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A most singular vanity and quaint conceit! We know that the Clevelands derive their name from a tract in the North Riding of Yorkshire, England, yet called Cleveland. John Cleveland came early to Virginia and settled in Prince William County, on that since celebrated stream, Bull Run. Here Benjamin was born, May 26, 1738; subsequently he removed to Orange County, Va., and there married Miss Mary Graves and in 1769 removed with his father-in-law and family to North Carolina, settling on Roaring Creek, in that part of Rowan afterwards Surry, and later Wilkes County. In 1775 (Sept. 1), he became an ensign in Col. Robert Howe's regiment. He was in the Cross Creek expedition 1775; in the Cherokee war under Gen. Rutherford, 1776; at Brier Creek in 1778-79. At Ramsour's Mill and chased Bryan's band from the State; he was also in the expedition to New River. The brightest laurels won by Cleveland were gathered on King's Mountain. Hayne speaks of him thus__

"Now by God's grace we have them," cried Cleveland, my noble colonel he,
Resting to pick a Tory off, quite coolly, on his knee;
"Now by God's grace, we have them, the snare is subtly set,
The game is bagged: we hold them safe as pheasants in a net."
(See p. 12)

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THE COFFEE/EY CONVENTION-RALEIGH 1987
LOCATION--HOWARD JOHNSON "CRABTREE"
2101 Century Drive
Raleigh, NC 27612

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(at U. S. 70 and the Beltline-Northwest side)

From UPI-in the Sanford(NC) HERALD: Raleigh, NC was the fastest growing city in the U. S. from April 1985-April 1986, growing by 9%, ahead of Mesa, AZ with 7% and Arlington, TX with 5.4%. Raleigh-Durham was the second fastest growing metropolitan area behind Orlando, FL.- Because of the rapid growth, hotel accommodations are pressed to the limit. We were fortunate to reach an agreement to guarantee rooms and prices for 1987. The prices are \$48.38 (per day-tax incl) for single or double occupancy. Triple occupancy is \$54.83. The buffet dinner will be \$12.02 per diner. To prevent having to make a collection for coffee service for the visiting sessions, we propose to request \$14.00 for the buffet, the \$1.98 additional to be for refreshments in the visiting rooms. Our deadline for reservations is March 10, 1987. NOTE THE DIFFERENCE IN PROCEDURE. CHECKS SHOULD BE FOR \$48.38 MADE PAYABLE TO "HOWARD JOHNSON CRABTREE". MAIL TO BETTY COFFEY BETWEEN JAN. 1, 1987 AND MARCH 1, 1987. THIS WILL RESERVE YOUR ROOM. Use separate check for ordering dinners-\$14.00 each dinner. Make this check out to Betty Coffey. Address: Betty Coffey, Route 1 Box 197-A, Cameron, NC 28236. There will be another reminder in the December 1986 CCC.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Descendants of William F. Coffey, b. 1844 KY, held their reunion June 28 in Norman, Ok. About 60 attended. Among the family were DAVID W. and MAXINE V. COFFEY, nephew and aunt. The oldest was George Harve Coffey, age 89, of Noble, OK., grandson of William F. The reunion has been biannual but may be made annual. For information contact DAVID W. COFFEY 1511 NW 34th, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

The last week of August is usually when LEN and DONNA Coffey are preparing the Sept CCC. But this year they were attending a wedding in her family in Columbia SC. They also found time to visit the State Library and South Caroliniana Library in Columbia and the State Library in Raleigh NC. They regretted not being able to detour to see all the CCC cousins that live along the route through Louisville, Lexington, Knoxville, and Asheville.

Sadly, we learned of the death of ANN KONKLE'S daughter, Judy on July 9, 1986.

ANDRE' CUFFEZ retired 1 July 1986 and has a new address, (p. 2). He has a revised plan for publication of Coffey Genealogy 3. It will be published in June 1987 if there are 20 advance orders, payment (\$30.00) only if published. He is sending a 77 page addendum to Coffey Genealogy 2.

Wanda Jo Stephens, the sister of BETTY EARL, died June 13, 1986 at her home in Wynnewood, OK.

