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COL. FERGUSON AND KING'S MOUNTAIN

The Battle of King's Mountain was an important event in the lives of Benjamin Coffey, Col. **Benj.** Cleveland and others. The man they contended against and killed in October 1780 was Lt. Col. Patrick Ferguson of the 70th Highland Regiment.

In 1776 Patrick Ferguson was a young Scottish captain who came to the attention of the **British** War Office for his shooting **accomplishments**. He demonstrated on a June day that he could **fire** at a rate of 5-6 shots per minute at a 200 yard target and missed **only** three times in thirty shots. It was enough to cause the General of Ordnance to order 100 of Ferguson's specially designed rifles to be produced. In October of that year he demonstrated his rifle for the Royal Family at Windsor Castle. He told George III he could fire 7 shots per minute and hit 5 of his **majestie's** enemies. From then his career grew and his promotions were rapid. He arrived in New York in 1777. His special corps **distinguished** itself at the battle of Brandywine, but Ferguson caught a **ball** in the **elbow** from a rebel long rifle. In 1778 and 1779 he fought in the New York and Jersey area. Transferred to South Carolina he was cited for his part in the **fall** of Charleston.

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Dear Cousin, We'll try not to sound like a broken record, but another convention has come and gone. Our conventions of course are the single most significant event we experience as a group. The original idea was that much more data can be exchanged face to face than in a series of letters. There are also some who communicate better orally than they do in print. We can recall stories we were told at conventions, both genealogical and just personal that will endure in our memory. We come home from the meetings with a feeling that we have just had an enjoyable visit with some very pleasant folks. There also is no doubt in our minds that these people are the most authoritative in our field of interest. There are of course those yet to contact us, and information yet to be contributed. But we now have the outlet and the platform on which to build further.



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NEW ADDRESS

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John (1773-1843)

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In June of 1780 he and his unit pushed into the interior of South Carolina. They numbered about 1000 Tory militia and 130 personally trained regulars. Pushing inland they burned and destroyed everything. This provoked the woodsmen of the Western Carolinas. Numerous small groups of 100 to 400 riflemen set out to stop Ferguson. They totaled about 2000. They finally brought him to bay on a hill south of the NC/SC line. About 1000 men in three groups commanded by Cols. Cleveland, Shelby and Campbell were driven back at first but they dug in to the dense cover on the hillside and poured destructive fire into the exposed British position. Ferguson bravely rode among his men encouraging them. Finally though he was recognized by the mountain men and killed in a hail of lead.

--from The American Rifleman May 1987,

MEET OUR **NEW** COUSINS

FRANK CROSSWHITE shares his Coffey **heritage with** us, and in **addition** is a **publisher** of the journal, Desert Plants for the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum. Frank is a professional botanist (plant **taxonomist**).

SUSAN STARR FORSHEE **GALLO** learned of CCC through ETHELYN and GEORGE COFFEY of KY. George and Susan are descendants of Martin Coffey (1762-1867).

BILL STAMPER is an insurance agent in **Springdale**, Arkansas. He is deep into his county history and just starting on his **Coffee/Coffey** genealogy. He descends from **Joel** Coffey and Joel's daughter **Naomie** b. ca 1805. **Naomie** m. Summers Wright.

BILLIE KAFFENBERGER though not a **Coffee/e** is descended from John **Dowell** whose daughter **m. Francis M. Weatherred**. She hopes some of the **Dowell/Coffeys** will have information about her family.

LARRY GULLEY joined us in 1984. He has returned and is **still** hoping to find the roots of Amanda Coffee b. 1820, NC who **m. James Underhill** and **lived in Hawkins, CO., TN.**

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

THOMAS BRAD SHAMBLIN suffered a heart attack on Feb. 9, **1987** and died on the 13th. He and his wife, Dorothy, had been married for 45 years. They have a son. Tom was a descendant of Daniel Coffey. Dorothy sends us **delightful** notes with interesting data and clever thoughts.

