



Dear Cousin,

You really know how to make a person feel good. Since early January we've been opening your renewal letters and finding that in addition to those who are reporting new data through the year there are others who are just as devoted to this effort. You read, and enjoy, and let us know it at this time. ANDRE' CUFFEZ asks the meaning of "Clearinghouse" in our title. Ans: It was just one of those thoughts that come into the head occasionally. We suppose we likened the newsletter to the clearinghouses for banking and financial systems in America. For days we weighed the sound of "Coffey Cousins" against that of "Coffey Clearinghouse" and didn't completely like either. Shortly before CCC #1 the idea came to combine the two and that sounded better. Now we have found "Clearinghouse" was already a term used to describe our type of publication. And since the subject has come up, we would like to change "Coffey" in the title to a form that also acknowledges the Coffee families. How about COFFE E/Y COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE ?

*Cousin Joe*

#### COFFEY REUNION 1919

The annual reunion of the Coffey families descended from John Coffey, the second son of Edmund Eff Coffey, was held at the Lucas home near Alto, Va. August 23, 1919. A picnic luncheon was served in the grove. Photographs of groups representing four generations were taken.

Through the courtesy of Arch-deacon Warren. of Cork, Ireland, the family history prior to the emigration of Edmund Eff Coffey in 1783 was obtained. Barrister Whitehead completed the history down to the present generation after having examined the Virginia records. The following facts were enjoyed by the youthful Coffeys:

Edmund Eff Coffey was the younger son of an Irish "Laird" and therefore not entitled to his father's property. He was destined for the priesthood, but he loved the daughter of Hudson Thackeray, a Baptist minister, who was a tenant on his father's estate. At sixteen he was placed in a monastery near Cork, Ireland. Two years of penance and priestly absolution did not eradicate the ruling power in his life--his love for Elizabeth Thackeray. He resolved to leave the priesthood and marry. His father and the girl's father were horrified. His father furnished the money and Rev. Hudson Thackeray and family fled to Virginia. Edmund Eff Coffey ran away and followed to Virginia on the next ship sailing for Virginia. He and Elizabeth were married soon after his arrival in Virginia.

To them five sons were born. These five sons have been erroneously called "The five brothers who came from Ireland". They were native Americans, born and reared on Virginia soil.

Having a priests knowledge of Latin and English, Edmund Eff Coffey taught his five sons according to the methods used a century ago.

He wrote his will on the blank pages in their Bibles. This will is a unique piece of literature. It is prefaced by the statement that he leaves no earthly possessions to his heirs, but bequeaths what a long life has taught him, and his will concerning those who shall hand down his blood from generation to generation. He commands his descendants to the end of time to believe in God and His providence, be loyal to their country, and loyal to the "Clean Blood" transmitted to them by their first American ancestor. He further commands them to train their Sons in all useful knowledge, all useful labor and manly sports and protect and shelter their Daughters from all evil and hardships.

He urges his sons, grandsons, and great grandsons for all time to "Marry the girl you love - Peaceably if you can, Forcefully if you must."

—Collected by Mary (Mrs. J. C.) Coffey

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

AND THEIR ANCESTORS

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R. K. Coffey Box 1554 Brighton, Ont. KOK 1H0	Thomas
Paul Coffey RR tt4 Belleville, Ont. K8N 424	Thomas
Don R. Merritt 727 S.W. Rogue River Ave. #51 Grants Pass, OR 97526	Peter
Myrna L. Bernier 520 W. Main tt8 Houston TX 77006	Sarina C. Brewer

*Dear B, my mind knows how to spell your name  
but my fingers don't. - Joe*

## CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

We met Tom Roach and Patti Young on the same day in 1980, in Monticello KY where we had all been drawn to the Coffey gathering there. The five of us (including Patti's husband and my Donna) spent a pleasant hour or two finding out about each other. This January we had sad news from both.

Patti Young told us early in 1984 that her Uncle Woodson Coffee was planning to accompany Patti to Boone. They didn't make it and Woodson won't be with us in 1985 either. He died Sept. 1, 1984. His wife, Mamie (Begemann), preceded him in June. Celia, wife of Roy Coffee died in January '84 as did Patti's mom, Ollie. Ollie, Woodson, and Roy are children of Woodson, Sr and Ollie Stribling. They were descended from Logan Coffee and Mary Ragland. Logan was the son of Nathan Coffee and Georgeanna Reynolds. We feel the depth of Patti's losses in her note, and extend her "cousins'" sympathy. We also hope she is getting reorganized after their house was gutted by fire this last January.

