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"Faith, now There's so many dangers that beset us from the cradle to the grave,
tis a pure wonder we live from one to the other." Old Irish Saying
Submitted by Mrs. Wm. S. Abshear, 3803 Marcus ave., Newport Beach, CA 92663

In 1969 ALICE H. BOONE published "The Descendants of Israel Boone". The massive work has about 700 pages and 11,000 names. Israel was the brother of Daniel. The family includes Pat Boone, a singer and 250 Coffeys who were related to the Boones.

Remember a few years back the popular song "Battle of New Orleans" where the "British kept a'comin'?" A Gen. Coffee of Tenn, friend and in-law of Andy Jackson, was considered the "hero" of this historic event.

The record shows that Thomas Jefferson, gentleman of Virginia, sold land to a Coffey back when we were all English.

DEAR COUSIN: Thank you all for your help. Its nice to know there are so many of us (30) that participate in the CCC. Does it occur to you that we are all trying to complete a jigsaw puzzle? It will require many small pieces to fit together for a coherent picture of the whole. And you have sent in a lot of pieces since last March. We'll try to put as many face up on the table as we can. COUSIN LEN

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

We received the draft of "THE COFFEY FAMILY OF CLINTON CO. PENNSYLVANIA" from descendant W. D. COFFEY SR. 10402 Gradin Rd. Silver Spring, Md. 20902. Founders of the family were: RICHARD COFFEE b.ca 1799 Ireland d. 1872 and Margaret McGinley b. Ireland 1803 d. 1884. Children: JAMES, ELLIN, MARY JANE, RICHARD, SARAH, MARGARET, WILLIAM, JOHN, ELIZABETH ANN, CHARLES EDWARD, LEWIS HOOVER, ROBERT M. Whew!

HORACE MARCUS COFFEY P.O. BOX 5 Thorn Hill TN 37881 has submitted copies of his published works on poetry, political, and patriotic comment. A student of the career of Thomas Jefferson, Horace is a devout and ardent booster of the church and America. He would appreciate information about the children of Benjamin Coffey b. VA 1745 d. TN 1834. Benj. was son of John Coffey and Jane Graves and listed as Rev. soldier, Ref. A I Pension S. 1655 file no. 26608.

TOM ROACH (see March 1981) says his home, "LANGLEY" is Indeed a historic place. Built ca 1850 for Col. Wm. M. Cocke, Rep. from TN who attempted to assist ex Pres. John Q. Adams when Adams collapsed and died in Congress. Col. Cocke was son of Sterling Cocke and grandson of Gen. Wm. Cocke, U.S. Senators. Local Society was hosted therein the 1850's but in the 60's served as field hospital for casualties of the battle of Bean Station, TN. Tom and companion's Duke & Sherlock enjoy seeing Coffey cousins.

We missed in March: Word of the Coffey reunion at Corydon Iowa (basement of the bank) Tim Peterman suggests you contact Carl Coffey, Leon Iowa. Reunion is June 7. Hurry.

Doris V. Miller RT 1 Box 120 Barnard MO 64423 sends a biographical sketch of Rev. Jasper H. Coffey of Ind. and MO. In 1862 he m. China F. Culp 1846-1903 of MO. The Rev. was a son of Thomas Coffey who was son of John Coffey and Jane Graves of VA.

DEAD END ROADS

VIDA L. (COFFEY) COLLIER 9790 Shoreview DR. Dallas TX 75238 is granddaughter of LISTON PANCOAST COFFEY. He was apparently a riverboat Capt. at Paducah KY before moving to Indian Territory to be a mortician.

MRS W. D. (IDA A.) GRIFFIN 1518 Dahlia Corpus Christi TX 78404 reports her line: David P. Coffee m. Baskin; dau. Elizabeth Coffee m. Wm. C. Rainey; their son James D. Rainey m. Ida Whitaker, whose dau. Carrie Rainey m. T. C. Williams and were parents of Ida Griffin.

MRS DOROTHY SHAMBLIN 662 Oxford Oaks La. Oxford MI. 48051 is researching her husband's family: Daniel Coffey b.ca 1806 NC m. Nancy Coffey b. ca 1820 NC. A dau. Sarah ca 1854-1890 m. Bradford Evans of McMinn Co. TN She lists some Coffey wills and marriage records of McMinn that we'll have to save for later.

MARVIN COFFEY 1018 Clay St. Ashland OR 97520 is preparing a history of James Bluford Coffey 1837-1924 and descendants. JBC traces thru: John 1810-79; James M. 1776-1804; Archelaus 1755-86; James 1728-86; and John 1701-74/5 and Jane (Graves)

JOAN REVIS MEGIE 34120 Greentrees, Sterling Hts. MI. 48077 is doubled up on Coffeys. On one side from Newton of NC and Ill. On the other side from immigrants to Hastings Co. ONT.

