

Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse

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The circuit riding preacher was staying with a local family as was customary. At bedtime on Saturday night, there was a knock on the door. He opened and admitted a young couple who stated their desire to be married. Learning they had no license, the preacher advised them to go to the clerk on Monday, procure the license and return then. The intended groom then asked, "Revern, cint you jus' say a few words to tide us over til Monday?"
(see p. 8)

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It was early summer 1864. We were in the trenches at Spotsylvania. It was 2:00 AM on a black night and we were trying to stay awake. Someone said " Let Griffith tell us a story for he never finishes." So Griffith announced he'd tell a bear story, while his comrades lay bets on whether he would finish or even get to the part about the bears. Griffith began "About seven, no eight year ago, 'cause it were the year Jim Coffee married Mirandy Adams— well Peter Coffee he taken a cawntrac for a bridge over the Tye. Now I knowed Peter couldn't lay out that bridge 'cause I went to Fletch Massie's school with Peter and knowed jist how little 'rithmetic Peter could handle. " The enemy interrupted Griffith's story, but it continued as time allowed, until the night he went on picket and got an enemy ball in his body. We never saw him again but he sent word to the lieutenant: "I hope you didn't have any bets on the bear story." (See p. 8)

DEAR COUSIN:

What a great time! As we write this in a typical Indiana February, we're reminded of the local wisdom: "If you don't like the weather here just wait a minute." Within ten days we have had temperature ranges from -15 degrees to plus 62. February, here is the longest month, for we know spring is around the corner. CCC is off to it's best start ever, and as spring is the renewal, the promise, the resurrection, so you have made this a great beginning for your newsletter in 1984. Your letters have added to the Coffee/Coffey story in more volume than ever before. They reveal that the well is not dry but perhaps has depth unplumbed. When we think of the mysteries yet unsolved, of our early family, and our first convention approaches, we think our combined efforts can yet be fruitful. Perhaps a combined effort someday could commission a particularly concentrated search for those lost in the wilds of 1600 to 1800. We're thinking of a way we could provide incentive for a graduate student or college level teacher to undertake a study. A person studying American History might be able to do so were we to establish a fellowship fund to provide the means. And if the person were a member of our family, so much the better. Let's chew on this later.

Cousin Len

THE FIRST ANNUAL COFFEE/COFFEY CONVENTION IS ON !

After we had written more specifics about our plans at Appalachian State University, we got the disappointing news. Since we could not confirm as early, and ASU operates on first paid, first served, a larger group was able to take the entire center. There were a few days of panic while we investigated other sites. We now are all set at the High Country, in Boone, the largest Inn in the mountain area. The facilities are excellent, the people hospitable. We will have the meeting and banquet facilities equivalent to those at ASU. Double rooms are \$40.00 per night. All other plans remain the same. People are working on suggestions for the time when you choose your agenda of events. We suspect there will be a good mixture of family get together and free time for your own exploring. One idea we have learned in advance is that we plan at least one dinner together at the Dan'l Boone family style restaurant or at Coffey's fine restaurant. There are thirteen members confirmed and some still deciding. We anticipate receiving additional publicity in large periodicals and think there will be 50 or more attending. Specifics on registration and facilities will be sent to those confirmed. As a reminder: Convention will be Sat., Sun. May 5,6. Registration May 4, close about 1:00 PM May 6.

SHARING THE RIDE

Dorothy (Mrs. Thomas) Shamblin of Michigan will be traveling alone unless someone else would like to share. She does plan a research stop in Ohio and possibly Raleigh, William D, Coffey Sr. (Maryland-D.C.) could take a passenger, as could Leonard and Donna Coffey, (Indiana). On the other hand Virginia L, Petersen (Kansas) and I.V. Crawford (Texas) would like to go but cannot unless they can accompany a friend. We hope people can get together on arrangements. Note: Room rates are \$40 for two, \$45 for three, and \$50 for four. Rooms have two double beds. A possible saving through sharing. Please see the Cousins list this issue for addresses.

