

# Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse

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From CUMBERLAND CO(KY) HISTORY by Wells p. 412: Edmund Alloway was the ancestor of Archelaus Strange(1780-1852) who married Elizabeth Coffey of Wilkes Co. NC, moved to Kentucky in 1799 in Cumberland Co. , now Adair.

In a reference not copied, only remembered, Len Coffey recalls an explanation of the relationship between the Alloway family and the Strange family that led to many people using the name Alloway-Strange. Did you notice on page 4 how many of the Stranges had the middle initial "A"?

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Made by Donna Coffey



## DEAR COUSIN

Starting our third year of CCC, we have these thoughts. 1. When we hear of floods in the west, tornados in the south, snow storms in the mountains and plains, droughts and other disasters, we cannot avoid thinking of our cousins in those areas. With apprehension we wait for the next letters and hope that the elements have not dealt harshly with **our** family. 2. The reports we receive documented with professional excellence such as that of Kenneth R. Coffee in "Branches off th Tree". 3. Richard and Jacqueline **Dahls** success, by their own hard work. (Page 2, DEC 82; and elsewhere in this issue) 4. How we are spreading out! CCC is going to Australia, thanks to Kathleen Coffee of North Carolina and Rev. Bill Coffee of South Melbourne. And that gives us something else to worry about: the terrible fires in that drought stricken area.

*Cousin Len*

## DEAD END ROADS

EDITH VINES would like to know the origins of Jesse Coffey and his wife Margaret. They lived about 1815 in Ashe Co. N.C. and in 1844 sold land which may be a part of today's Moses H. Cone Park on Flat Top Mountain. Their daughter, **Margaret(Peggy)** married Zacharias Coffey and -the lived in Caldwell Co. N.C. A son of Zacharias and Peggy Coffey was Raban Scott Coffey b. 1853. His son, Julius Adare Coffey b. 1874 was Edith's father.

VIRGINIA PETERSEN requests correspondence with descendants of Carter Jackson Dalton and Mary A. Coffey Dalton. Louisa b. 1836 m. 1857 James P. **Bullen**. Perlina b. 1837 m. 1857 James **Madison** Singleton. Mahaly b. 1848. Delpha b, 1850 m. James McAnally. **Hulda m.** Perry Shockley, The Shockleys and **McAnallys** moved to Mo. after the Civil war,

WILL DUNCAN is gathering data on Hiram, Holland and others of the Ambrose Coffey family in search of his own connection. Also would like to know how **Micajah** of Stokes Co. N.C. and later of Franklin Co. Ind. fits in.

ELAINE BROWN is looking for information on John J. Coffee b. ca 1851 Ala. He m. Martha Virginia Epperson. He died ca 1900 at Bromide Okla, Martha died ca 1895 at McMillan Okla. Elaine would like to correspond with other descendants. John J. was the son of William Joel Coffee and grandson of William **Coffee(O' Coffey)** of Dublin Ireland. Elaine's Great grandmother was William Ann "**Annie**" Lemons.

BENNIE LOFTIN having solved so many riddles, would still like information on Catherine Coffey b. Aug 10, 1834 in Tenn, the youngest of Elizabeth Rucker and John **Coffey**. Also the descendants of Rena Cope and John **Coffey** b. ca 1829 living in Rockcastle Ky.

DOROTHY JOHNS believes her ancestor George **Coffee** was a son of Benjamins (b. 1747) and she joins those others looking for a list of "**Benjamins** children.

RUTH LANNING is on the trail of Benjamin's children. She asks: Did Benjamin have a son **Bennett(Benit)**? Did Bennett have a son Collins b. 1809? Caswell b. 1806 is a son of Bennett and had a son named Collins. Collins b. 1809 m. Sarah **Hinkle** and died in Missouri in 1864. He was neighbor to and related? to William Coffey. Sons of Collins and William married twin sisters in West Plains Mo.

## CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

DARRELL AND **ILLA** COFFEY announce the Rev. Newton Eli Coffey Family Reunion for 5 June 1983, They would still like additional information on his **family**. The family gathers at Corydon Iowa.