CCC would like to expand this section of the newsletter. Some suggested additions are: 1. Notices of graduations. 2. Reports of honors won in sports, academics, business, social service, professions. 3. Biographical sketches of yourself, a parent, spouse or other Coffee/ey descendant. TODAY'S NEWS IS TOMORROW'S HISTORY

DEAD END ROADS

BONNIE HUMMINGBIRD noted (CCC# 23, P. 4) that her grandfather, Uriah McGuire, was a Coffee descendant. She also has found that her grandmother, Hilda Jane Hammond McGuire was b. Ky 1888. Hilda Jane was the daughter of Rosetta Belle Coffee, b Magoffin Co., KY 1859 who m. 1876 Isaac Newton Hammond. Rosetta's parents were Amos D. Coffee. b. KY 1829 m. Nancy Jane Williams. Amos D. was the son of William Coffee b. NC 1785 and Elizabeth Lacy.

T. JEFF COFFEY, JR. has found in the 1840 Census for Maury Co., TN that James Jefferson Coffey was the 3rd son and 3rd, 4th, or 5th child of William G. Coffey. Jeff does not know where William was born between 1790 and 1800 or the name the G. stands for.

KATHY SULLIVAN isn't sure if the wife of Reuben Dellinger was Mary Jane Coffee or Mary Jane Wise. Mary Jane and Reuben were m. ca 1847 in Burke (now Caldwell) Co., NC. She was b. 19 Oct. 1827 and d. in a gristmill accident in Watauga (now Avery) Co., NC on 11 April 1859.

ELMA DAVIS is the granddaughter of Nancy Ann Reeves. Nancy Ann's parents were George Washington Reeves and Eliza Coffee Reeves. Nancy Ann was 7 in 1860, her brothers, James Wiley was 5 and Joseph William was 3. George was 29 b. SC and Eliza 32 b. TN. Living with them in Somerville, AL (Morgan Co.) was Nancy Coffee age 76 b. in NC. Siblings who came later were Mary Emerilla, Ruth Catherine, George W. Jr., John Labon Thomas, and Henry Oscar Everett. Elma does not know the parents of Eliza (Elizabeth) Coffee Reeves.

New Cousin JAMES E. COFFEY has gathered data that indicates he descends from the Edmund S. Coffey line which includes Joseph C. Coffey, Sr. Joseph C. Jr., and Henry J. Coffey, all of Nelson Co., VA.

MICHAEL F. GIBBONS has been unable to verify information from the Caldwell Co. (NC) Genealogical Society that his ancestor, Mary Elizabeth Coffey b. 10 Nov. 1812 and m. Grief Lindsay in Burke Co. 4 Sept. 1837 was the daughter of Archelaus Coffey. Caldwell Co. says Archelaus was the son of James, Jr. and Mary Moore, and grandson of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland.

BONNIE BELLAMY b. 1925 in OK is the daughter of Elzie Griffin (1887 TX-1950 OK) and Buena V. Coffee (1888 TX-1959 OK). Buena was the daughter of John James Coffee (1851 AL-1924 OK) and Martha Virginia Epperson (1849 AL-1890's IT-OK). John James was the oldest son of Joel William Coffee (1824/6 AL-1880's TX) and Elizabeth Ann Moore (1832 TN-1890's IT-OK). They migrated to Oklahoma, which was then Indian Territory, from Alabama, by way of Texas in the 1880's. Joel William was a blacksmith in Morgan Co., AL in the 1850's, 1860's. Bonnie does not know his parents, brothers or sisters.

I. V. CRAWFORD is still without information of the parents of John Coffey, b. Lancaster District, SC in 1773. John m. Margaret Baskin who may have been the daughter of Andrew Baskin.

MEMORIES FROM TULSA- RICHARD L. COFFEY is the grandson of Judge Richard L. Coffey who lived in Brown County, Indiana. The judge was a tall, bearded, somewhat imposing man. Small children around Nashville, IN were warned by their parents to behave or Judge Coffey would get them.

THE MAILBOX

ROBERT H. COFFEY started flying in a biplane. In WWII he became a Navy pilot and flight instructor. Later he was a civilian pilot in Los Angeles for some of our well-known industrial families and occasionally for some of the Hollywood notables.

Father (Kevin O'Neill) Shanley is at Saint Elias Priory in Joliet, IL. He is an expert on Irish families. At the request of LEE COFFEY he outlined the history of the family in Corca Laoighdhe (West Cork) as of the same stock as O'Driscolls. The O'CoFFEYS of Ui Maine are the same stock as the O'Maddens who had considerable property down to the 17th Century, in the Barony of Clonmacnwen, Co. Galway at Toncatry. Other branches are found in Co. Mayo, Co. Westmeath (a celebrated bardic family), and Co. Derry (produced many worthy ecclesiastics).

