he donated the land on which the Long Branch Baptist church was built in 1860.⁵⁰ James Wesley died August 5, 1883 and is also buried at Bethel Creek, as are 4 of his

children. The list of children given in Chart 10-D is taken from 1860, 1870, and 1880 census records, Bethel's Creek cemetery records, and the estate record of James Wesley. However, the list still may not be complete. A few years ago a granddaughter, Blanche Pulliam (now deceased) gave a list (sent to me by Janie Summers of Johnston City, Illinois) in which she listed the following other names: Silas, Ollie (female who married a Chaffin), Owen, Myrtle, John, and Jessie (female). However, she omitted 5 of those on the list I compiled. A possible explanation is either they went by other names or she got some from another generation by mistake.

Lewis P.

Lewis P. Coffey may have been the next child, born between 1820 and 1825,³⁷ probably about 1821 since the following child was apparently born in 1823. He was married October 5, 1842⁵¹ to Nancy Ann C. Laswell. Lewis died before April 25, 1848.⁵² According to the 1850 census⁵³ he left 3 children, all girls. Nancy remarried on October 25, 1853 to Eldridge Sneed and had one daughter. See Chart 10-E for more complete data on this family. I think it might be of interest to here give the inventory of Lewis' estate as an example of what the average frontier farmer of those days had in possessions. The original spelling is retained.

April 25, 1848. An Inventory of the Estate of Lewis P. Coffee, deceased. An improvement, one mill, bolting chest, one toledish two head of horses, two head of cattle, five sows and pigs, and four head of other hogs, one sheep, nine geese, two ducks, five chickens, one pair of gears, one collar, one ho, two ascess, one croscut saw, one logchane, a pair of tungchanes loaned, two beefhides in tan on sheves, one table, one oven, one skillet, one stew kettle, one tea kettle, one coffeepot, one churn, one water pail, two buckets, one pigging, three crocks, one jug, one tray, one coffeemill, two baskets, four cheers, four barrels of corn guessed at, about two dozen bundles of flasc, one barrel and about sisc gallons of wiskey init, four midlings of bacon, one set of plates, four knives and forks, one set of teacups and saucers, three tincups, one English reader and two spelling books, one trace chans, five or six pounds of cotton, three or four pounds of laird. abt \$209.00 value of inventory. Many other articles allowed the widow Nancyann C. Coffee such as 2 beds and bedding household and kitchen furniture, stove, 1 cow and calf, 1 horse, 8 sheep, fuel, clothing, etc. to total \$302.00 her claim of dower.

Louisa

A girl was born to James and Frances between 1820 and 1825.³⁷ I believe this was Louisa who married John J. Lane December 25, 1842 in Miller county Missouri.⁵⁴ Although we lack proof I believe this is the place in Missouri where John and Nancy Coffey went in 1841 (see Chapter 13) and that they took John's sister Louisa, then 18 years old, with them. Fred Coffey of Kingsport, Tennessee believes⁵⁵ that Louisa was a daughter of Thomas (John's older brother) but according to the

1850 census of Miller county Missouri Louisa was born in 1823, too old to be a daughter of Thomas who wasn't married until 1828. Also, Thomas didn't go to Miller county until 1843 and his oldest daughter was named Caroline. It still remains to be proven but I believe this John J. Lane was a grandson of Thomas Lane (see chapter 11). If so, Louisa was a first cousin of John. His father would have to be Mordecai Lane, brother of Frances, who was on the 1840 census of Miller county and had a male child of the appropriate age. Mordecai also lived in Gallatin county Illinois in 1830.⁵⁶ John and Louisa Lane sold some land in Miller county in 1848⁵⁷ but they were still there in 1850.⁵⁸ I could not find them after that and they apparently did not come to Oregon in 1853 with John Coffey and Mordecai Lane. For additional material on this family see Chapter 11.

Eli

The youngest child appears to be Eli, born October 6, 1825.⁵⁹ He married (1) Nancy Russell on June 17, 1852 and (2) Nancy Ellen Foster on October 10, 1872. The children of both marriages are given in Chart 10-F.⁶⁰ Eli is listed on the Hamilton county Illinois Militia List in 1861.⁶¹ He lived in the southern part of Hamilton county most of his life. A granddaughter, Mrs. Ray (Janie) Summers, lives at Johnston City, Illinois.

Some recent information causes me to add a postscript to this chapter. Records of Mildred Pulliam²⁶ show that William Dean, born October 1799 in Tennessee, married (1) Jane Coffey who was born in 1804. William Dean is living next to James Coffey in Sangamon county Illinois in 1830 according to the census records. In 1833 he is living among the Coffey families in the Saline precinct of Gallatin county, but in 1835 he obtains land in the section just north of Thomas Coffey (across the line in Hamilton county) and is on the 1840 and 1850 census of Hamilton county. It seems likely to me that this Jane could well be a daughter of James and Frances, in fact their first daughter, born in 1804. Jane is a Coffey family name and it would be appropriate that their first daughter be named Jane. William Dean was apparently a son of Jacob (Sr.) and Susannah Dean and thus a brother of Jane who married Archelaus Coffey, Jacob Clay Dean who married Sarah Lane, and Nancy Dean who married Lewis Lane (for latter two see chapter 11). My information on William Dean is incomplete but it appears that his second wife was Bathsheba Jane Durham.²⁶

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CHART 10

VITAL DATA OF THE JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY FAMILY

James M. Coffey, son of Archelaus and Eleanor (Wade) Coffey

- b. 20 Jul 1776, prob. Amherst co., VA
- d. 7 Jan 1849, prob. Hamilton co., IL
- m. 16 Jan 1804 (bond dated 1 Oct 1803), Frances Lane (dau of Thomas & Nancy (Dabney) Lane; b. 22 Jun 1785, N.C.; d. 24 Oct 1859, Saline co., IL), Wayne co., KY

children:

1. Archelaus (Achilles)
 - b. 30 Jul 1806, Wayne co., KY
 - d. 10 Mar 1883, Saline co., IL
 - m. 23 Apr 1824 Jane (Jennie) Dean, Hamilton co., IL
2. Thomas
 - b. abt 1808, Wayne co., KY
 - d. bef 5 May 1845, Miller co., MO
 - m. 17 Sep 1828 Kezia (Keziah) Varnier (or Varner), Gallatin co., IL
3. John (see chapter 13)
 - b. 22 Apr 1810, Wayne co., KY
 - d. 8 Apr 1879, Lookingglass, Douglas co., OR
 - m. 13 Sep 1832 Nancy Snyder, Gallatin co., IL
4. Ann
 - b. abt 1812, Wayne co., KY
 - m. 24 Dec 1834 John Baldridge, Gallatin co., IL
5. Eleanor (or Elinor)
 - b. abt 1814/15, prob. Washington co., IN
 - d. after 1900 ?
 - m. 17 Mar 1852 James L. Kennedy, Saline co., IL
6. Sally
 - b. abt 1816, prob. Washington co., IN
 - d. abt 1839-43, prob. Hamilton co., IL
 - m. 28 Jul 1836 Ewing Flannigan, Gallatin co., IL
7. James Wesley
 - b. 15 May 1818, Wayne co., KY
 - d. 5 Aug 1883, Saline co., IL
 - m. 20 Nov 1854 Mary E. M. Kane, Saline co., IL
8. Lewis P.
 - b. abt 1820/1, Illinois
 - d. bef 25 Apr 1848, Hamilton co., IL
 - m. 5 Oct 1842 Nancy Ann C. Laswell, Hamilton co., IL
9. Louisa
 - b. abt 1823, Illinois
 - m. 25 Dec 1842 John J. Lane, Miller co., MO
10. Eli
 - b. 6 Oct 1825, Gallatin co., IL
 - d. 7 Oct 1899, Hamilton co., IL
 - m. (1) 17 Jun 1852 Nancy Russell; (2) 10 Oct 1872 Nancy Ellen Foster, both Hamilton co., IL.

There may have been another one - Jane, b. 1804; m. William Dean.

CHART 10-A

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY: # 1 ARCHELAUS

Archelaus "Achilles" Coffey

b. 30 Jul 1806, Wayne co., KY

d. 10 Mar 1883, Saline co., IL

m. 23 Apr 1824 Jane Dean (dau of Jacob Dean & b. abt 1805), Hamilton co., IL

children:

1. Permelia

b. abt 1825, Prob Gallatin co., IL

d. after 1 Feb 1890

m. (1) bef 1844 Charles Samuel Sloan (1814-1863), (2) 13 Dec 1866 Abel Hunt.

children:

1. James A. Sloan - b. 1844; m. Malinda Caroline Hunt.

2. David Sloan - b. 1848; m. Elizabeth Cantrell.

3. Samuel T. Sloan - 1850-51

4. William Monroe Sloan - 1854-87; m. Martha Drusilla Dean

5. Mary Sloan - m. James Boyd

6. Melvina Eldine Sloan - m. Jarreth E. Stilley

7. Jane Sloan - m. Charnel Glascock

8. Hannah Sloan - m. (1) Perry Hunt, (2) Braxton P. Crawford

9. Sibelia Sloan - m. Jacob Dean

10. Paulina Hunt - m. Amon Humes Coffey

2. Paulina

b. 10 Sep 1826, prob Gallatin co., IL

d. 26 Jul 1843 (bur Bethel Crk Church, Saline co., IL)

not married

3. James Asbury

b. 18 Nov 1827, Gallatin co., IL

d. 13 Jan 1879, Dodge City, KA

m. 27 Dec 1849 Louisa Adelaide Ferris Long Carnahan

children:

1. John Gerry - d. in infancy

2. Mary^a - b. 13 May 1851, Saline co., IL; d. 1905, Tombstone, AZ3. Eben Rice^a - b. 17 Dec 1852, Saline co., IL; d. 1935, Austin, CO

4. Phoebe - d. in infancy

5. Irena Ann - b. 12 Dec 1856, Lawrence, KS; d. after 1935; m.

John F. Moore

6. Laura - b. 1859 Humbolt, KS; m. (1) J.P. Soderstrom, (2) F.P. Knight

7. Amy - 1861, Humbolt, KS; m. George Emerson

8. Elizabeth - b. Humbolt, KS; m. Smith Ruble

9. Lulu - b. 1866, Kansas City (KS?); m. Thomas Murdock

4. Sales M.

b. 15 May 1831, Sangamon or Gallatin co., IL

d. 1 Feb 1890 (bur. Bethel Crk ch., Saline co., IL)

never married

5. Malvina (or Melvina) E.

b. 31 Dec 1833, Gallatin co., IL

d. 18 Jul 1854

m. 18 Dec 1851 Asahel (or Ashel) W. Durham

^a Mary md. Louis McIntire. Eben md. Tola Kreigh

- children: only 1, Sarilda, who md. Robert Marshal Dean and had Bertus A. Dean, Melvina Dean Fox, Loretta Deen Hayes, Cora Deen Shaw, & Dora (d. young).
6. Louvica J.
b. 5 Aug 1836, Gallatin co., IL
d. 28 Jun 1838, Gallatin co., IL (bur. Bethel Crk. ch., Saline co., IL)
7. Laura
b. 20 May 1838, Gallatin co., IL
d. 3 Aug 1841, Gallatin co., IL (bur Bethel Crk ch, Saline co., IL)
8. Amanda E.
b. 20 Aug 1839, Gallatin co., IL
d. 29 Oct 1839, Gallatin co., IL (bur Bethel Crk ch, Saline co., IL)
9. Lawrence Lesenby
b. 1841
m. abt 1862 S. Melvina Barker
children: (much confusion between family lists & census lists - some prob. went by nicknames:
1. Orella (or Orilla)-b. 1863/4; m. 20 Jul 1884 William D. Ezell
2. Riley - abt 1864 (age 16 on 1880 census)
3. Amon Hume - (Harmon on 1880 census) - b. abt 1865/6; m. Pauline Hunt.
4. Ethan - b. abt 1868
5. Edith - b. abt 1873
6. Alley (or Allie) - b. abt 1876; m. Mathews (was there an Allie and an Ollie?? Perhaps Ollie was Ollie Grace and b. 1871).
7. Maude Mary - b. Dec. 1879 (birth rec. says she was 6th child); m. Randle
8. Ethel - m. Reeves
9. John W. - b. 11 Feb 1881; d. 30 Aug 1881 (9th child)
10. Shelby C. - b. Oct 1882; d. 28 Jul 1884 (could this be Car Coffey?)
11. Edd - Could this be Edith, b. abt 1873 (see # 5 above)?
10. C. A.
b. 3 Dec 1841
d. 5 Dec 1841 (or 1844) - bur Bethel Crk ch., Saline co., IL
11. G.E.C.
b. 7 Feb 1843
d. 8 Feb 1843 (bur Bethel Crk ch, Saline co., IL)
12. John McClernan
b. 1847
m. 15 Aug 1869 Mary Glascock, Saline co., IL
children:
1. John Ernest
2. Nora - b. 1871; m. Toberman
3. George Achilles - b. 1874; d. 1949; m. Julia Lockhart and had John Lockhart (b. 1898), May (m. Nickens), and Georgia (m.(1) Welch & (2) Camp).
13. Phoebe Ann
b. 16 Nov 1852
d. 18 Dec 1852 (bur Bethel Crk ch., Saline co., IL)

CHART 10-B

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY: # 2 THOMAS

Thomas Coffey

- b. abt 1808, Wayne co., KY
d. bef 5 May 1845, Miller co., MO

m. 13 Oct 1828 Kezia (or Keziah) Varnier (or Varner), dau of Peter Varnier (or Varner), Gallatin co., IL.

children:

1. Caroline
b. 1829, Illinois
m. Goodwin
children: Thomas, Christina E., Keziah C., another son, and others (?).
2. William Allen
b. 1831/2, Illinois
d. Miller co., MO
m. Mary "Polly" Wiseman, Camden co., MO
children: George, Louisa, Rufus, Keziah C., Caldonia, Sarah J., Thomas, James A., Jasper, & another son (?).
3. Harvey C.
b. 1834, Gallatin co., IL
4. Elizabeth A.
b. 1838, Gallatin co., IL
5. Thomas M.
b. late 1839 or early 1840, Gallatin co., IL
6. Sarah J.
b. 1845, Miller co., MO

CHART 10-C

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY: # 6 SALLY

Sally Coffey

b. abt 1816, prob. Washington co., IN
d. bef 1840 (?), or perhaps 1840-43, prob. Hamilton co., IL
m. 28 Jul 1836 Ewing Flannigan, Gallatin co., IL

children:

1. Perlina
b. abt 1837, prob. Hamilton co., IL
2. Martha E.
b. abt 1839, prob. Hamilton co., IL
3. Poss. a 3rd dau. b. by 1840 (?).
Ewing (b. 1816, TN); m. (2) 19 May 1843 Caroline Mace, (3) 15 Sep 1843 Mary Elinor Cantrell; d. 20 Dec 1846, Matamoros, Mex.

CHART 10-D

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY: # 7 JAMES WESLEY

James Wesley Coffey

b. 15 May 1818, Wayne co., KY
d. 5 Aug 1883, Saline co., IL (bur Bethel Crk ch)
m. 20 Nov 1854 Mary Ellen M. Kane (b. 11 Jan 1839; d. 11 Jul 1916, Saline co. IL, bur Bethel Crk ch.), Saline co., IL

children: (poss. others)

1. Isabella F. Coffey
b. abt 1855/56
m. 15 Feb 1872 John D. Simmons, Saline co., IL
2. James H. Coffey
b. 18 Jun 1858
d. 27 May 1873 (bur Bethel Crk ch.)
3. Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie)
b. abt 1860
m. 24 Oct 1880 John C. Ogden

4. Mary J.
b. abt 1862
m. 6 May 1883 James E. Hargraves
5. Samuel M.
b. 31 Aug 1866
d. 6 Oct 1869 (bur Bethel Crk ch.)
6. Robert E.
b. 19 Dec 1869
d. 6 Aug 1870 (bur Bethel Crk ch.)
7. Lillie M. (female)
b. 11 Jun 1871
d. 18 Dec 1872 (bur Bethel Crk ch.)
8. Lillian R. (male)
b. 21 Oct 1873
d. 4 Jul 1947, Harrisburg, Saline, IL
m. 20 Jan 1895 Armina F. Braden, Saline co., IL
children: 1. Blanche (md. Cecil Pulliam); 2. Beulah (md. James Conrad Pemberton); 3. Rex (not married); 4. Ray (md. Winnie Tate); 5. Arthur (md. Ruth Jones); 6. Inez (md. Fredrick Allard).
9. Whilly (male)
b. abt 1774
d. bef 1883

CHART 10-E

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY: # 8 LEWIS P.

Lewis P. Coffey

- b. abt 1820/21, Illinois
d. bef 25 Apr 1848, Hamilton co., IL
m. 5 Oct 1842 Nancy Ann C. Laswell, Hamilton co., IL
children:

1. Sarah J.
b. abt 1845, prob. Hamilton co., IL
2. Sophronia
b. abt 1847, prob. Hamilton co., IL
3. Louisa
b. abt 1848, prob. Hamilton co., IL
d. 1889/90
m. 1 Dec 1872 John Frank McGill, Hamilton co., IL

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CHILDREN OF JAMES AND FRANCES (LANE) COFFEY: # 10 ELI

Eli Coffey

- b. 6 Oct 1825, Gallatin co., IL
d. 7 Oct 1899, Hamilton co., IL (bur Rector Fork cem., Hamilton co., IL)
m. (1) 17 Jun 1852 Nancy Russell (b. 27 Jun 1832; d. 4 Aug 1869; bur Rector Fork cem., Hamilton co.), Hamilton co., IL
children:

1. Frances M.
b. 12 May 1854 (or 1853 ?)
d. 24 Oct 1862 (bur Rector Fork cem., Hamilton co.)
2. Melvina J.
b. abt 1855/56
m. 22 Feb 1882 Alexander Frank Laswell, Hamilton co., IL
3. Louisa Eliza
b. abt 1857
m. (1) 22 Jan 1888 Robert S. Gibson; (2) 25 Nov 1902 William Beachum.

4. James A.
b. abt Jan 1860
m. Henrietta _____
children: Joseph E. Coffey, Saloma Bootman, Ora B. Coffey, & Lora A. Coffey.
5. Columbus
b. 15 Oct 1861
d. 3 Feb 1864 (bur Rector Fork cem, Hamilton co., IL)
6. Thomas R.
b. 20 Sep 1863
d. 15 Feb 1864 (bur Rector Fork cem, Hamilton co.)
7. Mary E.
b. 1866
m. 6 Oct 1889 William Jack Holland
8. Samuel M.
b. 6 Oct 1868
d. 4 May 1892 (bur Rector Fork cem., Hamilton co.)
9. Nancy
b. Jul/Aug 1869 (1870 census)
- m. (2) 10 Oct 1872 Nancy Ellen Foster (b. 10 Nov 1845; d. 15 Apr 1879 (bur Rector Fork cem., Hamilton co.), Hamilton co., IL
children:
 1. Modesta Anna
b. 1873
m. 30 Apr 1899 Thomas Warren McKay, Hamilton co., IL
 2. Sariah
b. abt 1875/76
m. 6 Oct 1889 Samuel Lloyd Holland
 3. John Eli
b. 24 Jan 1878 (Birth Bk. A, # 55, Hamilton co., IL)
d. 22 Mar 1952 (bur Rector Fork cem., Hamilton co.)
m. 21 Oct 1900 Sarah E. Shaptaw, Rural Hill, Hamilton co., IL
children:
 1. Lucille - b. 1901
 2. John Elvis - b. 1903
 3. Janie Evelyn - b. 1905; m. Ray Summers (she has furnished much of the material for Eli and his children).
 4. Mamie Ellen - b. 1907
 5. Floyd A. - b. 1909
 6. Resa Ethel - b. 1911
 7. Newman Arthur - b. 1914
 8. Othel Leman - b. 1916
 9. Roy Leo - b. 1919.

CHAPTER 11

THE LANE FAMILY



"So upright Quakers please
both man and God."

1. Sarah - m. 2 Jan 1714/15 Robert Moxon
2. John - m. 14 Mar 1717 Martha Moxon
3. Andrew - m. 17 Feb 1720 Martha Moxon

4. James A.

a. Henrietta

children: Joseph B. Coffey, Samuel B. Coffey, Mary B. Coffey

5. Columbus

b. 15 Oct 1861

d. 3 Feb 1864 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

6. Thomas B.

b. 20 Sep 1863

d. 15 Feb 1864 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

7. Mary E.

b. 1866

a. 6 Oct 1865 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

8. Samuel A.

b. 6 Oct 1865 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

d. 4 May 1864 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

9. Nancy

b. 21 Aug 1865 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

a. (2) 10 Dec 1865 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

children: Mary B. Coffey, Samuel B. Coffey, Joseph B. Coffey

children:

1. Henrietta

b. 1873

a. 20 Oct 1872 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

2. Sarah

b. 20 Oct 1872

a. 6 Oct 1871 (bur. Service Year 1861-1864)

3. John

b. 20 Oct 1872

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children: Mary B. Coffey, Samuel B. Coffey, Joseph B. Coffey

On August 8, 1783 in Bedford county Virginia one Thomas Lane married a Nancy Dabney. It was their daughter, Frances who married James M. Coffey as given in the previous chapter. Both the Lane and Dabney families were early and numerous in Virginia so the particular lines of these 2 individuals are not entirely clear. However, I will give what I have been able to find, first, in this chapter the Lanes, and in the next chapter the Dabneys.