Lizzie's Legacy and Our Coffey Cousins is at the printers. It should be ready for mailing by the first of February. If ordered before May 1, 1984 the cost is \$15.00, plus \$2.00 for mailing, after that date the cost is \$20.00, plus \$2.00 for mailing. The book is 192 pages of single space type with 53 photographs. It deals mainly with the descendants of Benjamin Coffey's (1747-1834) son, John and Elizabeth (Rucker) Coffey's ten children.

CCC NOTE: Bennie and Lizzie can be proud. Our copy is beautiful, inside and out. We know now Bennie was working on this long before she told us. You just cant do this kind of work overnight. We will shake Bonnie's hand in Boone. For your copy contact Bennie Loftin 4006 Clemson, Garland TX 75042

DEAD END ROADS

ETHELYN COFFEY has these questions about Martin Coffey (1762-1867) and his son James, (1818-1897). 1. Who were Martin's other children? 2. Where did James daughters live and die? 3. Who were their children? Millie Ann b. 1854 m. Richard A. Goode in 1878 in Lincoln Co. Ky. Nancy (Nannie) b. 1857 m. 1878 John Ragan 1878, Lincoln Co. Sarah Elizabeth b. 1861, m. 1878 John W. Higgenbotham in Lincoln Co. Ky. Ethelyn also sent CCC the census data for 1850 and 1860 for Russell Co. Ky. showing 26 families of Coffeys in 1850 and over 30 in 1860. She and George say "See y'all in Boone".

LOREE MILLER is one who would like to know the parents of Miss Martha Coffee who m. Alexander Cleveland, Jr. and settled on Bull Run in Prince William Co. Va. They were parents of Benjamin Cleveland b. May 26, 1738 who was the Col. Cleveland of Revolutionary War fame. When Benj. was young the family moved 60 miles to Blue Run in Orange Co. near the Albemarle line. Another question is of Nathan Coffee (1780-1858) who established his family in Maury Co. TN. His parents were Chesley b. 1755 and Margaret Baldwin. Nathan m, Elizabeth Gilbreath (1781-1846) dau. of Hugh Gilbreath and Nancy Cleveland. Who was this Hugh Gilbreath and who was the other Hugh Gilbreath b. 1781? Who were parents of Nancy Cleveland?

MARY REEVES wonders if William Carol Coffee b. TN 1825 and m. Martha Jane ___ b. VA 1824 was a son of Bennett Coffee. What was Martha Jane's maiden name? Their daughter Rosa b. 1864 was Mary Reeves ggrandmother.

CONNIE PLATT asks: Who were the parents of Mary Nancy Carter who in 1842 in Russell Co. Ky. m. Nathan Jackson Coffey (1817-1899)? He was son of Eli and Mary "Polly". Mary N. was b. TN in 1818.

DORIS MILLER still dead ends with Nathan but does know that his daughter, Mary m. Eli Coffey. She feels if proof is ever offered it will be through CCC. (CCC recommends Tim Peterman's study of this family Mar '82 p.3)

JEAN ROW is seeking the birthplace and parents of James Coffey b. 6 Apr 1795 d. 2 Oct 1878, Shippensburg, Cumberland Co, PA. Jean knows the names of the children of all three of his marriages. Jean keeps a "NKC" file (NO KNOWN CONNECTION) that we exerpert later.

I LOVE A MYSTERY

Several cousins have expressed their interest in The Coffey Clan from 1690 (Dec '83) CCC does not know of a source for additional copies. There in no copyright notation and we would guess that Frank Moore made copies of his findings available to his 18 cousins as an act of love with no thought of selling to others. He and his cousins were grandchildren of James A, Coffey and Louisa Carnahan. Some of the 1600-1800 data Mr, Moore researched differs from that of others. We did find find these items that continue reports we had in earlier CCC's:

1. (ref. Brenda Wood letter Dec '83 p.3) From the "Coffey-Cleveland" file Tennessee State Library: Rice Coffey married Sarah Bradford. Rice's nephew, A.M. Coffey m. Mary Bradford a niece of Sarah. So Uncle and nephew married Aunt and niece but not the ones Brenda had in mind.