KAREN WHITE, KAY COFFEY, and Maryanne Coffey of Kilmacthomas, Ireland have been pooling data on their families. Karen has established that she is related to her Coffey correspondents in Ireland. Her Thomas Coffey (of NY) ;see CCC #19 p. 6; had a brother who went to California in the 1800's and a relative went to New England.

BERNIE and MILLIE COFFEY, the live-wire team from Dallas, said they thoroughly enjoyed Tulsa, though there were no New York cousins present. They sent a listing of locations of Regional Branches of the National Archives and some hints on how to get the best from the records. Matter of fact they would be happy to accompany you Fort Worth Branch. You can even rent Census and military records for use at your local library. They would also like any hints on locating parents of Michael Benjamin Coffey b. NJ 1841 d. Kingston, NY 1943.

ETHELYN COFFEY found a preliminary draft of a book on Jesse P. Coffey b. 26 May 1784 to Osborn Coffey and Mary Nightengale. The draft was prepared by Leon F. Wilson, Rt. 1 Box 47J, Grapevine, TX 76051. Mr. Wilson in June of 1984 hoped interested parties would contact him for more information. The find of the above draft made Ethelyn wonder if we had ever been contacted by a descendant of Osborn. (If we had not before, we did in this issue. See letter from Wayne Trout in this section.)

Ethelyn lists from Russell Co. KY, Vital Statistics:

Martha N. Coffey, 4 Yrs, daughter of Gohlson and Rebecca A. Coffey, died of burns...Nov? 1857.

Martin W. Coffey, 54, married, b. Russell Co. son of Joel and Hetty Coffey, d. Russell Co., June 24, 1855-consumption.

James Coffey, 62, male married, farmer, son of Joel and Jane Coffey, d. Russell Co. April 1857.

Lucinda Riggins, 21, female, b. Russell Co., daughter of Martin and Darius Coffey, d. Russell co. Nov 26, 1856-"fits".

James H. Coffey, 25, male, married, b. Russell Co., son of Anderson and Sarah Coffey, d. Russell Co., June 23, 1874 - over-exertion.

Celia Coffey, 47, female, single, b. Russell Co., daughter of Joel and

Jane Coffey, d. Sept. 24, 1857 - liver complaint.

MARY (Mrs. J. C.) COFFEY tells us that a "Jesse" is a large branched candlestick used in churches, symbolizing the genealogical tree of Jesse and Jesus Christ. J. C. is a descendant of Jesse Coffey. Mary is now Chairman of National Committee of American Indians (DAR).

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

ANDRE' CUFFEZ has been searching for the **documentation** that Sarah (Sally), wife of Reuben Coffey (b.1744), was a Scott.

BETTY EARL has sent several packets of fascinating material. They **include:**

1. Mrs. Leister E. Presley, 1708 West Center Ave., Searcy, Ark **offers** a research service for Arkansas. She has biographies at \$1.00 ea. on John D. Coffey b. Fayette Co., TN son of Rev. David P. Coffey- White Co., AR; John Reed Coffey son of Wiley D. Coffey b. Bedford Co., TN; Judge W. H. Coffey b. Fayette Co., TN to St. Francis Co., AR; Andrew J. Coffey of Ozark Co, MO from NC to TN.; Col. J. N. Coffey (brother of David P. Coffey) SC to TN to Boone Co. AR.;

2. A query in NORTHEAST ALABAMA SETTLERS Jan 1986 concerning a Sewell family of NC and AL. **Melissa J. Sewell** b. 1831 m. Edmund B. Coffee.

3. Exerpts from THE LAST DOMAIN And THE REASON FOR THE TEARS. A HISTORY OF CHAMBERS CO.. ALA. these books **written from** the viewpoint of the Creeks, detail their difficulties with the U. S. and have several mentions of Gen. John Coffee.

4. The book, ANDREW JACKSON by Marquis James shows a painting of Gen. Coffee done by Ralph **Earl** who was a relative of Rachel Jackson and also of John Earl, Betty's husband.

5. A notice in THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN of a reunion for descendants of Joel William Coffee and Martha Virginia Epperson Coffee.

6. Gen. Center Library, Box 88100, Atlanta GA 30356-8100 has a **mail order lending service** at \$20.00/year and **\$2.00/volume**. Betty found in Coffee-Free1and and Allied Families by E. Howard Hillis, reference to Nathaniel Coffee of NY m. Sarah Putney. Children: Wm., Joseph, **Hulda**, Hiram, **Sam'l**, Louisa, Sarah, Geo. **Clinton**, Charles, Hannah, Lyman, **Mary**, Phoebe.