There were already at least 19 Lane immigrants¹ to Virginia by 1666 and many others appeared in Maryland² and in North Carolina³ before the Revolution. There was a Thomas Lane (age 30) in Virginia as early as 1613.⁴ In the early 1700s a London merchant⁵ by the name of Thomas Lane did a lot of trading in Virginia. There is a possibility that he finally settled there but no proof. There was also a Thomas and Thomas Jr. in Surry county Virginia (more later), and a Thomas in New Kent county in 1704.⁶ A William Lane came from Newgate to Virginia on the ship "Forward Frigate" October 25, 1723⁷ and some other Lanes in the early 1700s. There are a number of other Lane records in early Virginia including a Thomas in Hanover county in 1719,⁸ a runaway white servant named Thomas Lane in Caroline county about 1744-46⁹ and a Thomas Lane and wife Ann in Spottsylvania county in the 1760s and 1770s.¹⁰

However, all we know of our line seems to come from Quaker records.¹¹ William Lane, son of Thomas, married Anne Crew, daughter of John Crew at the Friends Meeting House in Henrico county Virginia November 6, 1733/34. William had been meeting with the Cedar Creek Particulate Meeting (located in Hanover county) at least one year when he was married. The manner in which this data is presented suggests that William may have been a convert to the Quaker faith. We have no earlier record of him in Quaker meetings nor of his father Thomas. Perhaps the latter was the Thomas living in Hanover county in 1719 and the Thomas in New Kent county in 1704 (Hanover was formed from New Kent county). The Crews seem to have been a strong Quaker family. John and wife Sarah together with marriages of their children are listed in Henrico Monthly Meetings, apparently held in Charles City county in the early 1700s. We do not have the birthdates but the marriages were as follows:

1. Sarah - m. 8 Jan 1714/15 Robert Elyson
2. John - m. 14 Mar 1717 Agatha Elyson
3. Andrew - m. 12 Feb 1720 Hannah Elyson
4. Mary - m. 10 Sep 1724 John Ladd

5. Joseph - m. 12 Jun 1725 Massey Johnson
6. Jane - m. 28 Dec 1727/28 John Sanders
7. William - m. 8 Jul 1729 Hannah Sanders
8. Anne - m. 6 Nov 1733/34 William Lane
9. David - m. 9 Nov 1733/34 Mary Stanley

There must have been Quaker meetings held at John Crew's house as it is on the map (in Charles City county) provided by Hinshaw of Quaker meeting places in Virginia.

Most further Virginia records of the Lane family are in the Cedar Creek P.M. (see picture), located in Hanover county. The minutes of this Particulate Meeting mention a Thomas and a Daniel Lane signing a marriage certificate in 1739/40. In



Cedar Creek Quaker Meeting House, Hanover Co. VA (Redrawn from Meyer, Dr. Harold J.^a)

1739 William and family requested a certificate to go to Opecken Monthly Meeting (Hopewell) in Frederick county and made a second request in 1741. It was granted in October 1741 but there is no record that they ever went there. If they did, they apparently came back and were probably living in Caroline county while attending Cedar Creek P.M. in 1764 when they were granted a certificate to go to New Garden M. M. (Guilford county North Carolina). When they arrived there in February 1765 the children were listed as Sarah, William, Daniel, Jesse, Thomas, Marjory, and Mordecai. The father William and the children Sarah, William, Daniel, and Jesse were dismissed (disfellowshipped) for various reasons while living there and in 1771 Ann and 3 children (Thomas, Marjory, and Mordecai) received a certificate to go to South River M.M. (Bedford co. VA, now Campbell co.). They apparently didn't stay at South River long as they were received at Cedar Creek

^a VA Mag. Hist. Biog. 64(4):454, Oct 1956

M.M. in June 1772. In 1778 Ann went back to New Garden, Guilford county, North Carolina. From these records it may sound as though Ann, with some of her children, is moving back and forth but not her husband William and the rest of the children. However, since they had been "dismissed" no record was made of them. Probably the entire family moved together except that some of the older children may have been married and remained in Guilford county North Carolina when the family moved back to Virginia in 1771. Not much is known about the children other than Thomas. Sarah married Benjamin Hancock about 1765. She was dismissed from the New Garden M.M. December 28, 1765, probably for marrying Hancock who was evidently not a Quaker. They moved to Wayne county Kentucky between 1779 and 1804. Their children were:

1. William
2. Nancy
3. John L.
4. Margaret (Margery)
5. Sarah Gwen - m. William Rains (b. Franklin co., VA), 2 Mar 1809, Wayne co., KY
6. Jesse
7. Benjamin, Jr.

Benjamin, Sr. died in 1815 and Sarah sometime after that. Sarah Gwen Hancock and William Rains had a son Benjamin H. Rains, born December 18, 1816 in Wayne county Kentucky and he married Catherine Roberts Wallen November 10, 1869 in Wayne county. They had a son Constant Benjamin Rains April 17, 1875 who married Lennie Etta Carter July 5, 1905. The latter couple were the parents of Estil E. Rains, born May 18, 1906 and he was the father of Katherine Rains Buck of Alpha, Kentucky.

I have no definite records for the next 3 children, William, Daniel and Jesse, but these names occur in Guilford county records and I believe they settled there. All 3 were dismissed from New Garden M.M. (Daniel 1769, William 1770, and Jesse 1774), but reasons are not given. A Jesse married Hannah Huddleston about 1803. They had the following children: Lydia, Ira, Phebe, Levi, Annuel (Ann), Rhoda, Mary, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Susannah and moved to Ohio in 1809, affiliating with the Miami Monthly Meeting. It would seem that Jesse, son of William and Ann would be too old to be this Jesse so perhaps he is a son of Jesse, William or Daniel. As far as I know there is no information on the daughter Marjory but the youngest son, Mordecai is apparently the one who was received at New Garden M.M. from Cedar Creek M.M. June 8, 1782. He was dismissed November 7, 1797 for "marrying out of Union (too near kin)". Perhaps he married Susanna Ballard as she was listed as a Lane when dismissed October 3, 1796 for the same reason. They settled on Deep River (Guilford county) but I do not know their children.

Thomas Lane may have gone to Bedford county soon after the family's return to Virginia as a Thomas Lane had 400 acres on both sides of Little Whipping Creek surveyed there in 1774, and purchased 250 acres on both sides of Phelps Creek in 1778. However one or both of these could well be another Thomas (Tommy) Lane who was in Bedford county during this time. We know that the Thomas who married Nancy Dabney there on August 8, 1783 is our Thomas Lane. There were quite a few Lanes in Bedford county at the time and it seems likely that at least some of them may have been related to Thomas' family, although a definite tie-in is lacking. When William and Anne and the younger children stopped there in 1771/2 it could have been because of Lane relatives. However, it is equally likely that they went there to be with Anne's relatives since there are Crews among the Quaker families of Bedford county and they seem to have a connection to the Crews in the area where Anne originally lived. One possible Lane connection is that Cornelius Dabney, not her father but the one who gave consent for Nancy's marriage to Thomas Lane, married a Mary "Molly" Lane, probably in Hanover county. Perhaps she was a close relative of our Lane family.

Floyd B. Layne in his book¹² on the Lane family gives the descendants of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jones) Lane of Surry county Virginia (Thomas born 1635). He had a son Thomas, born about 1662 who married Jane Flood. They had a son Thomas, born 1687-94 in Surry county who married Mary _____. Among their children was a son John, born prior to 1721 in Surry county, died 1789 in Bedford county. He married (1) Martha Heath and (2) Jane Heath (sister of Martha). Besides a son John Jr. the children included a son Thomas, born about 1758. This family was in Bedford county, particularly the portion that became Campbell county in 1781-2. By 1789 Thomas had crossed over into Halifax county (Halifax county deeds, Bk. 15, p. 430, etc.). This Thomas is often referred to as Tommie or Tommy in the records. Mr. Layne says he is the one who married Nancy Dabney in 1783. Perhaps this is because there is only one Thomas Lane in the marriage records of this time and also because he was unaware that there was another Thomas Lane in Bedford county. Although it is difficult, if not impossible, to separate the two Thomas Lanes in some of the records of Bedford and Campbell county it seems evident to me that there really were two men by that name there in the 1770s - 1790s. The tax records and some deed records at least show two Thomas Lanes at the same time or only one when our Thomas was gone to North Carolina and only one in Bedford when the other one (often called Tommy) had moved from the county. The most difficult record to reconcile is the deed in Campbell county September 2, 1790 in which "Thomas and Nancy Lane of the county of Campbell" sell 50 acres on Little Whipping Creek. Perhaps the other Thomas also married a Nancy.

The most positive evidence we have connecting our line to Thomas Lane (the Quaker) and Nancy Dabney is a letter¹³ written by their grandson, the Rev. Achilles (Archelaus) Coffey in 1878. Archelaus claimed to have good knowledge of and association with Thomas Lane. Quoting from the letter, "On my mother's side her father's name was Thomas Lane; I think he was of English descent. He died at ninety six years of age in Southern Illinois. He had lived in Virginia, North Carolina and New York, raised in the Quaker persuasion but finally espoused the Baptist faith. My grandmother on my mother's side was of Welsh descent; her name was Nancy Dabney before her marriage." Archelaus further clarifies this in his book¹⁴ on the history of the Regular Baptists: "... my grandfather ... joined the Baptists many years before my birth [1806]; was a man of extraordinary mind, and lived to be about ninety-six years of age. He was living in this country [Southern Illinois] at the time the division commenced [split in the Regular Baptists to form the Mission Baptists], but died before the separation was complete [generally conceded to be 1837]. I had many interesting interviews with him. He spent a portion of his time among the Baptists in Virginia and North Carolina, but principally in Kentucky and Illinois. His name was Thomas Lane."

If we can accept what Archelaus says then Thomas Lane could have been born as early as 1740 or 1741 and died about 1836 or 1837. I believe the latter to be approximately correct but if his birth order in the family is as given in the New Garden M.M. minutes, then I doubt he could have been born before 1743. This would make him 40 years old when he married. If he spent time among the Baptists in Virginia this was probably when he was in Bedford county. Perhaps his Lane relatives there (if indeed they were) were Baptist and so influenced him, or perhaps the Dabneys were Baptists (I have not been able to find out). The reference to living among the Baptists in North Carolina could have been after his marriage. At least 2 of his children were born in North Carolina (Frances, 1785 and Mordecai, 1787). One might expect that they would have gone to Guilford county where others of Thomas' family lived and where there were some Dabneys who were probably closely related.¹⁵ There is no Thomas Lane on the 1784-87 state census of North Carolina and none in Guilford county on the U.S. census of 1790. However, William, Daniel, and Mordecai are listed there and perhaps Thomas and Nancy with their 2 or 3 children could have been living with one of them, although in each case only one male over 16 is listed. There are 3 Thomas Lanes on the 1790 census of North Carolina, one in Dobbs county, one in Burke county, and one in Stokes county. There is a Thomas Lane on the 1793 tax list of Wilkes county North Carolina. Our Thomas Lane apparently cannot be identified

from the North Carolina 1790 census or the one in 1800. The Virginia census for 1790 and 1800 are missing but some tax records and other state enumerations are available. A Thomas appears on the Bedford county personal property tax lists, 1787-1790 so perhaps this is our Thomas and Nancy. They may have gone to North Carolina where Frances and Mordecai were born, returning to Bedford county in time for the 1787 tax list (the first they are on) but missing the 1787 state census in North Carolina. It is possible they later went to New York as Rev. Achilles says as much.¹³ The 1800 census of New York lists 3 Thomas Lanes. Ours does not fit the statistics given for any of the 3. Frank Moore mentions,¹⁶ without giving a source other than Achilles letter, that the Lanes got to Kentucky (from New York) by rafting down the Ohio river. Lacking evidence to the contrary, I prefer to think they were in North Carolina, Virginia, or perhaps eastern Tennessee and entered Kentucky by way of the Cumberland Gap, thus accounting for their presence in Wayne county Kentucky in 1803.¹⁷ Why would they have gone to Wayne county? Possibly because there were other Lanes and/or Dabneys there at that time. Some of the Dabneys there seem to be closely related to Nancy Dabney Lane (see chapter 13) but there is no sure connection with the Lanes except for Thomas' sister Sarah who married Benjamin Hancock. A John Lane is on the 1802 tax list (moves to Tennessee in 1806) and a Jonathan Lane and a William Lane are in Cumberland county in 1799. The area of Wayne where Thomas Lane settled was taken from Cumberland county.

Thomas Lane is listed on the 1810 and 1820 census of Wayne county Kentucky, but in 1827 he sold his land¹⁸ there and they followed the Coffeys (James Coffey and his wife Frances Lane) to Southern Illinois.¹⁹ I have been unable to find any indisputable record of Thomas Lane in Illinois. However, from what has previously been given we are sure he was there and that he probably died there about 1836/37. We do find a Thomas Lane living next to the Coffeys and Durhams in the Saline precinct of Gallatin county in 1840,²⁰ but he was only 40-50 years old. As will be discussed later I believe him to be Thomas Jr., the son of our Thomas Lane.

It is important to distinguish our Lanes from other contemporary Lane families in Southern Illinois. A John Lane and wife Elizabeth living in Equality township of Gallatin county is probably unrelated and presents no problem in confusing lines. The same is true of a John Lane in Hamilton county from Ohio. However, a large Lane family settled in Hamilton county²¹ in 1818, coming from Sumner county Tennessee, but originally from Craven county North Carolina. The father's name was James (wife Mary Phipps) and his sons were William, Leaven, Thomas, James Jr. (who was born June 28, 1814 and became a county judge), Lemuel B., and a married son Lewis with wife Mary (Prince) and children Joel P. and Eliza. James' daughters were Sadie, Lavina, Elizabeth and Mary. The family located a few miles

east of McLeansboro (T 5 S, R 6 and 7 E). Two and possibly 3 sons of Thomas and Nancy Lane also settled in Hamilton county, in the 1820s. These were Lewis, Dabney, and Thomas (assuming the latter was their son), but they settled just north of the Saline county line (thus near the Coffeys) in T 7 S, R 6 E. An examination of the marriage, census, and tax records of Wayne county Kentucky together with census and land records in Hamilton-Gallatin-Saline counties Illinois helps us to reconstruct the family of Thomas and Nancy.

1. Frances Lane - b. 22 Jun 1785, N.C.;²² m. 16 Jan 1804²³ James Coffey, Wayne co. KY; d. 24 Oct 1859 of "Dropsy",²⁴ Saline co., IL. Little is known about her personally but she can be followed through the moves and activities mentioned for James Coffey in the last chapter.

2. Mordecai Lane - b. abt 1787,²⁵ N.C.; m. 7 Nov 1811²³ Celia Atkinson, Wayne co. KY; d. prob. bef 1880 Marion co., OR. He was a private in the War of 1812²⁶ in Capt. John Martin's Co., Col. Wm. Lewis' Regt., KY Volunteers (assuming there was no other Mordecai Lane in Kentucky at that time). On Oct. 9, 1829 he sold²⁷ his land in Wayne county (which bordered on land once held by John W. Coffey) and moved to Gallatin county Illinois. He is in the latter place in 1830²⁸ but sometime between then and 1840 he moved to Miller county Missouri²⁹ where several of his children married³⁰ during the 1840s. The relationship of the 2 census and the proximity to the Coffey family identify him as the correct Mordecai Lane. One might not think this name common enough to need to distinguish him from others of the same name. However, there is a Mordecai Lane on the Bond county Illinois census of 1830, 2 in Indiana in 1840 and 1850³¹ (spelled Mordica) and another one in Missouri 1830-40-50.³² It appears that Mordica was just another spelling of Mordecai as our Mordecai was also spelled "Mordica" on the 1840 census. Mordecai's son, John J. married Louisa Coffey in Miller county Missouri December 25, 1842³³ and this family is on the 1850 census of that county. As was mentioned in Chapter 10 there is strong circumstantial evidence that this Louisa is a younger daughter of James and Frances (Lane) Coffey. Thus, John J. and Louisa would have been first cousins.

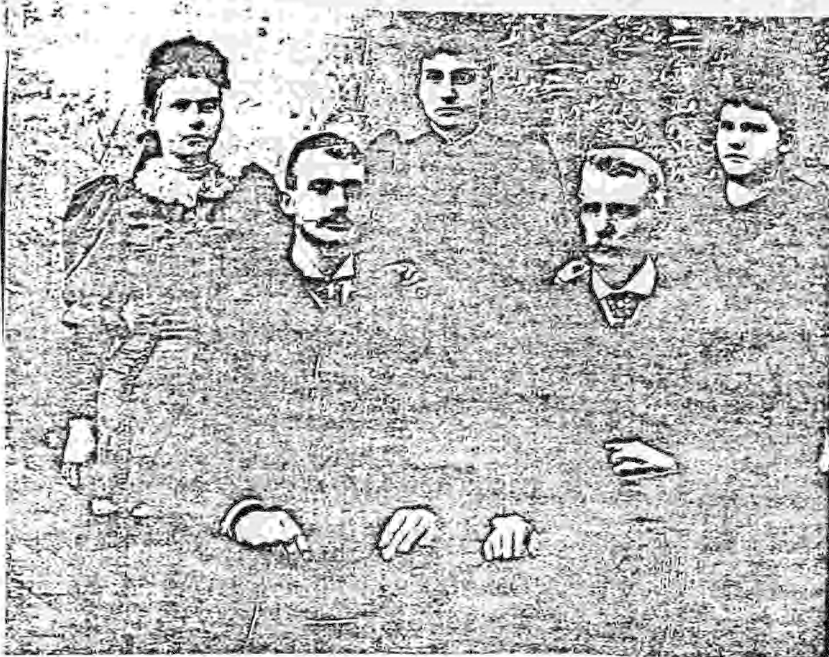
They do not appear on subsequent census or other records of Miller county or adjacent counties as far as I can tell, but Mordecai and some of his other children apparently crossed the plains to Oregon in the same wagon train as John Coffey in 1853.³⁴ Mordecai and his wife Celia are on both the 1860 and 1870 census of Marion county Oregon but not on the 1880 census. Presumably they had died by that time as they were 83 and 80 respectively in 1870. I have not been able to find what happened to the John J. Lane-Louisa Coffey family. Further data on Mordecai's family can be found in Chart 11.

3. Thomas Lane (Jr.), b. 1793-1800²⁶ (prob. 1794). There is no proof of this one but there are 2 Thomas Lanes in Hamilton county on the 1830 census, one 30-40 and one 20-30. In 1840 there are none there but one, age 40-50 is in Gallatin county,²⁰ Saline precinct living next to the Coffeys and Durhams, and one in Hardin county, also age 40-50. In the Bethel Creek church records¹⁹ a Milly Lane is received by letter May 1840 from Rector's Fork church in Hamilton county. Thomas and Milly Lane are on the 1850 census of Saline county, but are then back in Hamilton county on the 1860 census (but probably living just across the county line). The only problem with this Thomas belonging to our family is that the census records say born in Tennessee. Of course we don't know what happened to the Lanes from 1787 to 1803, with few exceptions, so they may have gone to Tennessee for a time. It is also possible the census records could be wrong in stating Tennessee. If this Thomas belongs to our family what happened to the Thomas in the James Lane family? He may have gone to Hardin county as a Thomas Lane is there on the 1840 and 1850 census (wife Jane). He is listed as age 60 in 1850 and born in Virginia so this might even be our Thomas. However, I favor the other Thomas because of his closeness to the Coffeys in Saline county. It is also quite possible there was no Thomas Lane Jr. since no definite evidence for him occurs in Wayne county Kentucky records.

4. Nancy Lane, b. 1794-1800³⁵ (Prob. not later than 1796-7); m. 5 Mar 1812²³ Samuel Moore in Wayne co, KY. The bond and an oath of the consent of her parents was given by Mordecai Layne. This family is on the 1820 Wayne county census and Wayne county tax lists 1815-1827. They probably then went to Illinois. Several Samuel Moores occur in Illinois where the Coffeys lived so it is difficult to be sure if one of them is our Samuel and Nancy or not. I believe the one on the 1830 census of Sangamon county living near James and Frances (Lane) Coffey is ours and the one on the Christian county Illinois 1840 census may be the same. I have not found the family in 1850. They would appear to have had a son born 1812-1815, 2 daughters 1815-20, 2 daughters 1820-25, and 3 sons and 1 daughter 1825-30.

