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John Adams is quoted as saying: "I must study war and politics so that my children shall be free to study commerce, agriculture and other practicalities, so that their children can study painting, poetry and other fine things."

Sign in an office, "There will only be one of you for all time. Fearlessly be yourself."

Tombstone in Lake Forest Cemetery, Ottawa Co., MI - Erected by the citizens of Grand Haven, MI for Thomas Coffee, 35, who lost his life when a lifeboat capsized while trying to rescue the crew of Sch. J. H. Whalling wrecked on Grand Haven Bar, Sept. 25, 1873.

A fourth great grandson of Archelaus and Elizabeth Coffey Strange won the state championship of New Mexico in safe cracking at the age of twelve (or maybe fourteen).—IAN STRANGE

\* For a major discovery in Coffey genealogy—see DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS p. 8

Dear Cousin,

We occasionally find ourselves the pivot point of differing information, and even hurt feelings. Recently while thinking of just such an example we chanced to read the "Genealogist's Code of Ethics" on a pamphlet of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The code in part:- "Be it known to ail-That I am a responsible genealogical record researcher dedicated to seeking that which is true about families I research. Family traditions are to be treated only as clues until substantiated. - That I first shall seek permission for the use of the resources and acknowledge with gratitude all who assist in my searches. - That I pledge myself to use all artifacts and documents entrusted to my use with the greatest of care leaving them in the assigned place and same condition in which I found them. If repair or restorative treatment is required I shall report it to those responsible. - That I shall refrain from reporting any information which might harm or prejudicially injure the reputation of any living person." CCC feels that keeping these thoughts in mind will prevent misunderstandings. We also feel they in no way should dampen the enthusiasm and joy of reporting legends or suppositions. Just label them appropriately.



*Cousin Lee*

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

AND THEIR ANCESTORS

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NEW INSTITUTION

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS - Genealogical Library  
 35 North West Temple St. Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

CCC note: For some time we have felt that our ancestor designations should follow some uniform system for consistency and greater clarity. The idea behind the designations being to help members identify relatives they may wish to correspond with. Because the families of Edward and Chesley are so large, and even their children were the founders of huge families, it may be more suitable for our purposes to list a younger ancestor. For example: it seems better to list - Hays 1793 than Hays' ancestors. CCC follows this more or less where the cousin has not specifically requested differently. However it is your option to choose. Those with no ancestor listed are requested to tell us (again?) about their ancestors.

CURRENTS IN **THE** STREAM

Among those recovering from illnesses: Joseph B. Coffey, (Idaho), Mary Coffey, (Dallas)

Beatrice Key Connolly died January 6, 1986 age 78. She was the daughter of Ivey Jackson and Louvina Coffey Key. Louvina was the daughter of Nathan Jackson Coffey, son of Eli and Mary Coffey. Beatrice always enjoyed CCC and now, without her mother to share it, genealogy isn't as much fun for her daughter, our CCC cousin CONNIE PLATT.

Loyd Mathis died October 30, 1986. He was 78 and the husband of THELMA REEVES MATHIS.

Guy Kilgore Coffey born December 15, 1882 died November 30, 1986, in a report by SARA and TOM HOLLAND and J. ASKEW COFFEY (see also p.10).

Future researchers may be puzzled when they see that KAY COFFEY of Ontario has a grandson born in 1986 in Saudi Arabia.

Graduates of the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology for 1986 included:

John Ransom Coffee, Grand Rapids MI - Aeronautics and Astronautics  
 Thierry Francois Coffie, Abidjan, Ivory Coast - Aeronautics and Astronautics

Marie Shea Coffee, Annandale, VA - Mechanical Engineering

The National Genealogical Society meets in Raleigh, NC May 13-16, 1987. Our Convention Secretary, Betty Coffey, will be there for that meeting also as a hostess for her county.

THE COFFEE/EY CONVENTION-RALEIGH 1987  
 LOCATION--HOWARD JOHNSON "CRABTREE"

2101 Century Drive  
 Raleigh, NC 27612

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

DATES: MAY 1,2,3

THE PLAN:

FRIDAY MAY 1- 1:00 to 6:00 pm - Convention  
 Registration  
 7:30 to 8:30 pm - Greeting,

Introduction

SAT'DAY MAY 2- 12:00 noon - Group photograph  
 12:30 to 1:30 pm Buffet Luncheon  
 1:30 to 3:30 pm Business Meeting  
 SUNDAY MAY 3-7:00 to 9:00 am Coffee Brunch

RALEIGH



**ALL OTHER TIMES ARE UNSCHEDULED**

We urge cousins to propose a site for the 1988 convention - including:  
 1. A letter of invitation and commitment from the host inn.  
 2. A volunteer coordinator to manage details.