Thomas Edward Roach, 46, of Rutledge TN was murdered in his home on January 8, 1985. Three CCC cousins sent us word and clippings detailing his life and death. Tom was single and lived with his invalid mother in a historic pre-civil war home that Tom had restored. (see CCC tt2 p.2;4 and #3 p. 2) . He was an antique collector and dealer, was Grainger county genealogist, author of books, articles and newsletters on the county history and a member of the Baptist Church. He was a descendant of Merideth Coffey and a CCC cousin in 1981.

Our sympathy goes to Virginia L. Petersen whose husband passed away December 3, 1984. And to Lorette Selmer who lost her brother, Alva Lenn Coffey, January 16, 1985.

## DEAD END ROADS

DON RUTH (COFFEE) MERRITT is a new cousin whose line is proved through Smith Co. TN to Peter Coffee who died 1771 in Prince Edward Co. VA. Don Ruth is searching for a possible connection to others of Peter's family who were in NC or VA in the 1700s.

OWEN and BETTY COFFEY are pleased to find that most of Owen's line was listed in CCC No.15 p.8. he is a great grandson of Jesse Calton Coffey b. 1821 and Nancy Revis Coffey b. 1822. Jesse Calton known as "Calt" was the son of Reuben and Rachel Hayes Coffey. Calt and Nancy are buried about 1/4 mile from their homeplace between Boone and Blowing Rock, NC. This also was where Owen was born and raised. They are looking for the burial site of Rueben and Rachel and information on their other children: Ransome, Will, John, James, Lucinda, Millie (and others?).

MARY HETHCOATT is faithful to CCC though she must look back 5 generations to find the only Coffee in her family, Beersheba who married a Jones. She keeps busy helping others search. She is president of the Burney, CA Gen. Soc.

VIRGINIA PETERSEN has dug out from an 18 inch snow and would like to dig up any people with information on the family of Carter Jackson Dalton and Mary Coffee. Four of the children went to Cass Co. MO but three girls stayed in TN.

New Cousin JIMMIE D. FARMER is a descendant of the family of John Coffey and Elizabeth Popplewell whose marriage appears in the Russell Co. section of the KY Special. John was b. in Russell Co. in 1836.

If THELMA MATHIS could go to Nashville she would accost EVERY Coffee with red hair. Her grandmother Elizabeth Coffee Reeves b. in TN in 1828 was a Missionary Baptist with fiery red hair. She was a daughter of James b. ca 1790 who d. before 1840 and Nancy b. NC 1784. and d. Morgan Co. AL about Civil War time. Thelma favors the Coffee/y Assoc. idea. If she can place her James Coffee she will have the Coffees complete to County Cork.

LORIE OKEL is still looking for parents or place of birth of Collins

JANE PRIUTT is also still looking for parents of Wesley Coffey.

ALMA HUGUENARD needs info on John Coffey and Rebecca Toler of Wayne Co. KY.

DOROTHY JOHNS asks: Who were the c. of Benjamin and Polly Hayes Coffee? Was Polly a child of George Hayes, the Rev. Vet. who seemed to follow Benj. to NC and TN?

MARTHA CLENDENIN asks, "Does anyone know if Nancy Coffee Hicks (1823-1897) who lived in Smith Co. TN 1850 is of the family of Rev. Joshua M. and Jane (Jinny) Trousdale Coffee, in Smith Co. in 1816?"

Annie Coffee lived in Lindsay, OK ca 1910. MARION BURGESS would like information on Annie who was a neighbor, good friend, and cousin to Marion's mother, Minnie Lee (Wool ever) Huffman.

<DEAD END ROADS CONT.>

Mrs. L.A. Morling, 43 Berwick ST. Victoria Park, 6100 Western Australia is researching her g-g-grandmother, Alice Coffey. We have no other details at this time.

ETHELYN COFFEY has a question concerning an entry in Wayne Co. KY Marriages and Vital Records by Bork: "1825 Wavne Co. Ky. Martin Coffey married to Nancy Cundiff, ~~consent~~ by Sarah Cundiff. Surety - Benjamin Stokes. Wit. - Martin Coffey and Benjamin Stokes. 7 Dec 1825." Was Martin the witness the father of the groom or was he the groom witnessing the surety?

