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BENNIE LOFTINS **family** had a **problem** during the Revolution. They had to keep Grandfather hidden for he didn't quite grasp the situation at the time **and** kept greeting folks with "**HAIL, KING GEORGE**" (See "**Branches** off the Tree)

CCC is a newsletter to collect and disseminate information on the COFFEE/COFFEY families of North America.

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FALLING LEAVES:

TERRY COFFEY
LOBURN

DEAR COUSIN: Sorry we slipped on the facts about Rev JASPER H. COFFEY in June. We should have said he was the son of Levis and grandson of Thomas Coffey. Blame CCC, not DORIS KILLER.

Sometimes we're struck by the coincidences that pop up. Is it really unrelated, that BENNIE LOFTINS family had twins CALVIN AND CALTON COFFEY, and in JAMES CALTON COFFEES descendants are six sets of twins? CALTONS? TWINS?

Also in the June copy did you notice the name BASKIN appeared in two families? •• We love the letters and information that comes in by the bushel. Please keep sending it. The CCC is written by you. Every word is read and analyzed. It is also usually condensed to cram as much critical data as possible into the pages. We don't look for or call errors. If you say it, we print it!

The CCC has grown. There were 12 cousins who prepaid the March issue, 30 by June, and 49 now for September. Cousin Walker J. Coffey finished name lists and postage for mailings of sample copies that enlisted 5 new Cousins, so far. We know others of you have told people who send orders in. New subscribers are usually given all back issues for 1981 and are considered "Charter Members".

Some state historical societies and libraries have "letter" or "inquiry" files arranged by the family name being researched. The State Library of North Carolina is the first to request our offer of gratuitous copies of CCC, We expect others to follow. COUSIN LEN

I LOVE A MYSTERY

Cousin MARVIN COFFEY gives more on the AMBROSE COFFEY puzzle. Ambrose No. 1 was born in Dublin Ireland in 1759, was sold into servitude upon arriving in America about 1770. He was a resident of Harrodsburgh and Boonesboro Ky around 1776, of Fayette Co, KY in 1790 and Montgomery Co, KY in 1800, Ambrose No, 2 was born in 1762 in Albemarle Co, VA, to James Coffey and Elizabeth (Cleveland) He married Millie Moore and later lived in Wilkes Co, NC, Chattanooga TN and Pulaski Co, KY, Of his 13 children by 2 wives, one was Holland Coffey, who was known as an Indian fighter in Texas until killed and buried at the Coffey trading post near the Red River,

TIM PETERMAN is still sleuthing: He thinks it possible, that NEWTON COFFEY, (Ruby Bucks ancestor) was a son of Salathiel (d, 1785 Wilkes Co, NC) and wife Elisabeth, and brother to Joel (m. Martha Step) Nathan (m. Mary Saunders), Nebuzaraden (m. Elizabeth Hayes) Chesley Jr. (1755-1818). Deducing from Ky records, Tim thinks Salathiel's other children may have been ELI (1775-1833)m. Mary Coffey, ELIZABETH "GRANEY" m, Rutherford Coffey in 1801.

SIDE TRACKS We're not all Irish or Scotch-Irish. A history of Washington Co. PA has the record of George Coffey (1811-84) native of Scotland, who became a respected citizen, wagonmaker and farmer of that Co. He m. Agnes Dickey in Scotland then came to Pa. with Alexander Dickey, her dad. Children were, Alexander, Maggie Annie, William, Jennie, George, and Agnes. Submitted by Tim Peterman.

Marie Easton has the original land transfer dated 16 Feb 1835 when Allen Coffey sold 40 acres in Russell Co. Ky to Martin Coffey. The description includes references to Elijah Coffey's and _____ Smiths line and where John Coffey lived in 1833-34, The document has been in the Kays Coffey Sr. family (1793-1860). Marie also reports from Russell Co. marriage book #1: Elijah Coffey - Marian Coffey 1826, Allen Coffey - Polina Staton 1831, Martin Coffey - Mary McGuire 1830.

Clipping on the left is from Russell Springs, Ky
May 15, 1981.

In the late 1800's the Woodson Coffee Ranch registered its brand: CC (bar C's). Info from Patti Young, San Antonio TX.

Francis Coffey of Arizona says he saw the name COFFY in the Paris France phone book.