2. (ref, Jun '82 p.2) Reverend Achilles Coffey letter to his children mentions the family legend that "two brothers came from Ireland and had 11 sons each" We do know of early Coffeys who had 11 children but were apparently not immigrants, Achilles also admits that his information may be faulty for his father was raised an orphan and his grandfather died "about 100 years ago". The reverend thought his grandfather's name was also Achilles but most people today say it was Archelaus. Achilles adds that younger generations moving west separated them from knowledge of their ancestors.

Who was the first Coffee/Coffey genealogist? At one time we thought it was Rice Coffee by virtue of his letter to his nephew Jefferson Coffey in 1844. It just struck us that Jefferson was the historian for he made the inquiry. And obviously it was the reply that was found in Jefferson's effects. If more of his papers exist it is there we may find solutions to many mysteries.

LOOKING IN THE MAILBOX

LORIE OKEL found someone's Coffees in the Stanislaus Co. CA census of 1900, but doesn't know who's. Jasper was b. 1874 CA, father b. NC mother MO; Henry J. b. 1876 CA, father TN, mother MO. Henry's wife Marie b. Danmark; Stockard W. b. MO 1839, father b. TN, mother b. VA. Marthe A. wife b. MO 1850 both parents b. MO; children Dorthula, Leotha, and Charles W. b. CA 1879-1887; William F. b. MO 1850, father b. TN, mother b. VA. Kate, his wife b. IL 1856, children Coral L., Ada W., Eva B. b. CA 1877,80,82.

Lorie also discovered the History of Stanislaus Co. CA pub. 1881. It noted Alfred Jefferson Coffee was b. in Smith Co. TN 1837. His father died about 1847 leaving a wife and eight small children. They moved to Clay Co. Illinois in 1852 where A.J. farmed for thirteen years. In company with others they jourined six months overland to reach San Joachin in 1864, minus one woman of the party who was buried on the summit of the Rockies. In 1865 Mr. Coffee went to Stanislaus Co, where he put together a farm of 320 acres, six miles from the county seat, and raised wheat and barley. In 1872 he visited his old home in Illinois and married former schoolmate Matilda J. Speck. Their children are Stockard Franklin, Lily Belle, and Ellen Gertrude.

WALKER COFFEY after visiting the Kansas City Genealogy Computer Seminar, went to the Wilson Library of the U. of NC at Chapel Hill. There he found in They Passed This Way (Leighton and Shackelford 1964) mention of Coffees resting in various Maury Co. TN cemeteries.

W. G. 1882-1961; Minnie L. 1882-1954 Chesley 19 Nov 1755-18 Sep 1818

Calvin 1805-1889; his wife Elizabeth 1809-1882 Calvin J. 1839-1849

dau of Calvin and Elizabeth; Virginia Isabella 1853-1860

William F. 1868-1954, wife Samantha V. 1869-1903, dau, Minnie F. 1892-1902

Nathan 1780-1858, wife Elizabeth d. 1846 age 63, dau. Nancy Alex. 1806-1827

Mary 1810-1826, Jacob 1817-1844, Mary A. 1868-1948

John A. 1832-1901, wife Nancy S, (dau of Benoni and Sarah Gresham) 1834-1865

Mary Gresham wife of J.A. 1846-1912, Earl son of J.A. and Mary 1874-1883

J.M. 1844-1907, wife Maggie J. 1858-1896, dau. Rosa Hudson 1874-1883

Landon Harrison 1856-1914; Margaret 1858-1943; Stella 1884-1907

William F. 1830-1864, killed Mason

One of Walker's next stops will be in Boone for the meeting. Better plan to see him there.

CCC got so enthusiastic that in Dec '83 p. 8 we gave NOREVA SHARR an extra set of ggram-parents. Actually Thomas Whitfield Coffey and Melissa Davison were the parents of her grandfather's brother. Noreva would still like to find a link to their ancestors.

DOROTHY SHAMBLIN tells us the 1836 tax list of Overton Co. TN includes Joel T. Coffee, with tracts of 120, 350, and 600 acres; 5 slaves and one white poll. William C. Coffee was listed with one white poll. She also notes the Vermont Revolutionary Rolls include four entries for Anthony Coffee/Coffy from 1778-1781. She'll be in Boone.