CLYTES **CULLAR'S** activities have been **curtailed** by 3 **hospital** stays and battling **Post-Polio** Syndrome. She can breathe and swallow **only** with difficulty and is unable to speak. She still, though, is keeping current with CCC and wishes she could be in personal touch with her friends.

FRANK WILLIAMS passed away January 31, **1987** after a 3 year battle **with** cancer. He **will** be missed by many, **especially** brother JACK. Jack had his own problems early in the year but recovered quickly to make it to the convention in Raleigh.

PAMELA PENCE **issues** a most eye catching letter announcing the **Coffee-Coffey** Reunion of **Amarillo**, Texas. The 51st observance **will** take place on August 9, 1987. It involves descendants of Texas pioneers, Tom, Henry, **Cleve**, Mansel, Glenn, Logan, Woods, Jim, and Mary **Coffee**. For more **details** on the reunion or **family** contact Pamela, 3642 **Broadmead** Dr., Houston, TX 77025.

WAYNE TROUT has been **battling** cancer and is now ahead **with** hopefully a **full** recovery. Now back to **family** research!

WILL DUNCAN has kept the surgeons busy this year (3 operations), but has also snapped back enough to go researching in Cincinnati and Knoxville.

The Flu bug **sidelined** CLICK and SADIE COFFEY and made them miss this convention. It was their first miss.

Convention Report -1987

The 1987 Coffee/Coffey Convention was a time to greet many old friends and say hello to some new cousins, too. The group was smaller, but just as active and talkative as other conventions. Most took advantage of access to the NC State Library which even had Sunday hours for the convenience of researchers. Our traveling banner from Tulsa made the trip, and was on display along with items from the CCC Library. Many others brought materials to display that caught the interest of the group. Among these items:

PETER COFFEE AND HIS DESCENDENTS Compiled by Gene Brewington, 1987. Paperback, 126 pages with name index. About \$8.00 plus postage. Gene dedicates this book to DON RUTH MERRITT, a direct descendent of Peter Coffee, and "the finest researcher (I) have been associated with." The book plugs a long time gap in the Coffee/Coffey family stories. It begins with Peter Coffee, probably b. in Virginia ca 1705. Peter d. 1771, his wife, Susannah d. ca 1795. They were parents of 1. Frances. 2. James. 3. Lydia. 4. Benjamin. 5. Mary (Kendall). 6. Hannah (Weakley). 7. William. 8. Joshua. 9. Peter. 10. Cathrina (Thomas) 11. Elizabeth "Bettie". Gene and Don Ruth deal at length with the families of William, Joshua, Peter Jr.

THE COFFEY CLAN FROM 1690 by Frank Moore (CCC #13 p. 6/7; CCC # 14 p. 3). Gene Brewington has reprinted this book that probably had under 50 copies in the original edition. CCC applauds Gene for his work reprinting material that would otherwise be unavailable to later collectors of family data.

To obtain these and other Gene Brewington books (CCC #23 p. 5) Write: Gene Brewington, 4728 N. W. 59th Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73122.

Jack Williams loaned us a computerized genealogy entitled EDWARD COFFEY. It is 60 pages, indexed and has 59 pages of charting for the family of Reuben Coffey and Sally Scott.

Convention-1988

In the search for the perfect time and place to convene, it was decided by the group to continue the early May date. The Indiana site for 1988 was chosen, though Gene Brewington had a well organized, complete proposal for Oklahoma City. We almost wish we could meet monthly just so that many locations could be served. We hope sites can be chosen to give all the opportunity to meet with their cousins. The 1988 Convention Site is Nashville, Indiana. The Host Inn is The Seasons. The building is tri-level, nestled on a hillside reminiscent of Boone, NC. The setting is rustic and rural, yet the accomodations lack nothing for your comfort and relaxation. We have reserved 40 rooms and hope you force us to increase that commitment. We think there will be touches and flavors to make this convention site a memorable one. We predict it will be relaxing but not boring. Room rates (including tax): Single \$66.96, Double \$75.60, triple \$81.00, Quad \$86.40. Details for sending deposits and reservations later.

