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COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE

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GRANDPAS AND GRANDMAS: There will be a night soon when the **little'ns** climb onto your **lap** and ask for a story. This could be a good time to tell them of **Christmas'**s past, like the original one and the ones you enjoyed with your grandparents, so they can retell it when they are old,

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

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DEAR COUSIN, At about this time last year we were trying to formulate ideas on some sort of family wide letter to exchange **COFFEE/COFFEY** data. WE plunged awkwardly but hopefully in January with an introductory issue. Encouraged by quick response from several of you four more followed. This December of '81 issue brings us to another crossroad. Most subscriptions have expired with this copy. So we'll be looking forward to the mail each day to get your order for **1982**. Our files have many letters telling how much you have enjoyed CCC and a few where cousins have discovered each other. Some researchers have found answers which was the idea in the first place. There is also one letter stating that we should raise the price and/or reduce the issues to two per year, as another family did. But the amount of material submitted demands at least four issues a year and even with 20 cent postage and nominal printing increases it can be done if there are enough Cousins. And still only **\$4.00** per year. Will we see you in '82?

A Very Merry Christmas from Cousin Len

ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

Willard Heiss is a certified genealogist, a fellow of The National Genealogical Society, Chairman of the genealogy section of the Indiana Historical Society, and author of "ANCESTORITIS" weekly in the INDIANAPOLIS NEWS. His column appeared first in 1977 and has discussed over 200 areas of **interest** to researchers. Mr. Heiss has given his permission to print excerpts of his columns.

We told in Sept. about the Coffey family story from the CHATTANOOGA TIMES of 1934. TIMES V.P. Michael Golden says to feel free to print. "Just mention our name."

DEAD END ROADS

Cousin J. C. Coffey asks: Who was the father of Jesse b. 1798 Wilkes Co. **N.C.?** When did he die?

PEGGY SWENSEN is another descendant of Merideth Coffey **1769-1838**, by way of James **1803-c1880**, Calvin 1839-1907, and Joel **1885-1951**. Peggy researches at the LDS library and promises to share more of her data later.

MR. & MRS. GUY SHARITZ are researching his family: Guy's mother was Etta, dau. of Pleasant Stock **Coffee**, and Louiza Marschell Potts. Etta b. and d, in McMinn Co. TN HELDA JORDAN **PUGH**, ED. D. requests help with Bashaba Coffee Jones who was parent of Nancy 1802, Mary 1803, **Jesse 1805**, John **1807**, Sarah **1809**, Andrew **1812**, Lewis **Neal** 1814, Elizabeth 1816, Moses **1810**, Malinda **1818**, William **1820**, Lucinda 1822, Bashaba 1824, Patsey 1825 and possibly Henry? (see "BRANCHES" for more)

ALMA COFFEY **HUGUENARD** is looking for parents of John Coffey, b. 1797 KY? He m. Rebecca Toler (Towler) in Wayne Co. Ky **1846** and they had Catherine, Caleb, Franklin, Jane, Polly, Rebecca, (maybe John was from Russell Co. Ky. or VA.)

WALKER COFFEY is wondering about Dennie **Elzada** (fern) born after the civil war and raised in Collin Co. Tex. She m. _____? and her daughter m. **Orlia** Jackson Moss in Collin Co. What about Millie **Coffey(ee)** m. George Parks near **Dalto** Ga. George died during the war and his 6 dau, were raised by grandparents; Elisha Coffey and Mary Morris.

ELIZABETH HECOX offers her solution to family connections that have **mystefied** many of us. See "BRANCHES" She is descended from Willis and Vellotta (Haynes) Coffey thru their son **Nebuzaraden (1831Ky-1901Colo)** and Anna (Baxter) b. **1843** Mo. Willis' grave is at Stewartville, MO. Our cousin would like to locate a copy of "Descendants of **Sabathiel Coffey**" by Bill and Pearl Dugan. Can a cousin help her?

