

Dear Cousin,

The quote by John Donne (DUN) recently came to my attention. It seems to explain, in a way, feelings that were difficult to verbalise before. Perhaps it reveals our need to know about those who have gone before us. Donne was an English poet and clergyman. My reference source says he preached some of the finest sermons in the English language. Originally a Catholic, he drifted from that church. King James I, then advised him to become a priest in the Church of England. In 1621 he became the Dean of St. Pauls in London. His poetry was unknown during his life time except for handwritten copies exchanged among his friends. T. S. Eliot used Donne's poems as models for his own after 1910. The selection on our cover is from "Devotions", from which, Ernest Hemingway used a portion for the title of a novel in 1940.

The holidays approach. They are a time of joy and celebration. They can also be a time of serious reflection on the true values. We remember fondly those cousins we have met and visualize just as fondly those we have not. May we wish you all happiness and peace this coming season. Until we meet (again)

Cousin Tom

SPECIAL REPORT

NETTIE COFFEY PARRETTE M. D.

Dr. Nettie and her husband, Dr. Dick, have given over forty years of their lives serving the medical needs of the mountain folk of Graham County, North Carolina. Most of this time they were the only doctors in the county. Their dedication to their profession was so intense that they were available to the people twenty four hours a day and seven days a week, almost all the forty years except for Dr. Dick's four years of service in WW II. Dr. Nettie carried on their practice while he was away. For this contribution to the war effort, she has received a National award from MADemoiselle magazine. The people of Graham County have shown their love for Drs. Nettie and Dick in many ways; An Appreciation Day when hundreds came to Robbinsville to participate in the ceremony; They have named a birthing clinic for Dr. Nettie and dedicated a new highway bridge to them.

Dr. Nettie is the daughter of James Alexander Coffey, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Petty. She was born Jan. 11, 1911 in Lafayette County, Mississippi. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1928, took pre-med at the University of Mississippi and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, graduating from the latter's school of medicine during the great depression in 1934. She interned at Fort Sanders Hospital in Knoxville.

While serving the people of Graham County, Dr. Nettie and Dr. Dick were responsible for the medical needs of about 500 Cherokee Indians for forty five years. They saw the Indians integrate with the whites, begin to graduate from high schools, become active in athletics, some going to training schools and college. The Cherokees came from low poverty, with a prevalence for TB and diabetes, to a time of good health and good housing, taking part in school and community affairs. Their love, trust, and respect for Dr. Nettie and Dr. Dick are most unusual.

Dr. Nettie has forgotten more about childbirth than most doctors will ever know. She has delivered more than three thousand babies (more than three hundred are named for her), many in one room, unsanitary, stinking cabins in the back woods of the Smoky Mountains, in all kinds of weather and the worst conditions imaginable. Dr. Nettie had come out of poverty (by today's standards) graduated from medical school, first in her class. She turned aside the opportunity for wealth in a city practice, went into the back country that had no doctors, and dedicated her life along with Dr. Dick, to easing the pain and suffering of poor poverty stricken mountain folk, who paid what they could, but got treatment and drugs free if they could not. To her patients she is the angel of mercy. To me she is the greatest professional woman of this century. Someday history will record the merciful and compassionate deeds of this servant of humanity who wanted to "do good" in the world rather than make money for herself.

Several years ago Dr. Dick was disabled by rheumatoid arthritis and Dr. Nettie is now almost an invalid from several back surgeries to relieve pain. They are now retired and live at their home of fifty years in Robbinsville. Their only surviving son, David, a veteran of the U.S. Airforce lives nearby with his wife, Pam and their three sons.

**** Submitted by WALKER COFFEY at CCC request. ****

Did you notice? There is an additional line on page one under our issue identification and printing data. We received a thank you from the Library of Congress for sending the complete set of CCC and the assignment of our ISSN code number. If you receive TIME, NEWSWEEK, or other major periodical you can see their ISSN on the masthead.

