

# Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse

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In 1972 Marion Kaminkow issued a bibliography and . in 1977 a supplement listing "Genealogies In The Library Of Congress". She found 22,738 titles. In 1981 she issued another volume called "A Complement to the Genealogies in the Library of Congress" listing 22,000 titles not in the Library of Congress.

CCC IS A NEWSLETTER TO COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COFFEY/COFFEE FAMILY OF NORTH AMERICA, ISSUED MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER \$4.00 for 1982.

DEAR COUSIN: Now we are in our second year as a nationwide family. Your letters with data and personal comments have made us feel we know you well, even if we have not met personally. Sometimes though we need to know how to list you. We should probably show on your pedigree your full given name. But if you are Wm. Robert Smith and known as Billy Bob or E.R. among friends and family, we'd like to know that too for other references. We appreciate tips on composition and form that cousins have volunteered. We will try to follow these to improve the readability & understandability of CGC.

Cousin Len (Leonard Noel Coffey)

DEAD END ROADS

DARALEEN WADE has been contacted by Mrs. Karen Long of St. Louis, looking for siblings of Elisabeth Coffee b. 1781 who m. Thomas Hobdy/Hobday about 1800.

NORMAN and CHARLINE SHOCKLEY report on his line from Marvel Coffey and Rachel Boone who m. 2 Feb. 1813 in Burke Co. N.C. They had \_\_\_\_\_ who m. Wm. Loss; Lavinia m. Isaac W. Odom; Elizabeth m. Wm. Petty; Temperance m. James Orr; Irvin S. m. Nancy Hughes; Wm. Ezra m. Squire r. Drusilla Parker; Campbell m. Caroline Eads. Marvel and Rachel lived in Wayne Co. Ky soon after their marriage where the first 5 or 6 children were born then to McMinn Co. Tn and to Missouri in 1835.

CAROL LCH3E is looking for info on John William Coffey. He was in Cedar Rapids Iowa in 1880 working as a barber, weighing only 70 pounds. Soon after he joined the circus as "Dude, the human skeleton from Ohio". John W. b. 1852 m. Mary Evelene Curtright b. Mich 1851 d. Okla 1935. Children were: Centennial Barnard (1876-1943); Mariah (Mazie) Kelmond 1877-1959 m. Rezia Fuqua; Thomas Ivan 1879-1937 m. Eva Killer; Louis Neal 1881- : John William 1883-1884; Baby Dimple 1887-1887; Patricia Hoffman 1887-1888.

KAREN McLEMORE is descended from Henry Milton Coffey b. 1858 in Hickory N. C. He d. 1931 in Sweetwater OK. m. Lucena Downs ca 1851-1919, parents of Granville, Martha Jane, Joe Lee, Ida, and John. Joe Lee b. 1888 TX d. 1928 Eric OK. m. 1910 Ora Avalene Thomas 1887-1951. Their eldest, Anna Lee m. Stanley Ereeland and were the grandparents of Karen (Davis) McLeMore.

NIC BARNETTE would like the parents of Sarah Coffee b. 181? NC d. 1893 Atlanta Ga. She m. Jesse Brawner Jr. in 1833. Jesse d. in Albert Co. GA 1844. Sarah's parents were b. in VA. Could her dad have been the Lewis Coffey age 73 in 1850 in Gwinnette Co. GA?

MARJORIE BOROUGHS asks about Margaret Coffey who m. Wm. Simonson in Daviess Co. Ind. 1847. She left there about 1880 after he died and settled in S.E. Kansas. Who were her parents?

KENNETH R. FORTNER is a great great grandson of Eliza Coffee and Henderson Spockman m. in 1834. Her father was Merideth who d. 1838, Grainger Co. TN.

MRS MARVIS P. DILBECK would like info on Jesse S. Coffey b. 19 July 1799 d. 80 Oct 1858 or his sons: Thomas W., Larkin D., Lewis Elbert, William R., Elic., Martin Van, and John Gordon b. 1840. The last is grandfather of cousins J. G. Coffey and Howard L. Dilbeck. Jesse G. was in Gwinnette Co. GA in 1830, "Land Lottery" 1832, Forsyth Co. 1840 and Gilmer (now Pickens) Co. in 1850. Marvis also suspects that Elisha Coffey (mentioned by Walker Coffey in Doc 1981 CCC) is a son of the Jesse Coffey in Pendleton Dist. SO 1790 and 1300. This Jesse d. by 1808 and his widow Nancy is in 1810 census. Elisha and Mary (Morris) are in Murray Co. GA in 1850, 60, 70. In 1830 they were in Rabun Co. with 6 other Coffey families.

HERBERT R. LAKE needs a clue to the parents of Alexander Coffey b. KY 1851. "Alex" was a brakeman on the Rock Island RS then operated the Avondale Hotel at Herington KS til about 1909. His death in Fresno CA was reported to the Herington Times on July 13, 1911 by brother J. W. Coffey.

