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CCC is a newsletter originating in 1981 to collect and disseminate information on the COFFEY/COFFEY families of North America. It is issued Quarterly (MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER and DECEMBER)

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Roses by Donna

DEAR COUSIN

Did you ever go down to the river with your pole and hope the fish wouldn't bite? It makes a good time to straighten out your thoughts, solve problems, and do a little dreamin'. CCC has been "dreamin" for a year or more. What we see through the fog is a national COFFEE/COFFEY meeting. A meeting that could develop new relationships and cement old ones. One that could attract people we have worked with and others who are not bent to tedious research but may have an interest in the family and a wealth of oral history to relate. A meeting that could accomplish in two days, tilings that might take months of correspondence to work out otherwise. It might even be fun.

Drawing an "X" on the U. S. map (the lower 48, that is), the lines cross in Kansas or Nebraska. Assuming the geographical center of the country is there somewhere, we think it would be great to meet 10 or 100 or 1000 cousin;; at Topeka, Coffeyville, Lincoln, Kansas city, Oklahoma City, or wherever. It is only "dreamin" but CCC would like to hear from you. The site selected should probably be one as central as possible with adequate transportation, housing, and of historical significance. Perhaps Raleigh, Wilkesboro, or Knoxville should be dropped into the basket. Dare wo explore the chance of such a meeting for 1984? Your comments (or lack of comment) will be the indicator of the interest and practicality of the idea. Think it over.

DEAD END ROADS

Cousin Len

ALMA LONG is a Coffee descended from William b. ca 1785 in Augusta Co. Va. who m. Elizabeth Lacey. They moved to Floyd CO. Ky in the early 1800's and had several children. One was Mason W. who m. Martha Ferguson, daugh ter of Richard and Nancy Jones Ferguson. They were Alma's gggrandparents. From early Augusta Co. records there was some connection between William and Hugh Coffee, Was it father and son? Alma would like to discuss her information with others who can shed some light.

BRENDA WOOD says "HELP!" Have any cousins corresponded with the late Winifred Hopkins Lou of Kansas (DAR#217121)? She traveled over the country in the 50's and 60's compiling a Coffey book. She died in 1975. Attempts have been made to secure her research but have been dead ended by the attorney for the estate. Many could be helped if her notes could be released. Brenda is a descendant of Nebuzaraden's son Ananias and Jane Herndan. Family tradition states, Nebu, was b. 1757, ra. Elizabeth in 1780 who was the daughter of Evan Hays. Ananias b. 1785 m. Jane Herndan in 1809 in Green Co. Ky. and died in 1828.

LEN COFFEY needs to complete data on two of Lewis M. Coffey's children. These are No. 6 Philip B. b. Ind. 1834, m. Ann Catherine Shellars Benjamin in Holt Co. Mo. in 1858. Lived in Gage Co. Nebr. 1860 and 1870; in Harrisonville, Cass Co, Mo. in 1880 and 1887. He begat Sarah 1860, Mary 1862, Hat tie? Harry? 1869, Mora 1871, and Gabrielle 1876. When Where did Philip die?

No, 10 was Lewis Martin Coffey. He was b. 1844/5 in Ind. lived with his mother, Delilah in 1860. Reported deceased before 1887, fJanot find a war or census record after 1860. When, where did he die? Did he marry, have children?

BENNIE LOFTIN keeps promoting CCC and sending us new cousins. She also is still looking for her own family. She would like to locate descendants of Dicey Coffey and Thomas Henry Shouse who were living in Rockcastle Ky. in 1900.

JEANNE THATCHER remonds us she is "stuck" with Riley Coffey wh o was b. ca 1846 in Virginia and is Jeanne's great grandfather.

ELAINE BROWN would like to know who Joel William Coffee belongs to. He (according to 1860 census) was b. in Ala. in 1824. He m. Elizabeth Moore(b. Tenn 1833). Is this the Joel who was a. son of John or Thomas of Wilkesboro N.C, or possibly Ambrose?

IDA (MRS, W.D.) GRIFFIN asks us to correct the cousins list. She is the descendant of John Coffee and Margaret Baskin. Their son waa David P.