#### THE MAILBOX

BONNIE CULLY looked at Pennsylvania Archives 2nd Series Vol VII, 1878 and found these early Philadelphia marriages: ~~St the Church St Christ~~: James Coffee and Rebeca Winterton, 5/29/1768. Mary Ann Coffee and Benjamin Bagnall, 7/10/1794. Anthony Coffin and Jane Jones, 4/18/1768. Mary Coffin and William Walters, 4/20/1772. At Swedes Church: Peter Coffey and Judith Stump, 10/18/1774. Catherine Coffe and John Dun, 4/2/1794. Priscilla Coffey and Elias Morris, 8/8/1791. Margaret Coffin and John Nice, 10/23/1767. Darbor Coffy and Mary Swanoy, 7/12/1759.

MARION LACY says she has located her Charles Larkin Coffee, and that the name had, through the years become - Coffey.

R. K. "KAY" COFFEY knows how to handle those bitter winters on the north side of Lake Ontario: He spends them in Florida. His son PAUL though sticks them out at home. Their ancestor was Thomas Coffey b. Ringmore, County Down in Northern Ireland about 1823, went to Canada around 1847. More of Thomas' family may have settled in NY and PA. When Kay was in N. Ireland in WW II, a local resident told him that in those parts there were more Coffeys than Smiths - and the graveyards were full of Coffeys. Back in Ontario Paul has been searching government listings for Coffe e/y/s and has come up with 786 adults in Canada. Ontario has 463, British Columbia 136, the remainder all over Canada. He has even started sending Genealogical questionnaires to them, starting with a first mailing of 78. He also hopes to begin searching Irish records. Kay learned of CCC in a listing at the Mormon library at Fort Meyers FL. Wants to know if we are aware of the publication British Heritage from Harrisburg, PA. whose June/July '84 issue contained sources for Irish research.

MARGARET DENNEY COFFEY sent a clipping and photo from the Moultrie GA Observer that included her, daughter RUTH WARBURG, Ruth's son David and his daughter Kathy with Kathy's son Little Chris Tabor. That's five generations, but you'd never know it looking at these youthful folks.

KATHLEEN EPPARD had not been too excited about the Kentucky info of last Dec. Then she saw that in Adair Co. Coffeys married Smiths, Pikes and Beards. Those are direct lines for her that she had had difficulty locating before.

RICHARD E. and KATHLEEN COFFEY of Ohio are interested in the Jesse b. 1833 who m. Nancy Allen (CCC 817 p. 7). These are Richard's ggrandparents. Jesse's son, Allen F. Sherman Coffey was Richard's grandfather. They are now examining the letter CCC mentioned.

In August of last year. TIMOTHY PETERMAN was elected to the board of directors of the MISSOURI STATE GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION. Later he was made editor of The Journal, the quarterly publication of MOSGA. It is the largest such society ~~in Missouri~~ and the only statewide society.

GEORGE AND ETHELYN COFFEY will escape some of the Ky winter with 3 weeks in Hawaii. She says George doesn't know about the DAR library in Honolulu. (He will when he reads this!) CCC has not had much about Morgan Co. Ky. Morgan and 14 others were a part of the original Floyd Co. and there were Coffeys there too. Such as: Floyd Co.- Ambrose Coffey m. Lucina Day 11/8/1812. Elijah Coffee m. Peggy Patrick 1/30/1819. Morgan Co. created 1823 - Marriages of Coffees: Reuben and Nancy Cooper 1834. Mason W. and Martha Ferguson 1834. John L. and Rebecca LeMasters 1836. Irena and Perry Cooper 1837. Alcey and Elijah Brown 1824. Emilee and Samuel Patrick 1832. Nancy and David Canard 1823. The Morgan Co. census of 1840 lists Elijah, Mason, John, William. The 1830 census had Ambrose, Elijah, Jesse, and William. A note on P. 254 of Morgan Co. History Sesquicentennial Volume: "William Coffee was b. about 1785 and was an early minister in Floyd and Morgan Co. His name is on numerous marriage papers in early records." Ethelyn says there is a Coffee cemetery and a Coffey cemetery in the county.

MARTHA CLENDENIN found these Tennessee Coffees listed in Ansearchin: John, age 72, widowed, b. TN d. 1850 Henderson Co. Also John Coffee in Frankl in Co. 1816. John Coffee in Henderson Co. 1836. John Coffee in Overton Co. 1840. Jesse Coffee a commissioner in McMinnville, Warren Co. 2 Apr 1821.

(THE MAILBOX CONT.)