LEN COFFEY would like information on the family of the James Coffee in Surry Co. N.C. 1780-1789 and in Stokes Co. 1789-1820. Did he have a son, Lewis M. or M. Lewis b. 1798?

MARY COFFEY GREIST M.D. recently treated another "Cousin" and learned of CCC. Dr. Greist is the dau. of George **Michael (dec.)** and granddaughter of Cyrus? Humphry and Narcissa Coffey of Greensburg Ky. If you know more of her family write to her at 1175 Princeton Place, Zionsville, Ind. **46077**

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We apologize for errors in Sept. 1. Francis Coffey lives in AZ (Arizona) not AR (Arkansas). We should stick with the old abbreviations so cousins not living in ME, MN, MS, **MI**, MA, MO, MT are not confused. **2.** In the Cousins list, Bennie Loftins ancestor should have read: "Benjamin **1747-1834**" as she did in "BRANCHES". **3. 3.** Any correspondence missed during our move. If your letter was returned, try us one more time at the new address(see cover). **4.** Original copies of the March »81 issue are gone. Requests for these will be filled by a photocopy of the master. Only a few of the other '81 issues are left. **5.** In January of 81 we suggested the possibility of forming a family association. Thinking further it seems these groups are largely to keep families in touch with relatives and events through a newsletter. We had hoped to get some current news but it hasn't happened. Maybe we have our association already even if it is mostly genealogy and history. What's your opinion? To register with a state **would** surely require a fee, bookkeeping and reports at some expense. Right now our only expenses are postage and printing.

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA

DOROTHY SHAMBLIN wondered if we have listed CCC with the "GENEALOGICAL HELPER" ? No, we have not. Nor have we sent copies to the LDS Library or other **excellent** genealogical exchanges. It has been offered to some State Historical Libraries suggested by members. In the beginning we were all challenged to be the missionaries for CCC. Feel free to speak for us and advise everyone you can think of. You have been doing a good job and our growth shows it. Thanks Dorothy for the idea. This issue will go to a dozen new prospects given to us by MARVIN COFFEY of Ashland Oregon.

A PEEK IN THE MAIL BOX

Cousin JOHN DONOVAN sends a section of "Frontier Times" April-May 1981. It includes a hilarious tale by **Walter** Gann about his efforts as a novice hog farmer in Concho Co. Tx. of **1913**. An interested observer of the experiment was neighbor, Fogg Coffey who offered droll advice from time to time but usually too late to help.

The MCCLUNG HISTORICAL COLLECTION of the Knoxville, Tenn Public Library requests our mailings. Happy to oblige. We'll also send copies to **Morristown-Hamblen** Library at Morristown Tenn. Our offer of gratuitous copies should be conditioned: The recipient **shoul** be a central research facility for Coffee/Coffey data; should request on it's letterhead stating the type of **filin** or disposition of the material.

MARCIA MORGAN advises us we can find some Coffee/Coffey information if we read "The Life Of Andrew Jackson" by Marques Jones pub. by Bobbs Merrill 1938.

JEFF RADCLIFFE checked Madison Co. Ky records and found these marriages: James **Coffey-Cassey** Collins May 1872 consent by Emily Collins for Cassy V/ithers? also William A. **Coffey-Elizabeth** Hill Feb. 1851. T.J.(P.J.?) **Coffee-Elizabeth** Jane Bowen Sept. **1882**. Abraham Coffey-S.A. Sharp 1884. J.E. **Coffey-Lizzie** Hatfield 1891. John L. **Coffey-Janice** Long 1898. Park **Coffey-LizzieChallis** 1901. Gilbert **Coffey-Nettie** Mullikin 1906. Thomas **Coffey-Lizzie** Fathergill 1908. Other family data is included in the above references.