TIM PETERMAN wants to know A. Which James Coffey is which in the 1810 Adair Co. Ky. Census. Both were born between 1765 and 1784. One had a daughter b. 1784-94, daughter 1794-1800, and three sons b. 1800-1810. The other James had one daughter b. 1794-1800, five sons b. 1800-1810. One was the son of Joel Coffey (d. 1789), was born 1774 and died 1826. Item B. The Adair Co. census of 1810 has Joel Coffey b. between 1765 and 1784. His children were; one daughter b. 1794-1800, three daughters b. 1800-1810, one son 1810-1820. Was this man the son of Joel (d. 1789) or the son of Nebuzaraden? Item C. Who was Richard Coffey of Adair Co. Ky. in 1810? He and his wife were born 1765-1784. They had one son b. 1784-1794, three daughters 1800-1810, and three sons, 1800-1810. Tim says maybe the Richard and the extra James were sons of Chesley and Jane Cleveland Coffey.

A PEEK IN THE MAILBOX

When BENJAMIN B. COFFEY, SR. retired as a supervisor at General Motors, he moved back to Coffey Mountain near Monticello Ky. But he and Juanita haven't been just rocking and listening to the ~~Whip-poor-wills~~. They have been searching out the cemeteries of that area and now make the results available. Cemeteries of Wayne County Kentucky is their 1104 page, hard bound, indexed book. It is \$39.95 plus \$3.00 mailing from Rt. 2 Box 234B, Monticello Ky 42633. We wonder how many thousands in the U.S. could trace roots to Wayne County and vicinity.

Cousin ANN KONKLE lives in Indiana's oldest town. Founded by and named for George Rogers Clark, it is about 10 minutes by canoe from Louisville, Ky. When we first met Anne a few years back she was crossing the Ohio River (by car) to research Martin Coffey at the Filson Club. She also was caring for her disabled husband, and baby sitting for the grandchildren. Now she is working for a degree at the Indiana University branch nearby. Hope we can congratulate her on graduation in 1987.

VIOLLET AVERY is a new cousin and granddaughter of Philemon, son of Thomas Coffey. She was introduced to CCC by our promotional staff, Lillian Harrell and Bennie Loftin.

RUSSELL MARSHALL has completed his book of 220 pages on his Adams family. It also contains many Rucker and Coffey names, Russell offers to answer queries from his 750 cards in the Coffey file. Send SAGE and give some indication of your lineage. } Book

MIC BARNETTE found that J.D. Coffey age 43 b. Missouri was listed in the census of 1860 p. 99 East Baton Rouge Parish. He had been in the Louisiana penitentiary since 1858 for stealing Hegros. He was not listed in 1870. In other areas, Mic is convinced by a "preponderance of evidence" that Lewis Coffee of Gwinette Co. Ga, was the father of Sarah b. 1812 who m. Jesse Brawner. And that Lewis was the son of John Coffey (1753-1826) and Polly. Lewis m. Elizabeth but Elizabeth who?

DOROTHY SHAMBLIN would like to have CCC print the Coffee records from the Clinch Mountain Cemeteries, Of course this requires permission of the publishers and a little clerical work to extract the data. We'll see what we can do. Dorothy's husband is a descendant of Daniel b. N.C. and is likely buried in McMinn Co. Tn.

WILL DUNCAN has located additional information that seems to tie his family story together this way: Hiram Coffey b. 1800 was the son of Ambrose b. 1762. Hiram was b. in TN and probably m. Elizabeth Thompson in KY in 1819. Hiram was in Franklin Co. IN in 1820 when his daughter Matilda was born. They then settled in Hamilton Co. IN where they had James S, 1823, daughter 1825, Washington 1829, Eli 1832, Hiram 1833, and Thomas 1838. About 1840 Hiram moved to Texas near brother, Holland. Matilda m. James Henry Faucett in St. Louis MO. in 1842. Their children were Lorinda 1843, Sarah Elizabeth 1844, James Thomas 1847, Robert Thompson 1851, Nancy Lucinda 1854, and Martha Ann 1862. Lorinda m. George W, Duncan and they were Will's grandparents.

BRENDA WOOD has three ring binders full of Coffey research, correspondence et. that she will be happy to share with the CCC cousins. If you would like her to report from a KY census or tax list or from her material Adair, Wayne, Madison, Green, or Russell Co, Ky send your question and SAGE.

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A PEEK IN THE MAIL BOX (cont)

We don't know if any of our cousins were able to help John K. Hulston, attorney of Springfield Mo. (see Mar 83 p. 4)* He nevertheless honored our request by sending n copy of the April '83 MISSOURI HISTORICAL REVIEW. Therein is the article that Mr. Hulston wrote about John Trousdale Coffee, The story is 23 pages of* gripping history, and adventure.