THE COFFEE/EYS OF MADISON, GREEN AND RELATED KENTUCKY COUNTIES

MADISON COUNTY

Deeds:

Ambrose-Deposition Bk. D, p. 551 Jan 1799 James Reed Land Dispute. Ambrose to Madison Co. Deposition Bk. I, 1812- a Banta land claim. Colby to Archibald Lanham Chatl. Mortgage Bk. 2, p. 182 1841. Nancy to Gabriel Lackey Comr. deed book 2, p. 283, 1845. Alice and Thomas J. to John T. Scrivner Deed Bk. 46, p. 379 1898. W. A. to Garland Kindred Chatl. Mortgage Bk. 5, p. 286 1850. William A. to Peter Smith Chatl. Mortgage Bk 6, p. 217 1851. David Coffey from Green Clay- Bk. B, p. 222 1791. He becomes an apprentice to Green Clay in exchange for giving him an English education. David Coffee is the son of David Tanner of Louisiana.

Tax List

1796: Joel, 1 wm 16; Joel Senior, 1 wm; James, 1 wm 2 blacks; Cleveland, 1 wm 13 blacks.

1797: Joel; Cleaveland; Nathl, 2 wm over 16; Joel, 2 wm over 16; James.

1799: Cleaveland, 1 wm 21, 1 wm over 16; Joel, 1 wm 21, 1 wm over 16.

1800: Feilding, 1 wm 21; Joel, 1 wm 21, 2 whites 16-21.

1801: No Coffeys listed.

Marriages:

Ruth to Andrew Moody 1/15/1800. Fieldon to Sealy Coffy 3/13/1800. Martin to Nancy Phelps 8/17/1798. Elijah to Betsey Jeffers 7/16/1808.

GREEN COUNTY

Deeds:

Land entry 5/23/1834 Ananias Coffee mentioned as assignee.

Tax List:

1795-1797: Benjamin Caffee, 1 wm 21.

1799: John, 1 wm 21; Nathan, 1 wm 21, 1 wm 16; Martin, 1 wm 21; Joel, 1 wm 21; Youtson, 1 wm 21; (possibly Newton?).

1800: Nathan, 30 acres; Cleavland, 100 acres; James; Martin; Joel; Elizabeth; John Calfee.

1801: Joel; Nathan; James; Newton; Eli; Rutherford; Cleavland; Fielding; Sail. Some difficult to read may be Abious?; Absalom?; Cleveland?; Eli?.

1801, 1802: No Coffee/eyes.

Marriages:

Eli to Mary Coffee, 3/7/1801; Rutherford to Elizabeth(Graney) 3/17/1801; Nancy to James West, 1/24/1817; Nancy to David Rogers, 2/27/1829; Polly to Joseph McMullin, 3/14/1801, Polly to John Keltner, 11/28/1829; Anonias to Jane Hineman, 8/28/1809; John to Sally Brockman, 7/26/1821.

ADAIR COUNTY

Deeds:

Numerous land transfers between the Coffee/ys and their relatives occurred from 1801 when Adair County was formed until 1818. These records are well preserved in Adair County and in book form in many libraries. The Coffee/ys involved include: Joel, Nathan, James, Cleveland, Nathaniel, Salathiel(of Pulaski), Chesley (of Maury Co. TN), Joseph Jr., Joel Sr., James (of Logan Co.), Eleaza, Absolum, Nebuzaraden. Others are: John Saunders, Archelaus A. Strange, Golston Stapp(of Garrard Co.). Couples identified in the records are Nathan and Betsey, Nathaniel and Sally, Joel and Jane, Newton and Sally, Reatherford and Gracy, Absolum and Polly.

Tax Lists:

1802: James, 1 wm 21 + , 1wm 16+, 9 blacks, 6 horses; Rutherford, Martin, Eliazer, Fieland, Joel, Nathan, Nathan Jr., 1 wm 21+; Elizabeth; Niou, Sail, 1 wm 16+; Cleveland, 1 wm 21+, 100 acres, 4 slaves; John, 1 wm 21+, 200 acres; Joel, 1 wm 21+, 250 acres.

1803: Nathan, 120 acres; Joel, 200 acres; John Calfee, 200 acres; Cleveland, 100 acres; James, 120 acres; Joel Sr., Eli, Fielden, Salathiel, Joseph, Martin, Rutherford, Chesley, Nathan.

1804: John Calfee; Joseph; Cleveland; James; Joel; Fielding; Eliason; Rutherford; Mortain(Martain); Elisabeth; Nathan; Chessly; Nathan.