Betty Coffey says: This newly refurbished Howard Johnson's Plaza is very attractive and may have the largest guest rooms in Raleigh. We will have the Century Room for our meetings and the Colonial Room for the Buffet.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

## MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

If ARTHUR RICHARD HADLEY gets his pedigree completed it will take more than the 4 1/2 pages he sent us. It begins with No. 1 - Frances Elizabeth Hadley (his daughter) b. 1982 Indianapolis, IN and ends (for now) with No. 12192 - Thomas Ledbetter b. ca 1600 Durham, England. Art is a disabled veteran of Viet Nam, b. 1944 at Fort Sam Houston, TX. His wife, Wanda Charlene (Alford) is a registered nurse b. in PA. His parents live on their farm in Hope, IN. The Coffeys on his pedigree start with Chesley No. 136 and Jane Cleveland No. 137. For some more of his line see p. 12.

KENNETH ROLAND COFFEE was b. in Saline Co, Illinois in 1908, his ancestors settling there about 1830. He was Plant Engineer for Emge Packing Co. in Anderson, Indiana for 20 years. Retiring in 1972 he returned to Harrisburg, where he and wife, Jean, pursue genealogy. They learned of CCC in James Bluford Coffey. Vol. II. Kenneth is the father of Dwain Roland Coffee, Carol Marie Edwards, and Sharon Sue Kucewesky. More of his family is listed on p. 11.

VICTOR LEE and PHYLLIS ANN (MAXAM) COFFEY saw our convention notice in the Genealogical Helper. They have been able to trace Victor's people to Andrew Noble Coffey b. 22 May 1844 in Greene Co., IN. m. Angeline Mercy Rogers 1876. They died in Tecumseh, NE. Andrew may have had a brother killed in the Civil War. Their son Arthur Marion Coffey b. 1831 in NE m. 1st Mary Marie Boone, 2nd Bessie Mommens. Arthur Marion had a son, Arthur Noble Coffey b. 1905 Tecumseh NE., m. Mary Francis Ashley. Victor Lee was b. 16 Feb. 1935, Lexington, Nebraska.

DONALD LEWIS and MARCIA R. COFFEY have supplied CCC with the material you find in Special Reports on The Brown Co., IN Coffeys and the section in Branches for his lineage.

You may note that we now have two cousins, named Kenneth R. Coffee! We will try to avoid ambiguity by noting in reports; Ken Coffee(IL) or (TX) or by ancestor (Hays) or (Edwin Cleveland).

## DEAD END ROADS

LORENE C. GUTHERY is searching for relatives and genealogical references to Elvira Coffee Cupp. (see CCC #23 p.3). On this search, Lorene went in October to Watseka, IL and then visited other relatives in Ohio and Indiana.



DAVID W. COFFEY thanks his aunt, MAXINE COFFEY for passing along to him the Family Bible of Elizabeth A. Coffey (see CCC #23 p. 4). The oldest entries are for Harvey Brown b. 1811, and Amy Brown b. 1814. What puzzles David is being unable to locate a marriage record in Russell Co., KY for Elizabeth "Betsy" Brown and Wm. F. Coffey. The Bible notes they were married 2 Feb. 1860. Their first child was Ephram V. b. 17 May, 1861 in Russell Co. David believes he has found William, 5, and Betsy, 12, in the 1850 Census of Russell Co.

MARIE EASTON has charted and recharted Chesley Coffey trying to fit him to one of the other families. Without success. Apparently no one else has been able to do it either. Marie traces to his son Nebuzaraden b. 1757. Marie lives just over the hill from the Rose Bowl. Her husband John is unable to travel far so she would enjoy hearing from any cousins who visit in the Glendale, Pasadena area.