7. Excerpts from various volumes of Chronicles of Oklahoma mention Holland Coffee and General John **Coffee**. Fort Coffee was **established** in 1834, named for the General. The fort was **about** 15 miles above the abandoned Fort Smith. It was located on Swallow Rock, a **high** Bluff overlooking the Arkansas River and 6 miles from the Choctaw Agency. It was abandoned in 1838 and reverted to the Choctaw Nation **which** established in 1842, **Fort Coffee Academy** for boys.

8. A clipping from the WYNNEWOOD GAZETTE says Gary Coffee, 29, seeks a seat in the Oklahoma Legislature. He **lives** on a 260 acre ranch near Coalgate with his wife Amy. He is active in numerous civic, youth, and senior citizen **organizations**.

9. Edward Coffee, physician age 57, born in Jamaica **lived** in Clarke Co., GA in 1850. His wife **Caroline** age 53 had been born in N. Domingo. A daughter Caroline age 20 was born in GA. Also in 1850 there was a Stephen Coffee, cooper age 35 born in Ireland, living in Montgomery Co., TN.

WILL DUNCAN complained in **July** that Florida was too dry, too hot, and too long. When his dead ends seemed deader than ever it seemed to him he was running a genealogical funeral parlor. He has learned from a cousin that ancestor Hiram Coffey was the son or husband of Nancy **Huff**, so there is another surname to research. LEN COFFEY appreciates the data from Stokes Co., NC that Will keeps sending along. There seems to be some relationship joining The James Coffeys, **Micajah** etc. who **lived** there ca 1770-1830. Will's daughter **Julie** Wilbur (who was with us in Boone in 1984). **is** heading to China to teach English. It seems that Will (retired from the Navy) and his **children** tend to go into foreign service **work**.

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

BETTY MOODY reports her ancestor is definitely Chesley - identified with the help of her CCC cousins.

EDWIN R. COFFEE has studied Coffees in Texas in great detail. He confirms KEN COFFEE'S **identification** of William Coffey (CCC#23 p. 6). **Actually William** was the son of James Coffey b. 11 Feb 1774 d. 15 May 1826, (son of Joel Coffey and Martha Step). James m. 4 Mar 1804, Elizabeth Betsey Coffey (dau of Nathan Coffey and Mary Saunders). William was the brother of Langston, Logan, Woodson, Cleveland, Wyatt, and Lucy Coffey. Betsey, William's mother was a sister of Joel Coffey who m. Mary Knox. His father, James was a cousin of Joel's. Both families moved to Alabama together then to Texas. Other members of these families also served in the Civil War. The 27th Texas Cavalry could boast, at one time, of having five members of the Coffee/y family. Woodson led Co. D. Milton, was also in Co. D, but was discharged 30 June 1862. No reason given for his discharge but he was not 19 as he had claimed. In Co. I, Addison P. Coffee (son of Joel and Mary Knox), Benjamin B., son of Langston Coffee, and Hiram, (son of Hiram Coffee) made a short lived team. On Sept, 19, 1862. at Iuka, Mississippi, Benjamin was killed in action and Addison was wounded and taken prisoner. Hiram survived and served until he was captured at Franklin, TN, 27 April 1863. Woodson apparently led a charmed life, surviving every hard fought battle the 27th Texas Cavalry engaged in during the Civil War.

ILLAH MERRIMAN is working on a scrapbook of the Coffey Castles to show her cousins in Raleigh in 1987.

DARALEEN WADE copied two items from THE OREGON STATESMAN of Dec. 3, 1886.

1. Dan and John Coffey and their mother have concluded to sell the place belonging to the estate of B. Coffey, deceased at Prospect Hill, seven miles south of here (Salem, OR) with all its stock and improvements. This is one of the finest farms in the valley, and contains about 800 acres. Mrs. Coffey and sons are desirous of moving to Boston, where they have property.

2. B. Coffey, so well and favorably known in Salem,____, and who was appointed last spring as agent for the Umatilla Indians, is having some difficulty with the Catholic Church, or at least with Archbishop Gross, and Father L. I. Conrady,____. The inspectors who lately inspected his agency, credit Agent Coffey with having done much to bring about their (the Indians) acceptance, lately given to the **sevaralty** system (pertaining to land and farming).____they strongly censure Rev. Conrady's course and conduct.____Rev. Conrady broke up the school taught by The Sisters of Mercy, who left the place. The inspectors placed Miss Mary Coffey, daughter, an accomplished young lady, in charge of the school with an educated half-breed, and two advanced Indian girls as assistants. (CCC note: The article continues with a vicious attack upon the Catholic Church and its representatives, for excommunicating Coffey and his daughter. The insulting names and descriptions used by the reporter had no bearing on genealogical material and were omitted by CCC).