BETTY STEWART is descended **from** James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland's son Reuben 1759-1842. Reubens daughter Elizabeth and Thomas **Sumpter** were parents of John **1811**, Thomas **1813**, Polly 1815, Elizabeth 1817. John Sumpter and Nancy Jane Kirby had Dora Ann who m. William Henry **Stilfield**. Their **Rolla** Coleman m. Floy Louise Huckaby and are Betty's parents.

I.V. CRAWFORD adds to our information on George Reuben Coffey **1893-1979**(see Sept.) He was the son of John Henry 1864-1904 and grandson of John D. and Mellissa G. (Harris). Mrs. Crawford's mother Minnie Cate was the baby sister of John Henry. J. H. and Mary Jane Metts had 5 boys: William Henry **1886-1961**, John D. 1891-1904, George R. , Alex Bright 1904-1935, _____?. I. V. is now researching John Coffey **1773-** Lancaster Dist. **S.C.** who m. Margaret Baskin. Their son David P. and Mary Cogbill? were married when?

WALKER J. COFFEY helps on two items in the Sept. issue: The 1850 Census of Lafayette

Co. Miss. where we reported Ambrose Coffey was really Andrew B. Coffey, Walker, a faithful Cousin from the start of CCC, and Nadine Scaletty had corresponded previously but only discovered they are real cousins thru Sept, CCC.

JOHN CLAYTON COFFEY listed in Sept. requests we just call him J. C. For his family see "BRANCHES" page **3.5**

Remember DOROTHY SHAMBLIN? She tells us the 1786/7. Census of N. C. lists this data: **COFFEE/COFFEY'S** in Wilkes were Benjamin, John, Thomas, Reuben, Elizabeth, Jane, Joel, Isaiah. In Surry we find James and in Hyde are William, and William Cohoun. WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

VELDA B. COFFEE	1603 Madison Ave. Amarillo TX 79102	from Joel	1730-1789
CARL E. COFFEY	609 N. Church Leon Iowa 50144	Newton Eli	1823-1890
Mr. & Mrs. RAYMOND COFFEY	Garden Grove Iowa 50103	"	"
DR. HUBERT S. COFFEY	2715 Shasta Rd. Berkely CA 94700	Lewis M.	1798-1844
MARCIA COFFEY MORGAN	5113 Munro Rd. Camillus NY 13031	n	"
LESLIE RANDELS GILLUND	12754 Radisson Rd. N.E. Blaine MN 55434	Research/Arch	Spec.
ELIZABETH ROGERS HECOX	2312 Revere Lane Colo Sprgs, CO 80907	Willis and Velotta	
ALENA HUGUENARD	1005 N. Fairmont Morristown TN 37814	John	1797-
NELDA JORDAN PUGH, ED.D.	1308 S. 58 St. Birmingham AL 35222	Bashaba Coffee Jones	
GUY & GLADYS SHARITZ	Rt. 2 Box 351 Englewood TN. 37329	Pleasant Stock Coffey	
MRS. DOUGLAS SMITH	P.O.Box 517 St. Francisville, LA 70755	Willis and Velotta	
PEGGY COFFEY SWENSEN	1381 Butler Ave. Salt Lake City UT 84102	Merideth	1769-1838
BETTY L. STEWART	P.O.Box 5247 Reno Nev. 89513	Reuben	1759-1842

"ANCESTORITIS" (by Willard Heiss)

___ veritable treasure trove is the American State Papers." In 1831 Congress authorized Gales and Seaton to print ___ copies of selected documents. The series starts with 1789 and ending in 1823-1838. There are 38 volumes in the work covering 10 classes of records. But it is "Land Grants and Claims" 1789-1837 that will most interest genealogists. An every name index was compiled and published in 1972 by Phillip W. McMullin. These claims are private claims as opposed to public claims and are the key to thousands of names based on British, French, and Spanish Grants in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, and Wisconsin. (Article of Aug. 15, 1981)

In California a record of primary importance for the family historian is the "Great Register". The registry act was approved in 1866. The county clerk was required to provide suitable books in which were to be recorded the names of all qualified voters. Changes in the law were made in later years that required various records including in 1895 the requirement that registrants must list full name, occupation, age, height, complexion, color of eyes, hair, place of residence, naturalization, and other data. An example from Butte Co. reads: Thomas Webster, age 44, born England, blacksmith, residence in Chico, 24 Oct. 1872. Transferred from Colusa Co, Father naturalized 1841 Clinton Co. N. Y. 21 June 1875 removed to Yuba Co.