MARIE RYALS has found mention of Edward Coffey in Spotsylvania Co. courthouse and at the Richmond VA state library. These indicate he was quite a tobacco planter and paid for land with tobacco.

Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck is Supervisor, Genealogical Section of the Dallas Public Library. In this section they have 40,000 volumes of genealogy plus about 20,000 volumes of local history of Texas. They copied Bennie Loftin's back issues of CCC. We will honor their request for future issues. Mr. B. says the census Bureau is predicting Texas will be the largest state by 1990, and the library sees an obligation to preserve it's position as one of the largest collections in the South.

We'll miss BILL and MARY COFFEY of Maryland at the Nashville meeting. They'll be in Colorado at the wedding of a grandson. They have recently learned of a record in the Mifflin Co. PA Naturalizations for Richard Coffee a native of County Fermanaugh, Ireland dated 7 NOV 1842. Richard, Bill's ancestor arrived at South Amboy, NJ on 16 NOV 1816.

WILLARD ISRAEL is retired as Superintendent of Fort Payne, AL City Schools, but not from public service. He was successful in being elected to the DeKalb CO. Board of Education. He reports the DAR has a Mixup similar to that of the two Reubens, in the cases of James Coffey of Cumberland Co. PA and James Coffey of Albemarle, VA and Wilkes Co. NC.

REBECCA WALKER fills in more data on the descendants of Asbury Madison and Mary Bradford Coffey (CCC #17 p. 8). Rachel Frances and her twin, Henry B. were the youngest of 11 children of A.M. and Mary. Mary was a descendant of Governor Bradford who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. Rachel Walker and Henry B. Coffey may have been the oldest twins in Oregon until Rachel's death in 1933 at Beaverton. They were born in Missouri 8 July 1848. She married Robert Hales Walker 24 May 1871. The Walkers were neighbors of the Coffeys in Missouri but had gone to Oregon later. The young Walkers made their home in Oregon where in 1916 he was struck by a train and died. In 1929 Mrs. Rachel Walker told in an interview with the Daily Journal of Portland, the above and other history that she saw in her life.

ELLOUISE LARSON tells us that CCC and others may be in error stating that Martha Coffey married John Cleveland. She and several of the Stapp family are sure that Elizabeth Coffey married John Cleveland and Martha married a Stapp. She cites the tradition that the name Elizabeth was given to the first born daughter for several generations. The name Martha was also used but for later daughters in a family. Gillaspys bible records and the will of John Cleveland in 1778 bear this out.

ANDRE' CUFFEZ is interested in places in the U. S. bearing the name Coffey or Coffee. Would anyone like to add to Fran Coffeys list in CCC tt 4 p.4? He is tracing Canadian ancestors that went to Warsaw, NY. Andre' also mentions a work entitled Historical Records by H. A. Coffey in 1863. We're sending for a copy.

RUTH (MRS. ANDREW) STUDER lists her husband's line to Martin (1762-1867). Martin's son James m. Martha Patsey Tucker. Their son William m. Rhoda Holt. Their daughter Mattie m. Dudley Hixson. Three of the Hixson children are still living: Flo Trudeau, Flossie Thompson, and Bonnie Studer who is Ruth's mother-in-law.

Beeson-Tabor Enterprises has founded The International Newspaper for Genealogists. It is designed as a world wide clearing house for ancestor search, tips, queries, classified ads. It is a quarterly, \$10.50/year in U.S., \$11.50 elsewhere. To order write them at P.O. Box 68354, Portland, OR 97268.

Ancestry Newsletter offers a society, books, helpful hints, and news of events planned by genealogical groups and societies. For sample copy write them at P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

Halbert's Inc.-Heritage Travel 3699 Ira Rd. Bath Ohio 44210 is sponsoring the Grand Reunion of Coffey's in Ireland. The plane leaves NY on 19 May 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (CCC's BooBoos)

Tim Peterman's ancestor is Newton Eli 1823-1890. Not Newton 1773-1858 as previously reported.

Rebecca Walker's marriage took place 30 June 1949. Not 1969 (CCC#17 p. 8)

Ian Strange's correct address is 131 Beede Way Antioch, CA 94509. Ian always closes his letters with "Vaya con Dios".

Mrs. Loni Gardner's (CCC#17 p. 7) address is 2223 South 400 East Bountiful, UT 84010.