Early in '86, DAVID STRANGE, MARIE EASTON, AND MARY LEEK exchanged group sheets on Edward Coffey and descendants, James Graves, John Graves, Thomas Powell, William Powell, and Robert Mayfield. David sent CCC copies of the material, that are filed under this issue.

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

Inquiries and information to CCC from other sources:

John Coffey emigrated from Ireland in 1857 and went to Australia. He was b. 1828 Licklash via Fermoy, County Cork. His parents were Thomas Coffey and Ellen Tobin. His descendants believe a brother emigrated to America. Should you have information regarding this family write to James Coffey, 5 Jolly Street, Wycheproof 3527, Victoria, Australia.

Mrs. Frances K. Leahy requests information about the family of Nora Coffee who m. Daniel Leahy 30 Nov. 1793 in the Parish of Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland. Frances and D. W. Leahy, Sr. are at 6629 West 87th St., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

James M. Coffey, Jr., 5691 Mill Trace Drive, Atlanta, GA 30338 is the greatgrandson of John Gordon Coffey, who along with Larkin, Walton, William, Elbert, and Martin Van Buren Coffey were sons of Jesse S. Coffey b. 1799 NC, d. 1858 Pickens Co., GA. We have been able to report to him of mentions of the family in CCC (#5 p.5; #6 p.2; #13 p.3).

Lineages, Inc., P. O. Box 417, Salt Lake City, UT 84110 offers searches in the International Genealogical Index (over 80 million names), and in various other record sources.

Heritage Publishers Services P. O. Box 820169, Houston, TX 77282-0169 plans to compile AMERICA'S IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS. They would like to have a 150 word biography on your immigrant parent, grandparent etc.

Maureen White, 1309 E. Granada Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006 is compiling White's Directory of at least 500 family associations, with information on membership, costs and newsletters.

Wayne Trout is a descendant of both Patsey and Elizabeth Coffey who were sisters of Col. Jesse Coffey and children of Asburn (Osburn) Coffey and Molly Nightingale. Patsey married George McWhorter and Elizabeth married Gen. Christopher Riffe, believed to be the first white settler in Casey Co., KY. Jesse m. Christopher's sister, Tabitha. Wayne would like to know more about the 10 children of Jesse and Tabitha. Wayne does have Polly, Nathan, R. N., Jesse P., and Minerva on his list, but needs the other 5. Wayne's friend, Woodrow Howard Coffey of Welch, WV is a son of Howard Clinton and Mary Belle (Scott) Coffey. He is the grandson of Daniel Alexander and Belle Bunn Coffey. If you can help with these families write Wayne at Rt. #2 Box 38B Mangum, OK 73554.

Kathryn Vickery, 907 Ferry St. Anderson, SC 29624, submits the story of her Webb ancestors. Sealy Webb, daughter of John C. and Elizabeth ___? Webb, m. William B. Adkins in 1835. The Adkins had daughters, Margaret Ann, Cordelia, and Martha. Wm. B. froze to death and Sealy d. in 1842, leaving the girls orphans. A story handed down in the family, says that their grandmother Webb was afraid "ole-man Coffey" would get the girls and if he did would work them to death. Kathryn wonders if there may have been a Coffey who took in orphans, or if Elizabeth Webb was a Coffey? The Webbs lived in Burke Co., NC, and apparently so did Chesley Coffee who witnessed a deed for land at Beaverdam on 7 Jan 1793. What was the Webb-Coffey connection?

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

Shirley M. Azvedo was looking into the Coffey line at the LDS Library near her Westminster, CA home. She found copies of CCC in the library. We hope we made a good impression on our cousin-to-be so that she will join CCC with her **Coffey-descendant, new husband.**

Judy **Boxler** of 520 W. 27th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5Z 2G2 is another researcher who found CCC in the LDS **Family Registry**. She is the **G-G-granddaughter** of **Eliza Coffey Johnson**, b. **1860 NY**. **Eliza** who d. in **1883** had a sister **Hattie Coffey Holden**, who lived to be photographed with Judy. **Eliza's** and **Hattie's** mother was **Rhoda (Hendricks) Coffey**. **Rhoda** and her husband were b. in NY, probably **St. Lawrence Co.** dates not known.