## DEAD END ROADS (Cont.)

T. J. COFFEY, Jr (JEFF) has worked his line back to William G. Coffey b. ca 1795, Lancaster Dist. SC. Was his mother Esther? Who was his father? He had a sister, Nancy Agnes, and brothers Hugh Wiley b. ca 1799, and Samuel, b. ca 1801. Nancy m. Samuel Caskey in 1811, SC. Samuel's brother, Thomas, m. Mary Coffey, reported to be a daughter of Hugh M. and Margaret Coffey. The Coffeys and Caskeys went to Maury Co., TN. about 1816. Hugh Wiley and Samuel Coffey are buried there, Nancy in Texas. Where did William G. go? Who was the Elizabeth Bondham he m. in Maury Co., 1822?

Jeff once thought his father was named for the Thomas Jefferson. Now he believes he was named for grandfathers- one named Thomas and the other Jefferson.

THELMA REEVES MATHIS, great granddaughter of James Coffee of Bedford Co., TN (b. NC ca 1780). has been unable to find his parents. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Reeves. In searching Rockingham Co., VA records she found Edmund Eff Coffee, his son Joshua, and Joshua's children, James, William, John, Elizabeth and perhaps a Catherine.

BETTY EARL had heard the story of the Babbs Switch School tragedy (CCC #23 p. 5) years ago. She wonders who those Coffeys were.

## THE MAILBOX

Correcting and adding to the earlier report (CCC#22 p. 5), BENNIE LOFTIN says that "James Lee Coffey" was actually W. L. or W. Lee Coffey. Born in 1883 he was known to have been married to Bessie Bullard and to (Nancy) Julia Bollinger. Julia later married a Fowler. Also in 1903, a Lee Coffey of McAlester OK, age 21 married Emma L. Martin, 21. In 1914 a Lee Coffey age 28 of Brewer, OK m. Eva Hollifield, 16. Brewer was a mining community that does not exist today. Coffey was a miner who died in an accident in the 1940's

Bennie explains why John Coffey referred to his wife, Jane Graves, as Jean. It seems Jean is the Scottish equivalent of the Irish "Jane". The same tradition applies to the names "Nancy" and "Agnes". Bennie in her travels has visited with Walker Coffey and with Marcus Coffey. She reminded us that Marcus is the author of a book called the "Glass House". She found it through inter-library loan and enjoyed the story. Most of the time though she is busy with family, the ailing, and her local society which publishes the Tobucksy News.



DAVE PENDERGRASS and BENNIE LOFTIN have found that Dave is a descendant of Reuben Coffey and Sally Scott. So Dave is adding to his library with material pertinent to that family. He wonders about adding Shouse or Scott material to the CCC coverage. (CCC is very interested in the allied families, but for now we have our hands full with the Coffee/Coffey descendants.)

KATHY SULLIVAN wishes to thank EDITH VINES, MABEL MCLEAN, ROBERT COFFEY and his mother Gertrude Isaacs for help in proving Kathy's Coffey relationship. Her line extends from Reuben Coffey and Sarah Scott, Jesse Coffey and Margaret Edmisten, Mary Jane Coffey and Reuben Dellinger, in Caldwell Co., NC.

## THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

ELLOUISE (JACKSON) LARSON finds her line and that of H. MARCUS COFFEY cross twice. On the one hand they share Thomas Powell as an 8th great grandfather. On the other, Robert Mayfield is Ellouise's 6th great and Marcus' 7th great grandfather. The 5th great grandparents of Ellouise are Ann Powell and Edward Coffey. Their daughter Elizabeth m. John Cleveland; Elizabeth Cleveland m. David Gillaspy; David Gillaspy m. Jane Brown; Robert Cleveland Gillaspy m. Angeline Hill; Lucy Jane Gillaspy m. Asa Meeks Jackson; Henry Gillaspy Jackson m. Emma May Rowcroft; Ellouise Jackson m. Elmer E. Larson

CALVIN and GLORIA CRAWL in their personal newsletter cover their family located now in Iowa, California, and Alaska. Calvin works for the Fruehauf Co. while Gloria in 1986 edited the OLD FORT GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY.

BONNIE CULLEY found time for a trip to Vienna, MO to look up the Coffey families of Miller Co. While there she had a visit with Thorn Coffey, who is in his 80's. Thorn is single, operates a swap shop and a one man band. He is a descendant of Marvel Coffey and Rachel Boone. He gave Bonnie enough Marvel Coffey family information to fill family group sheets for Marvel, 6 of his 8 children, and 5 of his grandchildren. We want to combine it with the research of CHARLINE and NORMAN SHOCKLEY (see CCC #6 p. 2) for a later issue.

