

Subj: Re: Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse
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Bonnie,

I will add my notes for Martin from my FTM which give a fairly good story of his life by documented events. This is just a very small part of my Coffey file.

According to a 1987 source (Ethelyn E. Coffey, 107 Northridge Dr., Mt. Sterling, Ky.) Nancy was Martins 3rd wife. It is said he had 3 wives, 18 children and lived to be 105.

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF MARTIN COFFEY

(1762 - 1867)

Compiled by Ethelyn E. Coffey

Sept. 15, 1762 - Birth date of Martin Coffey, according to family records and Bible records of Albert Galatin Coffey and William Martin Coffey, two of his grandsons. Uncertain as to the place of birth as the 1850 census lists N. C. and the 1860 census lists Va.

ca 1782 - Married in N. C to Elizabeth Bronson, he was 20 and she was 17. Children; Joel, Polly, Lewis and Elizabeth. (This according to Nina Jean Coffey Deavers, great granddaughter of George A.C. Coffey) I personally have found no basis for this having searched the old marriage records in the N.C. state archives. (E.E. Coffey)

Aug.17, 1798 - Madison County, Ky. marriage records show Martin Coffey married to Nancy Phelps. Bond was Shad Phelps. (Shadrack Phelps, age 60-70 in Russell County, Ky. 1840 census. Possibly a brother of Nancy Phelps. Russell County Vital statistics lists a Shadrack Phelps born February 3, 1775 in Virginia. Died on September 24, 1855 in Russell County, Kentucky at the age of 81.

1799 - Green County, Ky. - Tax list: Martin Coffe, 1 white male over 21.

1800 - Green County, Ky. - Tax list: Martin Coffy, 1 white male over 21.

ADAIR COUNTY CREATED FROM GREEN COUNTY IN 1801

1802 - Adair County, Ky. - Tax list: Martin Coffee, 1 white male over 21. It is possible that Martin didn't move but his property became part of Adair County when it was created from Green County? Information from the Russell County Library indicated that the section of Adair County that Martin live in around 1802 later became part of Russell County. (*David Coffey)

1803 - Adair County - Tax list: Martin Coffey, 1 white male over 21.

1804 - Adair County - Tax list: Mortain Coffey, 1 white male over 21.

1805 - Adair County - Tax list: Martin Coffey, 1 white male over 21 + 319 acres. Adair County court records 1802 - 1808, Vol. 1, Marily Poe Laird, Vivian Poe Jackson, Judith Pouise Reed. Martin Coffey made proof for 319 acres on the forks of the Roaring Lilly. Page 145, Monday, March 4, 1805.

1805 - Adair County - Tax list: Marten Coffey, 1 white male over 21.

1807 - Adair County - Tax list: Martin Coffey, 1 white male over 21.

February 26, 1809 - Wayne County, Ky., - William Ward and Polly Coffey married. Surety by Martin Coffey. Parents consent by oath of Martin Coffey. This would have been the daughter of his first wife, possibly Elizabeth Bronson.

1810 - Did not find Martin in the 1810 census index but according to the marriage of the daughter in 1809, he must have been living in Wayne County.

Coffey's in the 1810 Kentucky census:

John 26 - 44 Adair
 Nathan Over 45 Adair
 Richard 26 - 44 Adair

Newton 26 - 44 Adair There were two males in this age range

Chesley Over 45 Adair

Absolum 16 - 25 Adair

Nathan 16 - 25 Adair

Sale 16 - 25 Adair

James 26 - 44 Adair

Cleveland 26 - 44 Adair

Eli 26 - 44 Adair There were two males in this age range

Joel 26 - 44 Adair

Fielding 26 - 44 Adair

James 26 - 44 Adair

Osborn Over 45 Casey

Jesse 26 - 44 Casey

Joseph 16 - 25 Cumberland

William Cuffe 26 - 44 Floyd

John 26 - 44 Knox

Ambrose Over 45 Montgomery

John D. Over 45 Ohio

Phillip 16 - 25 Ohio

Ambroce Over 45 Pulaski

Jonathon 26 - 44 Wayne George Hariford 26 - 44

Lewis 26 - 44 Wayne

1812 - Wayne County, Ky. Court records - Martin Coffey fined \$1.00 for rioting against John Waid and James Dean who were fined \$2.00 each.