EDITH VINES says she's just a poor country girl but would show real Southern hospitality to any of the cousins who "have not got above their raising". Living only 20 miles from Boone, she will be at the meeting. Her ancestors include a Jesse that needs some sorting out. She has a deed that indicates Jesse's widow was Margaret Sr, and mentions Margaret the wife of Zechariah Coffey. Edith thinks Margaret (Peggy) is Jesse's daughter and that Zech, (also her cousin) was the son of Joseph Coffee, Zocheriah was b. about 1817. He and Peggy were parents of Raban Scott (b, 1853), Enoch, Elisha, Brice, Sarah, Margaret, Nancy, and Matilda. Raban Scott Coffey and Margaret Hollanders were parents of Julius Adore, Joseph, Cleveland, David, Deleno, Renda, Elizabeth, and Aletha. Julius Adore was the father of Edith Coffey Vines.

JACK WILLIAMS like Marie Ryals Coffey ancestry back to Jesse, father of McCaleb and Austin. His mother was Mollie Belle Coffey. Jack will see us in Boone.

LEN COFFEY thinks: What would a Coffey family be without an Elizabeth? Let me tell you about my granddaughter (Megan Elizabeth May) age 3 when we see you in Boone.

Judge John Hall was b. 1740-1760 and died in Barren Co. Ky in 1809. His wife was Grizelle Coffey according to descendent Maj.(ret) Billy C, Hall, Maj. Hall would like to hear

LOOKING IN THE MAILBOX cont,

from anyone able to further identify **Grizelle**. Write him at P.O. Box 404 Agoura CA 91301.

KATHLEEN EPPARD sent a list of Coffeys from Caldwell Co. NG who served in the Civil War. Survivors were **Armstead**, George, **Harvey N.**, Henry C., Irwin, Jesse, Patterson, and Wm. Columbus. Those who died of wounds or disease were Cleveland, David, J. G«, J. II., James T., Thomas M., William L. The list is from North Carolina Troops 1861-1865 and appeared in the Caldwell Co, Genealogical Society newsletter.

WILL DUNCAN is out "digging roots" and expects to have some good ones for us at Boone. He suggests a contest among "old Coffey look alikes". That is so he can win as a double for Asbury Madison Coffey. We now know what Will looks like. The rest of us will have to surprise each other.

ROBERT DALE COFFEY reports Ms line extending fro Martin Coffey and Nancy Hansford. Their son James Gabriel (1818-1897) m. Patsey Tucker in 1836. James and Patsey were parents of Francis Marion b. Jamestown KY 1841 m. **Permelia** Jane Hughes 1865 d. in Kansas. They had a son James Gabriel b. 1883? Florence KS and m. Lena Rose Higgins 1904 ri. 1974 in **Safford** Arizona.

JEAN ROW has acquired a family chart found in a book in an antique shop at Hotchkiss CO. Whoever lost it belonged to the family of Joseph Coffey. Joseph had a son **Tatom** b. 1800 in NY. **Tatom's** siblings were William, Sarah, Joseph and John. He m. Rebecca Rupert in 1820, NY and their brood included Isaac Vance Coffey b. 1828 Mechanichsburg, OH, who m. **Anna Cathern Parthemere** in 1852. Isaac V. had a son Tatom P. in Ohio and other children b. Kansas. The writer of the chart was one of those: either Minnie 1858, Martha Ann 1861, Joseph V. 1867, William E. 1869, or Mary Rebecca 1872.

We are looking forward to meeting the FRED MILLERS at Boone. She is the former W. LOREE Gilbreath. We can tell from her lengthy letter that she is not only interested in her ancestor's names but also the details of their lives. Those ancestors include Mary Coffee and Chesley Coffee who may have been brother and sister. Loree says the Coffeys and Gilbreaths "intermarried something fierce". She tells that **Chesley's** son Isaac and two other men were murdered by the Harp brothers in Stockton's Valley between Knoxville and the Kentucky line in 1799. Several historical accounts have described this tragedy, including THE OUTLAW YEARS by Robert Coats and OUR KIN PAST AND PRESENT by Delma Turnbow Freeman.