5. Lewis Lane, b. 7 Mar 1799.³⁶ The situation here is somewhat similar to the one with Thomas. There were 2 Lewis Lanes on the 1830 and 1840 Hamilton county Illinois census but only one seems to belong to the James Lane family. In 1850³⁷ one is age 50, born Virginia, wife Eliza J. The other is 56, born North Carolina, wife Jane. The latter is the only one on the 1860 census, listed as age 66. A Lewis Lane appears on the Wayne county Kentucky tax lists 1822 to 1827 and a Lewis Lane provides the bond for a marriage of Jesse Shasteen and Polly Kinnett March 21, 1818.²³ This Jesse is probably the son of Jesse Sr. and Eleanor

Wade Coffey Shasteen, hence the Coffey-Lane relationship. The Lewis, born 1799 in Virginia who married Eliza J. definitely belongs to our family. We now know³⁶ that he first married Nancy Dean (a daughter of Jacob Sr. and Susanna Dean) on April 17, 1824. Nancy died before 1845 and Lewis then married Elisa Jane "Louisa" Broyles, daughter of Fielding and Susan Broyles March 3, 1845 in Hamilton county Illinois.³⁸ Lewis was in the Black Hawk War³⁹ but apparently not (?) the one who was a Lieutenant in the company of Capt. Arden Bigerstaff. Data for this family can be found in Chart 11-A.



This picture thought to be of Lewis Lane family: Lewis, right front; wife Eliza, far right; son Jacob left front and his wife Nancy far left; Lewis' daughter Nancy Ellen in middle.

6. According to the 1850 census of Hamilton county Illinois Sarah "Sally" Lane was born in 1800 in North Carolina. We have no better information than this. The Lanes must have moved again from Bedford county Virginia to North Carolina sometime between March 1799 and Sally's birth in 1800. It would undoubtedly be interesting if we knew the story behind she and brother Lewis' double marriage to Deans on April 17, 1824 in Hamilton county Illinois. The Lanes had apparently not moved to Illinois by this date with the exception of Frances who was married to James Coffey. It would appear that Lewis and Nancy alone made the trip prior to April 1824. Although there were Deans in Wayne county as early as the Lanes, apparently Jacob (Sr) and Jacob (Jr) were not, as tax records and deeds indicate they did not arrive until 1826. One can imagine that Lewis and Nancy went to visit James and Frances Coffey and they introduced them to the Deans who lived not more than a mile or two across the county line. If Jane Coffey married William Dean and Archelaus "Achilles" was to marry Jane Dean (on April 23, 1824) the

connection would be more than justifiably provided. Thus on April 17, 1824 Lewis Lane married Nancy Dean and Jacob Dean (Jr) married Sally Lane - brother and sister married sister and brother. As mentioned above both the Jacob (Sr.) and Jacob (Jr.) families moved to Wayne county Kentucky in 1826, but then back to Hamilton county Illinois in 1827. This is probably the same time Thomas and Nancy Lane moved to Illinois.⁴⁰ Dabney Lane and his new wife Cassandra Dean plus Samuel and Nancy (Lane) Moore also probably moved in 1827, but not Mordecai. Jacob Dean (Jr.), more fully known as Jacob Clay Dean died intestate⁴¹ in Hamilton county August 2, 1854 and his son, James D. Dean was granted letters of Administration October 17, 1854. Jacob C. and Sally (Lane) Dean's family is shown in Chart 11.

7. Dabney Lane, b. 1802, N.C.³⁷; m. 3 Jan 1827 Cassandra Dean (Dane in record) Wayne co. KY.²³ He is probably the "Dabarry" Lane on the Hamilton county 1830 census except that the age is wrong (30-40). However, he is definitely there in 1840 and 1850³², but not in 1860 or thereafter. Dabney is on the 1825, 6, and 7 tax lists of Wayne county Kentucky and during the last year his property is listed under the name of "J. Coffey". He probably moved with other Lanes in 1827. No further information on Dabney has been found.

A Bradford Lane appears on a marriage bond in Wayne county Kentucky in 1820 but there is no information as to how (or if) he is related to our family. Perhaps one of the Lanes remained in Wayne county and had children there as some Lanes are found in later records, notably a Samuel W. who marries in 1838.²³



William Dabney Lane family: 1st row, l.-r., Elzada, Wm. Dabney, Cora, Sarah Flannigan Lane, Susan; 2nd row, l.-r, Robert, Emily, Lonnie, Ida, and James.

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CHART 11
OUR LANE LINEAGE

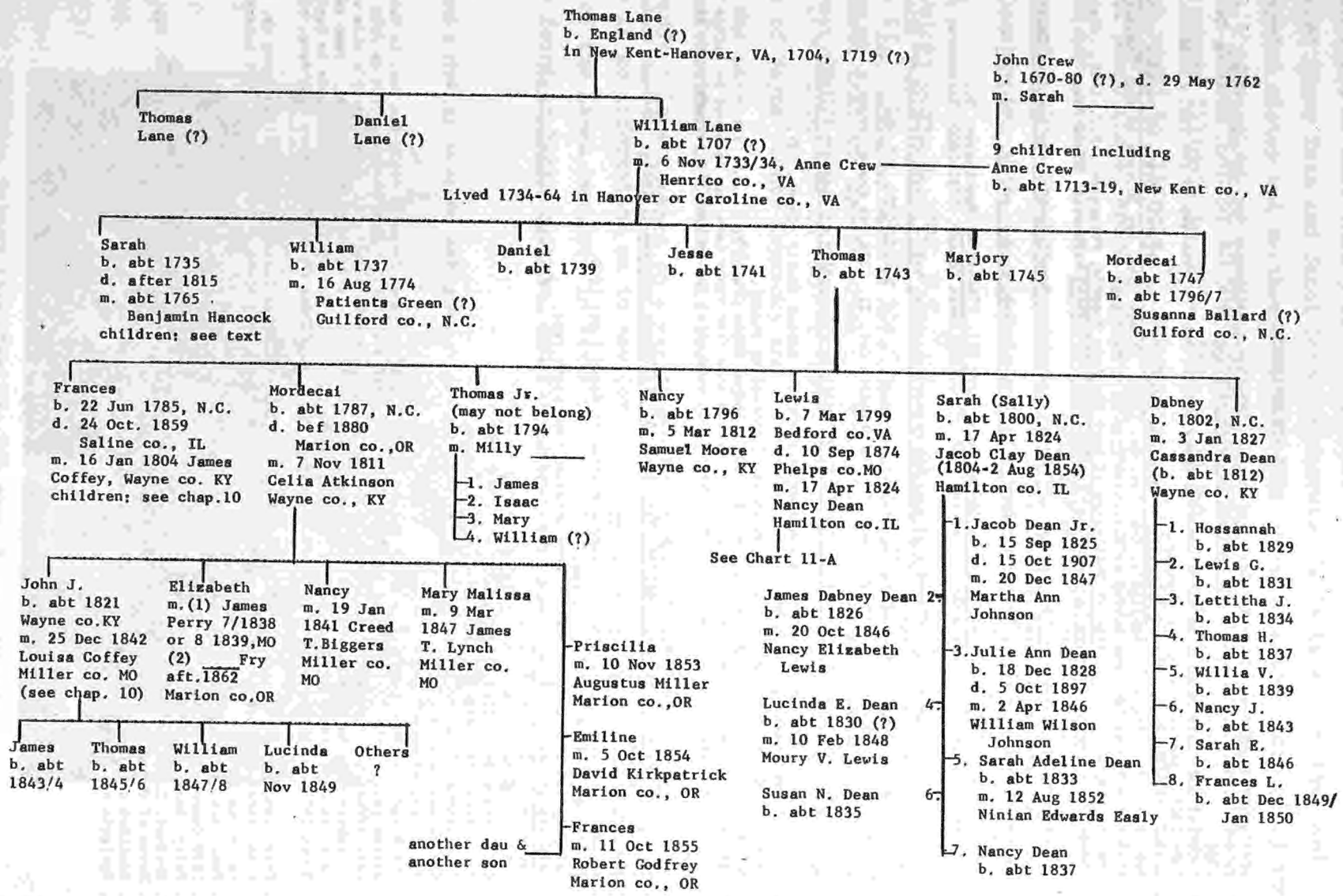


CHART 11-A

VITAL DATA OF THE LEWIS LANE FAMILY

Lewis Lane

b. 7 Mar 1799, Bedford co., VA
 d. 10 Sep 1874, Phelps co., MO; bur Millcrk. cem., nr. Newburg, MO
 m. (1) 17 Apr 1824 Nancy Dean, Hamilton co., IL (dau of Jacob & Susanna Dean)
 children:

1. Jacob C. Lane
 - b. 3 Mar 1825, KY
 - d. 18 Jan 1880, Phelps co., MO
 - m. 6 Mar 1845 Nancy Neoma Flannigan (b. 1825, dau of Samuel Ewing Flannigan & Nancy Sharp), Hamilton co., IL
 - children:
 1. Samuel - b. abt 1847, MO
 2. Nancy Elizabeth - b. abt 1849, IL
 3. William Larkin - b. abt 1852, IL; m. 13 Feb 1873 Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Flannigan, Phelps co. MO
 4. James - b. abt 1855-7, IL; m. Tillie Clark; most of children went to Calif.
 5. Thursey Ella - b. abt 1858, IL; m. after 1883 John K. Giddens.
 6. Martha J. "Mattie" - b. abt 1862; m. John Vincent.
2. Susanna Lane
 - b. 27 Nov 1829, IL
 - d. 23 Nov 1913, Hamilton co., IL
 - m. 20 Feb 1848 Lewis Waller (b. 5 May 1828, d. 5 Nov 1899), Hamilton co.
 - children: Theresa, Saphronia, William, Nancy Eleanor, Amanda E., Lewis, John, Jarret, America "Mark", Richard, Paralee, Martha, Oscar, Thomas.
3. William Dabney Lane
 - b. 29 Mar 1835, Hamilton co., IL
 - d. 22 Feb 1905, Pulaski co., MO; bur Hopewell cem.
 - m. 23 Jan 1860 Sarah J. Flannigan (dau Robert Harrison Flannigan, b. 17 Mar 1845, 29 Aug 1907), Hamilton co., IL (one marr rec has 25 Jan 1861).
 - children:
 1. Nancy Elzada - b. 10 Apr 1862, Hamilton co., IL; d. 1921 Pulaski co., MO; m. 17 Feb 1884 David Francis Page.
 2. Lonidis "Lonnie" Walker - b. 22 Jun 1864, Hamilton co., IL; d. 19 Feb 1930, Pulaski co., MO; m. Elmeda (Emily) Firestine 6 Nov 1892.
 3. Robert Lewis - b. 3 Dec 1866, Hamilton co., IL; d. Dec 1941, Ceres, CA; 28 Nov 1897 Cora Ellen Firestine.
 4. William Larkin - b. 22 Nov 1868; d. 22 Dec 1869.
 5. Mary Louisa - b. 6 Feb 1870; d. 30 Aug 1879.
 6. Laura Alice - b. 28 Mar 1873; d. 30 Sep 1879.
 7. Susan Naomi - b. 23 Oct 1875, Phelps co., MO; m. Owen Thomas Sneed.
 8. James Marion - b. 6 Oct 1879; d. 18 May 1905.
 9. Ida Caroline - b. 6 Oct 1879 (twin); m. (1) Waller or Walter Logan Holloway 9 Jun 1907.
 10. Cora Ellen - b. 11 Feb 1882; m. Norm Craft.
 11. Thersa Emily (Emma) - b. 29 May 1884; m. 29 Feb 1908 Robert E. Lee Null.
 12. Martha Safrona Ann - b. 19 Apr 1886; d. 19 Jul 1887.
4. Laura L.
 - b. abt 1837/8
 - d. after 1850

Thursia E. Lane
Giddens (dau of
Jacob C. Lane),
holding daughter
Susie A.; Left:
John K. Giddens
and 2 children by
former marriage.

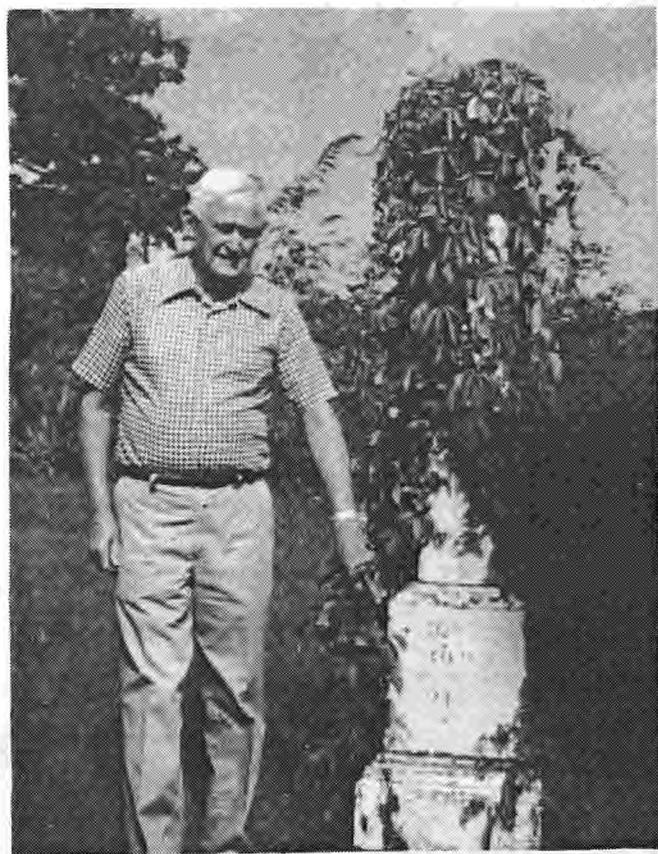


5. Nancy Ellen Lane
b. 23 Jul 1840, Hamilton co., IL
m. 17 Apr 1859 Larkin Cantrell Waller (b. 25 Apr 1833, d. 1928), Hamilton co., IL.
children: Sarah Ann, Charles, Porter, Larkin, Erastus "Rassie", William, Margaret, Uriah, Emma.
m. (2) 3 Mar 1845 Eliza Jane "Louisa" Broyles (dau of Fielding & Susan Broyles, b. 5 Jan 1825), Hamilton co., IL.
children:
1. Jeremiah Ewing Lane
b. 13 Oct 1847, Hamilton co., IL
d. 9 Apr 1919, Waynesville, Pulaski, MO
m. 16 Jan 1873 Mary Abigail Page, Phelps co., MO (she was b. 28 Jun 1849 Hamilton co., IL, d. 11 Nov 1925, Waynesville, MO.)
children:
1. George Washington - b. 20 Sep 1873, Phelps co., MO; d. in Jan 1956, Waynesville, MO; m. 26 Apr 1905 Cora Miller Duncan.
2. Virginia Belle - b. 15 Jan 1875; d. 5 Dec 1926; m. (1) 13 Mar 1901 Lemuel Elliott (div), (2) _____ Hibbard (div), (3) 5 Feb 1924 Henry Roach.
3. Walker Burton - b. 5 Jan 1877; d. 9 Jul 1891.
4. Minnie Jane - b. 15 Nov 1879, Phelps co., MO; d. 2 Jan 1970, St. Louis, MO; m. 19 Dec 1912 Champ Fred Gray (div).
5. Nancy Louisa - b. 12 Sep 1881, Phelps co., MO; d. 8 Aug 1938; m. 21 Feb 1909 Emmet G. Coogan.
6. Mary Agnes "Mollie" - b. 6 Dec 1883, Pulaski co., MO; d. 10 Apr 1934; m. 25 Dec 1902 Houston Elihue Morrow (b. 18 Apr 1880, Phelps co., MO, d. 7 Oct 1934); children:
1. Mildred Ruth Morrow, m. William F. Brown; 2. Lawrence E. Morrow, b. 29 Oct 1906, d. 26 Jan 1946, m. Gladys Sanders; 3. Eunice Helen Morrow, m. Hugh G. Willoughby; 4. Opal Lea Morrow; 5. Effie Jeanette Morrow, m. John Louis McCulloch.

7. Rebecca Anna - b. 16 Dec 1885, Pulaski co., MO; d. 21 Jun 1926, Ceres CA; m. 10 Oct 1906 Vandiver "Dick" Berry Hill McDonald.

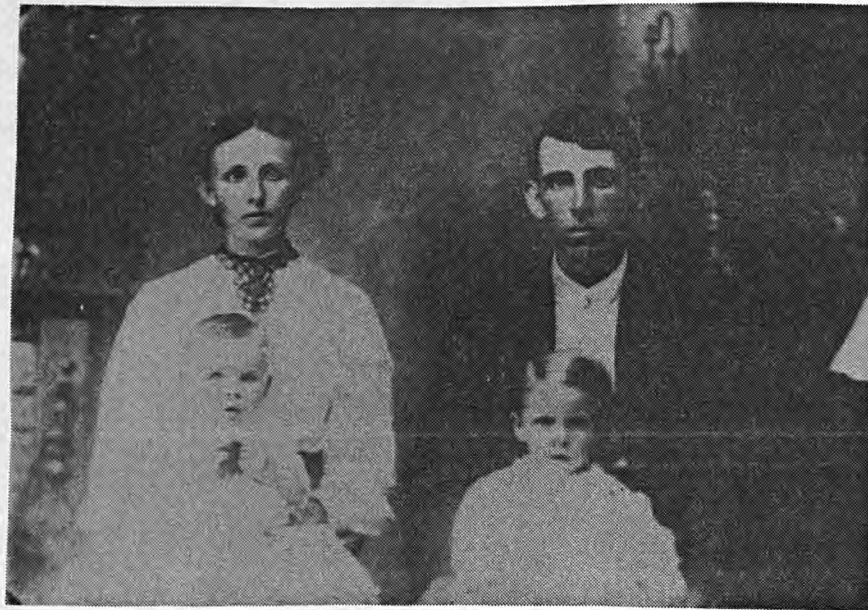


Jeremiah Ewing Lane family, 1st row l-r, Nancy Louisa, Jeremiah Ewing, Mary Agnes, Rebecca Anna, Mary Abigail Page Lane, & Minnie Jane. Back, Virginia Belle and George Washington



Above: Jeremiah Ewing Lane family, 1st row l-r, Nancy Louisa, Jeremiah Ewing, Mary Agnes, Rebecca Anna, Mary Abigail Page Lane, & Minnie Jane. Back, Virginia Belle and George Washington

Left: George Washington Lane, pointing to tombstone of his uncle, Jacob C. Lane



Mary Agnes Lane Morrow and husband Houston E. Morrow with children Lawrence E. (L) and Mildred Ruth (R), about 1907.