Nashville, Indiana is a town of under 1000 population that has facilities to host 10,000 plus people and does just that on pleasant

days the year round. The attractions vary, but at appropriate times include the beautiful fall foliage, over 250 nearby antique and craft shops and art galleries, nationally known entertainers (i.e. Roy Clark, Bill Monroe, Loretta Lynn), performances at Brown County Playhouse, Little Nashville Opry, locally traditional foods and dining facilities. Research opportunities in Nashville are limited. Nashville is at the junction of Indiana Highways #46 and #135. It is 50 miles south of Indianapolis, 17 miles east of Bloomington (Indiana University) and 20 miles west of Columbus. Bloomington and Columbus both have some attractive points of interest for visitors.



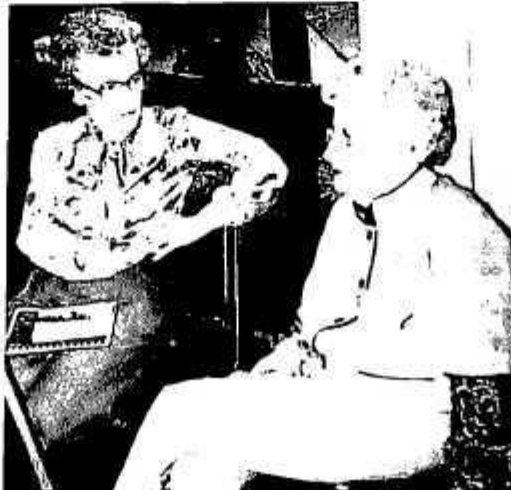
In the group photo-we read from left to right.

George Coffey, Merle Hobgood, Robert C. Coffey, Ethelyn Coffey, Sarah Holland, Tom Holland, Virgil Coffee (Kneeling), Donna Coffey, Tom Neighbors, Jessie Coffey, Walker Coffey, Gene Brewington, Miss Coffee, Edwin Coffee, Jim Culley, Ann Konkle, Iva Coffee, Bonnie Culley, Jeff Coffey (dark glasses), Phyllis Coffee, Kitty Coffey, Price Hobgood, Dorothy Coffey, Marcus Coffey, Robert W. Coffey, Betty Coffey, Elvin Harrell, Lillian Neighbors, Bill Coffey, Virginia Coffey, Marie Ryals, Ruth Lanning, Thurm Lanning, Ann Brooks, Jack Williams, Mary Gasim, Marcia Morgan, Bill Morgan, Len Coffey. States represented were Kentucky, Texas, New Mexico, California, Virginia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee, Illinois, Alabama.

At this writing we can send you a 5x7 color copy of this photo for \$2.00 (including postage)



Walker Coffey



Sarah Holland Jessie Coffey



Gene Brewington

DEAD END ROADS

T. J. (JEFF) COFFEY **believes** now that his ancestor in America is Hugh Coffey (ca1700-1767).

SANDRA ROGERS **is interested in** Agnes Nancy Coffey b. 1795 S. Carolina who m. Samuel Caskey b. SC. Also A. N. Coffey d. 1898 Florence, TX had three brothers b. SC: 1. **William** Coffey, 2. Samuel W. Coffey. 3. H. **Wiley** Coffey. There was a **sister**, Mary who **married** Thomas Caskey, brother of Caskey.



ELIZABETH CHADWELL **would like** to know more of the **family** and ancestry of Jane Coffey b. 1768 NC d. after 1850 in Overton Co., TN. She married Benjamin James Webb b. 1760(69) Wilkes Cop. NC d. 1827 Overton Co., TN.

DOROTHY JOHNS, 2515 S. Baker Apt. B, Santa Ana, CA 92707, descendant of George Coffee is interested in **corresponding** with a relative connected to the George, son of Benjamin, grandson of John Coffee and Jane Graves.

KATHY SULLIVAN 911 Harvard Place, Charlotte, NC 28207 would **like** to know if William Coffey's (1808-1865 descendants have records regarding his guardianship of his two younger sisters, Mary Coffey and Nancy Coffey. **William**, son of Jesse Coffey and Margaret **Edmisten, Burke-Caldwell** Co., NC was named guardian of **his** sisters 24 Oct. 1842. Kathy is looking for the marriage record of Mary Coffey to Reuben Dellinger.