In her searches for Coffees (See Branches off the Tree) in Tennessee, LORIE OKEL found that the Tennessee Historical Society has the unpublished papers of Thomas Jefferson Barnes (1883-1956), a postman, historian, and genealogist of Warren County, TN. Mr. Barnes collected data on 500 families, 40 cemeteries, and 13 churches in 44 years of research. One item was the obituary of Mrs. Jessie Coffee Reams of McMinnville, daughter of Capt. Chatham Coffee veteran of the Confederate Cavalry who served with distinction under Nathan Bedford Forrest.

JOHN C. and KATHLEEN COFFEE of Grand Rapids, MI are among the fortunate few who have located their Irish ancestors. In John's case it is William Coffy b. 1780/90 Co. Fermanagh, Ireland m. 1809 in Killesher Church to Mary A. Gordon b. in Scotland. They immigrated to Cumberland Co., PA in 1817. They are buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Marion Co., OH. William likely was the son of James Coffy, and had brothers, John and Robert. There are so many Coffys (Coffees) in the records of Killisher it is difficult to prove relationships. Children of William and Mary A. were Alice, John, James, Jane, Priscilla, Thomas G., Mary A., William R., Amanda R., Stephen K., \_\_\_\_\_?. The first four were born in Ireland. It was John and Kathleen who submitted the report of John Coffee (CCC #19 p. 4), the shipwreck disaster on p. 1, the M.I.T. graduates on P. 2. They also sent a copy of the 1987 Historic Calendar of Alpine Twp., Kent Co., MI, with beautiful old photos of it's people and places.

WILLARD ISRAEL makes some good suggestions for spending convention time. He has joined the computerized group and is examining genealogy programs. Will recently assisted his cousin with a DAR application based upon James Coffey (1729-1786) and James' son John (1753-1825). James was a "patriot" in the revolution, while five of his son's served in the war.

## THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

TOM and LILLIAN NEIGHBORS are trying to recruit **Bill** and Virginia Coffey of Mercer, PA for the Raleigh Convention. The couples met on the Coffey tour of Ireland in 1984.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS OF WESTERN NC by Emmett R. White contains accounts of Benjamin Coffey, George Dowell (father-in-law of Rev. Reuben Coffey), and William Gragg (husband of Nancy Coffey). Submitted by BETTY EARL?

W. D. COFFEY, SR and DR. CHARLES EATER submit items found in the Canal and Portage Register, Standard and Gazette, and other Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon Co., Blair Co., Pennsylvania periodicals.

2 Jul 1836- The partnership of Coffey and Snyder was dissolved.

19 Oct 1836- Mrs. Jane Coffey, mother of Dr. James Coffey died, age 70.

10 Oct 1838- The partnership operating as Edward M'Gintie & Co. was dissolved. Partners were E. McGintie, John Walker, James Coffey

3 Apr 1839- Thomas Brown, youngest son of Dr. James Coffey died. he was about 7 mos.

7 Apr 1841- Dr. James Coffey was appointed postmaster at Hollidaysburg.

8 Jan 1845- Died Jan 4th, Mrs. Margaret P. Coffey, 42, wife of Dr. James Coffey

25 Mar 1846- Died in St. Louis, MO on the 11th, Dr. Thomas Coffey, 46, formerly of Huntingdon, CO.

Franklin Co. wills Vol. B Prob. 1811- Coffey, Robert. names wife Nancy, and children (not named). Land joining brother Thomas Coffey Huntingdon Co. wills p. 12 Prob 1822- McConnell, Alexander. names daughter Margaret, wife of Dr. James Coffey.

(see also CCC #9 p. 7)

LOREE MILLER sent several pages of material supporting her reports on the Coffey, Gilbreath, Turnbow families and their relationships to each other. Also enclosed was a xerox of the cover and pages from The Outlaw Years by Robert M. Coates, pub. 1930. The book is subtitled "The History of the Land Pirates of the Natchez Trace." The book contains stories of the Harpes, a violent, heartless band of cutthroats who terrorized early settlers. One of their murder victims was the young son of Chesley Coffey. (see CCC#14 p. 5)

P. H. GILLASPY submits an item titled Virginia Cleveland Ancestor Discovered by George A. Martin. While the source and date of the item are not given, Mr. Martin does list many sources for his conclusions. He takes issue with a genealogy of the New England Clevelands published by Edmund James Cleveland in 1899. He especially disagrees with Mr. Cleveland's report that 1. Benjamin Cleveland was the son of John Cleveland and Martha Coffey. 2. That Col. Benjamin Cleveland was born on Bull Run in Prince William Co., VA. According to Martin John Cleveland m. Elizabeth Coffey, Martha Coffey m. Joshua Stapp, and all of John Cleveland's children were born on Bull Run in Orange Co. VA. CCC has contained several references and listings of the Cleveland-Coffey families' relationships (varying versions and opinions) and pleads: "Not Qualified" to judge the truth. We prefer to leave that to their descendants and others who are directly affected.