MARY REEVES found in THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGIST an Essex Will for Ann Duling. Dated 30 Oct 1744 it directs distribution to sons William and Thomas Duling and to daughter, Annister Coffe and **Annister's** son James Coffe. (CCC note: Several years ago a researcher said Ann Duling was first married to Edward Coffee who d. 1717. We do not have his source reference.) Final settlement documents were signed by William Duling and Ann Ester Coffey.

WALKER COFFEY and George C. Coffey(Dec '83 p. 5) arc both descended from Hugh Coffey 1784-1861, and Walker tells this story:

GEORGE C. COFFEY M.D. WAS A GRADUATE OF VANDERBILT MEDICAL SCHOOL AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. MOST OF HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE WAS SPENT AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK. HE BELIEVED STRONGLY IN THE MEDICINAL QUALITIES OF THE SPRINGS THERE AND EXTOLLED THEIR CURATIVE POWERS IN A COLUMN IF THE LOCAL PAPER. HE WAS MARRIED TWICE BUT NEVER HAD ANY CHILDREN. DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS OF HIS LIFE HE WAS A PATIENT IN A HOT SPRINGS HOSPITAL. WHILE THERE HE KEPT AN HOURLY AND DAILY DIARY OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE HOSPITAL INCLUDING WHAT HE THOUGHT OF EACH TREATMENT GIVEN HIM BY THE DOCTORS AND NURSES.

ANCESTORITIS by Willard Heiss: Countless ancestors were undistinguished, honest and poor. Family historians welcome an ancestor who was a rascal, reprobate or rich because they left records in the courts and newspapers. (Article of Feb 10, 1984)

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

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AND THEIR ANCESTORS

Chesley
Martin(1762-1867)
 Colby
 Colby 1755-1818
 Joel
 Rice m. Sarah Trogden
 James 1795-1878
 Elizabeth Coffey Strange
 Martha Coffee Cleveland
 Elizabeth Coffey Strange
 Jesse

The Millers, Stranges, and Williams plan to attend the Boone meeting.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

A happy, no effervescent letter from J.C. and MARY COFFEY of Dallas announced their 50th Wedding Anniversary to be celebrated on the 12 Feb. 1984. We called on the 11th to extend love and congratulations from all their cousins. Their wedding gift from son, David and wife and Tiffanie is an expense paid trip to Boone for the convention.

MARGARET BILLING has moved from Jamestown Ky to Indianapolis, IN.

LOIS RALEIGH'S mother, Cleo Coffey McQueen b. Aug 6, 1909 passed away Oct. 20, 1983 at Corbin KY, Edgar Coffey b. Apr 12, 1917 died Jan 27, 1984. Edgar and Cleo were children of Henry 1886-1965 and Sarah Coffey 1890-1942 of Egypt KY. Henry was the son of George Coffey 1866-1919 and Francis Mullins 1869-1942. Cleo's brother David b. Jan 7, 1926 died Jan 5, 1984. Our sympathy to Lois for these losses.

Oliver Arnot, artist died Jan 31, 1984 at age 82. Who was Oliver? She was the daughter of a cowboy, a wife, mother, retail buyer, and accomplished in several ares of fine arts. At least that's who her friends and family thought she was. Much to her embarassment and that of neices named for her It was discovered recently that years ago she had changed her name from "Ollie" to one more "sophisticated". Ollie Coffee Willis Arnot was the treasured mother of our cousin PATTI YOUNG and the sister of cousin W(00DSON) COFFEE JR, We think we will see these cousins in Boone.