Ellouise Larson's ancestor is Elizabeth Coffey Cleveland

## THE COFFEE/EYS OF MADISON, GREEN AND RELATED KENTUCKY COUNTIES (Cont. from DECEMBER 1984)

## RUSSELL COUNTY

## Deeds:

COFFEYS: 1817; Thomas H. and Viletta (his wife) to William Lucas. 1826; James from Alexander Watt. 1827; Annias to John Lane, Lewis to Joseph McMillan, Thomas H. from Augustine Lawless, Thomas H. from William Lucas. 1828; Thomas H. and Viletta (his wife) to John H. Payne, Fielding from Adam Kearns, Willis from Adam Kearns, Elijah from George Brummett. 1829; Allen from Berryman Holt. 1831; Sail to James Clark, Allen to John Dangings, Joseph to Clayton Poindexter. 1832; Sail to James Clark, Thomas H. from John Payne, Thomas H. from Isaac Knight. 1834; Elijah from John Dunqan. 1836; Hays and (wife) Polly to George and (wife) Nancy, Humphrey and Lucinda (his wife), Elijah and Mariah (his wife), Gabriel Hays and Patsey (his wife) late Patsey Coffey, heirs and representatives of Cleavland Coffey, dec'd. of the county of Russell on the one part and Walton Coffey of the same co. of the other part, pd. \$75 for 100a. on the dry fork of Greesy Creek being same tract of land conveyed by Gholston Stapp to Cleavland Coffey May 30, 1836. 1839; Allen and (wife) Perlina, Elijah Coffey a witness (he was a J.P.), Another deed refers to Allen and Palina, Martin and Nancy (his wife) to James Coffey. 1847; Martin and Nancy. 1848; John W. and Jane Coffey to Elijah Coffey. Many others later. (CCC Note: Are John Dangings and John Dungan the same man?)

## Marriages:

Elizabeth to Elasa(?) Wolford 12/19/1826. Elijah to Mariah Coffey 5/18/1826. Martin to Mary Meljuire (McGuire?) 10/5/1830. Allen to Palina Staton 10/30/1831. Eynema(Cyrrena) to Darias Campbell 9/21/1834. Sail to Nancy Dunbar 8/20/1835. Cleavland to Belinda Karns 2/12/1838. Walton to Margaret Green 10/2/1837. Joel to Permelia Haynes 7/31/1836. E. Jane to William Jackman 10/17/1840. Nathan (I orJ) to Mary N. Carter 1/17/1842. Albert G. to Elizabeth Goodhugh 9/17/1851. Andrew to Sarah Bernard 6/29/1844. Newton to Martha Vermillion 4/13/1844. Catherine to Thomas Underwood 2/14/1840. Fielding to Nancy Coffy 1/17/1842. Willis A. to Mary Coffy 12/26/1848. Fielding J. to Sarah Hughs 12/14/1847. Frances to George M. Brown 8/26/1843-4. James to Susan Bradshaw 5/29/1849. Marthy E. to James Lawless at the house of Jane Coffy-Joseph Lawless and Scales Coffey witness 3/23/1854. Martha Ann to Andrew Goins 1/8/1849. May A. to John E. Nurrey 11/25/1853. Salethiel to Mary Ann Bellew(Ballew) 5/10/1854. Polly Ann to Joseph E. Hayes at house of Polly Coffey 3/26/1854. Lewis to Mary Hunter 10/30/1845. Samantha Jane to James Collins 5/21/1846. Nancy J. Campbell to John G. Sullivant at house of Polly Coffey-Stanton P. and Reuben Coffey witnesses 9/17/1854. John B. age 40 born in Russell Co. to Mary F. Belk age 35 born in Russell Co. m. 12/24/1856. John to Elizabeth Popplewell, both age 20, 12/20/1856. Harriett age 15 b. Green Co. to John Mahan age 38, widower b. Green Co. m. 4/12/1859. W.M. age 17 to S.C. Popplewell (bride age 19) /11/1875. William G. age 20 to Synthea Walling age 19 b. White Co. GA m. 11/11/1859.

## Wills:

Eli Coffey 10 Nov. 1832 - wife Poley, sons under age. Willis Coffey, Exec. Wit. Nebuzariden Coffey, proved 12/9/1833. In a will of James Haynes it appears his dau., Lottie is wife of Willis Coffey. Will of Fielden Coffey 11/14/1833, proved 1/13/1834. Children: Mahala, Elizabeth, Sealy, Fielden, Louis Allen (?), and children of his son Thomas H. Coffey. Brother Hays Coffey, exec. Dower allowed Anne Coffey, widow of Sail Coffey dec'd Oct. 1835. In 1838 Mary Coffey guardian for Newton, Polly Anne, and Rubin, infant heirs of Eli Coffey made her report.