The tax lists continue until 1844 with repetition of many of the earlier names. The list of Coffeys declines after 1805, but some new names appear from time to time:

1805: Patsy, 6 blacks; Absolum, 1 wm 16+; Nathan Jr., 1 wm 21+.

1808: Joel (Bogy); Nebuzaraden; Newton.

1809: Nathaniel; Martha; Zacr.; Ely; Joel (Bogy).

1815: Jane. 1818: Hays. 1826: Umphry. 1844: No Coffeys.

Marriages:

Absolum and Polly Beard, 9/20/1808; James Coffey and Betsey Coffey, daughter of Nathan, 3/4/1804; John and Sally Brown, daughter of Larkin and Mary Brown, attest Absolem, Joseph, and Newton Coffey, 3/29/1809; John and Rebecca Barnet, 7/18/1840; Nathan and Elizabeth Kilbreath, attest Hugh Kilbreath, 3/3/1806; Nathaniel and Sally Merideth, daughter of Daniel Merideth, attest Ananias Coffey, 11/11/1806;

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Sabathial and Polly Blair, daughter of Alexander Blair, 10/25/1808; Sidner, son of Jane Coffey, and Marguanna Keltner, daughter of Michael Keltner, 1/20/1831; Celia or Silah to Martin Smith, attest Archiles A. Strange, 7/15/1810; Gracey, daughter of Chesley, to Andrew Turnbow, 12/12/1802; Patty, daughter of Cleveland; to Gabriel Hays, Jr. 12/26/1813; Nancy, daughter of Nathaniel, to Richard Lockett, attest Willis and Eli Coffey, 2/15/1823; Elizabeth, daughter of Marget Coffee widow to Henry Cook, attest John Coffee, 7/16/1804; Elizabeth, daughter of Elizabeth Coffee to William Perkins, 9/6/1806; Elizabeth, stepdaughter of Elijah Stilwell. to William Pike, 9/23/1816; Gracey, daughter of Nathan to John Harlow, 10/29/1809; Harriett, daughter of Jane Coffey to Robert Hopkins, 10/6/1830 or 1831; Levina, daughter of Joel to Simeon F. Combs, attest Nebrizaradan and Hayes Coffey, 7/22/1823; Polly, daughter of Marget Coffee widow to John Cook, 12/3/1803; Mary C. to James Simpson 12/22/1840; Samuel, son of John Coffee, and Elizabeth Spurling, 9/14/1840.

Court Orders

Surveyor, Peter Dunlop appointed for area including Glens Fork, Crocus Creek, Cabbin Creek, Russells Creek, and Sulphur Fork including Chesley Coffey, 7 Mar 1803. John Coffee and Chesley Coffee in various survey parties 1803 to 1805. Martin Coffey made proof for 318 acres on Roaring Lilly, 4 Mar 1805. Nathan Coffey security for Abraham Parker, 6 May 1805. John Coffey made proof for 99 acres and 2 rodd on Greasy Creek, 1 Jul 1805. Motion of Obed Green, ordered that John Stapp, John Woolford, and James Coffee in conjunction with the infant heirs of Gholson Stapp, decd. convey 200 acres to said Green per receipt of 7 Nov 1799. Same for 150 acres to John Cook per receipt of 27 Dec. 1800, 4 Nov 1805. Joel Coffee 400 acres, Jno Coffee 104 1/2 acres on Greasy Creek. Nathaniel Coffee apptd. constable, 3 Feb 1806. Reatherford Coffee apptd administrator of Elizabeth Coffee estate, bond 100 lb. with Nathan and Joel Coffee, 5 Oct. 1807. John Calfee mentioned, 1812. Doak to pay Absolom Coffey and Nathan Coffey, each 2 attce. against Hickenbottom, 1809. David Bishop to be surveyor of a road between Glen's Fork and George Turnbow's in the room of Chesley Coffey, 1809. Cleveland Coffey be Captain of the patrollers with assistants, confined to the bounds of Captain Cams and captain Stapps Malitia Companies and that they ride and patrol, to wit, Negro Quarters and other suspected place of the Resort of Negroes at least 12 hours in each month for 12 months, 3 July 1809. On motion of Joel Coffey a subpeona is issued against David Walker to cause him to appear here as a witness to prove the will of William Allen decd., 2 Oct 1809. The will of William Allen was proved by the oaths of Joel Coffey and David Walker witness thereto, and sworn to by John Stapp Jr. and George Ballow the executors therein named. Said executors executed bond with Robert Stapp, Reatherford Coffey, and Gabriel Hill their sureties, 6 Nov 1809. Absolom Coffey paid 2.25 for guarding two felons for 3 days. 6 Nov 1809. Joseph McMullin appointed constable and executed bond with Retherford Coffee and Larkin Brown his sureties, 1 Jan 1810. John Beard renewed his bond as constable with Nathan Coffee and Hugh Beard his sureties, 1 Jan 1810. Obed Gree, Berrinam Holt, and John Coffey do view best way for a road from Tacketts Ferry on Cumberland River to intersect old road from thence to Cumberland, (undated but follows previous order). Samuel E. Stapp be appointed surveyor of the road from the crossroads near John Stapps to the crossroads between Benjamin McFarlands and William Millers in the room of Berryman Holt and all the lands in the bounds beginning at Jesse Wooldridge thence to include John Coffey, James Coffey, and Samuel Eastap thence to include William Lair and