RICHARD and DOROTHY/JACQUELINE DAHL (Dec '82 and Mar '83) continue their progress in search of her family. They now know that her grandparents were Patrick Coffey b. Ireland, Mayme Zwicker b, Sacramento CA? also Frank Musacchia b. Italy and Virginia Rockstrong b, Italy but the daughter of an Englishman, a Col, Rockstrong. Mrs. Dahl's father was Joseph Henry Coffey 1884-1964; her mother, Anna Musacchia 1898-1980. They are desperately searching for information on all the children of Joseph Henry and Anna. They ask all to help with complete names and vital data if you know anything of 1. Joseph Henry Bernard (Coffey Jr.) b. 1915 m. Jane ____ 2. Charlotte Anna Bernard (Coffey) b. 1917 m. William J. Payne 3. Bernard Russell Bernard (Coffey) b, 1918? d. 1930-31? 4. Mamie Coffey b. 1920 m. ____? has sons Robert, Kenneth, 5. Jacqueline m. R. Dahl dau Lynda Karen b. 1950 6, Dorthy' Lou Coffey b. 1922 m. Dean Higgins c: Michael, Pamela. 7. Jackie Coffey b. 1923-25 d. 1978-79 son Michael 8. Bobbie Coffey b. 1926 9. Florine Coffey b. 1927 m. Joseph B. Jenkins c: Joseph Jr., Diana, Beverly Ann. 10. Lola Coffey b. ____? 11. Beverly Coffey b. 1930 m. Jack Baroni, c: Johnny Joe 12. Billie Coffey (fern.) m. ____? c: Kimberly b. 1961?

WE SEE IN THE PAPERS

Clara Winston age 104 died in Indianapolis Nov 1983, She was survived by 3 daughters and 284 great great grandchildren. That family tree would cover a barn roof.

CONTINUING COUSINS (cont.)

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Jeanne M. Thatcher 115 E. Maple Van Wert, OH 45891	(Ryland 1850-)
Frances L. Tiller 4026 Campbell Kansas City, MO 64110	(Elizabeth Strange)
Edith C. Vines Star Route Box 154 Lenoir, NC 28645	(Jesse)
Daraleen Wade 4305 Toni Ave. N. Salem, OR 97303	(Nebuzaraden)
K. Lee Wilder 417 Charles St. Oekin, IL 61554	(Benjamin-Polly Hayes)
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Patti W. Young 8915 Datapoint Apt. 44B San Antonio, TX	(Joel 1730-1789)

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

We feel remiss that we have not heretofore reported that: Hugh Coffey b. SC 1784 m. Margaret, the daughter of Andrew(b. Ireland 1756 d. NC 1845) and Sarah Crye Walker(1757-1793). They had a son James Alexander Coffey b. 1830 who m. Lavina Barry(1844-1868) and Martha Leggett (1848-1924). Of this second marriage was born James Alexander Coffey Jr. jn 1878 who m. Mrs. Mary Pettey Johnson b. 1875. This marriage resulted in the birth of Dr. Nettie Louise Coffey Parette and our cousin WALKER JACKSON COFFEY. There is longevity in this family for James A. Sr. lived to 1907, Martha lived until 1924, James Jr. lived until 1955 and his wife til 1947. Walker (b. 8-22-1906) will keep his age a secret until he sees you in Boone.

James Coffey was born 6 Apr 1795 and died 2 Oct. 1878. He is buried at Spring Hill Cem. Shippensburg, Cumberland. Co. Pa. His wives were 1. Nancy McCune 2. Mary Highlands 3. Eliza Goudy. His son, John H. Coffey was b. 9 Feb. 1830 and d. 6 Nov. 1904. He is buried at the Spring Hill Cem. Johns wives were 1. Elizabeth Rank 2. Annie Gontz. John had a son, Charles B. b. 10 Jul 1863 and d. 29 Jul 1918. His wives were 2. Lydia Alice Long I. Grace M, Bentz 3. Jennie Reber. John Emory Coffey was a son of Charles B. He was b. 21 Sep 1890 and m. Kathryn E. Fogelsanger. John E. D, in 1952 but had a daughter named Dorothy Jean 15 Apr 1923. JEAN is married to Howard E, ROW and is our new cousin.

We regret that we have only eight pages to spend on this letter for there was a great deal of information submitted.

Last minute Convention Note: Betty Coffey visited and toured the High Country Inn. In her estimation there could not be a more beautiful place to meet. It is backed against the mountain and when you get there you will want a sweater and your camera. The Laurel will be in bloom.

COVER STORIES

The "preacher" story is from THE COFFEY CLAN FROM 1690.

The "Bear Story" is from SOUTHERN SOLDIER STORIES by George Cary Eggleston who was the lieutenant of the story. Copyrighted 1898, Macmillan Co. NY.

Donna says: Don't be late for a very important date.