John Trousdale Coffee waG born in Smith Co. Tn. in 1816. His parents were Rev. Joshua and Jane "Jinny" Trousdale Coffee. Joshua also operated a store "Joshua M. Coffee and son" in Alexandria. Tn and also served as postmaster there. Young JTC read law, married, and practiced law in Cleveland TN. His bride Eliza Jewell Stone was buried a year after her 1841 wedding. Joshua also died that year. By 1843 John T, who was then practicing in Springfield MO, had a reputation for his love of humor and spirits. One story concerns the celebration he and his partner were having after a successful case. Their fee had been one horse. Eventually the glow of victory turned to disagreement on how to divide the fee. Finally Coffee drew his pistol. Moving toward the horse, he announced "I am going to shoot my part of the horse, You may do what you please with your part."

By 1845 Coffee married and buried a second wife, then married a third time. He raised a company for the Mexican War but the conflict ended before they could serve. From 1845-1855 he continued his law career and won election to the Missouri Senate. His term was cut short when he resigned to accept a commission as captain in the U.S. Cavalry. This service was interrupted four months later by illness. While his colorful life continued in his work for Southern Rights, his greatest exploits were yet to be performed.

Coffee began a heroic period of three years as a Confederate thorn in the Yankee's side during the 1860's. He became leader of small forces that constantly harassed the Federals. He was a phantom that preoccupied many U.S. forces that were sorely needed elsewhere. His adventures and cunning are reported in documentary detail. Although he continued successfully one step ahead of his pursuers, the outcome was against him. He moved his family to Waco TX in 1864 or 1865. Being ambitious he had sought a general's star. Denied this he was asked to join Confederate resistance groups after Appomattox. Instead he surrendered July 1865 to General George Ouster in Austin TX. and signed his oath of allegiance to the United States.

Coffee's third wife died in 1863. He married a fourth time and never returned to Missouri. He died in 1890 in Brownsville, TX. ending a life that is truly the stuff of which movies are made. Thank you! Mr. Hulston.

ELAINE BROWN has been reading Tennessee Cousins, A History of Tennessee People by Worth S. Ray. Many of us have read the letter of Rico Coffey in reply to the 1844 request by Jefferson Coffey for information of his family. In the above book, Elaine found references to the children of Rice A, including : Rice, the younger, Henry B. Mary S. and Alexander H.

In 1965 Ivey Moore copied a paper written by Allen Poe of Lenoir, N.C. it is titled, Two Reuben Coffeys. Cousin LERNEDA GAUDINO sends the information as follows:

Reuben Coffey Sr. was a son of John Coffey and Jane Graves. Lorn ca 1844, he moved from Albemarle (Jo. Va, to Burke Co, N.C.; before 177V. He m. Sarah Scott but where and when are not known. He died in Burke Co. between 1810 and 1820. Only one of their children has been identified by name. (Elijah 1). 1779) Cen our. data indicates there was a daughter b. 1774/84, and one b. 1784/90. There were probably two more sons than the four in that Census., and possibly some older daughters. Their home was in the "Globe" settlement at the head of Johns River now in Caldwell Co. N.C.

Reuben Coffey (1759-1842) the pensioner, was the fourth son of Rev. James Coffey and wife Elizabeth Cleveland. He was the nephew of Reuben SR, The younger came to Wilkes Co, N.C. about the time of the revolution, and served from there. The late Dr, L.H, Coffey of Lenoir, N.C. recorded that Reuben married Millie Morris. There was a Millie Morris at least four years older than Reuben, but Dr. Coffey's statement seems to have come more from tradition. Reuben seems to have had at least 9 children and possibly

a tenth after 1800. About 1797 he moved five miles south to Burke Co. (now Caldwell) to a 400 acre plantation purchased from (brother or uncle) John Coffey. In 1819 he sold this place and moved to Wayne Co. KY. where he died in 1842. He was father of at least 4 sons and 5 daughters. Dr. Coffey lists the daughters as Nancy, Millie, Martha, and Elizabeth and the sons as James, Lewis, Reuben, and Oliver Cromwell. The Reuben is plainly in error (from other data), for Benjamin. There was possibly an Alfred. Alfred Coffey witnessed the deed in 1819, From Census records the family of Reuben and Millie appear to be: daughter b. ca 1784, son (James) and two daughters b. 1784-1790, Benjamin, Oliver, perhaps Lewis or Alfred and two daughters 1790-1800. Probably Elizabeth b. ca 1789 m. ca 1810 Thomas Sumpter. James m. Sally Sumter, Benjamin m. Exia S. Stepp(Stapp) Oliver m. Sally Ramsey.