MARY ELLEN LEDFORD has tracked the ancestry of her husband, Jack M., to Solomon Basham and Elizabeth Coffey **Marley**. **Elizabeth** was b. in SC ca 1803/9. Solomon b. 1800/1 in Tennessee was the son of Richard Basham b. in Giles Co., TN. Solomon married **Elizabeth** ca 1826. He died ca **1872** in Mountainburg, (Crawford Co.), AR. Mary **Ellen** would appreciate information **about** the **family** of **Elizabeth**.

THE MAILBOX

ROBERT HACKNEY **discovered** a reprint of Vol. 1 (1972) of **Jill** Garret's **MAURY GENEALOGIST**. It has some record data for **David** N. Coffey m. Mary E. B. Morrow, 1855; John S. Green m. Mary Lucinda Coffey 1855; George W. Coffee m. Nancy S. Coffee 1857; **Eliza** Breechen, b. 1832 d. 1917 dau of Anderson Tindal and **Lettie** Ann Coffey of NC. State Vs. Landon Coffee **1833** **assault with** intent to **commit** murder.



LOREE MILLER was **unable** to attend the National Genealogical Society Conference held in Raleigh, NC in May. She **did** share her program schedule with us.

THOMAS M. BUNCH 1729 **Glenview, Alvin, Tx 77511** is a descendant of Merideth Coffee b. 1827 in TN and wife, Elizabeth. Merideth was the son of a John Coffee b. TN 1798. Merideth was the father of **Josiah** Coffee b. 18 Mar 1846 m. 1870 **Elva** Tennessee Clark b. AR 1853. **Their** daughter Florence Bell Coffey was b. Jane, MO **1870** and m. **William** Henry Bunch in 1886.

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

MELBA M. MCCASKILL sent photos of an open air shelter and the Texas Historical Marker that explains: Zephyr Gospel Tabernacle - In 1898 John N. Coffey (1847-1919) and John Schwalm (1825-1900) deeded **this site** for a **community tabernacle**. **Townspeople** donated **labor** and material to erect this open air shelter and to **rebuild** it after damage from a 1909 cyclone that devastated Zephyr. Many towns in Texas once had **tabernacles like this** for summer church revivals, **political rallies**, and social events.--recorded Texas Historic Landmark 1976. The photos will be added to your CCC family album.

The most recent human interest item from DOROTHY SHAMBLIN is an AP photo of rodeo clown, Leon Coffee trying to coax his **mule**, Leona up from **her** sitting position. They were performing at the Greeley Colo. Independence Stampede. Leona became more cooperative when the rodeo announcer began discussing glue factories. Dorothy sent along a copy of **Helen F. M. Leary's Master Plan for North Carolina Research**.

Some **additional** data on KENNETH R. **COFFEE'S (Illinois) family** shows that Mary Ann Coffee **lived** in **Shullsburgh**, Lawrence Co., Wis in 1848. Her brothers were Robert, of Lawrence Co., Wis who d. 1847, Charles Grandison Gallatin Co., IL who d. in 1848 and Horatio of **Saline Co.**, IL. Mary cared for Charles G. until his death, then cared for his orphaned **children until Horatio** became **their guardian in 1852**. The **children** were Perry, John Roberts, and James (James Hiram?)

CAROLYN DROST found the families of Thomas Coffee and a J. M. Coffee in Wood Co., TX **1870**. **With** Thomas, age 23/25 b. in Georgia, were Hannah, 23, b. Alabama, Nathan E. 3, Mary D. 2, and Elizabeth, 1 month **all** b. in Texas. In **July** of 1870 they were in precinct #1, **Quitman**. In Sept. in Precinct #5 Winnsboro **but** without Elizabeth. J. M. Coffee was 25 and from Tennessee. Living with him were M. E. 24, Texas and Sarah E. 1 Arkansas.