December 1, 1817 - Wayne County, Ky. - Martin Coffey married Nancy Hereford (Hansford). Wayne County marriages by Bork lists the bride's name as Nancy Hansford but close scrutiny of the old marriage record, as recorded in the courthouse, by use of a magnifying glass clearly lists the name as Heriford. One place it is spelled Herreford and found an Andrew Herriford in some delinquent tax records. Since Nancy later named a son Andrew, I wonder if this Andrew Herriford could have been her father? * Surety by Thomas Back. Marriage by W. Barnes, Justice of the Peace. Bond dated December 1, 1817. (*David Coffey)

In the 1810 Wayne County Census (8 of 24 on ancestry.com) there is a George Hariford, age 26 - 44, near him are Jonathon Coffey and Jas. Meadows. James Meadows was married to Jane Hereford, his son Henry married Martin's daughter Polly, and Martin's 3rd wife was Nancy Hereford.(1/2004)

March 24, 1818 - Wayne County, Kentucky, Polly Coffey married Henry Meadows. Marriage performed by William Scott. Surety by John Meadows.

Notes contained in the records read as follows; Sir, this is to inform you that my son, Henry Meadows, lacks seven days of being 21 years old but I grant him the liberty of marrying. This writing is to make you safe. Signed by James Meadows and witnessed by John Meadows and John Chrisman. dated March 21, 1818 (This would make the groom's birthday March 28, 1797)

Note 2 - March 21, 1818, given under my hand, sir, I am consent to the marriage between Henry Meadow and Mary Coffey, by Martin Coffey, witness Elisha Ballew.

Note - This Mary "Polly" must have been the daughter of Martin and 2nd wife, Nancy Phelps, as Polly and Henry Meadows named their first child Nancy. Polly and Henry settled in Warren County, Illinois and had a total of 17 children, including two sets of twins. Fourteen children lived to maturity and three children, including the last set of twins, died in infancy.

September 7, 1818 - Wayne County, Kentucky, James Coffey born to Martin & Nancy Coffey. Date verified by family bible records.

1820 Census - Wayne County, Kentucky

Martin Coffey - Head of household

2 Male children under 10 James was 2

2 Male children 16 - 26

1 Male 26 - 45 Martin would have been 58

3 Females under 10

2 Females 10 - 16

1 Female 16 - 26 Wife, Nancy was about 23 at the time

Total of 9 children and at least 7 would have been step children of Nancy

Other Coffey's in this census:

Eli Over 45

Marvel Over 45

Joel 26 - 45
 Lewis Over 45
 Benjamin 26 - 45
 Rutherford 26 - 45

June 28, 1821 - Wayne County Deed Book C, Pages 254 - 255: Indenture: James Jones to Martin Coffey....\$80 for 40 acres granted to David Sheeks by this State by virtue of a Certificate #404 granted by the Wayne County Court in 1802 agreeable to an act of assembly for settlement of vacant lands. (Research by David Coffey)

March 11, 1822 - Wayne County Deed Book C, Pages 313 - 314: Indenture: Martin Coffey and Nancy, His wife, to James McNeely...\$200 for 50 acres being land granted to David Sheeks by this State by virtue of a Certificate #404, granted by Wayne County Courts in December 1802 agreeable to an act of Assembly for settling vacant lands. Begin on the S. side of the Cumberland River at a large Beech marked "R. O.", the upper corner of Roger Oates survey..../s/Martin Coffey....Witness Rodes Garth, Ulyses Mills. (David Coffey)

December 23, 1822 - Wayne County Court records show Martin Coffey & William Scott bound unto George Mundy for a judgement against Martin Coffey for \$25. James Dean, John Meadows and Gholston Wilson were summoned to speak on behalf of Coffey in a matter of controversy. Martin Coffey did not appear for trial and he was ordered to pay said Mundy \$25 plus interest from January 9, 1822 and the cost of the trial of 64 1/2 cents.