Cleveland Coffey thence down the dry fork of Greasy Creek to the beginning, 5 Feb 1810. John Coffey appointed commissioner for the purpose of taking a list of taxable property, (1811?). Nebuzaraden Coffey appears to answer the complaint of Dicy Be New, single woman, against him for being the father of her bastard child. The council of said Coffey moved the court to order a jury to be impaneled. Motion overruled. Said defendant moved the prosecution be quashed because the same was not commenced within 12 months from the birth of the child. Motion overruled. Court finds Nebuzaradan Coffey the father of such bastard child and that he pay for the support thereof. George Bellow be appointed guardian to the said child, 4 Nov 1811. George Bellow ack. a receipt to Nebuzaradan Coffey for full satisfaction of a judgement obtained by Dicy Bellow against said Coffey for \$150.00 for the support and maintenance of her bastard child, 6 Apr 1812. Newton Coffey to be surveyor of a road from Columbia to Pulaski Cty. 1 Feb 1813. Nebuzaridan Coffey appointed surveyor of the road leading to Wayne courthouse or so much thereof that lies between Adam Rexrotes place and the crossroad near John Stapps in Adair City (county?), 3 May 1813. Joseph McMullen and Nathan Coffey be recommended as fit persons the one to fill the vacancy in the office of the Justice of the Peace, 5 July 1813. John Waggener be appointed surveyor of of the road from this place to Campbells ferry on Cumberland River as lies from Zion meeting house to Second Branch above Andrew Kelsoe's be surveyor from thence to the nearest corner of Jacob Millers fence and that Daniel Merideth be surveyor from thence to Cumberland county line and that each overseers hands be ascertained by a straight line drawn parrallel on each side of sd. road at the several places to which their Prescincts extent so as to include the following hands(lands?) and all in the bounds towit, James Coffey, Nathan Coffey in a direction to the widow Antles to the county line on one side etc., 5 Aug 1813.

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County levied 1.00 for Newton Coffey erecting a sign post, 1 Nov 1813. Newton Coffey appointed captain of patrollers, 2 Nov 1813. Cleveland Coffey estate, Jane his widow appointed administrator 1815, appointed guardian for Kitty, George, Humphrey, Elijah, Walton, Lincey, and Cleveland P. all infant heirs of Cleveland Coffey decd, 1 May 1815.

The foregoing is a merger of information submitted by Brenda Wood and Marvin Coffey. (Some entries seeming repetitive omitted by CCC). CCC may have some "typos" here but mostly the spelling oddities are as they appear in the old records. To be continued next issue with data from Lincoln, Russell, and Pulaski counties.

COFFE E/Y CONVENTION_____NASHVILLE '85

DATE: MAY 3,4,5 1985

PLACE: HICKORY HOLLOW INN (BEST WESTERN HOTEL)

I-24 AND BELL ROAD (EXIT 59)

P.O. BOX 110693, NASHVILLE TN 37211

PH: 800-824-3518 (IN TENNESSEE 800-227-5256)

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN: JAMES V. COFFEY

471 N. DRIVE - WYANDOTTE MI 48192

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THE DETAILS: There are 55 rooms reserved for occupancy on May 3 and 4, 1985. Daily Rates are **\$31.03** single, **\$44.30** double, **\$49.84** triple, and **\$55.38** for four. The buffet luncheon for Saturday noon is **\$7.25** per person. Reservations to be confirmed by our deposit by April 1. We also hope to arrange for a unique souvenir (plaque or pin for under \$10.00) as a memento for each attendee.