I.V. CRAWFORD is planning the reunion in Arkansas for Descendants of John Coffey b. 1773 in S.C. m. Margaret Baskin,

WALKER COFFEY helped his cousin Guy Kilgore Coffey celebrate his 100th birthday on last Dec. 15. Guy lives at New Albany, Miss. He is the son of William Harris Coffey and Mary Elizabeth Kilgore who lived to be 99 herself.



## A PEEK IN THE MAILBOX

SHIRLEY DAWSON writes to tell how her sample issue of June 82 struck pay dirt immediately. It led her to Ruth Lanning and they have been able to fill in data for each other. Shirley traces to the Benjamin Coffey/Polly Hayes family through their descendants George Coffee and Margaret Rucker; William E. Coffee and Lucinda Coffee; Arnett Coffee and Kissiah Gray,

MIC BARNETTE is working to prove evidence that the Sarah Coffee b. 1812 N.C. who m. Jesse Brawner was the daughter of Lewis Coffee b. 1777 N.C.; the granddaughter of John Coffey b. 1753 Va. and Polly\_\_\_\_. John was a son of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland. The records that could prove the relationship of Sarah to Lewis were probably lost in the Gwinette Co. Ga. courthouse fire, Mic did find these marriage records of Rabun Co. Ga,

## Pabun County, Ga Marriage Book 1820-1850

p 15	Coffee, Nathan	Polly Garten	18 Oct 1826	19 Oct 1826
23	Coffee, John	Levicy Carter	31 Dec 1833	31 Dec 1833
48	Coffee, James C	Adaline Burns	18 Feb 1836	24 Feb 1836
110	Coffee, Jesse L	Nancy O Singleton	2 Sep 1845	2 Sep 1845
142	Coffee, Starling	Nancy Cannon	1 Jan 1850	1 Jan 1850
53	Coffee, Elizabeth	Charles hopper	15 Sep	15 Sep 1836
84	Coffee, Mary F	Silas Price	19 Mar 1835	12 Jul 1835
92	Coffee, Nangy M	Edward Singleton	31 Aug 1841	31 Aug 1841
104	Coffee, Margaret I	John McLain	6 Jan 1845	12 Jan 1845
105	Coffee, Nancy	William T York	4 Feb 1842	4 Fen 1842
131	Coffee, Elizabeth	WC-Dudley Singleton	17 Mar 1847	26 Mar 1847
133	Coffee, Sarah	Franklin A Beckley	10 Mar 1848	16 Mar 1848

Mic also sent data on Franklin, Habersham, Dekalb, and Fulton Cos. for a later CCC.

MARIE EASTON was sorely missed by CCC in 1982. We now know it was because of the devastating loss of her only son. She is now picking up where she left off and joins us for 1983.

VIRGINIA PETERSEN advises that many Coffeys appear in Cemetery Records. North Side of Clinch Mountain. Grainger Co. Tenn. published by Clarence and Grace McGinnis, P.O. Box 601 Morristown Tn. 37814. \$10.50

We apologize to AMA HUGENARD for listing the wrong first name. We misread it on the original letter.

FRANCES TILLER sends a Kansas City Times article about Coffeyville, Kansas. It discusses conditions in modern day Coffeyville as well as the history of the town. The founding of the town is attributed to Col. James A. Coffey, pioneer, adventurer, trader, leader in 1869. And perhaps most famous for the downfall of the Dalton Gang.

KATHLEEN COFFEE sends copies of the ULSTER LINK of 1980 and 1982. It is written by Rev. H. W. Coffey MBE, MA of South Melbourne Australia. The "Link" is a newsletter and bi-monthly periodical containing news of the Irish. In 1980 the subscription rate was \$3.00/year; \$5.00/ two years. The price may be different today and U.S. dollars may not equal Australian dollars. The "Link" has many articles of Irish and Australian history as well as observations made club excursions to Ireland and the U.S. that the Link organizes. In one article Rev. Coffey describes his hometown, Lisnaskee, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland. In another he pictures the original Cobthaigh lands in County Westmeath. The old Coffey castle has been recycled by later residents and only a low wall of rubble remains to witness the massive size of the original.