December 7, 1825 - Wayne County, Kentucky - Martin Coffey married to Nancy Cundiff. Surety was Benjamin Stokes. Witnessed by Martin Coffey and Benjamin Stokes. We can't be sure if this was another marriage of Martin or if this could have been a son, but it is believed to be Martin Jr. who was living next door to Martin Sr. in the 1840 Russell County census. Martin Jr. was listed as being between age of 30 and 40, and would be about the right age to have married in 1825. Martin Coffey, age 20 - 30, appeared in the Warren County, Kentucky census in 1830 living next door to Elijah Mitchell. (See next entry)

January 31, 1826 - Wayne County, Kentucky - Elizabeth A. Coffey married Elisha Mitchell. Consent by Martin & Nancy Coffey. Bond & Minister missing from records. Only the following notes were found - January 31, 1826, Wain County. This is to sartify that my daughter is not of ag and I am willing for her to have Elijah Mitchell. Given under my hand by Martin Coffey and Nancy Coffey, witness Joel Coffey. (Could this Joel have been another son of Martin or a brother) Note 2 - Warren County, Kentucky - To the clarke of Wayne County, Kantuck, sir, this is to certy that my son is not of age but I am willing for him to merry Elizabeth Coffey, January 20, 1826, given under my hand by Elisha Mitchell and Memima (X) Mitchell - witnessed by Henry Meadows, Elijah Mitchell, and John Spradling. (Both notes were very badly written)

August 29, 1828 - Will Book 1, Russell County - Martin bought at the estate sale of Edward Long, one pair of hames (wooden pieces to a harness) .121 1/2 cents and three pewter dishes for \$3.00. (David Coffey)

In the Warren County census for 1830 - Elisha & Elizabeth Mitchell, aged 20 -30.

Coffey, Martin
 Acres: 50 Book: A-2
 Survey Date: 10-22-1830 County: Wayne
 WaterCourse: S Fk Cumb R Page:
 Township: Range:
 Reference: THE KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS
 Volume 1 Part 1
 CHAPTER VI KENTUCKY LAND WARRANTS (1816-1873) THE COUNTIES OF KENTUCKY, Page 512

1830 Census - Russell County, Kentucky
 Martin Coffey
 2 Males under 5 (John C. born 1828 and one other)
 2 Males 5 - 10 (Andrew & Gholson Wilson)
 1 Male 10 - 15 (James, age 12)
 2 Females 10 - 15 (Artemasiah and Francis)
 1 Female 30 - 40 (Nancy)

These Coffey's are also listed in the same census:
 William 20 - 30
 Eli 50 - 60
 Fielding 50 - 60
 Willis 20 - 30
 Joseph 40 - 50
 James 30 - 40
 Joel Dazy 50 - 60 Includes a female 70 - 80 (writing hard to read on this name)
 Elijah 30 - 40

Hayes 30 - 40
Sail, Sr. 40 - 50
Thomas 20 - 30

September 10, 1835 - Wayne County, Kentucky - William Kelsey & Artemasiah Coonis Coffey married. Surety, Martin Coffey (In the Russell County, Kentucky 1840 census, William Kelsey aged 30 - 40, wife aged 20 - 30.)

December 28, 1835 - Russell County Execution Document from the Russell County Court, Case 111, Martin's name is listed in a case against a William Wilson. He is also part of Case 113 on May 29, 1837 and Case 114 against a David Blankenship. *Note: I'm not sure what these cases are about, I have an Attorney friend I will ask. (David Coffey)

July 31, 1836

Wayne County, Kentucky, James Coffey married Martha "Patsy" Tucker at the home of Martin Coffey. Marriage by I. Powell and bond by Martin Coffey.