GEORGE W. ROBBINS is the **representative** for the **Coffey-Wellborn Association**. The main activity of the association at this time is restoration of the **homeplace** of McCaleb Coffey and working to have it officially recognized as a historical site. **All** interested persons are urged to contact George who asks support in this effort.

McCaleb **built** his first home, a **log** structure, on **land** owned by his father, Thomas Coffey. The location is a narrow deep valley, stretching for three miles between Chestnut and Ripshin Mountains in the "Upper Dark **Hollow**" of the **Yadkin River**. The original 88 acres of the Thomas Coffey farm was granted to Benjamin Coffey in 1799. In 1803 it was **sold** to **David** and Betsy Coffey **Allen**. The Aliens sold to Thomas Coffey in 1817 and moved to Kentucky. Thomas died in **1825** and McCaleb acquired it in 1830. The **log** home was replaced **with** a fine two story home with porches, winding stairs, a rock **wall**, barn and other **outbuildings**. It has passed to several generations and is in 1987 **still** owned by descendants of Thomas Coffey.

John B. Kroft **Rt. 1 Bx 150, Chidester, AR 71726** is the great-great grandson of **William** Canady Sandage and **Elizabeth** Coffey who married 6 Feb. 1832 in Perry Co., IN. John has been unable to place **Elizabeth** in a Coffey family.

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

SKETCHES OF RABUN COUNTY GEORGIA By Andrew Jackson Ritchie 1819-1948. Mentioned as one of the first settlers (1821), is General Edward Coffee, who was the purchaser in the first land transaction of the Chechero Dist. Later, the General's daughter, Sarah m. Franklin A. Bleckley and occupied the site. Other children were Eliza m. Dudley Singleton; and Margaret m. Edmund Singleton. Five brothers moved from South Carolina to Georgia with Edward: Joel, Cleveland, Elijah, Elisha, and John. Edward, who was given the title General for his part in the campaigns against the Cherokee, was sheriff in 1831-36 and senator in the Georgia Legislature 1841/2, 55-58. He died in office in 1858. Joel Coffee m. Martha Cobb. They had a son John who was a noted Baptist preacher. Cleveland Coffee was one of the commissioners to select Justices for the Inferior Court of the county. He and his wife Martha had 10 children. He died in 1843. Submitted by T. L. Cathey.

Thomas L. Cathey operates TLC Designs, (papers, cards, gifts) at 12 West 72nd St., New York, NY 10023. The notes, cards, and "Family Tree" he sent are decorated with his tasteful artwork. Tom was born in Detroit when 1943 was a week old. Before moving to New York City he lived in Portugal, Germany, England, Switzerland and Boston, USA. Tom's family research had been halted at his gr-gr-gr-grandmother, Bashaba Coffee Jones. We sent copies of John Coleman's report (CCC #19, p. 8). Tom's research showed that Bashaba was born 28 Mar 1782 and died in 1878/9. She and her husband, William Jones were parents of William Newton m. Linda Jane La Prade; Nancy m. Alexander Neville; Mary; Jesse m. Susie Canon; John; Sarah m. William Watts; Moses; Andrew; Lewis Neal m. Eliz. Alexander; Elizabeth; Malinda m. Beverly Shirley; Lucinda m. Andrew Cathey; Bashaba m. Berryman Shirley; Patsy m. Benj. Stonecypher. Descendants of Wm. Newton Jones (killed in Civil War 1861) and Andrew Cathey are buried at Alley's Chapel near Clarksville, GA and Bethel Baptist Cemetery at Tiger, GA. Ernest George Franklin Cathey, a great grandchild of Andrew, and Bonnie Floyd Jones, a great granddaughter of Wm. Newton were married in 1928. Tom Cathey is the youngest of their five children.

HEARTHSTONES OF HOME, Towns Co., GA contains a report on the Coffee-Coffey family by Thomas P. Nichols.