THE PROCEDURE: Send **\$75.00** to L. N. COFFEY-COFFEY CONVENTION by March 15, 1985. Designate number of persons 2. number of luncheons 2. number of mementos _____. If you wish notification of receipt of your deposit include SASE to L.N. COFFEY, 38 N. OUTER DRIVE, MARTINSVILLE, IN 46151. PH: 317-342-2489. For cancellation or new reservations after March 27, contact the HICKORY HOLLOW INN. We will be looking for you in **Nashville** before 6:00 PM May 3, 1985. We also hope you will be full of ideas about convention plans and leadership for 1986. Should there be a COFFE E/Y FAMILY ASSOCIATION? It is up to you.

COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE has become **all** that we hoped for when the idea was taking shape in 1980. It continues to exist because of your interest and **participation**. Now is the time to start a new year of life for CCC. If you have not already done **so**_____.

>>>>>> RENEW NOW FOR 1985 <<<<<<<

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

AND THEIR ANCESTORS

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DEAD END ROADS

ANDRE' I. CUFFEZ is an officer in the Belgian Air Force. He was born in Oostende 8 July 1935, the son of **Camille** and **Germaine C. Everaert Cuffez**. He attended the Royal Military School and holds the rank of Cdt. (Senior Captain). He and Huguette Pick were married in 1957 and are the parents of Johny and Martine. Andre' has acquired many of the works that CCC has listed and is the author of a general study of the Coffey families. He sent us a copy of a family record showing the marriages of: 1. Dennis Coffee to Catherine Hodgins Coffee, both of Warsaw NY, 6 Feb 1853. 2. John A. Kehoe of Madison IN to Kate Coffee of Guelph, Ontario in Guelph 24 Oct. 1876. 3. Daniel D. Lynch of Platte Centre NEB to Sarah Coffee of Guelph, Ont. in Guelph 23 July 1890. Our new cousin would like to hear from anyone who has access to New York state records involving Coffe e/ys.

SUSAN TAYLOR would like to make a connection between Mary Coffee (b. 5 May 1779) who m. John McClain, Sr. in Knoxville TN on 15 April 1800 and John Coffee, son of James and **Elizabeth** (Cleveland) who was b. 13 Feb 1751 or 53 and m. Molly or Polly _____ ? b. 1755. Were Mary and John cousins?

Delily Trentham was b. 11/20/1804, the daughter of Absolom and Mary Williams **Trentham** of Franklin and Campbell Counties GA. She m. William B. Coffee (b. ca 1800 SC) on 3/17/1822 in Hall Co. GA. They were in Chattooga Co. GA in 1850 with children: Richard, Elizabeth, Jane, John, Thursa M. Navy Man Bryan T. Winter of 145 S. Meriam Dr., San Rafael CA 94903 is descended from **Delily's** brother David **William Trentham** and is interested in that families data.

THE MAIL BOX

THE **IRISH LINK** is "The Irish Family History Magazine" and a companion publication of the **ULSTER LINK** (see Mar '83 p. 3). The former has many fascinating facts on **Ireland, its families,** and descendants who are now in Australia and New Zealand. And it offers maps and a directory of over 60,000 **townlands** of Ireland not on modern maps. The IRISH LINK is \$20.00 for 2 years, the ULSTER LINK is \$10.00 for 2 years, the directory is \$10.00. (Australian or New Zealand money). Address: P.O. Box 135, South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

From the book **THE CATTLEMEN** by Mari Sandoz (1958): Old C. F. (Colonel or Chalk Eye) Coffee came up to Omaha with a Snyder herd in 1871. He ranched in the region keeping to the open country for elbow room and to follow his adventuresome ways. It was said he once rode a **wild buffalo** at **Ogallala**. His nephew, Harry B. became president of the Omaha stockyards in 1943. It now includes an 11 story Exchange Building where an annual banquet is held. The music of bawling cattle coming up softly from the pens below. Submitted by CLARENCE COFFEY of Crossville, TN.