## PEEK IN THE MAILBOX (CONT)

CCC was contacted by Mr. John K. Hulston who is working with the State Historical Society of Missouri to prepare a booklet about Col. John Trousdale Coffee. Col. Coffee was a prominent officer from Missouri in the Confederate cause. We found no reference in CCC. Can a cousin help Mr. Hulston? If so write to him at P.O.Box 1591 SSS Springfield MO 65805, if you can help with data on Col. Coffee,

RICHARD AND JACQUELINE COFFEY DAHL have had some success in their search. They have located Jacquelines brother Joseph Henry Jr. and two of her sisters. It seems that the family of Joseph Sr. and Anna Coffey were farmed out to various relatives when the family was broken up. The facts as known thus far show that Joseph Jr. b. 1915 is the eldest child. In addition to Joseph and Jacqueline, there were Charlotte Payne b. 1917, Bernard 1919, Yvonne 1920, Bobbie ?, Dorothea Higgins 1922, Beverly, Jackie, Floreen, and Billie ca 1925. Joseph Sr. died in 1961 at age 60, Anna died in 1980 at 80.

RUBY BREWINGTON reports on the McGaugh family (p.2 Dec 82). Obedience McGaugh who m. Rev. Hugh Coffey was the daughter of Matthew McGaugh and Elizabeth Hill possibly of Marshall Co. TH. The McGaughs are listed in the genealogy of the Haislip family compiled by Jody Sanders of Tulsa Okla. Ruby's ex-husband is related to the McGaughs. Ruby is a Coffee but does not know of a connection to the Rev. Hugh. Ruby descends from John Coffee(1793-\_\_?) and Jane Hopper(1812-1895). Their daughter, Mary Jane (1847-1917) m. John L. Parish. Their youngest was Druard Clyde Parish b. 1891 who was Ruby's father. John Coffee had a son Merideth b. 1822 by a previous marriage who married Elizabeth Hopper a sister of his stepmother.

FRANCES L. TILLER enclosed a sketch of Archelaus Alloway Strange written in 1911 by Alexander Taylor Strange. A.A.Strange was b. 1780 in Wilkes Co. N.C. and married "an English woman" named Elizabeth Coffey. He went to KY in 1799 and died there in 1852. Their children were John Claiborne, William A., Abraham A., Lewis A., Archelaus A., Levi A., Larkin A., Winston A., Elizabeth A., Polly, Ellen. Frances Linvill Tiller is the great granddaughter of Lewis A. Strange. Elizabeth Coffey Strange was the daughter of John and Polly Coffey and granddaughter of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland.

RUSSELL MARSHALL who is interested in Tennessee's Grainger and Hawkins Counties and Kentucky's Estill, Rockcastle, and Madison contributes this finding: Will of Elijah Coffee-Grainger Co. TN. lists wife, Hebeccah. Bequeaths land on North Side of Clinch Mountain to son, Elijah on condition he pay sons, George, Ambrose, and Samuel \$10.50; and pay daughter Mira Dalton \$10.00, Austin Coffees heirs \$2.50 and pay grandson Martin Coffey \$10.00. Also son Lacy Coffey to receive a portion of the land on Clinch Mountain, (CCC note: No dates shown) Russell also has copied wills of other Coffeys, Daltons, and Adams'. He would like to exchange data with other cousins from this background. Russell makes two other points on his report printed on P. 3 Dec, 82 CCC. 1. He disproved the longtime family story of John Thomas Adams' wife being a Coffey. Seems she was really a Barham. 2. The Waltons in the family are from the same Waltons dramatized on television.

KATHRYN JOHNSON is the great granddaughter of George W. Hayes who m. 1. (\_\_\_ Dalton) and 2. Elizabeth Coffey. Elizabeth's first husband was Nathan Whitsett. He died in 1842 and is buried in Rucker cemetery, Grainger Co. Tn. Elizabeth died in Cass Co. Missouri and is buried in Union cemetery there.