## 1830 Census

Coffeys who were age 50-60 included: Eli, Fielding, Jace (Bogy)-Joel?, Martin. Between 40-50 were: Joseph, Sail Sen. Between 30-40: James, Hays, Elijah. Between 20-30: William, Willis, Thomas.

## 1840 Census

Between 80-90: Joel. Between 60-70: Jane, Joel, Martin Sen. Between 50-60: Mary. Between 40-50: Hays, James, Martin W. Ann. Between 30-40: Walton, Willis. Elijah, Martin, Joseph, George W., Mahala, Viletty. Between 20-30: Wilbonn, Cleveland, Salathiel, James.

## 1850 Census

Patsey 15, Benjamin 9, and Catherine Coffey 8, lived with Alex. McGuire 68. Fielding Coffey 37 lived with James Rippetoe. Albert G. Coffey 25 lived with William S. Petterson. Elizabeth H. Coffy 69 lived with Gellomone and Sarah Nichols. Alice Coffy 28 lived with David and Mary McFall. Coffey families included: Polly 66, James Sen 50/Mahala 47, Willis 46/Lotty 44, Joel 32/Permelia 32, N.I. 33/ Nancy 31, John B. 32/Elizabeth 38, James L. 22/Susan 26, Walton 40/Margaret 37, George W. 48/Nancy 44, Celia 73 living with Elizabeth 53 and Celia 48, Elijah 43/Maria 47, Hayes 57/Mary 52, Joel 53/Ann 37. Martain 46 living with 9 children from 2 mos. to 18 yrs, Allen 38 living with 8 children from 5 to 18, Willis A. 23/Mary A. 22, Jackson 31/Sarah C. 35, Hester 74, Franklin 47/Martha 36, Salathiel 38/Nancy 41, Fielding 31/Sarah 1. 22, James 31/Patsey 31, Andrew 26/Sarah A. 23, Wilson 28/Rebecca Ann 24. The listing for James Sen. 76 living with Jane Jr. 35 has both listed as female with M written beside James.

## PULASKI COUNTY

## Deeds:

Ambrose and Polly to Vincent Garner 9/2/1818. Indenture between Sale Coffey and Anny his wife, formerly Anny Lynch of Cumberland Co. to John Lynch of Pulaski Co., 100 a. South side of Cumberland R., land which Sale and Anny claim by descent from William Lynch, dec'd, Anny being the daughter and legal representative of William Lynch. 7/19/1822. Indenture between John Mills and Polly his wife, formerly Polly Coffey, Jesse, Hiram. Betsey, America, Mira, Jefferson, Washington, Greenup, and Emily Coffey heirs' and legal representatives of Ambrose Coffey dec'd, by commissioners to Vincent Garner, 157 acres, 4/18/1826. Grantor: Anna Coffey to Samuel Newell. 1841. Grantees: Ambrose from John Lynch, 90 a. 5/9/1816. James from John Long, 1849. James from John Lynch, 1846. James from Joseph Porter, 1850.

## Tax Lists:

1799-1807: No Coffeys. 1808-1813: Ambrose living on 70 a. on Cumberland R. entered to Wm. Linch. 1814-1817: Sail, 135a. Cumberland R. entered to "Dick and Lewis". Ambrose as before plus 107a. entered to Whitney. 1818: Lewis, Sail, Ambrose. 1819-1821 Sail, M. Lewis. 1821: Lewis. 1822-1824 M. Lewis. 1825: James, M. Lewis. 1826-1827 Lewis, Cumberland R. land entered to M. Maden? (Lewis M. Coffey moved to Morgan Co. IN 1827). 1828: No Coffeys.

## Marriages:

Betsey to James Lester, bond Sail Coffey, 12/14/1819. Polly to James McHenry, bond Vincent Garner, 7/7/1821. Saphronia to Wm. M. Fox, 11/6/1854. Jesse to Elizabeth Rife, 2/16/1805. Sail to Ann Lynch, bond Joel Whiteside, 8/19/1813. Joseph to Polly Knox, bond John Knox, 1/5/1818. Levi to Delilah Turpin, bond John Lewis, 1/11/1818. (CCC note: L. N. Coffey has numerous proofs that "Levi" was the man later known as Lewis M. Coffey b. Stokes Co. NC 1798 d. Morgan Co. IN 1844).