RUBY BUCK has been helping Missouri cousins publish the WOOD family newsletter since 1973.

## THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

Mrs. William G. Cooper, Jr. 7211 Wayne Dr., Annandale, VA 22003 is a descendant of the Holden family of Johnson Co., TN. Sallie, the granddaughter of Thomas Coffey (1742-1825) married into the Holdens.

History House Publishing LTD, genealogical and historical book publishers, P. O. Box No. 50, 5 Bindon St., Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland enclosed a list of 92 Irish surnames (does not include Coffee/ey) whose histories they have researched. They will research any Irish surname and furnish a history for \$10.00 or 8 pounds.

Hunting For Bears Genealogical & Historical Society of P. O. Box 204 No. Saft Lake, UT 84054 publishes BEAR TRACKS for \$10.00 a year. The 4th Qtr of 1986 issue contained advertising for genealogical supplies and services, reports of travels of the "Chief Bear Hunter", offers for surname searches, queries, marriage records, book reviews etc. It was 16 pages and seemed to deal with numerous families and geographical areas.

Maureen White, 1309 E. Granada Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85006-2256 and Rev. John H. Peach, 513 Ridgewood Dr, Northfield, NJ 08225 are co-workers in genealogy. Maureen compiles a directory of family organizations and periodicals. Rev. Peach publishes a newsletter, THE PEACH TREE. They are trying to determine the source of the Indian heritage in the Peach families of northern Illinois. Those Peach descendants are from the marriage of Charles Hugh Peach to 1st Rebecca Coffey m. 1850 d. 1851, Ohio and 2nd Jane Coffey. Rebecca had a son Joseph Peach, her sister Jane had four Peach children. The sisters were daughters of Tatom Coffey and Rebecca Roberts/Rubart and granddaughters of Joseph Coffey and Sarah Jane Tatom who came to Ohio from Lancaster Co., PA. (see CCC # 14 p. 5; CCC #23 p. 7). Issue #31 of the PEACH TREE had a biographical sketch of The Coffey family headed by Joseph and Sarah, their children, Tatom, William, Sarah, Joseph and John. Tatom's children were Jane, Isaac, Sarah, Lucinda, Rebecca, Mary, Martha, Rachael and Joseph.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MARVIN D. COFFEY from correspondence with MICHAEL GIBBONS is "informed of the existence of an administrative bond,... showing that Mary Coffey was the widow of James Coffey who died in late 1794 in Burke Co., NC. Although circumstantial, the information associated with this administration and a subsequent land sale gives strong evidence that this was James Coffey, Jr., son of Rev. James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland, and Mary (also called Mollie) was the daughter of Jesse Moore and Alley Johnson. This is significant because most researchers, including myself, have thought that James, Jr. died unmarried. The one source that said he married "Mollie Moore" could give no reference for the information. Also significant because we now have evidence (from Michael Gibbons) that this couple had a son who was named Archelaus (b. ca 1784). Mr. Gibbons is descended through Archelaus' daughter Elizabeth who married Grief Lindsay. I am speculating that James named his son after his next older brother, Archelaus who was my direct ancestor and who died in Wilkes Co. NC ca 1783/4. Those who have my book, James Bluford Coffey. His Ancestors and Descendants in America -Vol. 2 should correct the information I wrote on page 59 about James Coffey, Jr."



## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (Cont.)

DARALEEN WADE says our Mailbox item (CCC #25 p. 5) was in error. That Joel Coffey was the son of Chesley Coffey (Jr.) and Margaret Baldwin. Also the Clark Co., Oregon of 1850 is now Clark Co., Washington.

LOREE MILLER has just finished 4 years as Genealogical Chm. of her 558 member DAR Chapter. She also contributed 500 pages of her original records, the last of which went to the National DAR. She surely is one of the most prolific of our CCC researchers. She also finds errors in our report in CCC #25 p. 8. - James Gilbreath b. 1792 married but one time. His wife was Elizabeth "Betsy" Baker whom he m. 27 Nov 1816 in Adair Co., KY.