KENNETH R. COFFEE sent CCC a packet containing 1. An explanation of the connection between the Coffees and Crisps of Wayne Co. Ky. In 1823 Nathaniel Coffey m. Eliza (Louisa) Durham. They were divorced in 1830. In 1835 Louisa m. Wm. Crisp and they raised Andrew Jackson Coffey b. 1825, Edwin Cleveland Coffey b. 1826/7, with step-brother William R. Crisp b. ca 1824. E.C. COFFEY and William R. Crisp took wives in 1845 and moved to Texas by 1850. In Texas Edwin ClevelandCoffey became E.C. COFFEE. Also submitted was 2. a copy of "The Ulster Link" of 1969 containing a history of the Coffey clan of Ireland,



Kenneth says 3. He has seen a reference to COFFEY- Genealogical and Historical Records of the Sept COBTHAIGH, now COFFEY by H. Coffey, Dublin 1863. It appeared in Irish Families by Edward MacLyslacht. Kenneth feels that if the H. Coffey work can be located it may reveal further Irish origins of our family.

4th was an excerpt from TRUE WEST magazine of Sept-Oct 1973. This contained a biography of Sophia Satterfield, a most colorful and forceful woman. In 1823 the 17 year old Sophia married the first of her four husbands, in Allen Co. Ind. By 1838 the couple was living in Texas where she petitioned the fledgling republic for a divorce from Jesse A. Aughinbaugh. No action was taken and she applied again with the same result. In January 1839 Rep. Holland Coffee influenced the legislature to grant the divorce. In February 1839 Holland Coffee and Sophia Aughinbaugh were married. They immediately set out on the 600 mile trip to Hollands Red River trading post. His partner at the post was old friend and fellow Tennessean, Silas Colville. Holland deposited Sophia in the clapboard cabin inside the posts stockade. He then was called to head a party of 50 men on a peace mission to a nearby Indian tribe. He could speak 7 Indian dialects and was often in demand as an envoy to restless native groups.

Just prior to his wedding to Sophia, Holland had received a grant of an additional 1400 acres, bringing his holdings to 6000 acres. A man named Hart contested this latest grant in and out of court. Holland won the case in court but Colville lost his life to Hart in a later encounter.

Holland Coffee had a reputation for trying to ransom stolen white women and children from their Indian captors in honest bargaining. It is reported he wept when his offers of provisions or other inducements failed to do the job. His honesty with the Indians may have been the cause of Jim Bowies report in 1835 that "Holland Coffee was abetting the Indians" and the result that the House Committee on Indian Affairs recommended Ms trading post be suppressed or put under surveillance.

In 1846 Holland Coffee revised his will stating "present circumstances may terminate my life". Later in 1846 the death of Col. Coffee was reported as due to stab wounds inflicted by Charles A. Galloway, a merchant of Washite trading post. His obituary described him as "warmly esteemed, of great frankness and noble of character, remarkable for his kindness to Indians usually reserved by others to more refined society. He fell in a difficulty respecting a matter of honor."

Holland had acquired even more wealth during his married life and willed it all to his beloved Sophia, Later records show that Hiram Coffee sold Major George Butt(Butts) a Negro slave in 1848. In 1849/50 Sophia married her third husband, Major George Butt, Finally she married a fourth time to Judge James Porter.

From LEN COFFEY'S notebook: The Pulaski Co. Ky General Index to Real Estate Conveyances has these entries

GRANTORS	GRANTEES
1818 Coffee; Ambrose, Polly	Vincent Garner
1822 Coffey; Sale, Anna	John Lynch
Coffey; A.	Vincent Garner
Coffey; Ambrose	Vincent Garner
1826 Coffey; Hiram, Betsey, America, Greenup, Emily, Jesse, Jefferson, Polly, Washington, Wina	Vincent Garner
1841 Coffey; Anna	Samuel Newel

FROM PULASKI CO. WILL BOOK: Indenture executed April 1826 between John Metz and Polly, his wife, formerly Polly Coffey, Jesse Coffey, Hiram, Betsey, America, Wina Jefferson, Washington, Greenup, and Emily Coffey convey to Vincent Garner lands received by grant by Ambrose Coffey, Deceased and on bonds executed by said Ambrose Coffey in his lifetime dated April 1818 and June 1818 to said Garner, in consideration of the sum of \$300 paid by Garner to said Ambrose Coffey.