Book
WALKER COFFEY tells of the book: **EDMUND COFFEY AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS** by Gene Brewington 4728 N. 59th Terrace, **Oklahoma City OK** (1979). It is 86 pages, was \$7.00, and has lots of pictures and stories of the Texas and Oklahoma Coffeys.

From an 1832 deposition of James **Coffey (1759-1836)** of Cumberland Co. PA: ".....he was in the battle of Long Island where his Col. was taken prisoner, The Americans retreated to Fort Washington about 12 miles from New York... at this **fort...he** was in several skirmishes and also in the main action under Col. McGaugh...at this battle the American men **all** made prisoners and marched to a little town called Harlem... and from that place to New York and there confined in a sugar **house...seven** weeks and four days... they suffered much from sicknys and were **permitted** after signing what the British called a **Parroll** exchanged to return to his own **troops...at Valley Forge...with** some other soldiers were sent to Northampton Co. PA and was engaged in making cartridges and guarding military stores until his term of service expired and then secured an honorable discharge." James Coffey was b. 17 Aug 1759 in Chester Co. PA, m. Mary Leeper 1781/1787 in Cumberland Co. PA and d. 20 DEC 1836 in Bedford Co. TN. Served in Army 1776-1778. Ch. Thomas, Mary, James, **Marthy**, Jane, Allen, **Elizabeth**. Submitted by JEAN ROW and her "NKC" file.

There have been some approvals and there have been objections to this new format for CCC. Our **plan** is to continue the style through the March '85 issue and solicit comments from the cousins at the convention.

John Barbee and Ann Miller were m. 25 Dec 1708 in Middlesex Co. VA. In 1714 they purchased land from Edward and Anne Coffey in Essex Co. VA bounded by Occupancy Creek, **Chickahomony** Path, Thomas Warren, and Frances **Gouldman**. An Edward Coffey of Anson Co. NC purchased **land** from John Crookshank on south side of Pee Dee River 6 or 7 miles above the mouth of Jones creek. He sold this land to Henry Falconborough in Aug 1752. **William Powell** witnessed several deeds when Arthur Dobbs and others sold land 1762-1765 in Anson Co. One deed places **William Powell's land** on the south side of the Pee Dee at Gould's Fork. Data collected by W. LOREE MILLER.

THE MAILBOX (CONT)

MARY (MRS, J. C.) COFFEY reported on the reunion held in Alabama in Sept. **It** was a great success with around 100 of the family attending. It used modern methods and equipment to revive old time feelings and values. We can't print her formula here but she might give us tips for other families. In a later report we heard that Mary and her car were damaged in a **collision**. The car was lost but Mary was sewn up and is good as new.

Very concerned at reports in our media of the tornado and great damage at Garland TX, we were relieved to find it missed BENNIE LOFTIN, but barely. Bennie found that DAR records also had data about the Reuben Coffeys confused. Reuben (1759-1842) served in the revolution. His uncle Reuben (1744-1813) was a patriot and furnished **supplies** for the effort. Bennie will keep us posted on the **findings**.

KENNETH R. COFFEE supplies excerpts of an Andrew Jackson biography that gives some hints about the character of Gen. John Coffee: "**big**, even keeled, slow-spoken man, a natural sedative to Jackson's **temper**." Jackson wrote: "...take Coffee as your guide, receive his admonitions. **live** within your means, never be in debt, and **become** no man's surety". Also by Jackson "... as a husband, parent and friend he was **affectionate**, tender and sincere. He was a brave, prompt and skillful general, a disinterested and sagacious patriot, an unpretending, just and honest man". Ken also enclosed info from biographical sketches on these Texans. 1. Henry C. Coffee b. Lavaca Co. 1869, son of Hansel Coffee and **Georgiana** (Reynolds), grandson of Logan Coffee who moved to Texas in 1842. H. C. has been a ranch hand, **wealthy** oil man, and theatre owner among other successful businesses. Has five brothers near Amarillo and 9 children by three wives. 2. Thomas J. Coffee b. 1858, son of John James Coffee and Nancy (**Lamberson**) of Smith Co. TN, a grandson of Joshua David Coffee, early settler of TN but later going to CA. John James, farmer and stockman died in 1927 at age 94. Thomas J. has been farmer, cowboy, businessman and banker and has nine children. 3. Andrew R. Coffy, son of Benjamin Coffy of **Illinois** and Mary (Hartly) of Missouri. Born in Oklahoma, he came to Texas in 1925 working as geologist, then **oil** lease broker. Married Edna Arnett in 1919 has two **children**. 4. Norman Coffee, attorney at Wheeler TX, son of attorney **Hall** of Kansas. 5. Woodson Coffee b. 1862, son of **Manse** 1 and Georgia F. Coffee. Left home at 20 owning a horse and saddle, was a cowboy for 20 years. Married **Ollie Stribling** in 1901 and turned to stockraising and banking. Has 7 children.