Article of Sept. 5 1981

Numerous newspaper "Query" columns appear in the U. S. Anita Cheek Milner has compiled a listing of these as "Newspaper Genealogical Column Directory" available from Heritage Books, 3602 Maureen, Suite 123 Bowie MD 20715. Cost \$8.00.

Article of June 6, 1981

CCC will advise cousins if Mr. Heiss has covered an area of interest to you by looking at this extensive list of subject matter. Send SASE.

"Indiana Ancestors" is a widely distributed Query column for those with an Indiana connection. Limit requests to 35 words plus dates. Send correspondence to above at The Indianapolis Star, P.O.Box 145 Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

DONT FORGET TO RENEW FOR <82 !!!!!



The Coffey family which is widely scattered through the southeastern states, traces its ancestry to John Coffey, who emigrated from Ireland to Virginia in 1637, and the ancient Irish family from which John Coffey came is said to be descended from Milesius, king of Spain, through the line of **Heremon**, his 8th son. The founder of the family was Eroa, son of **Oliol Molt**, king of Ireland in A.D. 463. The ancient name was **Cathmhoghas** and signifies, "**leader** in battle".

Another clan of the name Coffee, sometimes calling themselves, Cowhig, is descended from **Ith**, uncle of Milesius, and was formerly settled in the territories at present known as **Barriroe**, east and west, in the County of Cork, where the former splendor of **castles, ruins** today still attest.

John Coffey of Elizabeth City county, the early Virginia immigrant, was the ancestor of Edward Coffey, who died in Essex County in 1716, leaving issue: John Coffey who lived for a while in Essex county and then removed to Spotsylvania county where he lived until 1747, when he settled in Albemarle county. John Coffey married Jane Graves, and his will which was made March 31, 1774, and proven at the March term of the court of Albemarle county, **mentions his** wife, Jean, and children James, Thomas, William, John, Edmond, Rubin, Benjamin, Winifred Moran and Betty Fields. Witnesses included Charles Patrick and Alexander Craig. Benjamin and Thomas Coffey qualified as executors.

James Coffey the oldest son of John, was born in the year of 1729, married about the year 1750, in Orange county, Virginia, Elizabeth Cleveland, the daughter of Alexander Cleveland. On August 30th, 1750, James Coffey entered land (**115 acres**) in North Garden, Albemarle county adjoining John Coffey

On Dec. 13th 1764, James Coffey bought from Thomas Jefferson, **Gent.** of Albemarle county, Colony of Virginia, 300 acres in Amherst county, near Tye river, for a consideration of 300 pounds. Witnesses, John Harvey, Samuel Woods, William Coffey, and James Glen. (To be continued in CCC)

BRANCHES

Family Chart by J. C. Coffey of Dallas Tex.

Jesse Coffey b. Wilkes Co. N.C. 1798 m. 1821 Winford Crumpton. Their children were: Larkin, Louis E, William, Eli, Vann, John Gordon.

John Gordon Coffey b. GA 1840 d. 1920 m. Mary Monroe Pettit. Their children were: James Elbert, Mary Ellen, Martha **Emiline**, Millie Angeline, Amanda Jane, Fannie **Permelia**, Raymond Lucious, Willie Eleanor, John Pettit, Thomas Masterson, Savannah Georgia, Martin Dewitt, Effie Susannah, Dillie Pearl.