Opal Lea Morrow, 1984



CHAPTER 12

THE DABNEY FAMILY



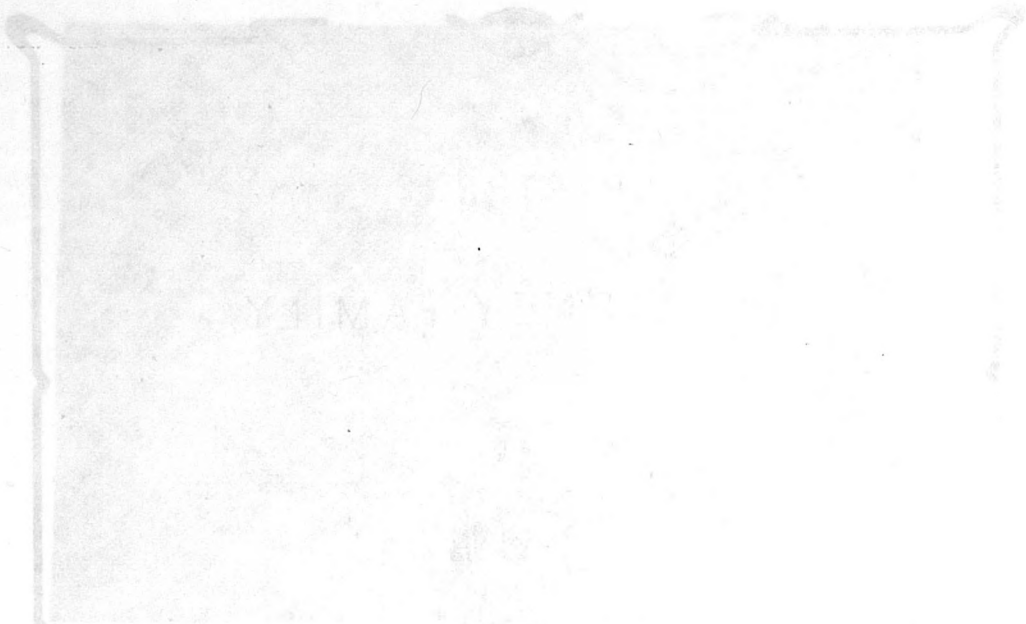
DABNEY COAT-OF-ARMS



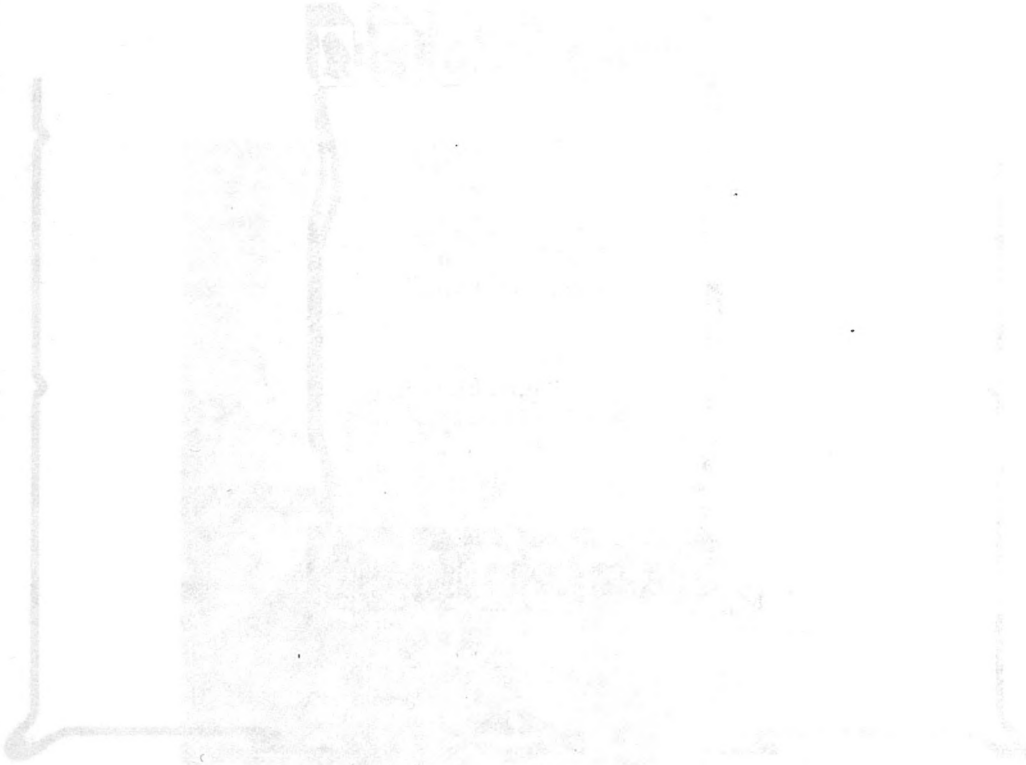
"There were
some men of
distinction
amongst them"

..Rev.
"Achilles"
Coffey





Mary Apple Lane
with children
about 1870.



It was mentioned in Chapter 11 that Thomas Lane married a Nancy Dabney in Bedford county Virginia on August 8, 1783. Their grandson, Rev. Archelaus ("Achilles") Coffey states,¹ "my grandmother on my mother's side was of Welsh descent; her name was Nancy Dabney before her marriage. There were some men of distinction amongst them but I am not able to give their history." Such a pity he did not know at least their names! After much research, today we still do not know the names of her parents.

Although a book on the marriage bonds of Bedford county² says "consent of Cornelius, father of Nancy," the actual bonds only say "consent of Cornelius."³ I have taken this to mean that Cornelius could have been a relative, probably an uncle, with whom she was staying and perhaps her parents had moved elsewhere or were deceased. There are several reasons for this: (1) there is also a marriage bond (Nov. 3, 1785) for a Nancy Dabney to John Overstreet in which Cornelius is listed as her father, (2) In Cornelius' will (1792)⁴ Nancy Overstreet is mentioned as a daughter. This latter family is known to have gone to Illinois.; (3) as evidenced by marriage and deed records there were other (at least one) Dabney families in Bedford county about this time. There is a Nathan who married Jenny Younger (more on him later). Then we have William Dabney who received a patent⁵ for 354 acres on both sides of the North Fork of Difficult Creek July 26, 1765. He is not a child of Cornelius but could be a brother. In 1791 William Dabney "of Guilford county, North Carolina" sells⁶ to Cornelius Dabney of Bedford county 174 acres in Bedford county. It is possible that William had moved to North Carolina leaving his daughter Nancy with her uncle Cornelius. Or, he could be deceased and this is a son William selling to his uncle Cornelius. In either case, I have been unable to find any record of a William Dabney in Guilford or neighboring North Carolina counties. There was a John Dabney in Guilford county in deed⁷ and court⁸ records from 1779 to 1784 and also in Rockingham county on the 1790 census. A Cornelius Dabney was in Caswell county on the same census as well as the North Carolina state census of 1786. Cornelius also appears on some Rockingham⁹ and Guilford⁸ county records, and is mentioned in the Caswell county court minutes in 1787 and 1788. We find records across the state line in the Pittsylvania-Henry counties area for a John Dabney as early as 1769,¹⁰ William in 1772¹¹ and Cornelius somewhat later (mostly 1780s).¹² Since William Dabney must have been

in Guilford county sometime (although not on official records) and had a land transaction with Cornelius of Bedford county, I feel that all of these Dabneys in the Guilford-Caswell-Rockingham, North Carolina area must be closely related to those in Bedford county Virginia (additional reasons will be given later). Sometime after her marriage to Thomas Lane, Nancy Dabney also went to North Carolina.¹³ We don't know exactly where but this area would be a good probability since Thomas Lane also had relatives in Guilford county, and had himself lived there earlier.¹⁴

There are several mentions of a William Dabney in the Bedford county court order books but it may be a younger William. One says he is son of Rachael Dabney¹⁵ and then there is a marriage of William Dabney to Beckey Echols on September 4, 1793.²

Perhaps before we go further with the Bedford Virginia and North Carolina Dabneys we should back up somewhat to lay the foundation for these families. The most prevalent theory¹⁶ regarding the origin of the Dabneys is that they stem from a French Huguenot leader, Agrippa d'Aubigne (1550-1630) through his son Constant. It is further maintained that after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685) a branch of this family left France and went to Wales. About 1715-1717 two brothers Cornelius and John d'Aubigne left Wales and came to Virginia, settling respectively on the northern and southern banks of the Pamunkey River, near the point where the river divides King William and Hanover counties. All of the Virginia Dabneys would thus have sprung from these two brothers.

The above descent, or variations of it is to be found in several books and family histories.¹⁷ However, Charles William Dabney in 1937 wrote an article¹⁸ that gives rather convincing evidence that the Huguenot theory could not be true, but rather a Norman-English origin is instead correct. This theory proclaims the origin to be Sir William d'Aubigne, a knight of Normandy (an area in France) who went to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. The Dabneys (many variations of the name) seemed to be particularly strong in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk England.

The first Dabney in America for which we have record is Cornelius, the interpreter to the Queen of the Pamunkey Indians. He had a land grant¹⁹ in New Kent county (now Hanover) as early as 1664 and is generally thought to have been born about 1630-1640. In 1678 he had a wife Edith (Eedeth) and they had at least 2 sons.²⁰ Edith apparently died before he did as he is supposed to have married (2) Susanna (Swan?)^{17D} before 1686. He died sometime between October 1693 and May 1694²¹ and Susanna married (2) David Anderson. It is said²² that Cornelius and Susannah had 3 children and then she had 3 children by David. However, I believe

there is some confusion here. By Anderson she had a son David and possibly a daughter who married James Trice (Ruth?). It is usually said that she had a third child, Mary who married Major Thomas Carr. However, Mary was born January 22, 1685 and most certainly was a Dabney, not an Anderson. Thus, by Cornelius she had Mary and Cornelius, the latter born about 1686. A daughter Elizabeth died April 4 and a son John April 7, both 1688.²³ Their age at death is not known as we do not know whether Edith or Susanna was the mother. Of the boys by Edith, one was most certainly James who married Ann Sherwood by 1690.²⁴ Capt. George was probably another, although not stated as such in any record. He received a land grant²⁵ on the same day (25 Apr 1701) and in the same area in Pamunkey Neck as did James, Sarah, and Dorothy (latter married William Anderson). James, Sarah, and Dorothy are stated as being brother and sisters. However, Trist Wood claims²⁶ that Sarah was really a sister-in-law and was the widow of John Dabney who died in early manhood and she married later that same year (1701) William Winston. He suggests that this John Dabney (born about 1665) was not the one who died 1688 but a son of a traditional John Dabney, immigrant, brother of Cornelius. Trist Wood further states²⁷ that Sarah was Sarah Jennings (not the same one that later - 1721 - marries Cornelius Dabney, Jr.) I do not know any bona fide evidence (civil or church records) for this, unless Mr. Wood had family papers which he did not mention. I am thus basically not accepting his contentions, while at the same time not rejecting them, but showing them as possibilities.

Before summarizing this first generation I need to add that a Benjamin Dabney is on the 1704 quit rent roll of King William county, along with James and George. Some²⁸ say he was a son of Cornelius the interpreter. At this point lets summarize, diagrammatically, the first generation of Dabneys in Virginia (refer to Chart 12).

Some comment on the John Dabney line (right side of chart) is needed. There does not seem to be any records of an early immigrant John but there are enough descendants, or early unplaced Dabneys, to make one believe there was a John. For instance, Trist Wood's ancestor, Francis Strother, apparently did marry a Susannah Dabney,²⁹ born about 1698, who was the daughter of a John Dabney. Also, we have some early John Dabneys that are probably too early to belong to the Cornelius and Sarah (Jennings) Dabney line (see later). Among those are records of a John in Hanover county (1733), Amelia county (1734, and Caroline county (1734). Some sources³⁰ say John (born about 1665) married twice, names unknown, and by the first wife he had John III, George of Dabney's Ferry and Nancy who married Mr. Millar of Henrico county. By the second wife he had James "the Powerful". Supposedly John III and James didn't marry and George most probably belongs to Cornelius the immigrant.¹⁸ There is little else I can add on this "John line."

It is generally assumed that Capt. George Dabney I was a son of Cornelius the immigrant. He may have been born as early as 1670. He had a son George born 1697³¹ and a daughter Elizabeth born 1699.²³ There were several other daughters but the only other son was William (of Aldringham). It is important to talk about the two sons but first let me clear up another problem. Capt. George I is probably confused with the supposed George, first son of the Cornelius Dabney who married Sarah Jennings. The story goes like this: Cornelius lived in England with his first wife (not named), who was an invalid. He came to Virginia with her, a grown son George, and a housekeeper, Sarah Jennings. When the first wife died he married Sarah and proceeded to have 3 sons and 6 daughters. I suspect the truth is that Cornelius was the son of Cornelius the immigrant (b. 1686) and went to England for schooling. He did marry Sarah Jennings in April 1721 in Hanover county³² but whether or not he had an earlier wife we cannot as yet establish. If there was a son George it would have to be a different one than Capt. George. I have not as yet found one that fits, so for at least the time being I'm ignoring this perhaps mythical George.

Whether or not there was an original Cornelius and John or just an original Cornelius we have at least three second generation lines to follow: James, George, and Cornelius.

1. James: The only child of James for which we have documentary record is a female, Nelthan, born 1698.²³ However, it is generally accepted that he had a son Cornelius, born probably in the 1690s. According to Trist Wood this is the Cornelius that married Lucy Winston. However, there is contradictory evidence for this (more later). Other than this we don't know anything about James' descendants and perhaps this is where the lines we can't find would fit.

2. George: This is the best known line and many prominent Virginians come through this means. As mentioned earlier there were two sons of Capt. George Dabney, George II and William. The latter is known as Col. William of Aldringham. He was born perhaps as early as 1707³¹ and died between 1765 and 1775 (prob. 1773). He married Anne Barrett by whom he had 5 children:¹⁶ William Jr. (1736) who is supposed to have married another Anne Barrett, Mary (1740) who married (1) Isaac Winston and (2) Edmund Massie, Capt. George (1742) who married Elizabeth Price, Col. Charles of Revolutionary War fame who never married, and Samuel who married Jane Merriwether. After Anne died William married Susanne Anne George and had Robert (or Robin) who married (1) Elizabeth Winston and (2) Elizabeth Christmas, Elizabeth who married William Morris, and Susanne who never married.

The son George was known as Capt. George Dabney of the Grove. He served in

Dabney's Legion (his brother Col. Charles was commander) as a captain in the Revolutionary War. He was the father of Judge John Dabney who married his cousin Susanna D. Morris. They were the parents of John Blair Dabney, author of "Sketches and Reminiscences" or the John Blair Dabney Manuscript.³³ The latter two generations were in Campbell county Virginia, partly formed from Bedford. Because of this some have thought that the Bedford Dabneys were of this line. However, I find no close relationship.

Now lets return to George II, William's brother and first son of George I. He is George "of Greenville" or "the Ferry" and he married Ann Anderson. They had 4 daughters: Elizabeth who married John Crutchfield, Judith who married Shackelford, Mary or Molly who married Matthew Anderson, and Ann who married Dillard. There were 2 sons: James who married Judith Anderson and lived mostly in Louisa county (father of William who married Sarah Watson and was known as "Brickhouse Billy"), and George III who married (1) Grace Smith, (2) ? , and (3) Mrs. Ann Nelson Baker. George III lived also at Greenville and is supposed to be the progenitor of the Gloucester Dabneys. He had perhaps 14 children and one of the better known ones was Benjamin (1750-1806) who married (1) Martha B. Armistead and (2) Sarah Smith who became the mother of the well-known Thomas Smith Gregory Dabney. Apparently George III was the father of the George who married Susan Littlepage Quarles, but Benjamin has been listed as the father too. However, it's doubtful that he was married when George IV was born so I go along with the George III---- George IV idea.³⁴ Chart 12-A summarizes the George Dabney line.

3. Cornelius: This is the one who married Sarah Jennings and this seems to be my line but proof is lacking. Cornelius is generally considered to have been born about 1686 and he died in 1764/5.³⁵ His marriage was in April 1721.³² He and Sarah had 9 children (the will lists only 7) as follows, but not necessarily in this order:

a. Cornelius, Jr. - married Lucy Winston. Some³⁶ say it was the Cornelius, son of James who married Lucy and some data would fit better if this is the case. The Winston genealogy³⁷ has either a William or a Ben Dabney marrying Lucy. I feel certain they are wrong on both counts. Cornelius Jr. was deceased when his father made his will in 1754. Some say he died by 1738, others 1745 but perhaps it was even later. He had only two known children: John and William (some say only William but the will says children). If Cornelius was born sometime after 1721 (perhaps several years) it is doubtful if he could have been married and had children (at least 2) before 1745, let alone 1738. For this reason it would make more sense if Cornelius was the son of James. Lucy remarried William Coles and had several more children. The Coles history says Lucy first married William Dabney, then corrects itself to say it was Cornelius. One history says that the

son William married Philadelphia Gwathmey but the dates don't fit. That William was probably the son of Cornelius and Sarah (see number c. below). One family history says the son John was the John of Appomattox (whoever that was) but then says he married Ann Harris, daughter of Col. Harris of Louisiana (Louisa?) county. I believe they are talking about John of Albemarle (see # b. below). We will come back to these two sons of Cornelius Jr. later. However, before leaving Cornelius lets add one thing: no matter which Cornelius the Cornelius Jr. belonged to, it would make more sense if he was born before 1721. This is certainly possible if it were Cornelius the son of James. If it were Cornelius the son of Cornelius the immigrant, then we would have to postulate a marriage for him before Sarah Jennings. One account¹⁶ has Cornelius Jr. having 3 sons, William, John and Cornelius. Assuming James did have a son Cornelius (born in 1690s) and his genealogy is, as such, missing, then it's possible that 19th century Dabneys who compiled family genealogies mixed up the children of the two contemporary Cornelius Dabneys plus Cornelius Jr. Note the will of Cornelius (married Sarah Jennings) lists only 4 daughters and most genealogies list 6. Perhaps the last 2 belong to Cornelius, son of James and perhaps he also had sons William, John and/or Cornelius. Because of the supposed millions in inheritance^{18,38} due descendants of Sarah Jennings from her uncle William Jennings of Acton Place, London, many descendants spent close to 50 years collecting genealogies in the 1800s.¹⁸ Many of these were later lost, and some probably recalled by "memory." It is also quite possible that some of these were badly confused (where not based on Bible records) or even falsified. Apparently the whole idea of a fortune was a fraud.¹⁸

b. John - I believe this is the one generally called John of Albemarle since he lived there for sometime and probably reared most of his family there. He married Anna Harris, daughter of Maj. Robert Harris and Mourning (Glenn) Harris.³⁹ After John died Anna moved to Bedford county. This may be a clue that this line is closely related to the Bedford Dabneys. John and Anna had a son John who is often confused with his father. Both have been called John of Albemarle and for both it has been said that they married (1) Anna Harris and (2) Margaret Smith. The younger John was born in Albemarle county in 1746⁴⁰ and definitely married Margaret Smith in 1772.⁴¹ They went first to North Carolina (Guilford-Rockingham-Chatham counties) about 1779 and about 1800/1 moved to Tennessee, settling in Williamson county where he died in 1830-1.⁴² He appears to be the John who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Militia and was at Yorktown at the surrender of Cornwallis.⁴⁰ John and Anna also had a son Cornelius who also went to the same area in North Carolina (plus Caswell county). He married Frances Harris, daughter of Tyre Harris, a brother of Anna, and thus his first cousin. Another

son of John and Anna, William, supposedly married a Miss Quarles. We don't know her first name but perhaps it was Jane (we know there was a William Dabney and wife Jane in Albemarle county in the 1760s). They were the parents of John Quarles Dabney of Campbell county but I have found nothing more on this line. There is probably no significant reason here to mention the daughters of John and Anna except to mention Lucy who married Thomas McReynolds (1781) in Bedford county, there listed as daughter of Anna (John was now deceased). Why would Anna go to Bedford county if there were not close relatives there?

c. William - married Philadelphia Gwathmey and lived and died in King William county.⁴³ Among his children was a Cornelius (1756-1821) who married Elizabeth Smith Winston and lived in Louisa county. It should be mentioned that others have said that William was the son of Cornelius and Lucy Winston, but in this case meaning Cornelius son of James. This is a possibility which I will consider later. One source says his only brother was Isaac (not John).

d. Mary - married Christopher Harris, brother of Anna.

e. Elizabeth - married Daniel Maupin.

f. Frances - married John Maupin.

g. Anna - married Mr. Thompson.

(h). A daughter who married Matthew Brown.^{17C} Could this have been Sarah who supposedly married Benjamin Brown?³⁸

(i). A daughter who married William Johnson.^{17C}

The latter two are not in the will of Cornelius (died 1764/5).

Now to present some problems. First of all, there is another John Dabney listed as marrying an Anna Harris (confusion?). He is, I suppose, the John of Appomattox¹⁶ and perhaps the son of Cornelius Dabney and Lucy Winston. He is listed as having as many as 12 children including Garland, Anderson, Tyree, Nathaniel, Robert Kelso, a John, and a Cornelius (none of the girls names are known). If we are to accept the idea that Cornelius (which ever Cornelius he was) who married Lucy Winston had 2 sons, John and William, that takes care of John. There are a number of other Johns in the records but we needn't consider them now. But what about William? We have several possibilities: (1) he was the William who married Philadelphia Gwathmey. If so, then we must account for the William son of Cornelius and Sarah Jennings, born probably in the 1720s or 1730s; (2) A William in Albemarle bought land from and sold to John Dabney "of Hanover".⁴⁴ This John was probably the John Dabney of Albemarle who married Anna Harris. But it is said by one source that John and William were brothers.⁴⁵ The William who married Philadelphia Gwathmey (supposedly John's brother) didn't leave King William county and died there before the last William deed in Albemarle.⁴³

Also, in the Albemarle deeds William's wife is listed as Jane.⁴⁴ If the John and William in the Albemarle records were brothers then either the William who married Philadelphia Gwathmey was not the son of Cornelius and Sarah Jennings but rather the son of Cornelius and Lucy Winston, or the John was not the son of Cornelius and Sarah. I doubt the latter; the former may be a better possibility. Perhaps they were not brothers at all, but rather father (John) and son (William). But who was Jane? Could she have been a Jane Quarles? We don't know Miss Quarles first name, but remember, William Dabney, son of John and Anna, married such a person. And what happened to them? As early as 1771 we find a William in Pittsylvania county¹¹ (later Henry). He died in 1779 in Henry county leaving widow Anna and a minor daughter Lucy.⁴⁶ Further study has shown that this Anna was Anna Harris daughter of Mary Harris and James Harris of Albemarle county.⁴⁷ Anna and William must have married in Albemarle county before going to Pittsylvania. Is it possible that this is the same William? Could Jane have died and then William married Anna? We should also consider the possibility that William first married Jane Harris and then her sister Ann. James and Mary Harris are supposed to have had a daughter Jane who married a Dabney.⁴⁶ However, it would make more sense if Jane were a Quarles since then John Quarles Dabney could be a son of William. There are a number of deeds in Campbell county between Anthony and Anna Haden and John Quarles Dabney. Did Jane and William have other children and if so who? Did Anna and William have other children besides Lucy? (there was no will and Lucy was mentioned only because a guardian had to be provided.) Is it possible that some unplaced Bedford county Dabneys were children of William and Jane? For instance, Nathan and Nancy? And what about the William who had a land grant⁵ in Bedford county in 1765? Who was he and what happened to him? Was he the William above or was he the William who sold land⁶ there (presumably the same land as in the 1765 grant) to Cornelius in 1791? The latter William was then supposed to be "of Guilford county North Carolina." However, I can find no records of a William Dabney in Guilford county North Carolina.