ROBERT H. and BETTY COFFEY are grandparents again since the arrival of Steven Ronald Littleton on 27 July checking in at 10lb **10oz** and 22 inches. They are excited about two other things also: 1. The Nashville convention and 2. The "**Grand** Reunion of Coffeys" in Ireland, May 19 to 29. Betty would like to interest another woman CCC cousin to accompany her as Bob won't be going. Betty **will** receive their Genealogical Research Report prepared at Dublin Castle.

CCC received a copy of a letter listing the family of a Jesse C. Coffey b. 1833 and wife Nancy F. Allen b. 1840. As the writer of the letter did not contact us directly we feel it would be improper to print it. We will release it to some cousin who claims a relationship to these people.

Mrs. Loni Gardner writes from 223 South 400 East in Bountiful Utah 84010. She requests information about the date and place of death of John Nelson Coffey and Laura A. Henley and the location of any **children** who may be **living**. They **lived** in Boone, NC at one time. Children were Henry Edward d. 1960, George **F.**, Essie Looney (Mrs. **Carroll** Herman) d. 1972, Delia (Mrs. Jake **Dellinger**), Stella (Mrs. Grover Walters), Clara D., Bertha (Mrs. Charles Cook), **Bernice** (Mrs. Charles Watson), Milton d. before 1936.

WE SEE **IN** THE PAPERS (AND ELSEWHERE)

The American **revolt** against British Rule began in 1776, right? Wrong. Try 100 years earlier. When Virginia Governor William Berkeley failed to act to repel an Indian invasion in 1676. the people chose Nathaniel Bacon to **lead** a force against the Indians. Bacon did defeat them then urged the governor to make reforms in colonial policies. Bacon began to fear plots on his **life** and led his troop against Jamestown, burning it and forcing Berkeley to flee. He **held** control for a short time until his death in 1676 brought the end to BACON'S REBELLION. Ref: World Book Encyclopedia (Nathaniel Bacon)

In a popular comic strip the man was telling his wife about his pioneer ancestor who went from Texas to **Ohio** in a covered wagon, requiring **five** years. The reason it took so long? He was going against the traffic.

CCC Note: This issue is late due to unforeseen family affairs in Nov. and Dec.

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

John **Coffey**, son of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland, married Polly. John and Polly's daughter Sarah m. 1800 Wilkes Co. NC, Michael Israel **Jr.** James Israel m. Mary. Francis Matilda Israel b. NC 1831 m. NC 1852 Jacob Hicks b. NC 1820. **Francis d. 1877 Logan Co. AR**, Jacob d. 1893 Paris AR. The children of Jacob Hicks and Francis Israel were: Margaret Emily (1852 **AL-1910**) m. Peter H. Daniel. 2. Marvel Callaway (1855 **AL-1878**). 3. Joseph Lee m. Rosa Lee Beavers. 4. Jonathon Y. (1861 **AL-1914**). 5. Nicklus Riley (1864 **AL-1937**) m. Lena Poindexter. 6. **Samantha Ann (1866 AR-1938) m. Simon C. Cristy.** 7. **Elsie Nora (1869 AR-1932).** 8. **Nancy Elizabeth (1873 AR-1951) m. John Thomas Beckett.** Joseph Lee Hicks b. 1858 AL m. 1884 AR Rosa Lee Beavers b. 1869 IL. He died in 1935 and she in 1956 and are buried in Bluffton AR. Their 12 children were all born in Arkansas: 1. Lucendia Matilda m. Joseph Harwood. 2. William Jacob m. Dora McConnell. 3. Elsie N. E. m. Austin Johnson. 4. George Riley. 5. John Calvin m. Lydia Harvey. 6. Sarah Belle m. Anderson Clark. 7. Mary Ann m. Wesley Ebbs. 8. Neva Alberta m. Frank Jones. 9. Margaret S. m. Benny Seaton. 10. Nancy **Caroline m. 1st Coy Wehunt, 2nd Bruce Montgomery.** 11. Thomas Henry m. Jimmy Hays. 12. Doshie **Hilda m. Eddley Madden.** John Calvin Hicks b. 1892 m. 1919 Lydia Harvey b. 1903 OR. He died in 1961. The 12th of their 14 children is our CCC cousin MILDRED HICKS.