NOTE: Martin was living in Russell County during the 1830 census and again in the 1840 census, yet he witnessed or was surety for two marriages in Wayne County. It is quite possible that his residence was nearer to the county seat of Wayne County than it was to the county seat of Russell County. Russell County was created in 1825 from parts of Wayne and two other counties. With the flooding of Cumberland Lake and the flooding of huge areas it is difficult to determine from modern day maps exactly where Martin lived in Wayne and Russell counties. It is doubtful that he moved from Russell into Wayne and then back to Russell between the 1830 and 1840 census.

July 8, 1837 - Will Book 1, Russell County - Appraisalment of the Estate of John L. Allen included notes held by him including one on Martin Coffey for \$13.89 due on January 22, 1837. (David Coffey)

July 1837 - Will Book 1, Russell County - Martin Coffey signed the will of John Cape. (David Coffey)

January 15, 1838 - Will Book 1, Russell County - A note due the Estate of William Lucas on Martin Coffey for \$3,061 1/2. (David Coffey)

January 31, 1838 - Will Book 1, Russell County - A note due the Estate of William Lucas on Martin Coffey for \$5.50. (David Coffey)

1840 Census - Russell County, Kentucky

Martin Coffey

1 Male 10 - 15 (John C. born 1828. One child must have died since 1830)

2 Males 15 - 20 (Andrew and Gholson W.)

1 Male 60 - 70 (Martin would have been 78 but other Martins do not fit in)

1 female 15 - 20 (Frances)

1 Female 40 - 50 (Nancy)

October 22, 1840 - Russell County, Deed Book C, Page 451 - Martin borrowed \$187.50 from James Coffey using pigs, cows, furniture, etc. as collateral. (David Coffey)

October 24, 1840 - Russell County, Will Book 1 - Estate sale of Jane Kean, Martin bought 1 bed quilt for \$2.121. (David Coffey)

August 26, 1843/44

Russell County, Kentucky, George M. Brown married Francis Coffey. Ceremony performed by Will Bernard. (In 1870 Nancy Coffey, widow of Martin, was living in the household of John S. Brown, age 25, probably the son of Francis and grandson of Nancy)

January 2, 1847

Russell County, Kentucky, Martin & Nancy Coffey sold land to Andrew Meadows for \$200. Land had been deeded to Martin Coffey by James Jones of Wayne County.

April 9, 1850 - Russell County, Deed Book E, Pages 215 - 216 - Martin bought land between the Casey Fork and the Roaring Lilly from Silas Sultherland for \$80. (David Coffey)

1850 Census - Russell County, Kentucky

#408 Coffey, Andrew 26 M Farmer Born Ky.

, Sarah A. 23 F

, John W. 5 M

, James W. 9/12 M

, Martin 82 M Farmer Born N.C.

, Nancy 53 F Born Ky.

#409 Coffey, Wilson 28 M Farmer Born Ky.
 , Rebecca Ann 25 F
 , William F. 5 M
 , Ruben G. 3 M
 , John C. 22 M Farmer Born Ky.

June 4, 1854

Russell County, Kentucky, Deed Book F, Page 191, Andrew Coffey, John Coffey, Nancy Coffey and Sarah Coffey of Lincoln County, Kentucky sold land in Russell County to George W. Brown.

Russell County, Kentucky - 1860 census
 #711 Coffey, Martin 94 M Farmer Born Va.
 , Nancy 65 F Born Ky.

Living next door is G W Coffey, age 39, and a few doors from him is William F. Coffey, age 16.

NOTE: In the 1850 census Martin gave his place of birth as N. C. When his son, James, married the second time in 1879, he gave his Father's birth place as S.C. In the 1880 census, one year later, James said his Father was born in Ky.