There is a William Dabney in Bedford county Virginia in the 1790s. He married Becky Echols in 1793.² In court records¹⁵ he is listed as a son of Rachael Dabney. Fanny (Frances?), another unplaced Dabney in Bedford county, married John Jackson in 1790.² Consent was given by Rachel Dabney. It thus seems likely that William and Fanny were brother and sister but who is Rachael and who was her husband? Could Nathan and/or Nancy also belong to this family?

Before taking up a more detailed discussion of the Bedford county Dabneys and their subsequent migration to Wayne county Kentucky I believe it would be well to summarize in a chart the known facts and possibilities of the Cornelius Dabney

families. The reader should at this point study over Chart 12-B in conjunction with what has just been written.

As mentioned earlier, there was more than one family of Dabneys in Bedford county. The first was William who had the land patent⁵ in 1765. We do not know who he was unless he is either (1) the son of John and Anna (Harris) Dabney or (2) the son of Cornelius and Lucy (Winston) Dabney. At any rate he apparently did not stay in the county, but may be the one who was in Pittsylvania county by 1771 and died in Henry county in 1779. My Nancy could well be his daughter and after his death taken by Cornelius (William's supposed brother) in Bedford county to raise. Or, if William lost a wife Jane in Albemarle county, and before he married Ann Harris, one or more of his children could have been taken by Cornelius. Later census records⁵⁰ indicate Nancy was born between 1765 and 1775. Other children may possibly have been Nathan (born 1765-1770⁵¹), Fanny, and William. Since the mother of the latter two is listed as being Rachael they may be from a different family. If Nathan belongs to the William who married one or more daughters of James and Mary Harris (Jane and/or Ann) he could have been named after Nathan Harris, a son of James and Mary. Incidentally, Mary Harris (born 10 Feb 1729) was the daughter of Major Robert Harris and his wife Mourning Glenn⁵² and thus a sister to Anna Harris who married John Dabney and Christopher Harris who married Mary Dabney. She married James Harris, a cousin, but I have not been able to find out to which family he belongs. Some histories list James as the son of Maj. Robert and Mourning Harris (born 1722), but I believe the former is correct.

In "Dabneys of Virginia"^{17A} (which has many errors and must be used with care) it is said that Nathan had a brother William and that their father (name unknown) had 3 sons and several daughters but only the names of these 2 were known. Of William, the account goes on to say that he lived for a while in Wayne county Kentucky and then moved to Indiana. I have not found a William Dabney in Indiana. Also, it says that William had 5 sons: Benjamin, George, Charles, John and William. These are the names of the sons of Cornelius of Bedford county except that Cornelius should be listed in place of William. It says this William lived in Shelby county Kentucky. There is a William Dabney in Shelby county Kentucky in the 1820s but I can't say that it is the same person.

Cornelius' family is the largest one in Bedford county and we know something about it, thanks to Cornelius' will⁴ of 1792. With it plus marriage records,^{2,3} we can come up with the following for his family:

Cornelius Dabney⁵³

b. bef 1740 (?), prob. Hanover co., VA

d. 1792, Bedford co., VA

m. Mary "Molly" Lane, prob. Hanover co., VA

moved to Bedford co. abt 1772. Had a sister Elizabeth,⁵⁴ b. abt 1740, prob.

Hanover co., VA, m. Rev. Samuel Shrewsbury (1736-1785, son of Ruel Shrewsbury and Elizabeth Poindexter), d. 25 Oct 1830, Bedford co., VA.

was on Bedford co. tax lists 1782-1792.

children:

1. George Dabney⁵⁵

b. 15 Sep 1760, Hanover co., VA

d. 14 May 1843, Clinton co., KY

m. 10 Jan 1793 Elizabeth Eckhols, Bedford co., VA

private in Rev. War, later Capt. in VA Militia.

lived in Bedford until 1804/5, moved to Montgomery co. until abt 1812 when he moved to Wayne co. KY.

children included:

1. Robert A. Dabney - b. 7 Nov 1800; m. Polly.

2. Elizabeth Dabney - m. 31 Dec 1822 Anderson Summers

3. Rebecca - m. 4 Mar 1833 Wesley Owens

4. George W.

2. Charles Dabney

b. abt 1761 (if this is the Charles on the 1850 census of Campbell co. TN)

d. after 1850

m. (1) 19 Jan 1796 Luranny Blankenship; (2) 26 Mar 1798 Betsy Hale, both Bedford co., VA

on 1810 census, Bedford co., not found for certain in Wayne co. KY but may be the Charles who was in the 15th KY Reg. in War of 1812 and in Campbell co. TN 1840 & 1850(census).

probable children:

1. Cornelius - b. abt 1800, m. Sarah

2. Thomas - b. abt 1802, m. Nancy

3. Benjamin - b. abt 1803, m. Lucy

4. Charles - b. abt 1811, m. Ann

5. James ? - b. abt 1822, m. Melinda

6. William ? - b. abt 1825, m. Polly

3. Benjamin

b. bef 1760 if 1830 Wayne co. KY census is correct

d. after 1830

m. 1 Jan 1795 Nancy Wheeler, Madison co., KY

went to Madison co. KY by 1795 - in Wayne co. KY by 1801 (tax list)

children included:

1. Milley - m. (1) Hancock, (2) 13 Jan 1817 William Chance

2. Sally - m. William Sturman 9 Jul 1810, Wayne co., KY

3. Charles - b. abt 1800, m. Edey

4. Cornelius

on 1800 tax list & 1810 census of Bedford co. VA (age 26-45), may be one who d. in War of 1812 (1814).

5. John

b. 1770-80, prob. Bedford co., VA

d. bef. 1850, Wayne co., KY (?).

m. 23 Mar 1801 Lydia Jones (b. abt 1776), Montgomery co., VA

lived in Bedford until 1805-08, Montgomery co. 1808-16, Wayne co. KY by

1817; was an attorney in Bedford co. Lydia was a midwife in Wayne co. KY.

children of John & Lydia:

1. Nathan - b. abt 1802; m. (1) 14 Dec 1822 Frances Sutherland, (2) 9 Feb 1859 Mary Calhoun
2. Robert - b. abt 1804; m. 16 May 1827 Nancy Hancock
3. Sarah - b. abt 1808; m. 7 Aug 1834 Archibald C. Horton
4. Polly - b. abt 1825; m. 21 Feb 1837 John Jones (one or more dates appear to be off here)
6. Sarah (Sally) Dabney
 - b. Sep 1773
 - m. 25 Jul 1791 Stephen Pratt (1764/5 - 13 Mar 1841), Bedford co. VA moved to Powells Valley, Knox co. TN abt 1816 - 2 yrs. - then to Wayne co. KY - on 1820 census of Wayne co.
 - 10 children include:
 1. Nancy Pratt - b. 23 Oct 1792; m. Kinnet
 2. Stephen - b. Sep. _____
 3. Permelly - b. 7 Sep 1794
 4. Lucy - b. 16 Sep 179_
 5. John - b. Feb 1800
 6. Cornelius - b. May 1802
 7. Charles - b. 20 Dec 1804
 8. Mark
 9. Milly
 7. Agatha (Agnes) Dabney
 - m. 4 Mar 1801 John Kennett, Bedford co. VA
 8. Anna Dabney
 - m. 24 Nov 1800 Mordecai McLain, Bedford co., VA
 9. Nancy Dabney
 - m. 3 Nov 1785 John Overstreet, Bedford co., VA. Went to Illinois.
 10. Molly Dabney
 - b. 15 Aug 1762, Bedford co., VA
 - m. (prob) James Turner
 - went to Wayne co., KY abt 1817.

While discussing Kentucky I should mention the William Dabney on the 1800 tax list of Green county and the Nancy Dabney on the 1799 tax list of Cumberland county. The latter married Martin Alexander in Cumberland county Kentucky sometime in 1801.⁵⁶ I have no idea who either of these Dabneys were but I mention them because (1) the names relate to some we are looking for, (2) these localities are close to or later formed into Wayne county, and (3) this was an early time for Dabneys in Kentucky.

We need now to turn to Nathan Dabney. He married Jane (Jenny) Younger in Bedford county in 1789. As mentioned he was born between 1766 and 1770. I will repeat again, could his father be one of the William Dabneys? And/or could his mother be Rachael Dabney? A careful reading of "Dabneys of Virginia" indicates that his father had married a woman of Turkish descent (probably by way of France). There seems to be no record of this but most traditions have some basis in fact so the possibility should be considered. Miriam Kendall of Laguna Beach, California has suggested⁵⁷ that this might be TORQUAY (instead of Turkey), a seaport in southern England (Devon). I have no further information or evidence one way or the other.

Nathan and Jane had gone to Wayne county Kentucky by 1810. They lived on Otter Creek, near Thomas and Nancy (Dabney) Lane. About 1833 they went to Macon county Missouri where he probably died 1850 (after June 6) - 1852.⁵⁸ All of their sons and at least some of their daughters went to Macon county too. Their children were as follows:⁵⁹

1. Sophia - b. 20 Jan 1791 Bedford co. VA; m. 6 Feb 1812 Wm. Hall, Wayne co. KY
2. Permelia (Pamela) - b. 23 May 1793 Bedford co. VA; d. bef 1863; m. 13 May 1813 Wm. Garrett, Wayne co. KY; went to Macon co. MO.
3. Jubal - b. 3 Jul 1795 Bedford co. VA; d. abt 1866; m. Mary Phipps.
4. Rhoda - b. 23 Jul 1797 Bedford co. VA; d. 1851 Macon co. MO; m. 5 Mar 1820 Lewis Gilstrap Wayne co. KY; went to Macon co. MO.
5. Bluford (Buford) - b. 20 Aug 1799 Bedford co. VA; d. aft 1880; m. 3 Feb 1824 Rebecca Vickory Wayne co. KY.
6. Elizabeth - b. 7 Oct 1801 VA; m. 9 Dec 1824 John McCain Wayne co. KY.
7. Tyree - b. 5 Aug 1803 VA; d. 1893; m. Irene Elles.
8. Jane - b. 2 Oct 1805 VA (?); m. (1) 1 Jun 1826 John Frost, Wayne co., KY; (2) 1833/4 Haley Andrews
9. Nathan Jr. - b. 29 Feb 1808 VA (?); d. 1877; m. 1834 Kaziah Elles.
10. Thomas Jefferson - b. 27 Jul 1810 Wayne co. KY; m. 24 Mar 1837 Cassandra Walker, Macon co. MO.

To analyze all this, in searching for the ancestors of the Bedford Dabneys, it seems that we must consider (1) the William Dabney, son of Cornelius and Lucy Winston, and (2) the William, son of John Dabney and Anna Harris. Either of these could have been the father of Nathan and/or Nancy, William and Fanny. I should mention here that Dorothy Wilson of Alamosa, Colorado, a descendant of Nathan, has a letter written by Nathan's grandson in which he states that his grandfather said that his parents were John Dabney and Ann Harris. This doesn't seem to fit the facts very well. Perhaps he was (1) mistaken, (2) meant William, or (3) "slipped" a generation and it was Nathan's grandfather that was John Dabney (married Anna Harris). In any case, how do we tie these Dabneys in with Cornelius (d. 1792)? Their presence in Bedford county seems to indicate close relationship as does the permission of Cornelius for Nancy to marry, and the fact that at least 3 of Cornelius' sons went to Wayne county Kentucky where Nathan and Nancy also went. George, probably the oldest son, was born in Hanover county in 1760 and came to Bedford at age 12 (1772). Cornelius would have had to have been born at least by 1740, perhaps earlier. He married Molly (Mary) Lane, presumably in Hanover county. Since Thomas Lane's father William was married at Cedar Creek Meeting House (Hanover county) it is possible he and Molly were related, thus accounting for the reason the Lane family (and Thomas in particular) went to Bedford county.

Elizabeth Dabney (born about 1740) married Samuel Shrewsbury (probably in Hanover county) and they went to Bedford county in the late 1760s. Elizabeth was probably the sister of Cornelius and possibly a daughter of a George Dabney. The George above (son of Cornelius) refers in his pension application to "uncle Samuel Shrewsbury." Now we don't seem to have an Elizabeth, daughter of George that hasn't already been accounted for. Nor do we have a Cornelius, son of George in our records. Nevertheless, we should keep this open as a possibility. Maybe there is some truth to the idea that Cornelius who married Sarah Jennings had a son George by a first marriage.

The close relationship of the Bedford Dabneys would indicate that the father (or fathers) of Nathan, Nancy, William and Fanny might likely be a brother (or brothers) of Cornelius. If this is a William then where in our records do we find a William and a Cornelius that were brothers? (that have not already been accounted for). The Cornelius who married Lucy Winston and died young is said to have had a son William and (by some) a son John but no Cornelius or Elizabeth. Could there have been more children? They would be about the right age. Assuming there was a John this is most likely the "John of Appomattox" who had, among other children, a Nathaniel and a Tyree (after Tyre Harris). Nathaniel is supposed to have died unmarried but the use of these names shows close relationship. Our Nathan named a son Tyree, his family used the name Nancy freely, and one of Cornelius' sons (John) named a son Nathan. If one of our Williams was the son of John Dabney and Anna Harris it again shows a close relationship and helps explain why Anna came to Bedford county to live after John died.

The toughest thing is to decide who Cornelius of Bedford county belongs to. One other possibility exists. We said earlier that James, son of the immigrant Cornelius may have had a son Cornelius, born perhaps in the 1690s, who may have married Lucy Winston. In fact he may have had several children (other than the daughter Nelthan of record.) A Cornelius born at this time period would likely be too old to be the Cornelius we are seeking but he could be the father or grandfather of our Cornelius. Perhaps this early Cornelius had a son George who then had children Cornelius, Elizabeth, William, and maybe John or even Nathan. It's conceivable that Nathan could have been named after James' daughter Nelthan. The problem is, we have no proof that James had a son Cornelius or any posterity for that matter of fact. It just seems likely that he would have. It's quite possible we do not have the substantiating records because they occurred in one or more of the counties like Hanover or New Kent where many of the records have been destroyed.

I believe one more summarizing diagram would help. Study Chart 12-C. This one shows what I believe to be the best explanation of what we presently know.

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1. Dabney - b. abt 1763, d. 1803, m. 13 Oct 1786 Elizabeth Sinclair.
 2. Rhoda - b. abt 1764, d. 1851, m. 1786 John Buford.
 3. Samuel Jr. - b. abt 1765 (?), d. 1835, m. Mary Dickinson.
 4. John - d. 1835, m. 1793 Martha Dickinson.
 5. Nathaniel - b. 1770; m. Nancy Board 12 Mar 1792.
 6. Ruel - d. 1801, n.m.
 7. Elizabeth - m. 8 Nov 1791 Benjamin Turner.
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CHART 12

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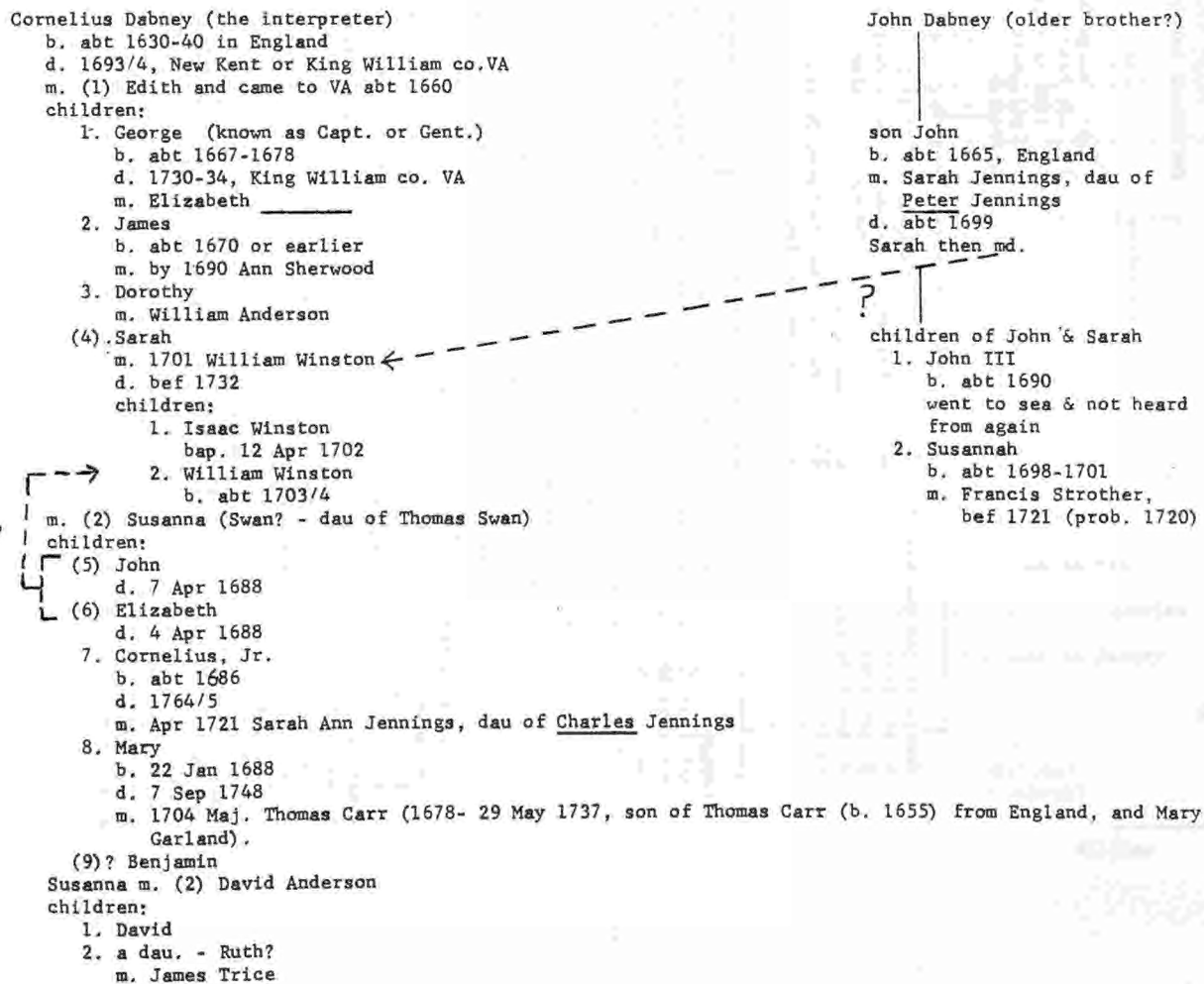