Martin Dewitt Coffey b. GA 1881 d. AL 1934 m. Mary Laconia Hamilton. Their children: Clarence Jackson, Edna, Clifton Thomas, John Clayton, Elbert Carl, Corilla Norean, Raymond Paul, Martin Dewitt Jr., Cecil Markus. **John** Clayton b. Ala 1911, m.

Mary Elizabeth Cornelius 1934. Their children: Clayton Douglas and David Anthony.

Bashaba Coffee b. 1773 probably what is **now** Oconee County, S.C. married William Jones in 1800. Both are buried at Bethel Baptist Church, Tiger (Rabun County) Ga. According to Andrew Jackson Ritchie, "Sketches of Rabun County History" 1959, Bashaba was the sister of Joel, Cleveland, Elijah, Elisha, John, and General Edward Coffee. However I cannot verify this: **Nelda** Jordan Pugh.



Rev. Newton Eli Coffey 2 May 1823-13 Jan 1890; m. 1843 Martha Louise Vermillion 4 May 1827-27 Mar 1904

Polly	Benjamin Coe	William 1848-1891	Birch	NJ (Jackson)					
d. young	m. Lucy Barbre	Malena Barbre	m. Lou Slater	Matthew Xanthies	Nancy Jane	Robert E.	Kezziah	Cleveland L.	
	Annie Barbre	1855-1920		died in inf.	John Williams	Sally Coffey	John Ballinger	Hattie Rhine	

Cress C.	Newton 1875-1969	Effy Elmer	Clyde	Vivian Zella	Benjamin T.	Ethel	Loren Otto (Dick)
m. Ethel Smith	m. 1896	d. young	m. Carrie McAble		m. Nellie Allred	m. Clede Pollard	m. Marie Greenlee
	Adelia G. Robinson				Mary McKart		
	"Gertie" 1878-1973						

Carl Edward	William Moody	Leo Newton	Opal Leota	Mildred Valentine	Carol Collette	Velma Leona
m. 1920/1952	m.	m.		m. Ben	m.	
Mary Hoffman	Lucille Patterson				Frank Johnson	
Alice West		Elsie Walker			F. E. Dickert	

Erma Ellen Raymond Donald Dorothy Irene (submitted by Illa D. Coffey)
 m. E. E. Clare m. Vinala A. Allen m. Floyd A. Smith

Carl Edward 1897-

Kenneth Eugene 1923-1942	Darrell d. 1924-	Betty Imogene 1926-1940	Richard Newton 1929-
	m. Illa Dorsey		m. Mary Jean Mackey

Carta Jay 1949	Lucinda Sue 1950	Diana D. 1952	Matthew D. 1954	Melissa Lou 1956
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Lawrence Lee 1952	Marcia Anne 1955	Joyce Lynne 1958	Vivian Louise 1966
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Chesley Coffey m. Jane Cleveland Their children were: Joel m. Martha Step; Salathiel m. Elizabeth ? ; Chesley Jr. m. Margaret Baldwin; Nebuzaraden m. Elizabeth Hayes; Nathan m. Mary Saunders; Elizabeth m. Rutherford Coffey; Newton m. Sarah Merideth; Eli m. Mary (Polly) Coffey.
 The children of Nathan were Rutherford, Mary (Polly), Absolem, Joel, Elizabeth, Grace, William Saunders, Nancy, and Catherine. The children of Eli were: Mariah m. Elijah Coffey; Willis m. Velotta Haynes; Elizabeth m. Jacob Wolford; Nancy m. Fielding Coffey; Salathiel m. Nancy Dunbar, Mary Ann Bollar; Sirena m. Darias Campbell, Nathaniel m. Mary Carter; Stanton m. Mary Saufley; William m. Martha Johnson; Mary Ann m. Joseph Hayes; Reuben. The children of Eli and Mary were born 1802-1830. Some other dates omitted by CCC.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Rogers Hecox who cautions that

much is yet to be proved