Reunion of students, teachers of Coffey's School 5-15-81

A Reunion of former students and teachers of Coffey's School will be held Sunday afternoon, May 24, 1:00 PM at Coffey's Friendship Church. The church is located adjacent to the location of the old school site, approximately one-half mile North

off Highway #55, near the Russell-Adair County line.
Rufus Coffey
8801 Northeast, 24th Avenue
Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Vacation **time** is **over**. We hope many of you combined yours with geneological field trips, and will be reporting new findings to CCC. It could make good fireside reading when the December issue is sent. Did anyone visit a place on Francis Coffey's list:

COFFEY Co. **Ks.**; COFFEY (Daviss Co.) MO ; COFFEYVILLE (Montgomery Co) KS; COFFEE CO. **Alabama**, or TN, Or GA; COFFEE (Trinity Co.) **Cal**; Also COFFEE (Bacon Co. GA) and COFFEEVILLE (Clarke Co.) AL; (Yalobusha Co. MS. ; COFFEE CREEK (Fergus Co.) **Mont.**; COFFEE SPRINGS (Clarke Co.)AL; COFFEE LAKE (Cherry Co.) NEB.
Francis did not mention our favorite: "HOT **COFFEE**" (Covington Co.) Miss.

Daraleen Wade was an organizer of the **PORTER_COFFEY** reunion at Turner Oregon July **26**. Their **announcement** proposed a format including a trip to a **family** cemetery, reports on family lines and relationships. and **copies** of old letters at the time of the family's move **west**. It also mentioned a related Read family.

Patti Young was **Pres.** of 45th **COFFEE-COFFEY** Reunion and picnic Aug 9 **Amarillo, TX**. Sixty descendants of Logan **Coffee(1809** Adair Co. Ky -1865) attended. Logan's line is thru Elizabeth b. 1791, Nathan b. 1760, Joel b. 1730. The Cousins at Amarillo enjoyed reports on geneology, necrology, coats of arms, and had CCC **displayed**.

These people **WORK** at a reunion and I'm sure would welcome visitors next year with an interest in the family

Dorothy **Shamblin** sent a photocopy of a nearly full page article from the **Geneology** section of the Chattanooga Times of Apr. **15, 1934**. **It is** the story of John Coffey immigrant to VA in **1637**, and ancestor of many families there and in NC. It seems to parallel the **facts** as in some later books on the family, but does give some additional color and background data. Extremely interesting, it might be a good project for a special pamphlet. We might have to get permission to reproduce **it**.

Any descendants of Rutherford and Elizabeth **"Graney"** Coffey out there? Tim Peterman would like to locate them for his project on Eli and Mary Coffey of Russell Co, KY

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

COL. JAMES CALTON COFFEE b. GA **11-3-1819** d. OK 1913 Lived Baxter Co. AR **1868-1908**. Married Adeline___? Children were **James A. m.** Eliza Johnson; **Caroline m.** James Leonard; **Katherine m.** H, K. Wilkie; **Lela m.** John Due, The tree **continues** in a fine drawing by Lloyd Coffee of Houston TX showing 5 generations of descendants of JCC, Lloyd is the grandson of James A, This large family contained 6 sets of twins. Submitted by I. **V.** CRAWFORD.

Cousin Willard Alfred Israel reports his line: John Coffey b. **1620** . m, Mary Jolliffe Edward b, CA 1680 m, Ann Powell; John 1704-1774 **m.** Jane Graves; James 1729-1786 **m.** Elizabeth Cleveland} John **1753-1825 m.** Sarah___? ; Sarah **m.** Michael Israel Jr. ; James Israel **1802-d.** MO, **m.** Mary___?; Monteville Marvin **1826-1863 m.** Matilda Green; James Monroe 1852-1928 m, Elizabeth Jones; Marvin Belson 1897-1968 m. Gertrude Haglen; Willard A, Israel b, 1926 is Single. Willard has the names of the brothers and sisters of these families except the first John and Edward.

Jan(Mrs. Forrest) Arnold of Seattle **Wash.** kindly sends her 8 page pamphlet on her husbands family. Footnoted and referenced it is certainly professional. Forrest is the son of William Coffey Arnold. Of significant interest are these facts: John Coffey and Jane Graves m. 1728. They had a son **William who m.** Elizabeth **Ausborne**. Osborn Coffey 1759-1840 **m.** Mary Nightingale and his father was a William. Osborn lived in VA to **1795, KY 1799(Lincoln Co.) 1807(Casey Co. KY)**. Osborn and Mary had Jessel 1784, Patsey CA 1786, Matthew CA 1790, Lucy CA 1792, Richard N. ca 1790-1795, Osborne m. Jane Bell 1829, Elizabeth **m.** Christopher Riffe 1806, William, John **m.** **1843** Catherine Bryant. Jan is now running hard on **other** (than Coffey) lines but gives her greeting and says we may print what we like. Thanks to Jan. Are the William son of John and the William father of Osborn the same man? We(Jan) do not **Know**.