CHART 12-A
THE GEORGE DABNEY FAMILY

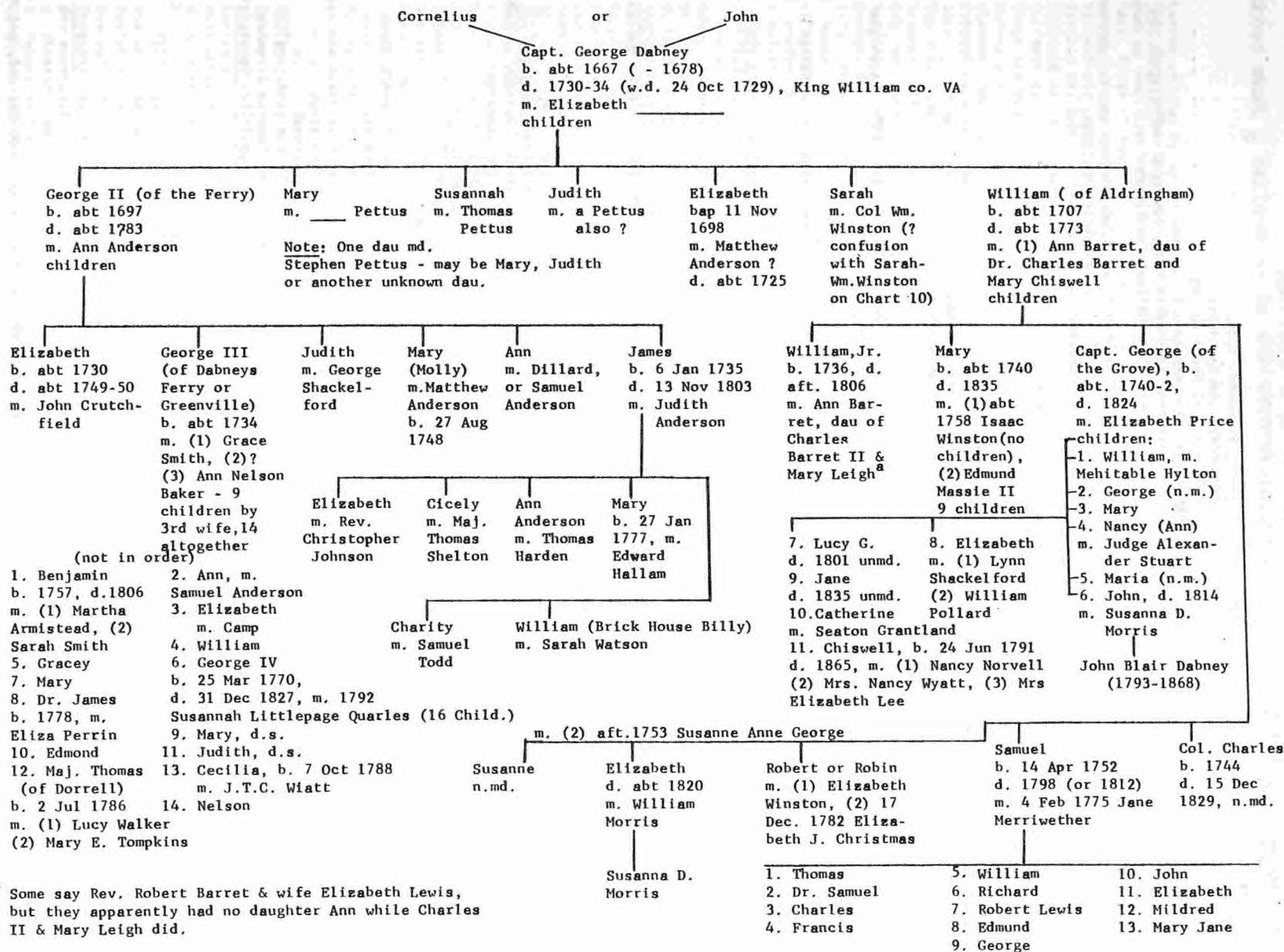


CHART 12-B
THE CORNELIUS DABNEY FAMILIES

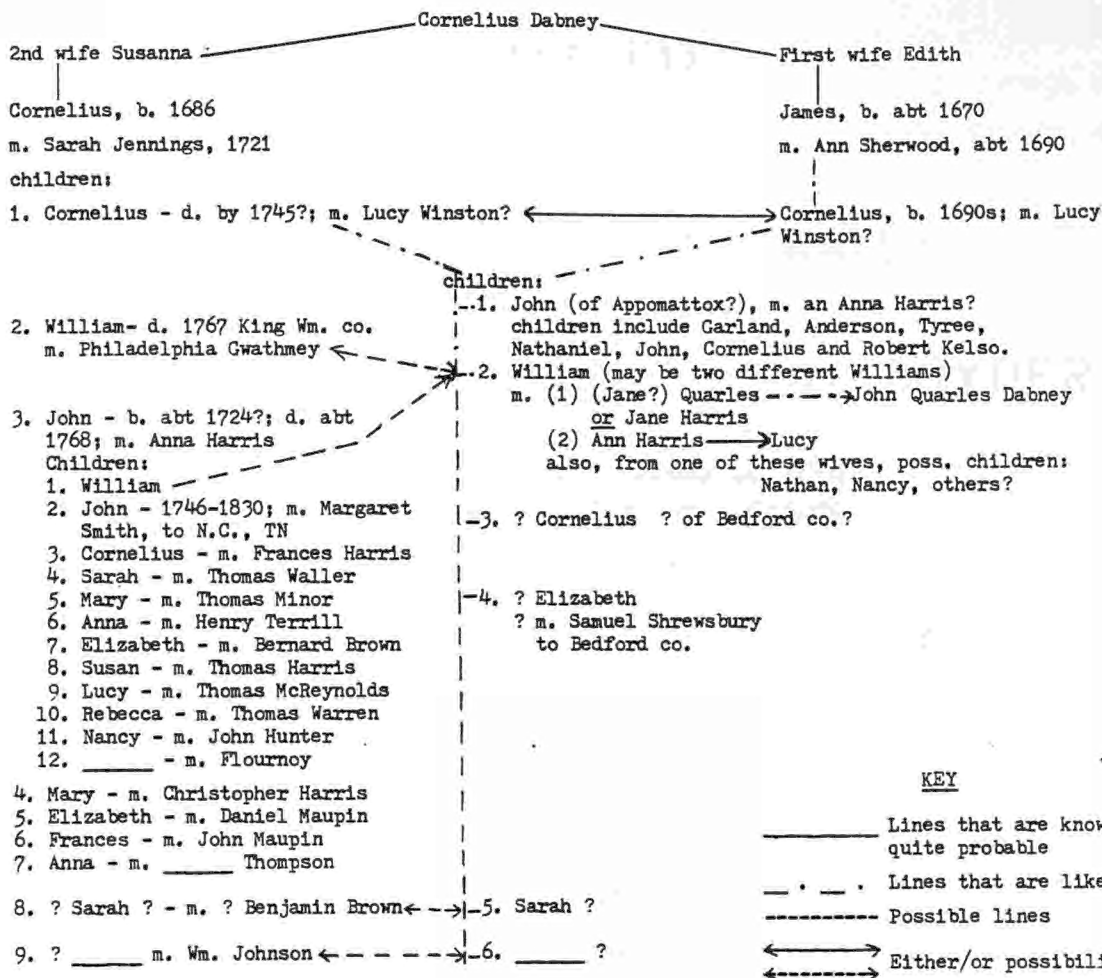
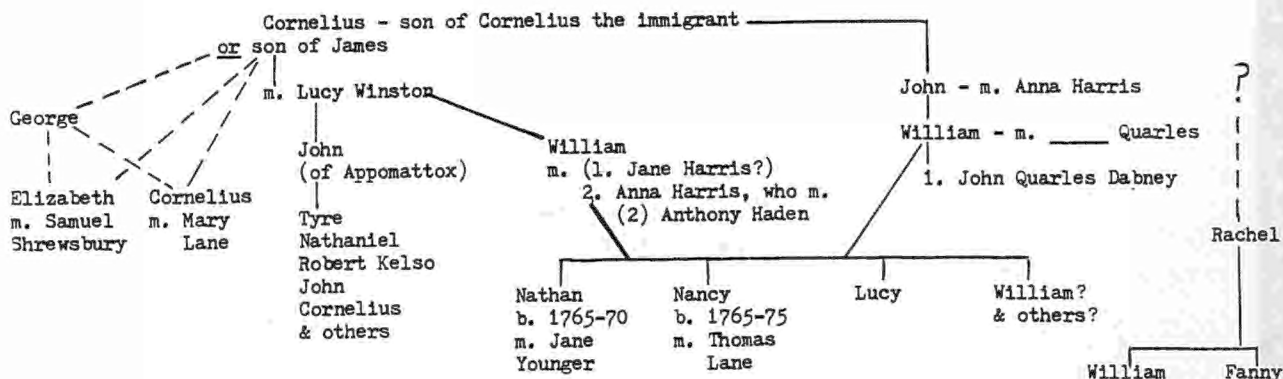


CHART 12-C
POSSIBLE DESCENT OF BEDFORD COUNTY DABNEYS FROM CORNELIUS THE IMMIGRANT



THE DABNEY FAMILIES

First wife of John
James, N. Apr. 1870
at San Francisco, Apr. 1890

James, N. Apr. 1870
at San Francisco, Apr. 1890

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Chart 12-A
James, N. Apr. 1870
at San Francisco, Apr. 1890
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at San Francisco, Apr. 1890
James, N. Apr. 1870
at San Francisco, Apr. 1890

EXPLANATION



CHAPTER 13

ON THE OREGON TRAIL-

JOHN COFFEY AND NANCY SNYDER

Together with some notes on other
Coffey families that were Oregon
Pioneers



"Go west young man!"
...Horace Greeley

CHAPTER 13

THE WAGON TRAIL -

BY FANCY SNYDER

Illustrations by
the Oregon



John Coffey, born April 22, 1810,¹ was apparently the third child of James and Frances (Lane) Coffey. Nothing is known of his early life except the moves of his parents which were described in chapter 10. It may be that he served in the Black Hawk War² in 1832 as there was a John Coffey who was a private in the company of Captain John G. Adams mounted volunteers, 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel James Johnson of the Brigade of Mounted Volunteers of Illinois Militia. He was enrolled at Pekin April 27, 1832 and mustered out of service at the mouth of the Fox River May 27, 1832 (1 month service). Since John is a common name and there were a number of other Coffeys in the state it is impossible to be sure whether or not this was our John.

John's marriage to Nancy Snyder September 13, 1832 in Gallatin county³ was solemnized by Rev. Jacob Dean whose daughter Jane married John's brother Archelaus. According to our family records¹ Nancy was born December 1, 1815 in Virginia, but nothing further is known about her. There were no Snyders in Gallatin county at this time. Perhaps John met her when they lived in Sangamon county. There were 4 Sniders listed there on the 1830 census: Henry, John, Jonas, and Logan C. but I have not been able to connect her to any of these. There was also an Aaron Vandever and a George Vandever. This may have been the maiden name of Nancy's mother, since this was the name of John and Nancy's first boy. There were Snyders in nearby Franklin county but again I cannot connect them with Nancy. Numerous Snyders (Snider) are found on both the 1810 and 1820 census of Virginia, mostly in the counties in and along the Shenandoah Valley where a number of German families settled, coming down from Pennsylvania. (Snyder is probably originally German.) There were also several Vandivers in Hampshire county Virginia (now in West Virginia) in both 1810 and 1820. This is in the same general area. There is also a Vandaver and a Vandover on the 1820 Virginia census in other counties.

John and Nancy settled in Gallatin county, obtaining a 40 acre land grant in 1835⁴ located in the same area as the other Coffeys. (see picture, page 131.) Their first 4 children were born there. On September 20, 1841 they sold their 40 acres and apparently went to Missouri. We know only that at least the next 2 children, Julia Ann and Eli, were born in Missouri, but we don't know where. It is possible that they went to the same area that John's brother Thomas went in 1843 (Miller county), and then returned to Illinois after Thomas died in 1845. However, we have not been able to find any record of John in Miller county. Two

neighboring counties, Camden and Pulaski, where court house fires destroyed early records, are possibilities since Thomas lived close to these county lines.⁵ Another indication that John likely went to Miller county Missouri is that his uncle Mordecai Lane, who previously lived in Gallatin county Illinois, had gone to Miller county by 1840⁶, and his sister Louisa married Mordecai's son, John J. Lane there on December 25, 1842 (see chapters 10 and 11).

The family was back in Illinois at least by 1848⁷ and they were on the Hamilton county Illinois census in 1850.⁸ I could find no deed record for them in Hamilton county so they may have lived with relatives. By December of 1852 they were back in Missouri,⁹ but this may have been in a western county where they were preparing for the trip across the plains. The family record says only that "they moved from southern Illinois to Missouri joining a wagon train and crossing the plains in 1853."¹⁰ It is unfortunate that we do not have a record of their journey as they undoubtedly had many interesting adventures. Most wagon trains did not leave Missouri before early April and since the Coffeys arrived in Oregon on August 12, 1853 the trip probably took about 4 months. Most wagon trains took longer than this, some 5 to 6 months. Although some wagon trains began at St. Joseph, Missouri, most apparently assembled near Independence, probably the beginning of the original Oregon Trail.

There are a number of diaries and other accounts of this 2,000 mile trip, including several that took place in 1853. From them¹² we can probably reconstruct events that might have happened to the Coffeys on their trip. Most families started with two wagons and two team of oxen. Wagon trains varied from less than 25 to well over 100 in the number of wagons. The Coffeys were probably fortunate in having two older sons, one nearly 20 and the other almost 16, to help out. Most pioneers brought extra cattle and horses and had to bring enough supplies to last for months. Many brought furniture and other household and farming materials. In some cases some of these had to be dumped along the trail as difficulties set in. Fording streams was often difficult and sometimes took several days. At the deeper ones they made bridges from ropes they brought along. Going up and down mountains was sometimes harder. Most who were not sick had to walk to lighten the load and men assisted the oxen in pushing on the wheels to get the wagon up the steep and rutted trails. Coming down, trees were often tied on the back of the wagons to slow them down.

Indians were sometimes problems but most accounts from 1853 do not indicate serious problems. The Indians were generally honest traders whereas white men at posts along the way were more likely to be the early versions of our modern "scalpers."

Sickness was always a problem, especially dysentery. Others got "mountain fever" or various assorted ailments. Many of course died; it has been estimated that there were 30,000 graves along the Oregon Trail! Apparently none of the Coffeys died on the trail.

The trail can be seen by referring to the map on page 194. Starting from Independence they traveled through northeastern Kansas and along the Platte River in Nebraska. Passing Chimney Rock they went on to Fort Laramie, through South Pass and to Fort Bridger in Wyoming. In Idaho they stopped at Fort Hall, and then followed the Snake River to Fort Boise where a crossing was made. After leaving Farewell Bend (near present Huntington, Oregon) it was on to the Grande Ronde Valley, over the Blue Mountains and down along the Columbia River to The Dalles. Here most people in 1853 took the Barlow Road.¹³ This trail went south to Tygh Valley, around the south slope of Mt. Hood and down the Cascades to Sandy, ending at Oregon City. This 80 mile road was built in 1844-45 by Samuel Barlow and a toll gate was erected near Rhododendron (southwest of Mt. Hood). The charge was \$5.00 for a team and a dollar a head for men, women and cattle. However, it is said that most either didn't pay or didn't have the money so it proved to be an unprofitable venture.

There were other routes into Oregon. One, which I shall not detail here, was across central Oregon to Bend and over the Cascades into the Willamette Valley. This is the route taken by the ill-fated "Lost Train"¹⁴ of 1853. Other pioneers, after leaving Fort Hall, took a route through some of northern Nevada and followed the Applegate Trail into the Rogue River Valley of Southern Oregon. I have considered that our ancestors might have taken this route since their first known location in Oregon was on the south central coast in Coos county (see later). However, I believe it was more likely through the northern route previously described. John's uncle, Mordecai Lane, who evidently accompanied them on the trip,¹⁵ established himself in Marion county. It seems more likely that John, after coming into the Willamette Valley from the north, could have gone on further south (because of the discovery of gold in Coos county) than Mordecai, coming into the Rogue Valley, would have gone north to the Salem area. The Lanes were some 20 years older and probably more interested in getting some good farm land than hunting gold in Southern Oregon.

The Oregonian published¹⁶ a list of 1853 immigrants to Oregon which was taken of those passing the Uvilla Agency. The Coffeys are not mentioned but in a number of cases names are not given, just so many men, women and children. They counted a total of 6,449 men, women and children coming through there that year.



COURT HOUSE SQUARE, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI
 From Charles A. Dana's "The United States Illustrated" (1856)

We used to think that they settled initially near Oregon City, but their land claim there was not commenced until September 20, 1855. Also, we find them on both the 1854 and 1855 assessment rolls of Coos county and the census roll of 1855. In 1854 they had a dwelling house worth \$100 and another house worth \$75 for which they paid a total tax of \$3.15. In 1855 their personal property included 3 horses, 3 cows, and 1 note for a total value of \$400.¹⁷ They lived near Port Orford which is now in Curry county and at least the oldest son, Vandever, if not John as well, worked in the mines. There were gold mines in the area and also coal mines. Whether or not they went there directly upon arriving in Oregon, or not until spring of 1854 we don't know but the newly discovered gold in the area must have attracted them. Gaston¹⁸ records that "In 1853 there were more than a thousand men washing gold out of the black sand along the sea shore south of Coos Bay." Evans¹⁹ says the "... discovery of gold mines near [Port Orford] in the summer of 1853 secured a rush of miners, and brought the locality into prominent notice."

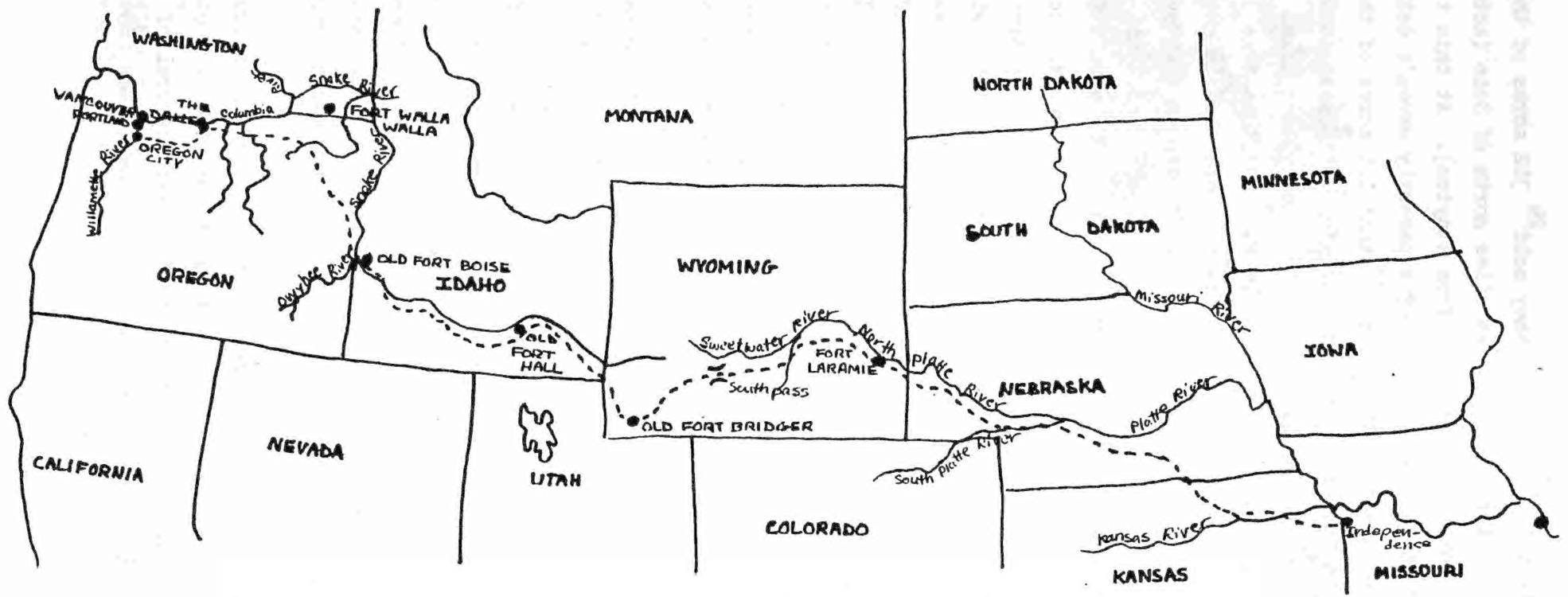
In September 1855 John & Nancy filed at the Oregon City land office for a claim of 320 acres located a few miles east of Oregon City in the Redland area not far from the present town of Sandy. They are listed on either assessment or census rolls for Clackamas county from 1856 through 1859, but on the 1860 Federal census they are in Pacific county, Washington Territory.²¹ Here they lived near Oysterville where John was listed as a carpenter and Vandever as an oysterman. John's real estate value was \$1500 and his personal estate \$3,000. Vandever had a real estate value of \$300 and a personal estate of \$1550. They lived there about 3 years²² and then went back to the farm in Clackamas county,

at least by 1864.²³ In 1865 they sold²⁴ 312 acres of their donation land claim and moved to Linn county, a few miles north of Scio (actually only about 1 mile across the North Santiam River from Stayton). At this time their personal property was valued at only \$453²⁵ so they apparently weren't doing too well with farming. Also, it appears from the records²⁶ that 101 acres of their donation land claim in Clackamas county was sold in 1869 for delinquent taxes (\$26.40) and the county redeeded it to V.L. Coffey (of Marion county) for taxes and cost of sale. They sold their land in Linn the same year.²⁷ At this time John and Nancy were in Douglas county, south of Lookingglass. Here they bought 100 acres in 1873 for \$1,000 and sold it in 1877 for \$1500.²⁸ Perhaps they continued to live on the land as they were apparently there when John died April 8, 1879.²⁹ John made a will on April 2 which was recorded May 6.³⁰ He gave all of his estate to Nancy except 2 horses to John A.W., a wagon to his youngest son Thomas and \$5.00 to Martha. This latter seems peculiar since Martha apparently died about 1861. Perhaps he meant Mary Jane since she was still living with them. The rest of the children were left out of the will. Evidently it was not considered valid since on August 22 John A.W. Coffey filed for letters of administration and was subsequently appointed administrator of the estate.³¹ The living children, and heirs of the deceased Martha E. Arthur were listed and each child received \$88.63. Nancy received half of the estate or \$620.47. She also petitioned for (and apparently received) the following property as exempt from the property of the estate: 2 cows and calves, 1 bay mare, 1 Studebaker wagon, 1 stove and utensils, household furniture, tinware plates, 1 clock, 2 beds and clothing and 26 sacks of chop. It can be seen from the foregoing that they were not prosperous people. When John was taxed by Douglas county in 1873 he had 100 acres, 2 horses, 8 head of cattle, and 10 swine, and the gross value of all his property was only \$1180.³² There is no indication as to why John died but he had been sick for some time, as doctor bills in the estate file indicate. One doctor had seen him every day from April 2 to April 8. He was buried the same day he died, the burial being in the Civil Bend cemetery located a few miles south of their residence near the town of Winston.²⁹ The probate process took two years, after which Nancy and two grown children, John A.W. and Mary Jane went to Scio³³ for a time, and sometime later moved to Morrow county.