## Court Orders

Polly Coffey widow of Ambrose petitions for letters of administration - granted - Vincent Garner and Tunstall Quarles, securities, Sep ct. 1818. Saml. Tate granted letters of administration in estate of Polly Coffey, dec'd. intestate, 10/20/1877.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

## Deeds

Joseph Coffey - grantee - 4/6/1816. Nebuzaraden Coffey - grantee - 3/20/1815. Nebuzaraden Coffey and Elizabeth his wife, grantors (of Simpson Co.) 11/26/1819. Joseph and Jane his wife, 2/28/1824.

## Surveys and Entries

Joseph Coffey, survey 11/12/1818. Joel T, Coffee, entries for 100a. and 120a. 7/9/1825; 120a. 10/9/1825; some others also.

## Wills

Following Coffeys: Humphrey, John W., Bedford, Joseph, Lucy, Marha C, O.V., Ossie, Victoria (most were late 1800s or early 1900s).

## Tax Lists

1799: James Coffey, no land. John Coffey. Otter Creek. (Both are from Marvin Coffey's family before Wayne Co. was created from parts of Cumberland). 1800-1804: lists missing. 1805: No Coffeys listed. 1806-1832: no tax books.

## LINCOLN COUNTY

## Marriages

Richard to Catherine McCormick, 5/29/1820. Matthew to Nancy Adams, 7/29/1823. John to Catherine Bryant, 9/2/1843. William to Minerva Holt, 1/25/1851.

The "Kentucky Special" data in issues 17 and 18 is entirely from Brenda Wood (44 pages including census lists) and Marvin Coffey (6) pages, except the Pulaski tax lists (from L. N. Coffey). The Kentucky special will conclude in June or Sept. 1985 with additional census data from Brenda and any other subsequent receipts. We must confess: We were lukewarm to this idea originally. Now, seeing the response and benefits, we think Brenda's idea was GREAT. CCC is looking for nominations for the next special.

CCC notes: The computer indexing struck another snag. But we have yet another system. Hand indexing could have been completed long ago, but it would not have the "search" or "categorizing" helps of a computer index. Please be patient. The index is an absolute must for orderly growth.

You will note there is no "Cousins List" this issue. The reason is space, not lack of cousins, for there are more than any previous year at this time (80+). As CCC grows the printing of a complete membership list each year would be impractical. We will have to rely on another system to surmount this difficulty. We have one in mind. Stay tuned for developments.

## COFFE E/Y CONVENTION - NASHVILLE 1985

It will be a dandy. The stalwarts who came to Boone in '84 are coming to Nashville in '85. Boone was the kick-off. Nashville will be the start of something great.

## BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

MYRNA LOY CRAWFORD b. 7/15/1937 Bertram, TX m. 8/7/1952 ROLAND JOSEPH BERNIER, JR.  
 MYRNA BERNIER'S parents: Marvin Wilburn Crawford b. 7/15/1908 Joppa, Burnet, TX  
 and Jewel LaRuth Allen b. 10/23/1916 Manor, Travis, TX.  
 Myrna's grandparents: Neal Alexander Crawford (1854 AL-1946 TX) m. Mary George  
 Barker (1870 TX-1921 TX); and Monroe Hayes Allen (MR) (1888 Maury Co. TN- 1945  
 Austin, TX) m. Addie Leona Noles (1892 Dublin, Erath, TX-1980 Eastland, TX).  
 The parents of Monroe and Addie were Albert Lafitte Allen (1851 Giles Co. TN- 1928  
 Manor, Travis TX) m. Margaret Sarina Brewer (1857 TN-1930 Bertram, TX); and Leroy  
 Winfield Noles (1866 Lewis Co., TN-1959 Roby, Fisher, TX) m. Hattie Mae McKennon  
 (1874 TN-1955 Roby, TX), whose parents were Aaron Voris Allen m. Elizabeth White;  
 Brewer m. Sarina Spencer Coffee; Allen Jefferson Noles m. Vada Vincent;  
 WTTT; am Marvin McKennon m. Frances Louise Donaldson.