Estate Settlement June 1821: After payment of outstanding debts and expenses, there remaining \$2664.20 of the estate of Ambrose Coffey, Polly the widow is allotted \$888.06. The remaining \$1776.14 was divided by 12 and allotted to the 12 children of the decedent.



## DOCUMENTS GALORE, by Tim Peterman

## 1790 and other early census records

Name	State	Index			Males		Females	
		Page	County	Township	16-	0- 16	Slaves	
Coffee, Anthony	N.Y.	189	Washington	Hampton	1	3	1	0
" Benjamin	N.Y.	118	New York City,	East W,	1	0	1	0
" John	N.Y.	145	Orange	New Cornwall	2	2	5	0
" Pall	N.Y.	130	New York City,	Out Ward	1	0	2	0
" Hugh	S.C.	24	Lancaster	Camden Dist.	2	3	3	6
" Hugh Sr.	S.C.	24	"	"	1	0	3	0
" Jesse	S.C.	83	Pendleton	96 District	1	2	4	0
" Jno	S.C.	24	Lancaster	Camden Dist.	2	1	5	0
Coffer, Joseph	S.C.	57	Abbeville	96 District	2	3	5	0
" Thomas	S.C.	57	"	"	1	2	3	0
Coffee, John D.	Md.	91	Montgomery		1	3	1	3
Coffery, Daniel	Md.	93	Prince Georges		1	3	3	5
Coffey, Michael	Md.	17	Baltimore		2	1	1	0
(1782) Cofer, Thomas	Va.	43	Surry		10	whites»	5	blacks
" Coffer, Francis	Va.	18	Fairfax		8	whites,	28	blacks
" " Jacob	Va.	39	Orange		5	whites,	4	"
" " James	Va.	39	"		12	"	0	"
(1783) Coffey, Edmund	Va.	47	Amherst		7	"	0	"
n " Ozburn	Va.	48	Amherst		2	"	0	"
" " William	Va.	48	Amherst		11	"	6	"

Other

Whites Dwellings Buildings

(1785) Cofer, James	Va.	97	Orange	12				
n Coffee, Susannah	Va.	101	Prince Edward	3	1		4	
" Coffer, Francis	Va.	86	Fairfax	7	1		8	
" " John	Va.	85	"	4	1		5	

Next door to James Cofer is:

" Stapp, Joshua	Va.	97	Orange	9	1		2	
On the same page is:								
" Stapp, Thomas	Va.	97	"	4	1		1	

This Stapp info. is given because Martha Coffey (dau. of Edward Coffey, d. 1716, Essex Co., Va.) married a Joshua Stapp during the first half the 18th century. Also, Joel Coffey (d. 1789, Wilkes Co, N.C.) married Martha Step, which could be a variant of Stapp. These Stapps in Orange Co. could well be cousins to a lot of Coffeys.

No Coffeys were found in the 1790 census in Delaware, Connecticut. or Rhode Island.

(CCC NOTE: The above were collected by Tim directly from the census, not indices).

Adair Co. Ky court orders 1802-1808 mention these names in various transactions:

1803. Chesley Coffee, John Coffee

1804. Chesley Coffee

1805. Chesley Coffee, Martin Coffey, John Coffee, James Coffee

1806. Joel Coffey, Jno Coffee, Nathaniel Coffee, Cleveland Coffee, John Coffee

Benjamin Coe Coffey must have enjoyed reading novels. Around 1876 he read a book who's main character was Lena Leota. In 1877 his infant daughter was named Lena Leota. She became Roy Ronald Robinson's mother in 1899. Roy Ronald passed the story on to his grandson, Tim Peterman who was born 60 years later.

## WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

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 Francis L. Tiller 4026 Campbell Kansa City MO 64110  
 Ruby P. Brewington 2800 N. Main St. //2 Great Bend KS 67530  
 Elaine Warden Brown 1310 N. May Madisonville, TX 77864  
 Edith C. Vines Star Route Box 154 Lenoir NC 28645  
 W. H. "Bill" Coffey P.O.Box 135 South Melbourne, Vic. Australia 3205  
 Kathryn Hayes Johnson 159 Sheridan Ave. Longwood Fla 32750  
 Anna Lee Coffey Adams 768 S. Main Franklin OH 45005

## AND THEIR ANCESTORS

Elizabeth and George Hayes  
 Benjamin and Polly Hayes  
 Edwin Cleveland 1826-1905  
 Elizabeth Coffey Strange  
 John 1793-?  
 William O'Coffee Dublin  
 Jesse Coffey  
 Elizabeth and George Hayes

## BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

John Hopper b. 1789 m. Polly Davenport b. 1793 and were from Chattanooga Tn. Their children were Jane 1812, Sarah 1814, Elizabeth 1816, James 1819, William 1823, David 1825, Robert 1833. Jane Hopper b. 1812 m. John Coffee b. 1793, also a Tennessean. Their children were John 1841 (lost in the Civil War), James 1842 (very large man had six children) Henry 1842 (went to Civil War and never heard from again), Mary Jane 1847-1917 m. John L. Parish d. 1935 (had 8 children and raised a step-son), Rice 1850/4-1916 m. Ann Davenport had Amanda 1879 and Elizabeth 1880. m. 2 Louisa \_\_\_\_\_ had John Robert 1885, Rice Ernest 1891, Lee Roy 1893, Edna m. Albert Audery, Clarence. Sarah Coffee b. 1853 m. Jack Caldwell (raised nieces Amanda and Elizabeth), Myria 1856 d. at age 15.  
 Submitted by RUBY PARISH BREWINGTON

EDWIN CLEVELAND COFFEE(Y) 1826 Wayne Co. Ky- 1905 Comanche Co. Tx. was a farmer. He M.  
 (1) Elizabeth Harmon 1826-1885 on Aug. 7 1845 in Ky. (2) Francis V. Haddox (1845-1933)  
 in 1886.

Children of E. C. Coffee were

William Madison 1847-1913 m. Frances Elvira (Bennott) Citty  
 Luise E. 1849-\_\_\_\_\_ m. John A. Wood  
 Mary A. 1851-\_\_\_\_\_ m. J.C. Withers  
 James H. 1854 \_\_\_\_\_ m. Rosa Bell Akers?  
 George Washington 1856-1934 m. Cynthia Ann Preston  
 Victoria 1859 \_\_\_\_\_ m. J. M. Jones  
 Texana 1865

The children of William Madison Coffee and Frances Citty were:

John Henry 1871 m. Lola Taylor  
 George Ebin 1873-1875  
 Florence Adline 1874 m. 1890 C. C. Scitren  
 William 1876-1892

William Wilburn 1876 m. Selma Egg

James M. K. Polk 1884-1982 m. 1904 Matti Mae Gilley 1887-1964

Lizzie 1885 m. 1904 Bob Green

The children of James Madison K Polk Coffee and Matti May Gilley were:

Aileen Lorene 1905-1978  
 Floyd Fletcher 1906-1981 m. Angeline Shipley 1928  
 Russell Francis 1908- \_\_\_\_\_ m. Reba Price  
 Baby Girl b. 1910 (lived 5 days)  
 Wilbur E. 1911-1971 m. Mabel Bolt  
 Wilmot T. 1911-1974 m. Cleo Williams  
 Jacque (Maude) 1914 m. Jason Dean Jr.  
 James Paul (Jay) 1917-1972 m. Freida Hutchins  
 Eugene Earl 1921 m. Mary Helen Copeland  
 Lenard Lee 1925 m. Aileen Hendrix

KENNETH R. COFFEE also sent a year by year documentary from 1823 to 1907 listing the events and public records proving his family story. He is a descendant of J.M.K.P. Coffee.