CCC Note: We think the Allen Poe report is a good addition to our files. It does disagree in major respects to other researcher's findings. Please use caution and your own research prior to accepting this or any other "family story" as proof.

TRESSA NOLEN is the great granddaughter of Colby Coffey and Mary Ann Adams. Mary Ann was the sister of John Quincy Adams, Her granddaughter was Thuria Ann Coffey Walton and the great great granddaughter of John Coffey and Elizabeth Rucker, since Court records prove Colby was their son.

KENNETH COFFEE lets us in on more of his research. This time Kenneth has been reading a list of Texas Historical Markers. One at the city limits of White Deer, Carson Co. tells of the last great trail drive in 1880. One hundred cowboys drove ten herds from the Texas panhandle to Montana. Trail boss of the 25,000 head drive was T.L. "Tom" Coffee, A marker at Georgetown, Williamson Co. nays James B. Williams and wife Sarah Coffee both b. Ky. led a wagon train that reached their eventual home on Christmas eve 1848. The Williams raised ten children and were influential in shaping the county that had just been formed the year of their arrival. James lived from 1821-1891. On FM 120 8 miles north of Pottsboro in Grayson Co. is the site of Holland Coffee's trading post established about 1837. Also about the same location is a marker for Sophia Porter. (CCCnote: for Sophia see March 83) Sophia and Holland hosted both U.S. Grant and R.E. Lee in their mansion, Glen Eden. Though Holland died in 1846, Sophia maintained her social leadership. During the Civil War some Federal Scouts dropped in for dinner. Hearing they were looking for a certain Confederate Colonel, Sophia slipped out, swam her horse across the icy Red River and warned the colonel, who escaped to fight off the Yanks attempted invasion of North Texas. On U.S. 81 north of San Marcos is a marker explaining that Hays Co. was named for John Coffee "Jack" Hays (1817-1883). Jack Hays was named for the confederate of Andy Jackson in the war of 1812 with whom Hays' father served. Hear Bellinger, Runnels Co. is the first civilian settlement of Picketville. One of the first families there was that of "Rich" Coffee.

From encyclopedic references Kenneth sent these entries. Coffeetown is in Upshur Co. TX, Settled by plantation owners from the Southern states, it is named for the pioneer Coffee family that settled there. Coffee's Station is the last post built by Holland Coffee, Est, In 1837 it was on the south side of the Red River on an Indian trail. The town of Preston in Grayson Co. grew up around the post but the site is now covered by Lake Texoma.

WE SEE IN THE PAPERS

In May of 1975 a student at Tri-State College in Angola Indiana became the youngest person to run for a mayors office. As a Democrat, nineteen year old Randy Coffey lost 60% to 40% in a town that was 7-1 Republican. In '71 and in '83 the Democrats didn't even run a candidate. Randy passed his bar exam in '79 and now practices in this town of 5,000. (Indianapolis Star May 9, 1983)

A clipping from the query column of an unknown newspaper: Question; Who invented hard liquor? Answer; Aeneas Coffey, who in 1832 invented the continuous distillation process known today as Coffey's Still.

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

AND THEIR ANCESTORS

Violet L. Avery 520 Glendale Ave. Ottawa OH 45875
 Joseph B. Coffey Rt. 6 Box 251 Blackfoot Idaho 83221
 Alma W. Long 5923 Beaver Pike Rd. P.O. Box 172 Beaver OH 45613

Philemon, son of Thomas
 John and Serena (Cope)
 William Coffee and E. Lacey

Melba McGaskill 1609 N. I St. Midland TX 79701
 Tressa D. Nolen 3332 Northline Oaks Conroe, TX 77304
 Lauralynne Powers P.O. Box 546 Eagle Lake TX 77434-0546

Colby
 Martha Coffey Stapp 1690-1772

RETURNING COUSINS

W. Coffee Jr. 114 Cherry Ave. Dumas TX 79029
 Mnrjorie Boroughs 3466 S. Lincoln Englewood CO 80110

Joel 1730-1789
 Margaret Coffey m. William
 Simonson 1847

Jeanne M. Thatcher 115 E. Maple Van Wert OH 45891
 Anne F. Konkle 115 W. Carter Clarksville, IN 47130
 Walker Coffey 1306 S. Lamar Oxford MS 38655
 Spencer T. Coffey Rt. 2 Box 118 B Oak Grove MO 64075
 Ida Griffin (ancestor correction by CCC)

Ryland(Riley) 1850-? Va,
 Martin C. Coffey 1804-
 Hugh 1784-1861
 John 1773-1843
 John 1773-1843