KATHRYN JOHNSON thought readers of CCC would be interested in this information  
 from Goodspeeds Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region, 1894.  
 (edited by CCC)

Ozark County, Mo., is well known for the richness of it's soil, and among those  
 industrious farmers who have made this district what it is are Andrew J. Coffey  
 born in Ashe Co. NC in 1833, of which state his parents, Cleveland and Susan  
 X (Hayes) Coffey were also natives. During the early boyhood of Andrew J. Coffey,  
 he was taken by his parents to Hawkins Co. TN, and soon after to Grainger Co.  
 where the mother died some fifty years ago. Mr. Coffey remarried afterward and  
 then returned to the Old North State, where he died about 1866 having been a  
 farmer and mechanic throughout his life. He was a man of much industry, led an  
 active and upright life, and in religion was a Missionary Baptist. His father,  
 Jesse Coffey, was an early settler of North Carolina and breathed his last in  
 Burke County when Andrew J. was a small lad. He was of Irish ancestry, a farmer  
 by occupation, and a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church. The children born  
 to Cleveland and Susan Coffey are as follows: Andrew J.: William who was a  
 soldier of the Confederate Army and was killed at Mission Ridge.; Thomas was a  
 Federal soldier, but nothing has been heard of him since the war; Martha died  
 young; Susan E. is the wife of Aaron McGinnis of Ozark County. The education and  
 rearing which was given the average farmer's boy of his day was given to Andrew J.  
 Coffey, and in 1849 he came to the conclusion that "it is not good for man to live  
 alone" and led to the altar Louisa, the daughter of Jeremiah Hutchinson. She was  
 born in East Tennessee and died in 1871" having become the mother of eight  
 children: Athela M., widow of 2. T. Maritt; Mary J. who died young; Thomas J. who  
 died after reaching manhood; Susan J. who died in early womanhood; James T.;  
 Andrew J. Jr.; Cleveland and William W. who died in infancy. January 11, 1872,  
 Mr. Coffey took for his second wife Rachel Imes. Mrs. Coffey was born in Tennessee  
 and by Mr. Coffey has become the mother of: Joseph Ambrose, Louisa, Mahala,  
 Avarilla, Robert (deceased), Charley, John A., Francis M., Etha, Melissa, and  
 Albert. In November, 1854 Mr. Coffey arrived in Ozark County Mo, the journey by  
 wagon from Tennessee occupying twenty-six days. He rented land for one year after  
 his arrival here, then lived on Little North Fork until the opening of the war.  
 During the great struggle between the North and South his family lived in Douglas  
 and Webster Counties. Mr. Coffey served in the Home Guards until the fall of 1861,  
 when he joined Col. John S. Phelps' regiment of six-months' troops at Rolla. He  
 then served in the Missouri State Militia, after which he was in the Sixth  
 Provisional Regiment until the spring of 1864. In the fall of that year joined  
 the Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry as second lieutenant of Company 1, and was  
 thereafter in Ozark County and at Springfield most of the time. He was a brave  
 and faithful supporter of the Union cause, and after the war was made sheriff of  
 Ozark County, 1866-8 and again in 1874-6. In 1884 he was elected to the  
 legislature on the Democratic ticket and served on the Committees on Retrenchment  
 and Reform, County boundaries, etc. Up to 1892 he had been a supporter of  
 Democratic principles, but since that time he has cast his lot with the Republican  
 party. His first presidential vote was cast for John Bell in 1860. Mr. Coffey is  
 a member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of the A.F. and A.M., at Gainesville, and  
 of the G.A.R. He was left a widower February 21, 1892, his wife having been an  
 earnest member of the General Baptist Church, as is he. He has lived on his  
 present farm since 1869. which comprises a fertile and well-tilled tract of 247  
 acres, about four miles below Gainesville.

Col. J. N. COFFEY (edited by CCC), b. 1819 Lincoln Co. TN, son of John and  
 Margaret (Boskin) Coffey, both b. SC. It is supposed that three brothers came from  
 Ireland to this country before the Revolution. Tradition is that John Coffey the  
 grandfather of J.N. was in the Colonial Army. John, the father of J.N. was in the  
 Florida War, later settled in Williamson Co., then Lincoln Co., then West TN.  
 Died in Fayette Co. AR in 1843, aged 71 yrs., c.: Elizabeth, Hugh, David P.,  
 James, Jonathon N., Jane, Susan, Isabel, and Margaret. J. N. m. Parmelia Cloyd in  
 TN, moved to AR, and had c: John, Tandy, William B., David, Spencer, and R. E.  
 After his first wife d. 1863, he m. 1864 Eliz. McPherson and had c: Oscar, Garland,  
 Leno L., and three dead. After Eliz. d. 1879 he m. Mrs. M. A. Wynns, widow with  
 four children. He represented Boone County in the State Leg. 1874-5. Prior to  
 that he l. in Woodruff, White, and Newton Cos., AR.