Cousin SUZANNE RIPPETOE WIDELL is the daughter of Culver Willis Rippetoe (1913-1947) and Doris Kathryn West (1914-). Culver W. was the son of **Elva Albert (1883-1975)** and Florence Evelyn **Culver (1889-1969)**. Elva was the child of Willis Uriah (1857-1931) and Emma Ann Wells (1865-1946). Willis was the son of John Rippetoe (1829 Russell Co. KY- 1903 Jackson Co. KS) and Teckley or **Teela** or Teckly Coffey (1833 Russell Co. KY- 1902 Jackson Co. KS). Teckley was the daughter of Willis (1804-1893) and Velotta Coffey (1805-1869). They were married in Russell Co. Ky in 1828 and are buried in **Stewartsville Cemetery, DeKalb Co. MO.** They are somehow related to Nathan and Mary Saunders Coffey, says Sue.

"Aunt Mary **Coffey**" passed away on Oct. 11, 1930 at the home of her sister Mrs. Rachel Walker in Beaverton OR. She was Miss Mary Cleveland Coffey born in Tennessee to Col. Asbury M. and Mary (Bradford) Coffey on Jan. 19, 1837. Of a family of 11 children only her sister and a brother, Henry B. of Portland OR survive. (from 1930 obit.) **REBECCA WALKER'S ggrandmother Rachel** passed on in 1933. She was b. in Petis Co. MO in 1848 and m. Robert Hales Walker. Their son Archibald A. was the father of Robert Hales Walker who was Rebecca's father. Rebecca Jane Walker m. Dale C. Walker in 1969.

FRED J. COFFEY a new cousin has been told that Edward Coffey and Ann Powell were born in Ireland and were among early settlers at Jamestown VA. Also that James and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey had a son Edmund who was the father of Reuben G. Coffey. Reuben's daughter Sarah J. married William W. **Coffey**, parents unknown. William and Sarah were the parents of Peter who m. Nancy Elizabeth Fitzgerald in 1874. They had a son Chester Berry Coffey in 1898. He is Fred's grandfather and is still living. Chester Berry m. Ruby Fitzgerald in 1921. Most of Ruby's ancestors are **Fitzgeralds** or Coffeys.

John Clarkson Fitzgerald (1782 **England-1877**) m. 1807 Nancy Carr (**1785-before 1850**). Woodson R. Fitzgerald (**1808-1886**) m. 1830 Francis "Fanny" Coffey. Philander Hersey Fitzgerald 1844-19? m. 1865 Amanda Jane Coffey. Ruth Jane Fitzgerald (1867-19?) m. 1886 James Walker Fitzgerald (1866-19?). Ruby Monique Fitzgerald (1896-1975) m. 1921 Chester Berry Coffey (**1899-**). James Walker Fitzgerald was the son of James M. Fitzgerald and Ardenia Coffey. Francis "Fanny" Coffey was the daughter of Margaret Coffey and (Elder H. B. **Coffey?**).

Nancy Carr was the daughter of John Carr.

For the most part these Coffeys have lived in Amherst and Nelson Cos. VA.

Fred reports the existence of Coffey Town in Nelson County and supplied a photo with the town sign in the **foreground** to prove it.

We were sure that by now someone would have identified the Jim and Peter Coffee and Mirandy Adams mentioned on the cover of the March '84 CCC. But we have had no mention of their identities. We would like to know.

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