November 27, 1867

The date of Martin's death as recorded in bibles of grandson's Albert Gallatin Coffey and William Martin Coffey. We would have to assume that Martin died in Russell County, as that was where he spent the remaining years of his life as we know it, and he was living there in 1860. Using birth and death dates of family bibles he would have been 105 years, 3 months and 12 days old at the time of his death. There is a discrepancy of 4 years between census and bible records but that is not unusual.

Russell County, Kentucky - 1870 census

Brown, John S. 25
 , Mary S. 22
 , Sarah 5
 , Sheldon D. 3
 , Edward S. 1

Coffey, Nancy 76

*John Brown is probably a grandson of Martin and a son of his daughter Frances. This is the last record we have found of Nancy.

The foregoing is an outline of what I have found on Martin Coffey from many, many hours of research. I feel there is still a long way to go on finding the birthplace and parentage of OUR ELUSIVE IMMIGRANT!

Ethelyn E. Coffey

Possibly a son of Chelsey Coffey

From the Kentucky Genealogical Records and Abstracts, Volume 1, 1781 - 1839 by Sherida K. Eddlemon.
 Russell County, Ky. - October 5, 1836 - Jno. Williams married a Martin Coffey and Mary McGuire.

From the book "A Century of Wayne County, Kentucky, Page 8:

Reuben and Lewis Russell Coffey were Revolutionary Soldiers. Reuben came to Wayne County in 1800 where he settled in Elk Spring Valley. He received a Pension for his services. His application states that he was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, September 16, 1759. He moved to Amherst County where in 1777, he volunteered for "as long as my country needs my service", with Capt. Moses Guess, under Major Joseph Winston & Colonel Benjamin Cleveland. He was at the Battle of King's Mountain. After the war he went to Wilkes County, North Carolina, and then to Wayne County.

Reuben, Lewis Russell, and James Coffey were sons of the Rev. James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, who was with Shelby at King's Mountain.

James Coffey, who had obtained land in Wayne County, returned to North Carolina, exchanging his Wayne County land for Lewis's North Carolina tract. Lewis Russell Coffey married Bidy Moore in North Carolina. Their children were

1. Elizabeth, married Richard Cullom (former Senator Cullom was their son)
2. Rachel, married Jefferson Jones
3. Mary, married Joshua Oatts
4. James, married Sally Strange
5. Henderson, married Minerva Alexander
6. Cullom, married Rachael Isaacs
7. Jesse, married Eliza Griffin

8. Shelby, married Emerine Meadows
9. Cleveland, married Sophronia Oatts
10. Franklin, married Mary Ann Worsham
11. Coleman, married (1) Polly Havens (2) Jane Miller (3) Sarah Havens (4) Amanda Hudson Stone.

Lewis Russell Coffey founded the family of that name in Wayne County, a numerous and highly respected family. He is buried just east of Monticello in the Elk Spring Valley Cemetery, where a shaft erected by the family is in a fair state of preservation. His is one of the Revolutionary soldiers graves that is easy to locate thanks to the foresight of his descendants.

REUBEN COFFEY

WAYNE COUNTY
PRIVATE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE TROOPS
\$40.00 ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
\$120.00 AMOUNT RECEIVED
OCTOBER 31, 1833 PENSION STARTED
AGE 74

Thanks,
Larry

Doing Genealogy research on the following families:

Coffey, Cremeans, Denne, Hentsch, Jones, Murcer, Myers, Ragan, Scheppman, Schultz, Semones, Seydel, Smith & Stumpf.

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Larry,

Tell me a little more about your Martin Coffee/ey. I might have some info on him or at least I will look. I have a pretty sizeable Coffee/ey library now. I would love to put a query in the next newsletter for you. Since our newsletter goes to nearly 200 subscribers and 30 genealogy libraries you have a chance at least, of getting a response. I have had people try to make contact years later when they find our newsletters in libraries.

Bonnie Culley