Here are Bome more Georgia marriage records from Mic Barnette

Franklin County ,Ga Marriage Hook 1827-1835-none
 Franklin County ,Ga Marriage Look 1834-1850
 Coffee, Milly George W Parks 5-9- 1844 by Green B Holbrook, JP
 Coffin, Nancy Allen Tyler 11-16-1843 by Robert Stribling, MG
 Habersham County, Ga
 Coffee, J. July Ann Dockins feb 21, 1858 Bk B p163

Henry County, Ga-none
 Dekalb Co, Ga Marriage book 1840-1928 (did not look up dates)
 BkF p 96 Coffee, Aaron B - Florence C Johnson mar 24, 1890
 Bkg p149 Coffee, John Elbert-Lizzie Kay Cook
 BkM p135 Coffee, John Elbert, Jr-Mary Pitts Rickette
 BkM p110 Coffey, Emory ft-Lema Byrd
 BkK p244 Coffey, George A-Bessie Chupp
 BkH p256 Coffee, Cornelia Rebecca-Thomas G Cunningham
 BkK p 31 Coffee, Ethel C - George F Jones
 BkL p338 Coffee, Marie- J A word
 EkG p282 Coffee, Sibbie-John King

Ancestoritis is a weekly column in the Indianapolis News, written by Willard Heiss, certified **genealogist**, fellow of the National Genealogical Society, and chairman of the Genealogy division of The Indiana Historical Society. He has given CCC permission to print excerpts of his columns. The following appeared April 23, 1983.

The Census Bureau seems to have been a **bureacratic** stepchild. At times being attached to the Secretary of State, Treasury Dept. , Department of **Interior**, and **Commerce Department**. Frequently shuffled and moved it is a wonder any of it's records exist. As a matter of fact by 1902 the census was still unpublished.

That spring a bill had been passed in the House that would have sold or destroyed the records as scrap paper. Fortunately tho Sons of the American Revolution were convening in Washington and heard of the measure. Their petition to the Senate saved the census.

In 1908 the 1790 schedules were published including one for Virginia. How could this be? Records for Virginia, Delaware, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and New Jersey were destroyed when tho British Army visited Washington D.C. in 1812! The so-called Virginia census was really a compilation from State Enumeration schedules 1782-1785. It covered only forty counties. In 1947, Mors. Augusta Fothergill published Tax Payers, an **alphabetized** list of 33,000 names from 37 additional counties, including Fayette and Lincoln Co. Ky then a part of Virginia.

DOCUMENTS GALORE, by Tim Peterman

The 1800 census records exist for the **states** of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and South Carolina. These records were not preserved for the states of Vermont, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia, People **surnamed** Coffey (and variants) were enumerated In Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina and South Carolina. After each name is a series of 12 **numbers**. The first five numbers indicate white males with ages: 0-10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, **45-**. The second five numbers Indicate white females, divided Into the same age categories as males. The 11th number Indicates free colored persons. The 12th number indicates **slaves**. Rather than listing Coffeys alphabetically for each state, they will be grouped according to county to indicate kinship **possibilities**.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age & Sex</u> <u>Categories</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Page</u>
Coffee, Ishmael	00000-00000-50	Mass.	Norfolk	91
Coffee Anthony	21110-40110-00	N.Y.	Essex	306
" Barnabey	00010-00010-01	trt	Queens	659
" John	02001-00210-00	"	Orange	383
" John	40010-10010-00	"	Washington	556
" Patrick	00110-10100-00	"	Albany	256
Coffey, William	21110-00100-00	n	New York	682
Coffee, George	10110-50101-00	Penn.	Philadelphia	12
" Joseph	10010-00010-00	"	Chester	718
" William	02001-10010-00	"	"	718
" Joseph	00011-10001-00	"	"	821
" Michael	20001-10010-00	"	Huntingdon	130
" Thomas	00010-00000-00	"	Cumberland	282
Coffey, William	02001-10010-00	"	Daulphin	203
Coffy, George	20030-10100-00	"	Franklin	900
Coffee, John	12010-00100-10	Md.	Baltimore City	171
" Mrs.	00000-00101-01	"	"	163
Coffer, Elizabeth	12100-11001-04	"	Charles	72
" John	20001-10020-01	"	"	86
Coffer, Enoch	00121-00412-00	N.H.	Rockingham	709
Cofer, William	02101-11010-00	N.C.	Moore	62
Coffee, Bethel	10311-12010-00	"	Guilford	663
" Joseph	10010-20110-00	"	Bertie	36
Coffey, William	01001-11001-00	"	Hyde	364
Coffer, John	11010-40010-00	"	Currituck	147
Coffee, Nathan	01000-00010-00	"	"	152
" James	21001-01001-00	"	Stokes	546
Coffey, Micajah	00010-00010-00	"	"	547
Coffe, Benjamin	32010-11010-00	"	Burke	733
" Joel	10010-00100-00	"	"	734
" Lewis	00110-20100-00	"	"	734
" Rubin	11201-01101-01	"	"	733
" Rubin	10010-20100-00	"	"	733
" Rubin	31010-22101-00	"	"	734
" Rubin	20010-21010-00	"	"	738
Coffey, Ambrose	20301-02010-00	"	Wilkes	30
" Benjamin	10010-00010-02	"	"	30
" Ely	00010-00100-00	"	"	35
" James	42101-22120-00	"	"	34
" John	00010-20100-00	"	"	30
" John Jr.	00010-20100-00	"	"	34
" John Sr.	10301-21101-00	"	"	34