Athan N. (Bud) Coffey moved from North Carolina to Towns Co. Ga toward the end of the War Between the States and served as Representative of Towns County in the Georgia Legislature from 1890 to 1891. Athan (Bud) Coffey and his wife, Venia (Patton) Coffey, had seven children: Harvey m. Rutha Callie Nichols; Mollie; Candice; Vallie m. Leroy Parks; Icey; Howell; Burton; and Gordon.

Athan (Bud) Coffey's parents were Athan and Polly (McGuire) Coffey. His grandparents were Smith and Hanna (Boone) Coffey. Great-great-great-grandparents of Athan (Bud) Coffey were Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey. Other descendants and relatives of Edward and Ann Powell Coffey in Towns County, Georgia were: Col. Benjamin Cleveland, American commander at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolution; Rev. Reuben Coffee, founder of Franklin College, Franklin Indiana; Gen. John Coffee of Tennessee, for whom Coffee County Tennessee is named; Congressman John Coffee of Georgia, for whom Coffee County Georgia is named; Asbury Madison Coffey, Federal Agent for Kansas Territory, for whom Coffeyville, Kansas and Coffey County Kansas were named*; General Edward Coffee, State Senator of Rabun Co., Georgia; and Newell Sanders, U. S. Senator from Tennessee. -Submitted by Tom Cathey -

* (For a different opinion see CCC #13 p. 6).

THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

Merle **Ganier** is offering the 1987 edition of **FAMILY PERIODICALS**. It contains nearly 500 one-name **publications**. It is \$4.50 (~~\$4.79~~ in Texas). Write to Merle at 2108 Grace St., Fort Worth, TX 76111.

Mrs. Barbara J. Pell, 2862 Arch Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 is interested in the family of George **Alford** Higginbotham of Russell Co. KY. George lived **approximately** from 1846 to 1913. His fourth wife (b. ca 1865) m. ca 1896 was Clementine "Clemmie" Coffey. George's 2nd or 3rd wife was Hester Lawless, a relative of James Lawless who m. Martha E. Coffey. Mrs. **Pell** also finds connections between the Rippetoe family and Coffeys.

Rowena Spencer, M. D., 1516 Soniat St., New Orleans, La 70115, is a descendant of William Stratton Jones, (1796-1870). **William lived in Russellville, Franklin Co., AL.** He had a grandson named Coffy J, Jones, and a greatx2 grandson John Coffey Jones (1878-1940). The doctor would appreciate information **about** these people feeling there must be a Coffey-Jones **family** connection.

Ethel M. Hoke, 3034 Gumwood Dr., **Adelphi**, MD 20783 found references to CCC **while** researching in Washington, DC. Ethel connects to a Margaret Coffee b. ca 1775/6 in **Virginia, m. 1 Jan 1794** in Montgomery Co., VA to Moses Beavers. Bond states her father is James **Coffee**, dec'd. Thomas **O'Bryan** was surety and witness to the marriage. O'Bryan had **m. 1787**, Jane Coffee. Thomas O'Brian, in his **will** proved Montgomery Co., VA 1821 left his estate to "**step-daughter**", Margaret, wife of Moses Beavers. Ethel needs to know the ancestry of that James Coffee who was taxed in Montgomery Co. in 1782, whose estate is on tax **lists** for **1785**.

Margaret and Moses Beavers lived in Montgomery Co., VA through **1830**. In 1840 they were in Jefferson Co., IN. Moses **will** was proved in 1860 and Margaret's in 1861 in Jefferson Co., IN. They listed children: Thomas, James, Moses, John W., Robert **Marshall**, Mary (m. Thomas Lea) and Susannah Cart Beavers.

Claudia Ebsworth, 1776 Sky Ridge Rd., **Mt. Vernon**, WA 98273 is searching for information on parents of **Verlincia Coffee**, b. ca **1823** in Burke Co., NC. Also known as Lyncha or **Lynchie** she was the mother of John, Thomas, and **Allyson** "Doc" Perkins before **1848**. In 1848 she **m.** James Thaddeus Warsaw Perkins. Perkins died in May of **1848** before the birth of their fourth son James Thaddeus.

