

# Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse

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MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOUR FEET  
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK  
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARMLY UPON YOUR FACE  
MAY THE RAIN FALL SOFT UPON YOUR FIELDS  
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN  
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND  
OLD IRISH BLESSING

The Coffee/Coffey family of North America traces to immigrants from Ireland. Some arriving as early as the 1600's. The Gaelic name from the Old Country has been Anglicized in various forms. Regardless of the form your ancestor chose, we welcome you as a reader and contributor to this: your family newsletter.

1. A newsletter to collect and disseminate information about the Coffee/Coffey family of North America.
2. A locator for missing ancestors and living family members
3. A repository for historical and geneological data
4. A nationwide bulletin board for announcements of family reunions, births, deaths, achievements, awards.

COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE  
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In June of 1980 78 people attended a "Coffey" family reunion near Martinsville, Ind. In August over 200 gathered at Monticello, Ky. Reports of family reunions were also recieved from Texas and Arkansas.

The current Indianapolis phone book lists 116 Coffeys, and 5 Coffees. The Louisville book has 74 and 8. In fact it is now unusual to find any phone book without these names.

The 78 people at Martinsville were about half the living decendants of Moses Turpin Coffey; the fifth of ten children of Lewis M. Coffey. The family at Monticello are descended from Reuben Coffey 1759-1842.

Coffeys and Coffees have participated in all the events that are now the history Colonial America and the United States. They include statesmen, founders of colleges, wilderness explorers, military leaders, foot soldiers, physicians, and farmers. Also some bankrupts, brawlers, and failures.

These facts are mentioned to illustrate the size and geographic dispersal of the family. Many of these family groups or branches have a family member interested in the geneology and history of it's line. Some have done years of research and published books. Others have a few notes in a desk or family Bible. Since there probably will never be a "complete" geneology, most of these researchers have reached a "dead end" after several generations. For example:

James V. Coffey of Riverview, Mich. and Jeff Radcliffe of Jacksonville, Ill. need to to know the parents of COLBY COFFEY b.1806 NC d. 1888 Estill Co. Ky

Walker Coffey of Oxford, Miss. needs names of parents of HUGH COFFEY 1784-1861

Doris V. Miller of Barnard Mo. wants info on CHESLEY COFFEY of Ky. and Tn.

Leonard Coffey of Indianapolis, Ind. needs names of parents LEWIS M. COFFEY b. Ky 1795-99 m. M. Delilah Turpin in Pulaski Co. Ky 1818. Had ten children moved to Ind, 1828. died 1844.

Anne Konkle, Clarksville, Ind. is descended from a MARTIN COFFEY of Russell Co. Ky and needs info on him.

H. Daraleen Wade of Salem Or. would like to know the parents of NEBUZARADEN COFFEY and ELIZABETH EASELY who m. in Cumberland Co. Ky. 9-13-1810.

Patti Young of San Antonio Tx. is interested in data on SALATHIEL COFFEY 1812-1892 of Ky. and Collin Co. Tx.

Tom Roach of Rutledge Tn. needs information about MERIDETH (MERIDA) COFFEY 1769-1838. X

Occasionally a clue pops up revealing the location or residence of an ancestor. Such as these Adair Co. Ky. Records at Columbia.

1808 Mellinger sued Chesley and Rotherford Coffey (debt)

1809 Commonwealth vs. Chesley (road repairs)

1809 Newton Coffey fined (swearing two profane oaths in public)

1809 Chesley Coffey, guilty. (Breach of Peace fined \$.74 plus \$.01 costs)

From Russel Co. Ky. records

1832 Polly Coffey ordered to show cause why her infant children: Sally and Cynthia should not be bound out as apprentices as the law directs.

1853 Fielding G. Coffey resigned as constable.

1862 Sherriff appoints Fielding G. and Albert G. Coffey as deputies.

This first COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE is sent at no charge to selected family researchers and correspondents. The second is planned for March 1981 and cannot be "free". We hope that upon receipt of your first issue you will write to share some family news. Such as:

Who is having a landmark anniversary?

Who had a birthday\_\_\_\_\_ a birth?

Who was selected an "allstar" or recieved a music, art, essay award?

And also help with the cost of the letter which will be at least \$1.00 per <sup>4</sup>/<sub>4</sub> copy for the next four of 1981. Remember: The data we contribute today will be the research material of our descendants. Lets try to leave a better record than we found.

Plans for the future will be to establish a Coffey/Coffee family association. Many of these family associations now exist and are enjoyed by the members. To the bestof our research of the latest lists, there is none for our family.

We also realize that not all our members are that interested in geneology. It is therefore our plan to include a heavy dose of current news. We hope you recipients of the first issue will appoint yourselves missionaries in your group and area to stimulate interest and of vital importance response to this effort.

A BRANCH OFF THE TREE

MOSES TURPIN m. MAGDELEN BLACK  
-1816 1781 -1826c.

MOSES SOLOMON SAMUEL POLLY MARIANNE DELILAH 1802?-1873?  
M LONG m. ROBERTS m.

LEWIS M. COFFEY 1797?-1844 r. 1818 PULASKI CO. KY ←

NANCY\* JAMES W.\* POLLY\* JOHN L.\* \*(UNPROVEN)  
m. JONES m. NORMAN m. COOK m. HORMAN

MOSES T. PHILIP DELILAH ELIZABETH ROBERT W. LEWIS M.  
1831-1912 m. REEDY m. BLAIR

m. Lucinda Renner 1834-1910

GEORGE MARY JOHN D. PHILIP BARBARA ELIZA MARTHA (NELLIE) WILLIAM  
m. BEECHAM m. PRATHER m. HUNT m. MILLER m. ZINGER m. HELTON

JOHN D. COFFEY m. KIZZIE BELLE GIBBS  
1859-1912 1864-1943

IVA 1893- m. FARRELL m. GARRETT C. FRANCIS 1918 C. FERRIS 1920 (LEON)	ORA E. 1894-1964 m. FLEENOR C. WILLIAM 1927 C. (INFANT) 1927-1927 C. NANCY 1932	THURZA 1897- m. HICKMAN C. LUCILLE 1920 C. ORAJEAN 1924 C. JOANNE 1928	LUCINDA 1899- m. NORMAN
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MOSES T. 1902-1955 m. MARTIN C. JIMMIE 1930	JOHN L. 1904-1952 m. LEONARD C. LEONARD 1930 C. DONALD 1934 C. JOSEPH 1938	GENTRY J. 1906- m. HALEY C. BETTY 1930 C. FRIED 1935 C. DAVID 1938 C. ROBERT 1942 C. MARILYN 1944 C. KATHLEEN 1947-1971 C. MICHAEL 1954	OSCAR E. 1910-1973 m. GLASS C. LARRY 1940 C. JERRY 1944
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