DEAD END ROADS

George Rube Coffey b **5-12-1893** d, June 1979. While residing at Life Care Center, **Paducah** Ky in April 1979 he recorded the following. He was born in Fulton Co, Ky one of 5 boys and 3 girls of John Henry Coffey b, Searcy Ark, and who moved to Ky at age **18, m.** Mary Jane Metts and d, in **1904**. The best friend of John H, was a John Coffey whose daughter Lillian Holland lives in Hickman KY, George was divorced and has a son Dave Rube who operates **Coffey's** restaurant in **Leitchfield** KY. CCC would like to have any additional data on this family.

JOSEPH B. HOLLAND of Warren Mich, is the great grandson of John Willison Coffey (**1822-1864**) and Lydia F, Dallas. (**1827-1899**) who m. in 1845. Their c. were Mary E. b, 1846, Lackey E. F. **1848**, William Terry 1853, Martha Isabella **Cabel** Coffey **1860**. Lillian Pearl (**1894-1981**) was the daughter of William Terry and mother of Joe Holland. Joe sent a clipping from the Hickman KY Courier which printed "Miss Lillians" recollections of her families move in Dec. 1902 by wagon **from** Pilot Oak Ky to their new home 60 miles west near the river. The trip required 2 full days on dirt **roads**. Joe believes John Willison's father was born in Front Royal VA and was descended **from** one of three "brothers who came from Ireland,"

In 1977 Jerry A, Coffey received a letter from Mrs. (Margaret) John **C. Focke** of Box 356 Bandera TX **78003**. She reported quite a collection of material on Coffeys' who arrived early in VA then moved along the Shenandoah Valley to Lancaster Co. SC near the **Waxhaw** settlement of NC. A Hugh Coffey and son Hugh Jr. fought in the Revolution, Mrs Focke can trace to a later Hugh that she thinks is a son of John and grandson of Hugh **Jr.** Her Hugh known as Hughie, left Mecklenburg Co, NC about 1856 stopping in SC, GA, ALA, before buying land in Miss in **1831**. Harris Coffey son of Hughie moved to TX in **1858**. He is the great grandfather of **Mrs. Focke**. Mail to the above address in **1981** was returned as undeliverable. She mentioned being a DAR regent in 1977. Maybe some of you DAR's can find out what happened to her.

William **Gault** b. 1735 PA d. 1803. Married about 1762 to Rebecca Coffey of VA. Their children were Robert, William, Jane, Isabella(m. **Baley**), John, Charles, Joseph, Thomas, Susanna(m. McCormack), **Grace**(m. Johnson, Wilson), James, **Nancy**(m. Taylor), Hugh Coffey Gault(m, Nancy **Askins**). Among the **grandchildren** of William and Rebecca were Hugh Gault, Hugh C, Gault, Hugh Coffey McCormack, and Hugh Taylor, The family eventually settled near the Waxhaw settlement in NC. Joseph H. Bates of **Indianapolis** is great, great grandson of Hugh Coffey Gault, He would like to know the parents of Rebecca (Coffey) **Gault**.

Loretta F. **Selmer** of Albany OR. copied the obituary of her **great-great** grandfather from "The American Unionist" of Salem of 11 Feb. **1867**. Loretta says he and wife Elizabeth had **11** children.

DIED

At his residence in Marion County, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, A.D, **1867**, Nebuzaradan COFFEY, aged seventy-six years, four months, and twenty-two days.

The deceased was born in North Carolina in 1790, moved to Kentucky when very young; **was** married in 1610 to a Kiss Lasley, who was fourteen days older than **himself** and who survives him; moved to Illinois in **1831**; made a profession of Christianity in **1834**, while Edward **v.** Baker was preaching in the vicinity of his residence; moved to Oregon in 1848; took and held **a** land claim in Marion county, and continued to reside upon it till his **death**.—**Com.**

(California, Kentucky and Illinois papers please copy)

The 1850 Census Lafayette Co. **Miss.** shows this family: Ambrose Coffey 30 b. NC, Arthur StJohn **24** b. TN, Sarah StJohn 21 b, NC, Columbus **W.** StJohn 5 b. Miss. Sarah was a Coffey whose descendants include Nannie B. StJohn. Nannie's son; William Oscar Ford and William's daughter, Nadine(Mrs Charles; Scalletty of Parsons KS and our CCC cousin.

John Donovan of Longview **Wash.** needs some **help**. He has only that Mary Margaret Coffee (b. 1785 Ohio?) married John William Jordan Sr. in Ross Co. Ohio in 1825.