Joann Callaway (not of a Coffee/y family), 2409 **Quantico Ct.**, San Jose, CA 95128, generously sent us material she had discovered in researching the **line** of **Thomas Baker** b. 1800 **Chesterfield Co. VA** d. 1856 **Lane Co., OR.:**

Lucille Jane Baker b. **1823 m.** 1st 1838 **Pike Co., ILL** **Thomas C. Coffey** b. 1815 **KY; m.** 2nd 1861, **Lane Co. OR** **Elijah W. Rhea**. **Children** by **Coffey** were **Gholson S.** ca 1850, **Mary** ca **1842**, **Emily** ca 1843, **Siames, J.** ca 1845, **John I. H.** ca 1857, **Sarah L.** ca 1850, **Elizabeth F.** ca **1853**, **Green M.** ca **1855.**

Nebuzaraden Coffey settled in **Marion Co. OR** **1849**
Thomas C. Coffey " " " " **1852/4.**

A **DIRECTORY OF FAMILY RESEARCHERS & GENEALOGISTS** is available in editions for **Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee,** or **Virginia**. It contains the names as indicated by **its** title and is also cross indexed by surnames of lines being researched. The directories have maps and county histories. The one for **NC** has **350** pages and is \$21.95 incl. p&h. Publisher is **R. D. Bradshaw, Gen. and Hist. News,** **Cumberland Gap, TN 37724-0700.**

When CCC replies to an inquiry about a Coffee/ey family, it usually goes like this:

Thank you for writing and telling us of your interest in the **Coffee/Coffey families**. We are an informal group and feel that those from any **Coffee/Coffey** family are "cousins". Our files include:

1. CCC (Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse) 1981-1986
2. **THOMAS COFFEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS** L. H. Coffey pub.1931
3. **COFFEYS OF WAYNE COUNTY (Ky)** **Jacqueline Coffey Sexton** pub.1974
4. **THE COFFEY CLAN FROM 1690** **Frank R. Moore** pub.1969
5. **DESCENDENTS OF SALATHIEL COFFEY** **Mickey Dungan** pub. 1978
6. **JOURNAL OF A JOURNEY** **Walker J. Coffey** pub. 1980
7. **EDMUND A. COFFEY AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDENTS** **Gene Brewington,** pub. 1979
8. **A BRANCH OF THE COFFEY TREE** **Paul L. Crane** pub. 1976
9. **LIZZIES LEGACY AND OUR COFFEY COUSINS** **Bennie Coffey Loftin** pub. 1984
10. **JAMES B. COFFEY. VOL. II: ANCESTORS** **Marvin D. Coffey** pub. 1984
11. **THE CHESLEY COFFEY FAMILY** unpub. **Timothy Peterman** essay 1981
12. **coffey genealogy 2** **Andre Cuffez,** pub. 1985.
13. **THE COFFEY FAMILY OF CLINTON CO. PA.** unpub. **Wm. D. Coffey, Sr.** 1979

It's satisfying to reply, "We found your family listed in Ref.____."

SPECIAL REPORT-Chronological Abstracts of Source Records

Including marriages, land, court, census, tax rolls,
etc.

(see CCC #22 p. 8)

by DARALEEN WADE

4305 Toni Ave., N.- Salem, Oregon 97303

Records pertain to Coffey individuals, mainly from Wilkes Co., NC; south central KY; Greene, Knox and Maury Cos., TN. Very few records after 1850. In most cases there are more than one person with the same given name included in the chronologies. It is hoped that the compilations will assist in sorting out these individuals and help place them in the correct family group.

Surname:Coffey(number following name indicates pages of data)

Absolom 2, **Ambrose** 4, **Ananias** 2, **Archelus** 1, **Benjamin** 6, **Chesley** 2, **Cleveland** 3, **Eli/Elijah** 7, **Elizabeth** 2, **Fielding** 3, **James** 8, **Jane** 2, **Jesse** 2, **Joel** 8, **John** 7, **Joseph** 2, **Lewis** 2, **Martha** 2, **Martin** 1, **Mary** 2, **Merideth** 1, **Nathan** 6, **Nebuzaradan** 6, **Newton** 2, **Reuben** 4, **Rice** 1, **Rutherford** 2, **Salathiel** 2, **Smith** 1, **Thomas** 5, **William** 1, **Willis** 1, **Misc. Females** 7, **Misc. Males** 8.

Variant spellings are included. A printout of specific name/s can be made for anyone requesting them. Please send SASE with request, plus 10 cents per page (stamps OK). Additional material is requested. Be sure to include the SOURCE of your material.