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DOCUMENTS GALORE, by Tim Peterman- 1800 census, cont.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age & Sex</u>	<u>Categories</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Page</u>
Coffey, Levy		00100-10100-00	N.C.	Wilkes	30
" Thomas		10010-00010-00	"	"	30
" Thomas Sr.		22301-10110-00	"	"	34
" William		10100-00010-00	"	"	34
Cofer, John		00100-20100-01	S.C.	Abbeville Dist,	33
" Thomas		00001-00000-00	"	"	33
Coffee, Jesse		30101-11101-00	"	Pendleton	22
" B.		00001-00000-00	"	Charleston	49
" C.		20010-00010-00	"	"	49
" Hugh		10010-02010-00	"	Lancaster	9
" John		10100-02010-00	"	"	10
" John		21301-20011-00	"	"	10

Early Ohio Census Records (1790, 1800, 1810) and Early Michigan Census Records (1799-1806) contained no Coffeys.

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

Edward and Ann(Powell)Coffey were the parents of Martha Coffey (ca1690-1772) Martha Coffey m. Joshua Stapp Sr, Joshua Stapp Jr. (1724-1814) m. Hannah Durham Thomas Stapp son of Joshua and Hannah was b. ca 1750 and d. 1805. He m. Elizabeth Bunbridge. Thomas' son Willis was the father of Wyatt Stapp who m. Fannie Darnell. Dr. James Logan Stapp, son of Wyatt and Fannie m. Judith Elizabeth Warriner. Laura Susan Stapp, daughter of the Dr. married J. Hiram Shirley. Ed Hiram Shirley (1889-1975) m. in 1916, Zora B. James. Their daughter: LAURALYNNE SHIRLEY POWERS, being interested in all her family heritage became a new Coffey Cousin.

JUST UNDER THE WIRE

FRANCIS I. (Fran) COFFEY's two notes were welcome. Note 1. was his report that he visited Ireland last fall. While there he found 250 Coffeys listed in the Dublin telephone book. The Western Ireland phone book had 305 Coffeys. Note 2. was a 3¼ by 6 inch piece of multi-colored art work presumed to be a replica of ancient Gaelic writings. It also has a serial number and a date. Fran says it is a one pound note he saved from his trip. We have to believe him because the note says "LEGAL TENDER" and is signed : Tomás J 'OCofaigh, Runnai na Roinne Airgeavais. Which we are told means, Thomas J. Coffey, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

FROM LEN'S NOTEBOOK

The Kentucky State Historical Register Vol. 31 has these entries;

p.45 Ambrose Coffey deposition: "Sometime in the year 1780, being in the woods, we lodged at said cabbin"

p.113 Ambrose Coffey deposition: "I first came to Boonesboro in 1777 in Feb."

p. 224 " " " "I came to this country in the year of 1776 and in the year 1777 became a resident of Boonesboro where I lived until 1784 or 1785 " "

p, 241 Ambrose Coffey deposition: "I first became acquainted with Eagle Creek (Scott County Ky) in 1776 from McClellands Fort, as that summer I hunted there several times. _____ in 1779 Bowman's campaign started out and I being one of the party, we nooned it not far from (the big spring on Eagle Creek), Big John Martin being pilot descended over the ridge to this place and retreated back to the army and reported this was the head of Eagle Creek. I was last here in 1780 or '81."

CCC note:(This is not Ambrose 1762-1818, son of Rev. James Coffey.)