SPECIAL REPORT The Coffeys of Brown County, Indiana

From "Hoosier Vignettes" a column in the Indianapolis Star by Lester C. Negley, Sr. (date unknown)

One of the best known families back over Brown County history has been the Coffey family.

I have (previously) mentioned Alton P. Coffey, the Brown county artist, whom I have known for many years - he represents the third generation of Coffeys in Brown County - a talented artist, too. Alton has a twin brother, Arthur L. Coffey, an older brother, J. W. "Jim" Coffey of Nashville, who is now a realtor, a sister, Marie Coffey Carti hour, who is also an artist and a former schoolteacher, and a younger sister, Marguerite Coffey, who lives in Indianapolis.

Alton's father was William L. Coffey, who was widely known as a Nashville banker until his death in 1934. It was said of "Bill" Coffey that "his word was as good as his bond." "Bill" had a brother, Richard M. Coffey, an undertaker.

We have to go back to 1835 to trace the history of Alton's grandfather, Judge Richard L. Coffey, who was born May 7, 1835. When he was 23 years old, he entered the law office of former Governor Paris C. Dunning to study law, and was admitted to the bar six months later. After attending the Indiana University law school, young "Dick" was graduated six months later. In 1866 he was named by Governor Baker as common pleas judge for Brown, Monroe, Morgan, Johnson, and Shelby Counties. In 1870 and 1872 he was elected to the judgeship.

He began his practice of law in Nashville in 1861. He also served as U. S. Marshall, and state senator. He was active in politics, the Masonic Lodge, and many civic activities.

The many descendants of Judge "Dick" Coffey have every right to be proud of their illustrious ancestor, I am sure.

Thus I salute the three generations of Coffeys in Brown County.

submitted by MARCIA R. COFFEY

(For more about this family see Thomas Coffey and His Descendants p. 31, CCC #24 p. 4, and this CCC p. 11.)

CCC note: For many years Brown County, was the least populous of Indiana's 92 counties. It may yet be but the "knobs and hollers" are fast filling with artists and craftsmen. Tourism is the major industry, with fine restuarants and hotels disguised in the rustic architecture that preserves the flavor of 50 years ago. Nashville, the seat and major metropolis of the county is under 1000 pop. Some of the much smaller "towns" have such names as Bean Blossom, Gnawbone, and Stony Lonesome.

## SPECIAL REPORT Nebuzaraden Coffey-Man of Principle

A recently discovered report concerns a lawsuit brought against Nebuzaraden Coffey, in Pike Co., Illinois in 1846. He was one of two judges at an election for trustees of the schools in his township. The voters were also to choose between 8% and 12% tax rate. When it came time for the clerk and judges to certify the outcome, Nebuzaraden refused to sign. He claimed great irregularities in the election sufficient, in his estimation, to justify his refusal to sign. He stated that during the process of the election, the Clerk frequently left his seat to electioneer with the voters in an attempt to pass the 8% rate. Both the Clerk and the other judge were debtors to the township (apparently owed back taxes). About 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as 3 voters came to the polls, the Clerk and other Judge refused to let them vote, saying the polls were closed and no more votes would be received (no public proclamation had been made that would close the polls at that hour and also, the polling place was moved that morning to a place some distance from the advertised location). It was known the 3 approaching voters were in favor of the 12% rate and since the vote was then 25 to 23 in favor of the lower rate, the vote of these 3 men would have altered the outcome of the election. As far as the trustees were concerned he had no objection to those elected and had, himself, voted for the winners, but he could not conscientiously sign such a return. While the papers don't actually say who was the winner of the case, it was ordered to collect the costs from the relator (the clerk) in the case.

DARALEEN WADE is proud of her ancestor who stood firm for what he thought was right, and won.

## SPECIAL REPORT Guy Kilgore Coffey

Cousin WALKER COFFEY sent us a copy of an item by columnist Walker Coffey that was in the Oxford (MS) Eagle.

-Somewhere along 1 life's way we lose a loved one or an extraordinary friend. When this loss occurs it usually causes us to reflect on life itself-what it is all about and how we are handling our own lives. Do we have our priorities in the most meaningful order?