Margaret (Jackson) **Smith**, Box 595 **Rosedale**, MS 38769 was born **1920** in **Coffeeville**, MS. Her parents were James Fenimore Jackson and Margaret Lois **Harrison(1890-1973)**. Margaret **Harrison** was the daughter of John Lee Harrison (1864-1933). His parents were **William** Henry Harrison and Emily Elizabeth **Davis** (b. 1834 Franklin Co., GA). Emily Davis' parents were Henry H. **Davis** b. SC and Mary (Polly) Cleveland b. ca 1785 Franklin Co., GA d. 1851, Choctaw Co., MS. Polly Cleveland was the daughter of John Cleveland Jr. (1738-1825) and Mary McCann and the granddaughter of John Cleveland and Elizabeth Coffey.

JERRY RICKMAN sent (1) copies of deed records from Lincoln and Rutherford Cos., TN involving transfers to (Gen.) John Coffee from James Lewis, 1812 and from **William** Anderson, 1822; (2) excerpts from A HISTORY OF LAUDERDALE CO. ALABAMA. JERRY LOU's ancestry is from a Lucinda P. Coffee Martin who may be related to the General.

HUGH COFFEY 1784-1861

From 1306 S. Lamar, Oxford, MS 38655 WALKER J. COFFEY says:

Our problem is Hugh Coffey. He is our direct **line** male forefather. The research **is complete** from him to us. Our Hugh Coffey had a **family bible** covering himself, his wife and eleven **children**. Running him back from his birthday in the eighteenth century is **very** confusing because there were two other Hugh Coffeys **living** in the same **community** with him near Charlotte, **NC**. These two Hugh Coffeys were sometimes referred to as Hugh Coffey, **Sr.** and his son Hugh Coffey who was **seldom** referred to as Jr. The record of **our** Hugh Coffey **follows**:

HUGH COFFEY

Born 9 **Apr** 1784 near Lancaster, SC.; maybe across the state line in NC. In the censuses he said that he was born in NC one time. **Could** have been born near Waxhaw, NC where his **father-in-law**, Andrew Walker lived. Anyway the bible shows that he **married** Margaret Walker, no date. Their first child was born 29 **July** 1807. So they were **married** about 1805 or 6 perhaps. His wife, Margaret was born 1 Oct 1789 in Mecklenburg Co., NC daughter of Andrew Walker and Sarah **Crye**.

Our Hugh Coffey can be identified for the first time in the 1810 census. He and his wife were between 16-26, and they had one daughter, Sarah Crye between the ages of 0-10. They lived in Mecklenburg Co. Their first son, James W. was born 11 Apr 1809 and died before 1810.

Hugh Coffey is identified in the 1820 census of Mecklenburg Co. At that time he had three males 0-10. They were John, born 17 Jan 1811, Harris born 13 Jan 1814, and Andrew born 2 June 1818. He also had one female age 0-10, Agnes Nancy born 22 Jul 1816 and one female 10-15, Sarah Crye born 29 **July** 1807.

Hugh Coffey and his family left Mecklenburg in the **fall** of 1829, reaching Perry County, Alabama before Christmas. The 1830 census of Perry Co. shows one male 0-5, James Alexander, born 31 Oct 1830 in AL, the three older boys, one female 0-5, Sarah Jane born 11 Mar 1827 in NC, two females 5-10, Elizabeth W. born 9 May 1821 and Easter **Louise**, born 24 Mar 1824, and Agnes Nancy. Sarah Crye had died 29 Jan 1826 in NC.

Hugh Coffey and his family left Perry Co., AL in the **fall** of 1835 and arrived in Lafayette County, MS near Christmas. The 1840 census shows a Hugh Coffey in Lafayette County that does not fit our Hugh, though we know from other records that he **lived** there.

The 1850 census shows Hugh Coffey and his wife **living** in Lafayette Co. **with** their youngest son, James Alexander, 20.

There was to be one more child, Mary C. born 17 Sept 1831 died 16 Dec 1842.