BARBARA ABSHEAR (see p.1) is another Cousin puzzled about Martin Coffey. He signed the bond for James 1820-1897 when he m. Martha "Fatsey" Tucker in Wayne Co. Ky 1836. Children: Wm. M. Francis M. Moses George A. E. Albert G. Henry J. Robert B. Milly A. (Good) Nancy Hanks (Ragan) Elizabeth (Higenbothem).

SPENCER T. COFFEY Rt. 2 Box 118-B Oak Grove MO. 64075 would like a solution to the questions he asks at the top of page 3.

Newton Coffey

1773-1858

Alakes Co. MS - Montgomery Co., Ill
 md. 1807 Sarah Meredith (1776-1845)

(1) Mel and Sela Coffey 1803-1892 md 1824 Harriet Louise Green	(2) Martha (Patsy) Coffey 1804- md 1821 John Reavis	(3) Kath. Eliza Coffey 1808- md 1825 Wm. Reavis	(4) Thomas L. Coffey 1809- md 1826 Nancy Bradley	(5) Nancy Coffey 1810-1893 md 1831 Thos. S. Wiley, Jr	(6) Colbert S. Coffey 1811-1849 md (1) Catherine (2) 1877 Dily Dani	(7) Murray Coffey d. young
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Thomas's Adeline
1837-
md 1864 Joseph Harvey
William Thomas
1841-1917
md Ann Blawie
Elizabeth A.
1842- (2) Samuel C.
C. resident Simpson
Mary
1845- sep. 1850 comans
Elizabeth Harriet P.
1847-1867
Sarah L.
1852-1930
md Robert S. Coffey
Nancy S.
1854-
John Cleveland
1857-
md Mary Elizabeth Hickman
Aquila A.
1859-
parents:
Newton Eli Coffey
Martha L. Vermillion

(2) Newton Murray
1838-1905
md 1862 Sarah Jane Coffey
Wm. Cleveland
1862-d. young
Harriet W.
1867-infant
Almeda J.
1863-1869
John Thomas
1865-1950
md Louella G. Davis
Helen Maria
1912-
md 1882 Lyman C. Sellers
Cleveland Dail
1880-1922
Michael C.
1881-
Arthur Alonzo
1888-
Killy P. Coffey
1890-

(1) Newton Wiley
1832-1862
md 1851 Mary E. Corriker
Marie Wiley
d. infant
(2) Charles B. Wiley
1856-1939
md 1873 Emma Kelso
Newton E. Wiley
1884-
Ira Wiley
1886-
C. M. Wiley
1887-
Mick Wiley
1896-
Fern S. Wiley
1899-
(3) Lewis Newton Wiley
1861-1960
md 1928 Mary Elizabeth Brinner
Kenneth Wiley
d. infant
(4) Alice Marcella Wiley
1877-1926
md 1874 Harvey H. Whitaker

(2) Cleveland B. Wiley, Sr.
1834-1890
md 1865 Mary J. Crocker
Cleveland B. Wiley, Jr
female
female
Clarence Curtis Wiley
1874-
(5) female
female
William Wiley
d. 3 days old
(6) Thomas S. Wiley, Jr.
1847-1916
md. Rosa Choman
Ruth D. Wiley
1847
Susan D. Wiley
1848
Female - 1900

Catherine Coffey
1836-1849
Elizabeth Coffey
1838-
Nancy Coffey
1842-1847
Andrew J. Coffey
1848-
md. Nancy Jane Butler
Gay Edward Coffey
1879-

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Thomas Sellers
1834-
md 1855 Beatrice Burris
Lyons Sellers
1857-
Mark Sellers
1859-
Paul Sellers
1861-
Julie Sellers
1865-

Lyla Mae Sellers
1906-
md 1954 Robt. Criswell
Cathy Criswell
1958-
Alan Criswell
1959-

Shirley Fay Sellers
1937-
md 1959 Frank H. Moody
John Moody - 1960
Joe Moody - 1962
Robert Moody - 1964
Douglas Moody - 1965

(3) Mary Jane Whitaker
1875-infant
(3) Harry Whitaker
1883-d. young
(1) Estella Whitaker
1876-1904
md Wm. Hadden Ripley
Myron Ripley
1902-infant

(3) Wm. Murray Whitaker
1877-1955
md Margaret Louisa Wood
Harvey Dale Whitaker
1904-
md 1936 Jeanette E. Hedland
Carl Vincent Whitaker
1907-
md 1928 M. Corvill Thompson
Ruby M. Whitaker
1914-
md 1936 Truman M. Buck
(4) Edgan Hinton Whitaker
1871-1946
md (1) Mabel Louise (2) Hazel S.
Frances Marion Whitaker
1923-
(1) Michael Corvill Thompson
William Wiley Whitaker
1927-
md 1949 Dealia E. Good