Our loss recently was a such an unusual man, named Guy. One thing that was unusual about Guy was that he lived to be 104 years old, lacking two weeks. His father was born before the Civil War and his mother who lived to be 99 was born during the Civil War. He had seen neighbor's sons offer their lives in 5 wars and lived during the administrations of half the Presidents of the United States, from Chester A. Arthur to Ronald Reagan.

Guy fell in love with and married Jimmie Irene Majors in 1906. Their married life spanned 70 years. They raised three boys and two girls to be respected citizens of the community.

When Guy was 100 years old he with his 91 year old cousin, Pauline, came to a cemetery cleaning near his home. They walked to the top of the hill and when they came down he stopped at nearly every marker, recalling memories of each friend and relative in the years long past. Their stories were always about the good deeds of that person. Maybe they had learned what life is all about.

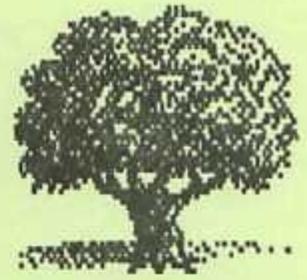
Guy was small in stature with sandy blond hair that never turned gray or white. He was five feet seven inches with steel blue eyes that never needed glasses. When Guy was 95 he had surgery, he was given one treatment of chemotherapy. He refused to take more and lived for another nine years."

(Guy was the son of William Harris and Mary Elizabeth Kilgore Coffey)

## BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

In her six years as a CCC Cousin, LORIE OKEL has learned: Collins Coffee b. ca 1809, NC m. 1st? Callie Henly? (Hensley?). He m. 2nd Sarah Hinkle. They lived in Bradley Co., TN 1840's, Greene Co., MO 1850, then Howell Co., MO until Collins' death in 1864. Sarah d. abt 1905, perhaps in Ozark Co., MO. Collins and Sarah were parents of 1. John B. Coffee b. 1838, TN, m. Martha Moore 1864, Rolla, MO, d. 1901, Ozark Co., MO; 2. Ambros Lee Coffee b. 1841, TN, m. 1st Martha Johnson, d. 1924 Dallas, TX; 3. Nancy Caroline Coffee b. 1843 TN, m. before 1863 Solomon Davis, Howell Co., MO d. 1871 Howell Co.; 4. Louisa Ellen Coffee b. 1845, TN m. 1865 Hartshorn Cole, d. 1912 Howell Co., MO.; 5. William Taylor Coffee b. 1847, TN m. 1878 Jane Helen Wemple, Howell Co., MO d. 1917 Howell Co.; 6. Joseph Franklin Coffee b. 1849, AR m. Mary Seay d. 1918 Colgate, OK; 7. Robert Milo Coffee b. 1853 MO, m. 1879 Mary Jane Cole, d. 1909 Webb City, MO.; 8. Jessy D. Coffey b. 1855 MO., m. 2nd Elizabeth (Campbell?), lived Grayson Co., TX 1880, d. \_?; 9. George H. Coffee, b. 1858 MO.

Lorie asks help in filling in her missing data.



William Lewis Coffey (1866-1934) m. 1893 Rosa B. Clark (1872-1946)  
Their children were:

1. (Lola) Marie Coffey (1895-1946) m. Novella H. Cartinhour
  2. William Wendall Coffey (1902-1973); changed name to James, m. Margaret Katherine McCord (1899-1956)
  3. Arthur Livingston Coffey (1904-1972) m. June \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Alton Powell Coffey (1904-1978) m. Pauline Wilkinson (1919-1982)
  5. Marguerite Eugenia Coffey, unmarried-still living
- James and Margaret McCord Coffey had one child: Donald Lewis Coffey b. 1928, m. Marcia Rae Boughton, who are parents of Ellen Jane (Gregory) and William Scott Coffey.

submitted by DONALD L. and MARCIA R. COFFEY

Horatio Roberts Coffee was b. 5 Oct. 1794 in Maryland. He m. Juliet M. (Burnett?) who was b. 6 Nov. 1804 in Virginia. They moved to Saline Co., IL by 1830, perhaps earlier. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk War, serving as Cpl. 1832. They and 3 children are buried in the Raleigh Masonic Cemetery in Saline Co. Their children (birth year approximate) were: 1. Adaline 1826 m. William Burkhardt. 2., James C. 1828 m. Louisa Carnahan. 3. Allen B. 1829 m. Mrs. Harriett Grimes (2 other wives). 4. Grandison Green 1832 m. Nancy Jane Simmons. 5. Darcus S. 1834. 6. Sarah E. 1834 m. Alexander Hunt. 7. Richard M. 1839 m. Mary C. Upchurch. 8. Robert A. 1841 m. Nancy J. Moore and Mary A. Belew. 9. Chloe (or Clara?) 1848.