Some of the entries include:

ANDREW -

29 June 1844 - Russell Co., KY - Andrew Coffey married Sarah Bernard. Will Bernard. [p. 26]

1850 U. S. Census - Russell Co., KY - Andrew Coffey 26, KY; Sarah A. 23, KY; John W. 5, KY; James W. 9/12, KY; Martain Coffey 82, VA; Nancy 53, KY.

BEDFORD -

03 April 1912 - Cumberland Co., KY - Bedford M. Coffee and heir in Will of Mary E. Weaver, as was Ossie Coffee, son of Joseph & Martha C. Coffee. [Cumberland Co. Will Records 1815-1912 by Butler & Smith (I 624 & 625)]

CALBIN -

1855 - Adair Co., KY - Calbin & Palina Coffey, grantors; Benjamin Grant, grantee; tract Green River. [Deed Bk P pg 316]

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Many of you may have caught our errors in TENNESSEANS IN TEXAS (CCC 23 p. 14). The data came from the 1850 census, not the 1860 census. Further we copied the family of Larkin and Amanda Coffey wrong. Their children actually were Wm. E. age 3, born in TN and James A. age 1, born in Texas. James A. was Edwin Coffee's greatgrandfather. Ed. was the first to set us straight and rightly so.

Correct (CCC 23 p. 13) to read: William L. Hackney m. (1) Emma M. Galapp; (2) Dora Lee (Bane) Fouts.

Apologies to DAVID PENDERGRASS for the misspelling on (CCC 23 p. 5).

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

From GENEALOGY OF THE LEWIS FAMILY by Wm. Terrell Lewis, pub. 1893
p. 67-69 Sarah, daughter of Nimrod Fielder and Elizabeth Riggs,
married Richard S. Coffee, son of Thomas and grandson of Joshua
Coffee, of Prince Edward county, VA. Joshua Coffee had three
children; viz.: General John, Thomas, and Mrs. Mary Harris. The
families of General John and Thomas are in Lauderdale county, Ala.,
and the family of Mrs. Mary Harris is in Rutherford county, Tenn.

Mrs. Sarah Coffee had twelve children, viz.:

1. Clayborne Mayes, stammers in his speech, was born in Madison
county, Ala. in 1820; married Cornelia Green, and has three children,
viz.: 1, Miriam; 2, Minervus; and 3, John E. He is a Cumberland
Presbyterian minister; was chaplain of the 27th Alabama Infantry, CSA;
resides near Hillsboro, Morgan county, Ala.

2. Mary E., born 1821; married Azel Myrick; both dead; left no
issue.

3. John C., born 1823; been married three times; has four children,
viz.: Mary Jennings; Francis E.; Eustacia; and Rebecca G.
Post-office, Centre Star, Ala.

4. Miriam B., born 1826; married John Scott, a nephew of General
Winfield Scott. They have four children, viz.: William; Sarah E.;
Richard T.; and John S. C. Their Post-office is Athens, Limestone
county, Ala.

5. Richard N. born 1828; married Ada Crenshaw; has two children,
viz.: Richard; and William C. Richard N. is a merchant at Centre
Star, Ala.

6. Joel F., born 1830; was killed near Atlanta, Ga. in 1864. He
belonged to Company E, 7th Alabama Cavalry, CSA.

7. Prudence M., born 1833; married Joshua Crittenden, and had four
children; viz.: Thomas R.; Puss Coffee; Sarah E.; and Luetella.
Post-office, Centre Star, Ala.

8. Misaniah C., born 1835; married Rev. Marcus G. Williams, a
Methodist preacher a member of Tennessee Conference of M. E. Church,
South. She has one child; Sarah Elizabeth.

9. Nimrod T., born 1837; married Catherine Davidson. Their
Post-office is Leighton, Ala. He is a farmer with two children, viz.;

Thomas J.; and Mary Fielder.

10. Joshua D., born 1839; is a farmer.

11. Elizabeth F., born 1841.

12. Sarah S., born 1845.

All of Mrs. Sarah Coffee's sons and sons-in-law were in the
Confederate army, and were in the principal battles of the Army of
Tennessee. Nimrod T. was commissary of the 27th Alabama Infantry. He
was paroled at Vicksburg, Miss., and afterward taken prisoner, while
at home, and carried to Camp Morton in April of 1864, and there
remained until the close of the war. Joshua D. was ordnance sergeant
of the 7th Alabama Cavalry. M. G. Williams was chaplain of the 3rd
Tennessee Infantry until the fall of Donelson, then assigned to duty
in the 47th Tennessee Regiment, after which he commanded as Captain of
Company E, 7th Alabama Cavalry.

p. 122- Sarah Mackey, daughter of Wm. L. Mackey, was b. in Rutherford
Co., NC in 1795. She married Joel Coffey, had three children and died
in Missouri. The names of her children are: William, Chesley, and
Derrindia. After the death of Mrs. Coffey and her three children, Mr.
Coffey moved to Oregon.