As we shall see when each of the children are discussed, all the children except Thomas lived in Morrow county at one time or another in the 1880s and 1890s. Nancy apparently lived part of the time with several of them but also had a home-
stead,³⁴ settlement of which commenced in September 1884 but the filing for was

THE OLD OREGON TRAIL

Route Covered by The Coffey Family in 1853



not until June 1891. This was near Lexington (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S 27, T 1 S, R 26 E). She was living with her daughter Mary Jane who had married W.W. Kirk, when in February 1893 she was thrown from a hack. The fall caused a paralysis which brought on her death February 28, 1893.³⁵ She was probably buried in the Lexington cemetery which was partly destroyed by a great flood in the early part of the twentieth century.³⁶

The first three children of John and Nancy were boys, the first being Vandever (or Vandiver) Lee, born October 26 1833. The family record¹⁰ has it Lee Vandiver but all other records have the Lee as a middle name and all but 1 or 2 records uses the spelling Vandever or, more commonly, simply Van or V.L. In the family he was referred to as "Uncle Van."³⁷ He worked in the mines at Port Orford³⁸ and apparently stayed there when the family went to Clackamas county. On March 26, 1856 he enlisted for a 3 month term in the Oregon Militia Volunteers in the Oregon Indian Wars.²² He was a private in the company commanded by John Creighton in the 9th Regiment which fought a battle at the mouth of the Coquille River. He was honorably discharged at Oregon City June 25, 1856. He then purchased 102 acres³⁹ (for \$2/acre) in Clackamas county near his parents where he lived for nearly 4 years.²² He, along with his parents, moved to Oysterville, Pacific county, Washington Territory by 1860²¹ where he was an "oysterman." After 3 years there²² he went to Marion county (around Salem) for another 6 years and finally settled at Scio in Linn county for about 10 years.⁴⁰ Some of the above is according to his own statements²² but if he actually lived in Marion county that long he must have also spent a lot of time in Scio as he was listed on the records of the Scio school district as early as 1864 and in 1866 he received a contract to build a school-house.⁴¹ He is also supposed to have built a church in Scio,³⁷ carpentry apparently being his principal occupation at that time.

On January 5, 1872 Vandever married Rebecca J. Wright, daughter of Lyndon Wright, in Marion county. They probably lived at Scio until 1879 but are listed on Marion county assessment rolls 1871-1874.⁴² They moved, about the time Van's father died, to Weston, Umatilla county. Here he was in the furniture business and later owned a livery stable until the latter burned to the ground in 1884.³⁸ He then entered a homestead near Heppner (in the Eight Mile area)⁴³ until the spring of 1901,^{38, 44} when they moved to a place 18 miles west of John Day (Grant county). Here, at Beach Creek, he was postmaster, operated a long distance telephone station, farmed, and operated a hotel and feed stable.³⁸ In 1903 he was granted a pension for his service in the Oregon Indian Wars.²²

Vandever died May 2, 1909⁴⁵ at his home in Beech Creek and was buried in Fox cemetery.⁴⁶ There is no record that he and Rebecca ever had any children. She remarried twice and died in 1934 in John Day (born January 13, 1854 at Aumsville, Oregon.)⁴⁷

What else do we know about "Uncle Van?" Chester Coffey in his own history⁴⁸ says that he was six feet, 6 or 7 inches tall and was a carpenter. The height cited is an example of how tradition stretches truth. In a statement made and sworn to by Vandever himself he describes²² himself at age 22 as "six feet tall, blue eyes, auburn hair, and light complexion."

Apparently the second child born to John and Nancy was named Miles. We know nothing about him except that his name appears at this point in the family record.¹⁰ We might suppose that he was born in 1835 since this is half way between the birthdates of Vandever and James B. He undoubtedly died in infancy.

The third son and child of John and Nancy was James Bluford. Nothing more will be said about him here since he and his descendents were the subject of Volume I of this work. However, his children are listed in Chart 13.

The next child seems to have been Martha Ellen, and judging from the census records she was born in late 1839 or early 1840.⁴⁹ She was the first of the children to marry, this event coming on the 8th of May 1856 in Clackamas county Oregon to William Arthur, Jr.⁵⁰ William was born about 1831 in Missouri. They lived in Hardin's precinct, Clackamas county and had 2 daughters (Mildred and Josephine) and 1 son (William). The latter was born about 1861⁵¹ and Martha apparently died soon afterwards as William remarried September 1861 (to Margaret East.)⁵² The Arthur family moved to McMinnville (Yamhill county) where William and Margaret had two more boys, Milton, born about 1863, and Albertis, born about 1865.⁵² Margaret died August 20, 1866 and is buried in the Masonic cemetery at McMinnville.⁵³ William Arthur, Jr. was the son of William Arthur, Sr. (who died August 14, 1866 in Clackamas county) and his wife Catherine.⁵⁴ For the most part the Arthurs remained in Yamhill county for the rest of their lives.^{37,48}

The next child, Julia Ann, was born after the family moved to Missouri, October 10, 1841.⁵⁵ She married Joseph A. Hughes in Clackamas county December 24, 1861. In 1876 and 1879 there are records⁵⁶ showing they were living at Howell Prairie in Marion county. Later they moved to Ione, Morrow county where he was a cattle buyer and butcher.³⁷ He died January 5, 1919 in Ione and is buried in the Ione cemetery. After his death Julia moved to Portland where she died November 25, 1928. She is buried in Ione alongside her husband and 1 son, John. A daughter, Minnie V. King lived in Portland at the time of Julia's death. Other children are listed in Chart 13.

While the family lived in Missouri a son was born, Eli D. According to census records⁵⁷ he was born about 1844. It is interesting that on the Coos county Oregon 1855 census roll he is listed as "Elijah."⁵⁸ There seems to be no further record of him after the 1860 census so he must have died sometime soon after that, perhaps while the family was living in Oysterville, Washington.

The next child for whom we have any record is Winfield W., born about November 1848 and died in November 1849 in Hamilton county Illinois.⁵⁹ It would seem that there might be a child between Eli and Winfield. The family record used by Chester Coffey to compile his history says that John and Nancy had "12 children, 7 boys." Then it lists 7 boys but only 4 girls. I suspect a girl was born about 1846 and she died at birth or soon thereafter, perhaps unnamed. There is no record to confirm this.

The last child to be born before leaving Illinois was Mary Jane, evidently born in late 1850 or early 1851.⁶⁰ She first married John Sloan in Douglas county July 27, 1874.⁶¹ They had one daughter, Nancy E. I could find no record to show whether he died or the marriage was dissolved. At any rate Mary married Arthur McCarty January 24, 1877⁶¹ and they had 1 son, Eli H. On the 1880 census Mary Jane was living at home and had the 2 children, but was listed as married. What happened to Arthur McCarty I don't know but Mary Jane apparently reverted to the use of the name Sloan since when she married William W. Kirk in Morrow county on April 14, 1889 she used the name "Mary Jane Sloan."⁶² I do not know if they had other children, but there doesn't seem to be a record of any. She was nearly 39 years old when she married W.W. Kirk. The latter, born May 4, 1828 in North Carolina, died near Lexington October 21, 1912. He had been previously married and had several children, probably all grown at the time of the marriage. When Mary Jane died is not known but it was evidently before 1900 as W.W. Kirk was living in the home of a married daughter when the 1900 federal census was taken, and is listed as being widowed. Mary Jane's son Eli Howard McCarty died in Heppner December 18, 1918 of pneumonia.⁶³

The next child was John Archilles Winfield. The 2 middle names were undoubtedly for (1) his oldest uncle, Archelaus (John's family spelled it Archilles), and (2) his brother Winfield who died as an infant. In the records his name appears in various forms but often as "J.A.W." He was born in December 1852 somewhere in Missouri and was thus an infant when the family took the long trip west. The family record says 1851,³⁷ but all census records and John's own statement in his father's probate record indicate it was 1852. He was living at home, taking care of the farm when his father died in 1879 (age 26). He was appointed the adminis-

trator³¹ and faithfully attended to the settlement of the estate. In the spring of 1883 he applied for a timber culture homestead in Morrow county,⁶⁴ having spent the previous year with his brother Vandever in Weston.⁶⁵ The Morrow county homestead was sold in 1892.⁶⁶ He also bought Vandever's 102 acres in Clackamas county in 1886 and sold it in 1889,⁶⁷ but there is no indication he ever lived there. Although he probably farmed in Morrow county he had other interests. First, he was in the hardware business and then he was a newspaper publisher. On March 20, 1890 he sold his half interest of the "hardware stock, tin ware, stoves, cutlery, agricultural implements, tanners tools, and merchandise" of the business of Gilliam and Coffey located on Main street in the town of Heppner for a total sum of \$3100.00.³⁶ On the 16th of October of the same year he bought the Lexington newspaper called the "Weekly Budget," moved all material to Heppner and without missing an issue came out one week later with Volume 1, Number 1 of the "Morrow County Record."⁶⁸ This must have been Heppner's first newspaper as one county history doesn't even record it but lists a later date for the first newspaper. The paper was apparently short-lived and J.A.W. may have left Morrow county in 1892. The listing of heirs in his mother's probate record simply says after his name, "P.O. address unknown."

On April 26, 1900 John was committed to the Oregon State Hospital with a diagnosis of "acute melancholia."⁶⁹ He was committed from Yamhill county and his occupation was listed as carpenter. In 1903 he was discharged "to Camas Valley." This must have meant into the care of his brother Thomas who lived there. Apparently he remained around Douglas county the rest of his life but died essentially unknown and unclaimed by his family. His death occurred on March 10, 1931 in a Roseburg hospital and he was buried the next day in the county cemetery where indigents are buried.⁷⁰ The death certificate⁷¹ also listed him as an indigent whose residence was Camas Valley and whose occupation was "laborer-farming." John A.W. never married and it appears as though the stigma (in those days) of having been in a state hospital may have caused his family to disown him. Chester Coffey says³⁷ his mother told him that "great uncle John was a school teacher and lived around Salem." I could find no indication that this was ever so. A possible explanation is that this was a family cover up or perhaps family tradition slipped a generation or two. It might be remembered from chapter 10 that James Coffey (John A.W.'s grandfather) had a brother John who was a school teacher and lived around Salem, Indiana. Chester also says he was told that John A.W. was a large man, about 6 ft. 6 in. Since the same thing was told about Vandever and we have seen how that was somewhat of a "tall tale", it is probable that John was more like 6 ft. or so. There were not many people in those days as tall as 6 ft. 6 in.

The youngest son of John and Nancy was named Thomas Wesley. The middle name must have been for his uncle James Wesley Coffey (see chapter 10). According to the death certificate⁷¹ he was born September 27, 1854. This would have been while they lived near Port Orford (then Coos county). The 1860, 1870, and 1880 census records confirm the year. However, the family records³⁷ say 1855, but as in the case with John A.W. I believe this was an error, being written down some years later by a relative who did not live close to either John or Thomas.

Thomas married Amanda E. Coon June 27, 1878 in Douglas county and they lived at Camas Valley and are buried in the Martindale cemetery there along with most of their children.⁷² Amanda (born May 18, 1854) died September 19, 1903 and as far as we know Thomas never remarried. He farmed until 1929 and probably moved soon after that to Portland where he died September 2, 1939 at the house of his daughter Mildred (Mrs. Leonard L.) Johnston⁷¹ (or perhaps Lillian). The probate record of his mother Nancy in 1893 lists him as living at Eight-Mile (Morrow county). However, it is probable that this address was meant for John A.W. (and John's "P.O. address unknown" was meant for Thomas). There are no deed or other records to indicate that he ever lived in Morrow county. The list of children are given in Chart 13. The son Fred went to Arizona and later Los Angeles where he was a photographer for Los Angeles newspapers in the late 1930s-early 1940s, but nothing further is known about him.

According to family records^{10,37} John and Nancy had a daughter named Louisa. She is listed last of the 4 girls in the family record, indicating she was the youngest (the boys are apparently all listed in order of birth as are the other girls.) The 1857 census roll of Clackamas county lists two females under 10 (one is Mary Jane) but the 1856 roll lists only 1.⁷⁴ There is no later census mention of this female. I believe this was Louisa, born 1856/57 and died in infancy. This then accounts, as near as we can, for the 12 children.

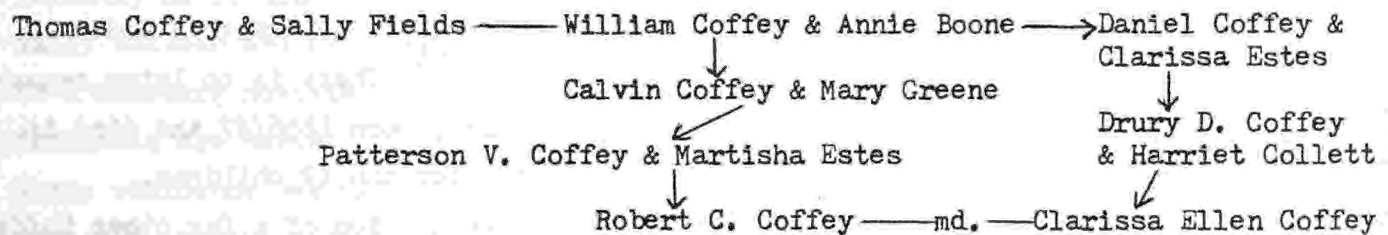
Before concluding this chapter I should make mention of a few other Coffey families that came to Oregon in the early days. It is surprising just how many were here, and I shall omit a discussion of most of them, but a few families have caused some confusion and should be mentioned.

Probably the earliest Coffey family in the Oregon Territory was that of Nebuzaradan Coffey, son of Joel and Martha (Step) Coffey. (see chapter 7). He and his family came from Pike county Illinois with William and Stephen Porter in 1848.⁷⁵ All of his married children also came except Thomas who came later. They settled near Aumsville in Marion county and remained there the rest of their lives, although most of the children moved out from there. See Chart 13-A for

vital data on this family.⁷⁶

Another Oregon family referred to in Chapter 7 was that of Joel Coffey,⁷⁷ a son of Chesley Coffey, Jr. (1755). Joel, born June 15, 1789, married Sarah Mackey April 19, 1818 in Maury county Tennessee. Joel and Sarah moved to Booneville, Cooper county, Missouri (He is listed there in the 1830 census). Sarah died there in 1850 (she was born in 1795, the daughter of William Lewis Mackey and Elizabeth Ashbrook, both of Rutherford county, North Carolina). In 1852 Joel brought his children to Oregon. They first settled at Vancouver (now Washington) where Joel died December 10, 1855. There were 10 children but a number of them must have died young. Three of the children are buried in a family plot with Joel in Camas, Washington. The most noteworthy of their children are the twins Terral M. and Alexander L., born March 15, 1831. They both went to Umatilla county Oregon and lived not many miles from my ancestors, James B. and Mary E. Coffey. To make matters more confused, after Terral died there are 2 marriage records of "Mary E. Coffey." Both seem to be for Mary E. Patterson Coffey, widow of Terral. The latter was a very prosperous farmer near Pendleton and his brother Alexander became the county surveyor in Adams county Washington. The known data for this family is given in Chart 13-B.

A third Coffey family that came to Oregon, but not so early, was that of Dr. Robert Coffey, a well-known physician in Portland.⁷⁸ He and his wife Clarissa were cousins and both descended from Thomas Coffey (1742) whose history is given in chapter 4. Robert and Clarissa's line⁷⁹ is as follows:



Patterson Coffey settled in Douglas county Oregon⁸⁰ whereas his son Robert went to Portland. Other children of Patterson were James Alexander, Rose, Vanda, and Ada.

There are records of several other Coffeys in Oregon before 1900 but the lines to which they belong are not well known. Some even came directly from Ireland as did the Edward Coffey family which settled near St. Paul in Marion county in the 1850s, the James Coffey - Hannah Harrigan family who were in Salem in the 1860-70-80 era,⁸¹ and the George and Bridgett Coffey family of Benton county.⁸²

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55. Date is from death cert. & obit. The 1860 census would tend to agree. However, the 1850 census & her husband's probate rec. indicate she was born in 1842.
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CHART 13

VITAL DATA OF THE JOHN AND NANCY (SNYDER) COFFEY FAMILY

John Coffey

b. 22 Apr 1810, Wayne co., KY, son of James Coffey and Frances Lane
 d. 8 Apr 1879, Lookingglass, Douglas, OR
 m. 13 Sep 1832 Nancy Snyder (b. 1 Dec 1815, Virginia), Gallatin co., IL
 children:

1. Vandever Lee Coffey

b. 26 Oct 1833, Gallatin co., IL
 d. 2 May 1909, Beech Creek, Grant, OR
 m. 5 Jan 1871 Rebecca J. Wright, Marion co., OR
 no children

2. Miles Coffey

b. abt 1835, Gallatin co., IL

3. James Bluford Coffey

b. 11 Oct 1837, Gallatin co., IL
 d. 3 Jul 1924, Adams, Umatilla, OR
 m. (1) 19 Oct 1862 Mary Ann McCorkle, Marion co.. OR
 children:

1. George F. Coffey

b. 20 Jan 1864, Howell, Marion, OR
 d. 30 Jun 1912, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada
 m. 5 May 1886 Sarah Frances Phillips, Albany, Linn, OR

m. (2) 16 Jul 1866 Mary Elizabeth Bolin, Salem, Marion, OR
 children:

1. Mary Ann (Anna) Coffey

b. 1 Apr 1867, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. 20 May 1946, Portland, Multnomah, OR
 m. 2 Feb 1892 Frank Baker, Freewater, Umatilla, OR

2. James Eldy (or Eldo) Coffey

b. 27 Sep 1868, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. bef 1870

3. Albert Mc Coffey

b. 18/19 Jul 1870, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. 24 Mar 1958, Pendleton, Umatilla, OR
 n.md.