Grandison Green Coffee (ca 1832-1906) m. 1857 Nancy Jane Simmons (1832-1893). Their children were: 1. Sarah (1859-1919) m. William McAbney. 2. Henry (\_\_\_\_-1922). 3. Amanda (1869-1942) m. George Willhite. 4. Daniel Edward (1870-1943) m. Sarah Lambert. Daniel Edward Coffee m. 1894 Sarah E. Lambert. Their children were: 1. Bertis L. (1898-1961) m. Velon Turner. 2. Nellie M. (1901-1959) m. Lynn Kennedy. 3. Kenneth R. (1908-\_\_\_\_) m. 1st Marjorie Davis, 2nd Thelma Jean Raymond.

Submitted by KENNETH AND JEAN COFFEE

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Hayes Coffey b. 1793 Russell Co., KY m. Mary Burkett b. 1798, VA. Children include **Burnetha** (Burchetta on 1900 census) b. 1833, Hayes b. 1836, Mary Ann b. 18 Jul 1838, m. 1867 Richard Hadley, America? m. James Rogers.

Richard Hadley b. 24 Nov 1840, Russell Co., KY m. 18 Oct 1867 Mary Ann Coffey. Their children were **Timolian/Timothy** b. 1870 Russell Co. m. 1887 Sarah V. Murrah; **Myrtle Elizabeth** b. 1874 m. George Luther Blair; **Melvin Morton** b. 1877 m. **Cassandra Belle Collins**; Mary B. b. 1881 d. 1917 Russell Springs, KY.

Melvin Morton Hadley b. 9 Jun 1877 Russell Co., KY m., 4 Apr 1895, Russell Co., **Cassandra Belle Collins** b. 1879, KY. Their children were **Adice Avilee** 1896, **Oscar Ray** 1898, **Arthur Roosevelt** 1901, **Timothy Richard** 1903, **Maurice Randolph** 1905, **Augustus Nathaniel** (Gus Than) 1907, **George Luther** 1911, **Mary Elizabeth** 1912.

**Arthur Roosevelt Hadley** b. 12 Apr 1901, Russell Co., Ky. m. 30 May 1935 **Audrey Merle Barrett** b. 9 Jan 1915 **Nixon, TX.** Arthur d. 26 Sept 1972, **Indianapolis, IN** buried **Fort Knox, KY.** Children - **William Melvin** b. 1942, **Arthur Richard** b. 1944.

Submitted by ARTHUR R. HADLEY

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THE 1810 CENSUS (continued from CCC #25)

Age and sex categories are: white males 0-10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, 45-; white females the same. The 11th digit is free colored persons, the 12th is slaves.

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"	Thomas Sr., 21001-00101-07	II	Wilkes	275
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"	Ell Esq. 10001-00001-00	II	II	279
"	<b>James</b> Jr. 10100-00100-00	"	"	279
"	John Sr. 01011-00201-00	II	II	279
"	John 10010-12010-00	"	"	279
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"	<b>Lewis</b> 20001-20010-00	"	II	279
"	William 10100-00100-00	"	"	279
Cofer, George	32101-40100-00	Ky.	Montgomery	354
"	Henry 00010-00000-00	"	II	384
"	<b>Reubin</b> 01001-40010-00	"	II	354
Coffee, <b>Ambrose</b>	40101-01201-00	II	"	363
Cofer, William	00010-10110-00	II	Bullitt	175
Coffee, Ambroce	31101-21010-00	II	Pulaski	136
"	John 21110-32110-00	"	Knox	90
"	John D. 41201-01110-00	"	Ohio	73
"	Phillip 00100-00000-00	II	II	81
"	Jonathan 40010-20010-00	II	Wayne	358
<b>Coffey, Lewis</b>	40010-12000-02	II	"	370
Coffee, Joseph	10100-00100-03	"	Cumberland	170
Coffer, Elijah	00010-10100-00	"	Madison	199
"	Thomas 20110-10010-00	II	<b>Hardin</b>	287
Coffey, Jesse	00010-20010-00	II	<b>Casey</b>	46
"	<b>Osborn</b> 01201-00101-03	"	"	37