(6) Eva Alice Whitaker
1895-1963
md Frederick S. Helak
William William Helak
1906-
md 1929 Jack N. Blone
female
d. infant
Harvey Helak
d. young
Mary Elizabeth Helak
1916-

1/2 children, 6 grand children
 3/ 3 " " " " " "
 3/ 4 " " " " " "
 4/ 4 " " " " " "
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Timothy Moody - 1968
 Sue Moody - 1969
 Matthew Moody - 1975

Jonathan Norman Coffey was born in Lincoln Co. Tenn. in 1819, a son of John (1773-1843) and Margaret (Baskin) Coffey, who were from Lancaster Dist. So. Carolina, and whose grandfather may also have been John Coffey. In 1841 Jonathan Coffey married Permelia Cloyd in Fayette Co. Tenn. I am searching for documentation of the following: 1) connection of John Coffey with the line of Hugh Coffee (1700-1767) as recorded in the Reed family history; 2) that Permelia Cloyd, daughter of John Cloyd, was a sister of Martha Cloyd who married Joseph Fielding Sharp in 1836 in Tenn; 3) that Margaret Baskin was a daughter of Andrew Baskin of So. Car. as suggested in the Baskin family history by Raymond Bell. Am especially interested in any information concerning the Coffey-Cloyd connection, as to why both Cloyd daughters also carried a surname of Spencer.

MARILYN NORTON 1409B S. 38th St. St. Joseph MO 64507 comes from the family of Quintis Coffey b. Ky 1844 d. Buchanan Co. MO 1914. He m. Francis Ann Blakely b. Ky 1842/3 d. Mo 1931. Children: PERMELIA CATHERINE, FRANK, MARY ELLEN, LUTHER, ELIZA, LEVI, CORA A. DESSIE. MARILYN and TIM PETERMAN suspect Quintis and a Quintin are the same man. both were born in 1844 and have a Russell Co. Ky connection.

DEPT OF: "ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE"

1. Family trees; We asked and we received. Will print as fast as we can.
2. You asked: "How can I Help?" Answer: keep on sending info you have. If you see an inquiry you can help with, write that cousin direct, and then let the CCC know of your success. When you send material to print if it is typed black on white we can reproduce direct from your copy. Keep it close spaced to avoid waste.
3. You asked for a subscriber's list. We are aware there is sometimes commercial exploitation of name lists. this we want to avoid. Some subscribers do not work at geneology and are not in a position to answer a volume of correspondence, yet want to help monetarily and receive the letter. Cousins who have submitted data and inquiries can be found in the text of CCC and are assumed to invite exchange of information. We hope we are right in holding on a little longer.
4. LEN COFFEY (see Jan 1981) has word from a formerly unknown relative that ancestor: LEWIS M. COFFEY who was thought to have been b. KY 1790-1800 was in fact b. NC Nov 1, 1798. Perhaps they will yet determine his parents.

I LOVE A MYSTERY: AMBROSE COFFEY...AMBROCE COFFEY....AMBROUS COFFEE

Will the real Ambrose Coffey please stand up? Perhaps a teenage adventurer with Daniel Boone. Perhaps an authority and witness to the infiltration of the wilderness by early Kentuckians. Perhaps a Rev. veteran who received the Grant for land in Pulaski Co. Ky. The U. S. Census for 1800-1810 lists at least two and perhaps three people of this name. various records of wills, deeds, marriages, depositions can be found in VA, NC, KY, and TN for our friend. His name appears in the Kentucky Historical Record and in the famous Draper Manuscripts. We think there is a very colorful story, yet to be told about Ambrose, citizen of Boonesboro, Ky. we think it strange we have run into no surfacing descendants, living today, who claim him. We are certain our data mingles facts from more than one man and would like to print any data that can fill in the stories.

WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE DURING THE WESTWARD PRESS OF OUR ANCESTORS?

A good picture is presented in the novels of JANICE HOLT GILES. About the only fiction in her stories are names of the leading characters. See if you can find "SIX HORSE hitch" or HANNAH FOWLER ON YOUR library shelves.

From James Vernon Coffey 13869 Sibley Rd. Riverview MI 48192. His parents were: Jas. V. II and El Wanda (Beasley). Grandparents: James Vernon I 1895-1972 KY, Etta Lamb 1898-1947; Joseph (Joe) 1898- and Beulah (Curtsinger) 1904-62, Beasley. Gr. Grandparents Wm. M. 1841-190? Josephine ____?. Ras Lamb & Mary F. John Thomas Beasley 1878-1936 & Betty (Stenson) 1884-1959. Enos & Lou Curtsinger. Great-greats: Colby 1806-88 & Mary (Adams) 1807-87. William d. 1858 & Parilla (Menser) Beasley. Joe & ____? Stinson. Colby b. NC. Others lived in Clark, McCracken, Ballard, Estill, Hickman, Grainger, and Hopkins Cos. of Kentucky.