MACK E. BROWN would like information on the wife of Reuben Coffey 1759-1342



## DEAD END ROADS (cont.)

MRS W. D. GRIFFIN hopes a cousin can reveal the parents and wife of John C. Coffee b. 1773, father of David P. Coffee a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister,

EDITH HAILSTONE'S ancestor was Benjamin Franklin Coffey, farmer and preacher m. Susanah Lay 1857, Susan Studebaker 1874 and d. 1909 all in Adair Co. MO. Where in Ind. was Ben Born 25 Feb, 1835? Who were his father b. TN and Mother b. Ohio or Ind?

CONSTANCE PLATT is the gg granddaughter of Rev. Nathan Jackson Coffey of Ky and ILL. son of Eli and Mary(Polly). Her line is through the Rev's daughter Louvina 1849-1936 m. Thomas Key. Ivey Jackson Key 1881-1959 m. Margaret Cordery. They were parents of Beatrice Key 1907- She and Leo Connolly are Connie Platts parents.

## A PEEK IN THE MAILBOX

ANNE KONKLE says a Major W. A. Coffey is mentioned on P.37 of John Hunt Morgan and His Raiders by Edison H. Thomas.

TIM PETERMAN has written The Chesley Coffey Family an 18 page analysis of why Joel d. 1789, Salathiel d. 1784, Chesley 1755-1818, Nebuzaraden 1757-1797, and Nathan 1760-1823 were probably brothers and why they were probably sons of Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland. There is a charge of \$2.50 for copying and postage. Order direct from Tim Peterman. Tim also mentions the tragic skywalk collapse at the Kansas City Hyatt in July 81 killed a Coffey from Leavenworth and his small daughter.

BENNIE COFFEY LOFTIN would like to hear from descendants of Elizabeth Ausborne and William Coffey. William was the son of Jane Graves and John Coffey.

PATTI YOUNG reminds us that reunions will be coming up this summer. She is involved with Logan Coffee's descendants who meet at Amarillo TX. She would like cousins to help her on their project by submitting copies and explanations of of Coffee/Coffey family crests. Please mail to Patti at 8915 Datapoint #44B San Antonio Tx 78229. We are grateful to Patti for leading us to Mickey Dungan.

MICKEY DUNGAN responded quickly to our phone request for a copy of Descendents of Salathiel Coffey. This work is a thick collection of family data sheetson the family of Salathiel 1812-1892 m. 1st Nancy Dunbar 2nd Mary Ann Ballew. He founded a large family in Collin Co. Tx. Sales and Nancy had Lettitia 1838-1868; Mary A. 1840-1918; William S. 1842-1922; Harriett 1844-1891; Milton W. 1846-1922; Zachary Taylor 1848-1922; and Nancy Jane 1851-1946. Sale and Mary had Margaret 1856-1930; Joseph Catherine (Josie) 1859-1925; and Sterling P. 1862-1944. These and about 1800 other descendents are listed and indexed. Mickey says \$10.00 will cover cost and mailing from his home at 2604 Pin Oak, Plano Tx. 75075 (his last name is D-U-N-G-A-N)

MARVIN D. FRAZEE first wrote in Dec. 81 for a query in this issue and to order back issues. Working quickly with the cousins list and other CCC data he wrote in Feb. 82 to disregard his query for he had found his answers through a cousin. (See Branches)

WALKER J. COFFEY is working on a name index of the CCC. Walker has been very helpful to many cousins for years and now since CCC started is helping it.

WILLARD A. ISRAEL would like to hear from any descendents of John Coffey 1753-1825. His children were Levi, Lewis, Elizabeth Strange, Sarah Israel, James, Nancy Pendley, Eleanor Crumpton, Sealy Smith.

LORETTA SELMER reports the death of her cousin: Col. Kenneth Harold Frank Coffey, USAF(ret). He was born in Marion Co. Oregon 24 Dec 1913 and died 7 May 1981. The son of Orey (Ora) Gay Coffey and Irene Loveland Kenneth is buried at Willamette Natl Cemetery.

LEU COFFEY lost his beloved "aunt Iva" on 7 Oct 1931. She was the eldest of 8 children of John D. and Belle (Gibbs) Coffey and was b. in Ind 5 Mar 1893. Iva became a teenage teacher and sole family wage earner in Morgan Co. Ind. Some of her first pupils were her little brothers. She m. Earl Farrell of Iola Ks. in 1916. A life-long teacher, she was Superintendent of Allen Co. Ks schools 6 years then was instrumental in formulating state wide remedial reading methods.



LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY TREE by Penelope Johnson Allen: Chattanooga Times 15 Apr 1934  
(Part II) James Coffey and his family made their home in Amherst Co. Virginia, from 1764 until 1776, when he sold his plantation on Tye River and moved to North Carolina, settling in that part of Surry county that was formed into Wilkes.

James Coffey was an early convert to the Baptist faith and became a missionary about 1757. He is said to be the founder of the old Mulberry Fields Baptist church, which was located at the present site of Wilkesboro, NC.

On March 8, 1782, James Coffey sold to Robert Whiteside for a consideration of 400 pounds a tract of 40 acres at the mouth of Warrior Creek in Wilkes Co. (Book C, page 27, deed records of North Carolina)

James Coffey died in Wilkes county in 1786 where his will is recorded in Book 1, page 202 (wills of Wilkes Co. N. C.) This instrument, which was proven at the October term of court mentions his wife, Elizabeth Coffey, and his children: Betty Whiteside, John, James Jr. Reuben, Ambrose, Eli, Rice, Martha Durham, Joel, Lewis, and the heirs of deceased son, Archelaus. Sons John and Reuben are named as executors and the witnesses were William Lenoir, Peter Holt, and Benjamin Coffey.

James Coffey was a patriot during the Revolutionary War and all of his sons that were old enough served in Col. Benjamin Cleavelands regiment of Wilkes county "Bulldogs". Both of his sons-in-law were also Revolutionary Soldiers.

Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey lived for many years after the death of her husband. She moved to Tennessee with her son, Rice, and is said to have died in Bedford county, near Wartrace, in 1827, aged almost 100 years.

Of the children of James and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey—the oldest child, Elizabeth (called Betsy) married Robert Whiteside. They were the parents of several children, among whom was Jonathon Whiteside, an early settler of Chattanooga,

Reuben, Ambrose, Eli, Joel, and Lewis Coffey, sons of James Coffey moved to KY. Reuben Coffey received a pension for his Revolutionary services in Wayne county, KY where he was living in 1840. Ambrose born in 1762 married Mildred Moore and emigrated early to KY. He is mentioned as being at Fort Boonesboro, Oct. 16, 1779. In 1786 he was living in Madison county KY. Among his children were Jesse, Jefferson who was living at Washington on the Brazos River in Texas in 1844 | Washington Coffey and a daughter, America, who married Sam Lusk, of McMinnville TN. and moved to Texas. (to be cont)

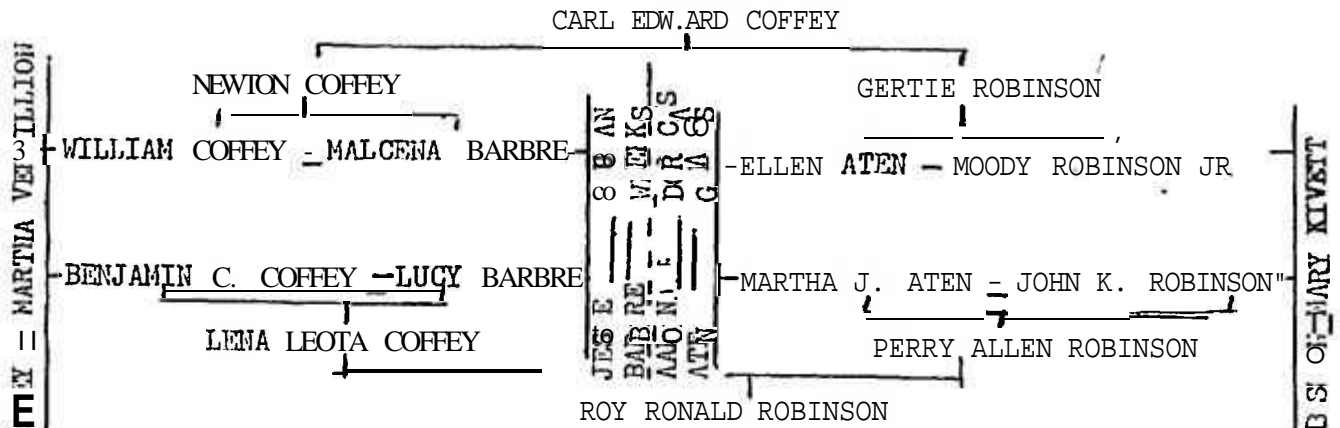
#### ANCESTORITIS by Willard Heiss

A few years ago a well known genealogical publishing house added to its series of Federal census indexes, Indiana 1830 Index Census. This index was not carefully compiled. If for example you were looking for Robert Besseck, he would be found under Byseck. Other such anomalies are Byrcle instead of Byrch; Cahmbers instead of Chambers; Sshelby not Shelby; Ssgodson, not Stogden; Vimworthy, not Kenworthy, Viries, not Vories. The family history section of the Indiana Historical Society has issued a newer index correcting 6000 errors and using a standard spelling for the more common names. Jan 23, 1982