—Submitted by LEN COFFEY - (This book is in the North Carolina State
Library, Raleigh)

SPECIAL REPORT BENJAMIN CLEVELAND

(CCC **NOTE:** Colonel Benjamin Cleveland of Revolutionary fame has interested many of us as a friend and relative of 18th century **Coffee/ey** families. See CCC #12 p. 3, #13 p. 7, #14 p. 3). We quote on page 1 and on this page from REMINISCENCES AND MEMORIES OF NORTH CAROLINA by John H. Wheeler, pps 416-7, SURRY COUNTY

In 1775 this (Surry Co., NC) was a frontier County and was considered to extend with the territorial limits of North Carolina to the **Mississippi**. Its early inhabitants were the devoted friends of American liberty. In that **year(1775)** her heroic men formed a Committee of Safety; its journal has been preserved, as also are the names worthy of record. Benjamin Cleveland was the Chairman, William Lenoir was its Secretary, Joseph Winston, Jessie Walton, John Hamlin, Samuel Freeman, Benjamin **Herndon**, Charles Lynch, John Armstrong, James Hampton, Richard Goode, Geort Lash, David Martin, Charles Waddle and others, were its members. Their resolutions breathe a determined resistance to oppression and formed a government simple and **effective** for the protection of the citizen.

Benjamin Cleveland, the chairman of this committee, was one of the most active and resolute heroes of the Revolution and worthily is his name preserved in one of the most beautiful counties of the state. He devoted himself to the cause of liberty. He was in the Provincial Congress which met at Hillsboro', August 21, 1775 and he was appointed an Ensign in the 2nd. Continental Regiment, raised by the State, commanded by Robert Howe. His name does not appear in the rolls of this regiment, which service was long and active, but we have abundant proof that Col. Cleveland was an active, resolute and useful officer, and a terror to the Tories. On one occasion two men, (Jones and Coil), abandoned and atrocious characters were brought before him. Cleveland, after consulting some of the leading men of the community, hanged them. For this act he was indicted in the Superior Court of the district at Salisbury for **murder**, but on a petition to the Legislature he was pardoned.

Soon after this event he was taken prisoner by some Tories at the Old Fields on New River, to which place he had gone alone on private business. They took him some distance into a secluded portion of the country, and first required him to give them passes to protect them from the Whigs. He knew when this was accomplished they would kill him. He was some time in writing the passes as he was but an ordinary **penman**, and he was in no particular hurry. While thus engaged, his brother, Captain Robert Cleveland, with a party of **men**, knowing the peril of his **brother**, pursued and fired upon them. They incontinently fled; and so Col. Cleveland's life was saved. Several months after this, one of these same Tories, Riddle his son and another man, were captured and brought before Cleveland. He hanged all three of them at the Mulberry Field Meeting House, where the town of Wilkesboro' now stands. Such resolution and promptness was called for by the daring and desperate conduct of the Tories.

He was, although daring and rash, a most useful officer. He commanded the left wing of the Americans at the battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780, and was engaged at the battle of Guilford's Court House.

It is related of Col. Cleveland that he owned a copy of a very remarkable book, entitled, "The Life and Adventures of Mr. Cromwell, the natural son of Oliver Cromwell," written by a man who was the son of a great beauty, named Elizabeth Cleveland, a daughter of an officer of the palace of Hampton Court, who had attracted the attention of the King, Charles I, and who, when Oliver Cromwell assumed the reins of government, won his sympathies; and the author of that book was their offspring. The mother subsequently married a Mr. Bridge and disappeared from notoriety. This book was published after the author's death in **1731**_____. To this book, Col. Cleveland attached great store, asserting that through its author he rightfully claimed descent from Oliver Cromwell.

In his work on the Cromwell family, Noble denounces this book as too marvelous to be true,_____the **extraordinary** adventures recited in the book make it appear to be a fictitious narrative.

Cleveland was *ever* a source of terror to the Tory; his subsequent career was a terrible ordeal and his adventures most thrilling. But they were incidents of the time. "Cleveland's Heroes" or "Cleveland's Bull Dogs," welcome names to the patriots) became "Cleveland's Devils" to the Tories.*

* Draper's Kings Mountain.