4. Nancy Bell Coffey

b. 24 Jul 1871, Silverton, Marion, OR
 d. 1 Jul 1942, Portland, Multnomah, OR
 m. (1) 25 Dec 1890 William Henry McFarland, Linn co. OR
 (2) Benjamin Franklin (Tex) Barnett
 (3) Wallace M. Frisby

5. Ica Coffey

b. 26 May 1873, prob. Marion co. OR

6. Lee Alford (or Alfred) Coffey

b. 26 Jul 1874, Marion co., OR
 d. 18 Jun 1950, Yakima, Yakima, WA
 m. (1) 11 Jan 1898 (div) Minnie Swanson, Walla Walla, WA
 (2) Etta _____

7. Amer Wood Coffey

b. 8 Jun 1876, Marion co., OR
 d. 31 Dec 1958, Yakima, Yakima, WA
 m. (1) 19 May 1900 Essie Swanson, Walla Walla, WA
 (2) 1930 Mary Hamilton

8. James Orval Coffey
 b. 5 May 1878, Lookingglass, Douglas, OR
 d. 4 Dec 1962, Lindsay, Tulare, CA
 m. (1) 30 Jan 1898 (div) Iva May Johnson, Walla Walla, WA
 (2) abt 1910 Carrie B. _____
 (3) Evelyn Violet Surby
 This is grandfather of the author of this book.
9. Alonzo (Loney or Lonie) Coffey
 b. 6 Mar 1880, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. 18 Dec 1951, Monroe, Snohomish, WA
 m. 30 Apr 1900 Carrie Kane, Walla Walla, WA
10. Lulu Coffey
 b. 12 Sep 1881/2, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. 30 Jan 1948, Ilwaco, Pacific, WA
 m. (1) 22 May 1899 Andy Barker, Walla Walla, WA
 (2) _____ Dumont; (3) _____ Jacobson
11. Leona (Ona) Coffey
 b. 6 Nov 1883, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. 9 Aug 1964, Kennewick, Benton, WA
 m. 20 Dec 1898 James Harrison Overturf, Walla Walla, WA
12. Lester B. Coffey
 b. 30 Jul 1884/5, Scio, Linn, OR
 d. abt 1889, Morrow co., OR
13. Thomas Webster Coffey
 b. 23 Feb 1891, Walla Walla, WA
 d. 16 Jan 1966, Portland, Multnomah, OR
 m. 1 Apr 1915 Lois Evalyne Bartlett, Pendleton, Umatilla, OR
4. Martha Ellen Coffey
 b. abt 1839/40, Gallatin co., IL
 d. abt 1861, prob. Clackamas co., OR
 m. 8 May 1856 William Arthur, Jr., Clackamas co., OR
 children:
1. Mildred A.F. Arthur
 b. 1857, Clackamas co., OR
 m. 5 Oct 1875 W.S. Allen, Yamhill co., OR
 2. Martha Josephine Arthur
 b. 1859, Clackamas co., OR
 m. 5 Dec 1876 Harvey C. Neal, Linn co., OR
 3. William C. Arthur
 b. abt 1861, Clackamas co., OR
 m. 29 Aug 1880 Emily H. Yocum, Yamhill co., OR
5. Julia Ann Coffey
 b. 10 Oct 1841, Missouri
 d. 25 Nov 1928, Portland, Multnomah, OR
 m. 24 Dec 1861 Joseph A. Hughes, Clackamas co., OR
 children:
1. John L. Hughes
 b. 1868
 d. 1960
 2. Minnie V. Hughes
 b. abt 1877
 m. _____ King
 3. Sam J. Hughes
 b. abt 1879
 4. Richard D. Hughes
 b. abt 1881

6. Eli D. Coffey
 - b. abt 1844, Missouri
 - d. after 1860 & bef. 1879
7. Daughter, name unknown
 - b. abt 1846
8. Winfield W. Coffey
 - b. abt Nov. 1848, Illinois
 - d. Nov. 1849, Hamilton co., IL
9. Mary Jane Coffey
 - b. abt 1850/51, Hamilton co., IL
 - d. bef. 1900, Morrow co., OR
 - m. (1) 27/28 Jul 1874 John Sloan, Douglas co., OR
 - children:
 1. Nancy E. Sloan
 - b. 1875, Douglas co., OR
 - m. (2) 24 Jan 1877 Arthur McCarty, Douglas co., OR
 - children:
 1. Eli Howard McCarty
 - b. 13 Nov 1877, Douglas co., OR
 - d. 18 Dec 1918, Heppner, Morrow, OR
 - m. (3) 14 Apr 1889 William W. Kirk, Morrow co., OR
 - no children
10. John Archilles Winfield Coffey
 - b. Dec 1852, Missouri
 - d. 10 Mar 1931, Roseburg, Douglas, OR
 - n.md.
11. Thomas Wesley Coffey
 - b. 27 Sep 1854, Coos co. OR
 - d. 2 Sep 1939, Portland, OR
 - m. 27 Jun 1878 Amanda E. Coon, Douglas co., OR
 - children:
 1. Lillian L. Coffey
 - b. June 1879, Douglas co., OR
 - d. 1956
 - m. (1) Gilpin, (2) Johnson or Johnston
 2. Sarah "Sadie" Coffey
 - m. McMillen
 3. Mildred Coffey
 - d. Oct 1970
 - m. (1) Dugan, (2) Johnson or Johnston
 4. Fred L. Coffey
 - b. abt 1881
 5. & 6. Two children, sex and names unknown, bur. at Martindale cem., Camas Valley, OR.
12. Louisa
 - b. abt 1857, Clackamas co., OR
 - d. abt 1857, Clackamas co., OR

CHART 13-A

THE FAMILY OF NEBUZARADON COFFEY

Nebuzaradon Coffey

- b. 29 Aug 1789, Wilkes co., N.C., son of Joel Coffey & Martha Step.
- d. 20 Jan 1867, Aumsville, Marion, OR
- m. 11 Sep 1810 Elizabeth Easley (b. 15 Aug 1790, dau of Wm. Easley & Sarah Ann Lester), Cumberland co., KY.

Children:

1. Cassandra Coffey
 - b. 23 Aug 1811, Pilot Knob, KY
 - d. 18 Jan 1885, Marion co., OR
 - m. 1 Jan 1834 Joseph Monroe Blackerby, Pike co., IL
 - children: J. William C., Thomas Richard, Sidney G., Marcus D.L., Elza M., Arthur Frank, & 4 who d. in infancy.
2. Martha Coffey
 - b. 7 Jul 1813, Cumberland co., KY
 - d. 17 May 1903, Marion co., OR
 - m. 4 Oct 1849 William Porter, Marion co., OR
 - children: Henry Clay, Sarah Louise, & Mary Jane.
3. Thomas C. Coffey
 - b. 17/27 Oct 1815, Kentucky
 - d. 1 Jul 1859, Marion co., OR
 - m. 26 Apr 1838 Luciller Jane Baker, Pike co., IL
 - children: Chalan S., Mary E., Emily, Sydney J. John J.H., Sarah L., Elizabeth F., and Greene M.
4. Mary "Polly" Coffey
 - b. 27 Jan 1818, Kentucky
 - d. 1870, Oregon
 - m. 24 Apr 1838 Walter H. Tucker, Pike co., IL
 - children: Elizabeth J., Martha, German J., Henry C., Thomas J., & Elmer E.
5. Sarah Coffey
 - b. 1 May 1820 Simpson co., KY
 - d. 20 Nov 1848, Marion co., OR
 - m. 26 Nov 1840 William Porter, Pike co., IL
 - children: William German, Elizabeth Nancy, John Hancock, Sidney Reese.
6. Catherine Jane Coffey
 - b. 13 Nov 1822
 - d. 13 Feb 1850, Marion co., OR
 - m. 1 Sep 1844 Stephen Porter, Pike co., IL
 - children: Nancy Louisa, David A., John Thomas.
7. Sidney J. Coffey
 - b. 19 Apr 1825, Kentucky
8. German J. Coffey
 - b. 17 Nov 1827, Kentucky
 - d. 1874, Marion co., OR
 - m. Mary Margaret Smith
 - children: Mary L., John J.C., Denton Darby, Edith, Ellen, Tecumseh Sherman, Frank Nebuzaradon.
9. Elizabeth Coffey
 - b. 8 Mar 1830, Kentucky
 - d. 1 Nov 1863, Lane co., OR
 - m. 17 Oct 1850 William Wilshire Bristow, Marion co., OR
 - children: Iola N., Edith Clyde, Adaline C., Darwin.

- 10. Denton D. Coffey
b. 28 May 1832
d. 8 Mar 1851
- 11. Lowisa Coffey
b. 22 May 1834

CHART 13-B

THE FAMILY OF JOEL COFFEY

Joel Coffey

- b. 15 Jun 1789, Wilkes co., N.C. (son of Chesley Coffey, Jr. & Margaret Baldwin).
- d. 10 Dec 1855, Vancouver or Camas, WA
- m. 19 Apr 1818 Sarah Mackey, Maury co., TN
- children:
 - 1. William Coffey
 - 2. Chesley Coffey
 - 3. Derrindia Coffey
 - 4. Alexander L. Coffey
b. 15 Mar 1831, Booneville, Cooper, MO
d. 8 Aug 1913
 - 5. Terral M. Coffey
b. 15 Mar 1831, Booneville, Cooper, MO (twin of Alexander)
m. Mary E. Patterson
 - 6. Mary Louisa Coffey
b. 1833, Booneville, Cooper, MO
d. 1922
m. Webster Abbott
 - 7. Elizabeth Angeline Coffey
b. 8 May 1836, Booneville, Cooper, MO
d. 12 Apr 1905
m. Lewis VanVleet
 - 3 other children, d. young.

CHART 13-A
THE FAMILY OF HENRIETTA

Hennaraden Goffey

- b. 29 Aug 1789, Wilkes Co., N.C.
- d. 20 Jan 1867, Amherst Co., Va.
- m. 11 Sep 1810 Elizabeth (Wright)
- Ann Lester, Capt. Wm. ...

Children:

1. (n)w)as Jersygn & ... Goffey
 b. 23 Aug 1811
 d. 19 Jan 1871
 m. 1 Jan 1834
 children: Arthur ...
2. Martha Goffey
 b. 7 Jul 1812
 d. 17 Nov 1871
 m. 4 Oct 1834
 children: (reborn) ...
3. Thomas Goffey
 b. 17/22 Oct
 d. 1 Jul
 m. 26 Apr
 children: Elizabeth
4. Mary Goffey
 b. 27 Jan
 d. 1872
 m. 24 Apr
 children:
5. Sarah Goffey
 b. 1 May
 d. 20 Jan
 m. 26 Nov
 children:
6. Catherine Goffey
 b. 13 Nov
 d. 13 Feb
 m. 1 Sep
 children:
7. Sidney Goffey
 b. 19 Apr
8. German Goffey
 b. 17 Nov
 d. 1874
 m. Mary ...
 children: Mary ...
 Sherman, Frank
9. Elizabeth Goffey
 b. 8 Mar 1830
 d. 1 Nov 1861
 m. 17 Oct 1850
 children: Iola N., ...

APPENDIX

A

1. WILL OF THOMAS POWELL

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Powell of the Parish of Citingburg in the county of Essex and the Colony of Virginia being very sick and perfect memory blessed and praised by Almighty God for the same doth make this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it homeing by the meritorious death and passing of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to receive full remission of my sins and a joyful resurrection at the last day and my body be decently and christianly buryd at the descretion of my executors hereafter named and as for ye worldly goods God has lent me I will and bequeath them as followth. Imprimis.

It is my will that my land be divided in three equal parts and that my two sons Place Powell and Thomas Powell have each of them one third part of the land and forthwith after the departure of my said wife out of this life the third part of my land decend to my sonne William Powell. And it is my will that my land bequeathed as aforesaid to my sons Place Powell and Thomas Powell decend after their or either of their decease upon the heirs of their body lawfully begotten & for want of heirs that then it decend upon the next of my name and lineage and soe from heirs to heirs till both my name and lineage be extent.

Item: I give unto my son William Powell halfe of my female cattle and all their male increase and my will is that the male go to those persons that hath the education of my son William Powell until he shall come of the age of twenty one years and further:

Item: I give unto my daughter Frances Powell two cows called Rose and Nanne with their increase.

Item: I give unto my sonne Honnor Powell and my daughter Elizabeth Salmon and my daughter Ann Coffee each of them one shilling and as for the rest of my estate and the other half of my cattle I will and bequeath it to my loving wife Mary Powell as long as she remains a widow or decease out of this mortal life then it shall be divided equally between Place Powell, Thomas Powell, Elizabeth Salmon, and Anne Coffee. Also Place Powell and Thomas Powell and my son-in law John Salmon be executors of this my last will and testament hereby nullifying and making void all former wills by me made at any time. Signed sealed and published as witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this second day of March Anno Dono 1700.

Signed sealed and published in
the presence of us
Edward Coffee
Sarah Miller

His
Thomas X Powell
Mark

Proven by oaths of the Witnesses in Essex
County Virginia ye 10th day of April 1701
and truly recorded.

Teste: Frances Merriweather
Cl. Cur.

2. WILL OF EDWARD COFFEY

In the name of God Amen I Edward Coffeey being in bedd of sickness but in perfect sense and membry thanks bee to God I Edward Cofey do bequeath this to bee my last Will and Testament: -- I leave all my land to my two suns John Cofey and Edward Cofey to be divided at 16 years of age if the mother of them be ded otherways att 18 years of age. I also give one cow and her increas to my daughter Marther Cofey att ye age of 16 or att her mothers deth also one cove yerling to my sun John Cofey and her increas. All the tenables stock and bock I give to my wife Ann Cofey till her deth but if she marys then every one of my children to have their parts as they come of age, and after ye deces of my wife

all tenables to be equall divided between my six children John Cofey, Edward Cofey, Marther Cofey, Ann Cofey, Austes Cofey and Elizabeth Cofey.

As witness my hand and seall this 14th day of Febry 1715/6.

Samuel Edmondson
Themety Seleven

His
Edward X Cofey
Mark

At a court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 20th day of Novr 1716:
The above last Will and Testament of Edward Coffey decd. was presented & proved by the oath of Ann Coffey his wife & Exex. therin named & also by ye oaths of Samuel Edmondson and Timothy Seleven the evidences thereto & is ordered to be recorded & is recorded.

Tes. Thomas Herman DC Cur.

Essex County Virginia Deeds & Wills # 14, page 669.

APPENDIX

B

I. Abstract of will of Robert Mayfield, Sr. Dated 3 Dec 1714, probated 16 Aug 1715. Essex county Virginia.

To wife Sarah Mayfield all land and movable estate during life. One shilling each to sons: Robert Mayfield, Abraham Mayfield, John Mayfield and Isaac Mayfield. To son Jacob Mayfield all land at decease of wife. One shilling each to daughters : Catherine Gregory, Jane Graves, Anne Conneley.

Ext'x and Exor wife Sarah and son Robert
Wit: Daniel Hayes
Cornelius Sale

Signed Robert X Mayfield

Proved by oath of Sarah Mayfield, widow, Executrix, etc., 16 Aug 1715

II. Will of James Graves. Essex county Virginia.

In the name of God Amen I James Graves of perfect sense and memory thanks be to the Almighty God who gave it me hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ to receive the same at the last day to enjoy eternal bless. I reccomend my bodey to be buryed in desent and Christian manner according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named.

Item I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Jean Graves all my real & personal estate to her & her heirs for ever and I do constitute and appoint my loving wife Jean Graves my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament revoking and dissannuling all other wills & Testaments herefore by me made as Witness my hand this 10th day of January 1724.

James Graves

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us

Test John Munday

her
Hannah X Graves
mark

At a court held for Essex county on Tuesday the 20th day of April 1725 the above Last Will and Testament of James Graves deced was presented in court by Jane Graves his Executrix who made oath & was also proved by the oaths of John Monday and Hannah Graves the witnesses thereto & submitted to record.

Test W. Beverly, ClCur.

III. Will of John Graves. Essex county, Virginia.

In the name of God Amen I John Graves of the County of Essex & parish of St. Anne am sick & weak of body but of sound pfect sence & memory thanks be to God for it knowing that it is appointed once for all men to dye I do comit my body to the Earth & my sole to God that gave and after my Debts & Legacies are paid I give my Estate as followeth:

I give unto my well beloved wife Hannah Graves my plantation where I now live dureing her life provided she does not marry againe but if she dos marry again it is my will. that the land at her marriage shall go to my son James Graves and his heirs Lawfully begotten of his own body but if my son James dye without having any child of his own then it is my desire that ye Land shall go to my son Benjamin Graves & his heirs for ever.

I further give to my Daughter Martha Graves one Cow & Calf to be paid at the day of marriage. I further give to my Daughter Ann Graves one Cow & Calf to be paid the day of marriage I further give to my daughter Jean Graves one

Cow and Calf to be paid at the day of marriage & as for ye rest of my personel estate I give it to my loving wife Hannah Graves, during her natural Life and at her decease it is my desire that my personel estate that I give to my wife for Life that it shall be equally divided amongst all my Children at her decease.

I further Consitue & appoint my well beloved wife hole & sole Exectrix of this my Last Will & Testament revoking and disannuling all other wills and Testaments heretobore by me made.

John Graves (Seal)

Signed & Sealed in psents of us

September ye 4th 1719

Robt. Elliott
John Munday
Johannah (J E) Elliott.

17 May 1720. Presented in Court by Hannah Graves. Proved by Robt. Elliott and John Munday.

IV. Will of John Coffey. Albemarle County Virginia.

In the name of God, Amen. This thirty-first day of March 1774 I John Coffey of Albemarle County and Parish of St. Anne's in the Colony of Virginia, yeoman, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God; Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend by soul unto Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to earth to be buried in a decent manner at ye discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same by the Almighty power of God. As touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Imprimis, I order that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of the whole.

Item. I will and bequeath to my sons, James and William Coffey, to each of them five shillings sterling.

Item. I lend to my dearly beloved wife, Jean Coffey, during her widowhood the rest of my estate, real and personal, and at the end of her widowhood to be equally divided among the rest of my children, viz.: Thomas Coffey, John Coffey, Edmond Coffey, Reuben Coffey, and Benjamin Coffey, Winifred Moran and Betty Field and the above estate to be sold at said time.

Item. I order Thomas Coffey and Benjamin Coffey, my executors, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former will and testament, legacies, and bequests and executors in anywise before named and bequeath, ratify, and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

John Coffey (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said John Coffey as his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers, Chas. Patrick and Alex'r. Craig

Presented to Court & proved by oaths of witnesses at Albemarle March Court 1775. Thomas & Benjamin Coffey qualified as executors.

APPENDIX

C

I. Will of Thomas Coffey. Wilkes county, North Carolina.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Coffey, of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, viz:

First, I commend my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the grave and as to my worldly property, both real and personal, that shall remain after my just debts are paid, I lend it to my beloved wife Sarah Coffey for her use during her natural life or widowhood and what remains after her death or the end of her widowhood to be equally divided amongst my children, viz: my dau. Elizabeth Allen, my son John Coffey wife and children, my son Thomas Coffey, my son James Coffey, my dau. Mary Coffey, my son Smith Coffey, my dau. Patsy Dowell, My son William Coffey, my son Reuben Coffey, my son Elijah Coffey, my dau. Sally Stewart, my son Lewis Coffey, my son Larkin Coffey, and my son W. Caleb Coffey. Provided never the less that if my said wife should marry again that then and case she shall have an equal share with one of my children.

I here by appoint two of my sons, viz: Smith Coffey and William Coffey executor of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us the 29th day of February A.D. 1825.

Witness: Larkin Coffey
Martin Coffey

Thomas (X) Coffey

Proved at October term 1825 on oath of
Larkin Coffey, Smith Coffey and
William Coffey

II. Will of James Coffey. Wilkes County, North Carolina.

In the Name of God Amen.

I James Coffey of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina being sick & weak in body; though of sound and disposing mind and memory; and calling to mind that it is ordained for all men to die; do make and nominate this my last will and testament, Viz:

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it. And my body to be buried in a desent manner at the discretion of my executors. And as to what worldly goods that pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and despose of that in the following manner (To wit).

It is my will and desire that my loving wife Elizabeth Coffey the whole of my Estate both real & personal (that shall remain after paying my just debts and furneral expenses) during her natural life.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Betty Whitesides, my son John Coffey, my son James Coffey, my son Reuben Coffey, my son Abious Coffey, my son Ely Coffey, my son Rise Coffey, my daughter Martha Durram, my son Joel Coffey, my son Lewis Coffey, and the heirs of my son Archelus Coffey; the whole of my estate both real and personal of all kinds whatsoever: that shall remain after my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid: to be equally divided amongst them at the decease of my wife Elizabeth Coffey That is to say allowing all the heirs of my deceased son Archelius Coffey jointly a part equal to one of my children and _____ of _____ equal share _____ my own chillren.

I do nominate and appoint my son John Coffey and my son Reubin Coffey executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby disannul all former wills and ratify and confirm this to be my last will and testament; in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of

September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six.

Signed Sealed published and declared
in presence of

Wm. Lenoir
Peter Holt
Benjamin Coffey

State of North Carolina
Wilkes County

James ^{His}X Coffey
mark

October 1786
The within Will was duly
_____ in open court by
oath of William _____
Esq. a subscribing witness
there to and ordered to be
recorded.

Teste. Wm. Lenoir

September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty

Signed Sealed published and Delivered

In presence of

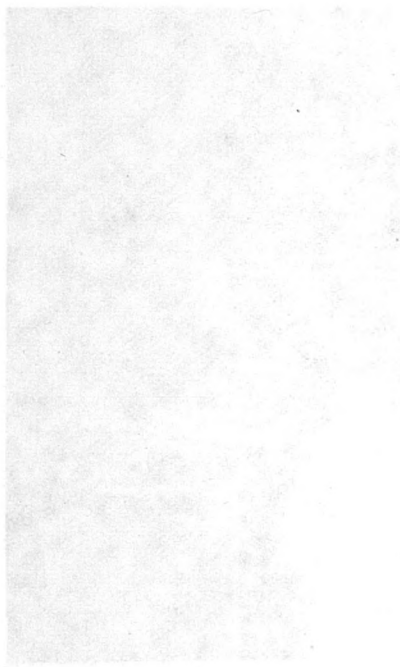
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