The Texas land system is like no other. The rectangular system of townships and ranges was not adopted in Texas. Land descriptions referred to testimonios, leagues, sitios, labors, porcions, and measurements were expressed in varas. Some were in cordels. The Republic of Texas is reported to have begun with \$55.68 in its treasury. Aug 1, 1981

For the researcher in the Old Northwest Territory, one of the greatest deficiencies is the lack of the 1810 census for Ohio. Fortunately there is a surrogate that offsets this lack. Ohio is one of the few states that has preserved tax records. Those are not as widely known or used as the tax records of Kentucky or Virginia. July 25, 1981

LEN COFFEY reports that in 1840 and in 1850 many descendents of James Coffey lived in the Owen/Monroe Co. Ind. Area. Among them were: Benjamin F. age 14 living with Isaac G. Franklin; William T. living with Jacob Marsh; Barton R. living with John Cole; James age 13 living with William Mayfield; and Martha 14 living with the family of Daniel Mason, A study of this area should benefit several cousins and CCC will try to add to the data in the June Issue.



This unique chart by Tim Peterman is about the only way to show the strange relationships of Roy Robinson to Carl Coffey, making them second cousins on four sides, having identical great **grandparents**. Roy Ronald 1899- m. Elvessa Ellis. Their children were Ella Louise b. 1927 m. Raymond W. Peterman; Roy Ellis b. 1930; Martha Lee 1933- m. Joseph C. **Veasman**. The children of Ella Louise and Raymond Peterman are Raymond W. Jr 1957-\_\_\_; Timothy Edward 1959-\_\_\_; Stephen Clark 1961-\_\_\_; and John Richard 1964-\_\_\_.

Salathiel Coffey b. 1781 **NC** married 25 Oct 1808 Mary(Polly) Blair, Adair Co. Ky. Their daughter Dicy(Dicey) b. 1825 Ky d. Iowa, m. 1st Milton Simpson Adair Co. Ky. Emily Francis Simpson b. 1859 Ky d. 1897 Iowa, m. John J. Odell, Madison Co. Iowa. Dicy Francis Odell b. 1890 IA d. 1913 SD. m. Joseph Paul Frazee, Aurora Co. SD. John Joseph Frazee b. 1911 SD m. Edith Mae Judd, 3turgis(Meade Co.) SD Submitted by: Marvin Dale Frazee b. 1948 Rapid City SD.

Benjamin Franklin Coffey b. 25 Feb 1835 Ind. d. 26 Sept 1909 Adair Co. Mo. n. 1st Susanah Lay b. 3 Aug 1833 TN d. 27 Apr. 1874 Adair Co. Mo. Their children were Mary A. 1858-1874; Sarah R. Novinger 1860-1886; Genette M. 1859-1865; Lewis P. 1862-1874; Louisa Elizabeth(Betty) Howard 1865-1953; Joseph A. 1867-1908; Wm. L. 1869-1872; Elisha 1873-1953 d. Peru Ind. m. Mary Buonavista (Bay) Masters.

m. 2nd Susan Studebaker 1842 Ind-1933 Yakima Wash. Their children were Julia F. Osborn 1875-1903; Fairy Belle Leedom 1877-1960; Henry A. 1878-1909; Effie M. 1882-1883; Olie J. 1887-1905. Descendents of the Howards are in Montana; of Elisha Coffey are in the Los Angeles area; and the Leedoms live in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Submitted by Edith B. (Howard) Hailstone.

FROM ADAIR CO. COURT ORDERS at Columbia Ky 1802-1808 some names listed are: Coffee; Chesley, John, Martin, James, Joel, Nathaniel, Cleveland. Also Capt. Wolford, David Bellew, John Stapp. Collected by T. Peterman

LERNEDA GAUDINO is descended from Reubin Coffey's daughter Elizabeth b. ca 1789 and married to Thomas Sumpter. Problem is: Which Reuben? She says more later.

KAREN LONG traces to an Elisabeth Coffee and Thomas Hobdy who m. in Sumner Co. TN. They moved to Ohio Co. KY. about 1828. Their son and Karens gggrandfather was one of triplets. Thomas was son of Robert Hobday and Talitha Cotton. A John Coffee lived in Ohio Co. in 1810. His son Phillip m. Elisabeth Ashby and his (John's) daughter Chloe m. Wm. E. Hudson in Ohio Co. Could Elisabeth Hobdy be Johns sister or daughter? Could John have been the same John of Adair and Cumberland Co. Ky?

ANCESTORITIS by Willard Heiss A record unique to Georgia is the land lottery record. In 1805, -07, -20, -21, -27, and twice in 1832, the state of Georgia gave away, in land lots, former Indian lands by means of state lotteries. These are a goldmine of information for genealogists. Almost every head of family is listed.