Our big question- Who were the parents of our Hugh Coffey? Documentary evidence is scant but we suspect that his name was John Coffey. In the NC Archives is an inventory of the estate of one John Coffey, who died in 1804 in Mecklenburg County, NC. From the inventory dated 1 May 1804, John Coffey's wife was named Easter. One of Hugh Coffey's daughters was named Easter. A Hugh Coffey age 20 purchased a tenant saw, one **lot** of tools, some planes and a mare. Do his purchases indicate he was going to be **married** and planned to **build** a house? The **will** of **William Givens** in 1798 states that Easter Givens married John Coffey. Who was the father of John Coffey who married Easter Givens? We think **it** was John Coffey who married Susannah Watson. Their children were Henry b. 1748, Hugh, **Sr.** born 1750, John born 1752, **all in VA** and **Nathaniel** born 1754 in SC.

We hope some one can help an old man **get** over the brick wall. Maybe we have something you need. Just ask us.——Walker J. Coffey, 1987

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE

MARGARET MARIE DICKSON was born in Edgar Co., IL 1922 the daughter of John David Dickson and Naomi Coomer. She is the great granddaughter of James B. Dickson and Elizabeth Sexton, Adair Co., KY; Richard H. Munday and Sarah Lawler, Barren Co. KY; Wm. Riley Coomer and Delilah Keltner, Adair Co.; and John Parnell and Candis Mays, Adair Co. Delilah Keltner (1834-1922) was the daughter of John Keltner and Mary "Polly" Coffey. Polly was the daughter of Ananias Coffey and Jane Hindman.



KATHY SULLIVAN has not found the marriage record for Mary Jane Coffey and Reuben Dellinger. She does submit a preponderance of evidence, thanks to others (EDITH VINES, MABEL MCLEAN, Hazel Young Twiggs), proving that they were husband and wife. Mary Jane died in an accident in a mill in 1859. Reuben remarried and moved to Mitchell Co., NC

1. Statement on death certificate of Melvin William Dellinger by his brother David in 1929.

2. Statement on death certificate of David Dellinger by his son, M. G. in 1936

3. Martha Viena Coffey, handwritten record found: Mary coffey b. ca 1828 d. 1857-1890 m. Reuben Dellinger. Children, James Pinkney 1848, Elkanah Hunter 1850, David (R./P.) 1853, Melvin W. 1855, Jeanie Lavania 1857 m. Julius Coffey.

4. Uncle Jake's Anthology of Death. Jacob Carpenter (1833-1920) kept notebooks from age 9 until his death at age 87. He recorded news and comments on his neighbors on Three Mile Creek near Crossmore School (Watauga Co.?) An entry for 1859: Mary Dilling ag 49 wars cilde (killed) in mill her tress (dress) wars cot rond shaf and mashed flat gin trane (engine trane) she lay 3 ours in mill for wars fond June 11 I help pol out.

5. David Dellinger's Bible records Mary Jane Coffey b. 19 Oct. 1827 d. 11 April 1859.

6. When David Dellinger grew up, he inquired of his mother's grave and was told it was unmarked. He found it in the Methodist Cemetery in Avery County, NC and put up stones to mark her grave.

Fielden Coffey and wife, Sarah J. Chapman were parents of

1. Calvin Coffey, b. 6 Mar 1855, m. Mary Jackson, parents of Minnie, Jasper, Delia, Millie.

2. Elizabeth Catherine b. 25 July 1857 in Gentry Co., MO. m. 1880 James Madison Crosswhite, parents of John Henry, Sarah E., Maude J., Cornelius L., Fielden, James E., Merideth E., Marshall D., David M., Lulu May, Mary E., Ruth.

3. Merideth "Mel" b. 18 Mar 1859, m. 1. Ellen Kern, 2. Mary Hegarty, parent of Sarah and Dewey.

4. Thomas b. 27 November 1860. Thomas disappeared and brother Merideth searched for him off and on for years. Eighteen years later Thomas cavalierly showed up at the family home. When given a cup of coffee he stuck his finger in it to test the temperature. He disapeared again for two or three days then returned with two women introduced as his "wife and daughter". He lived in town but was engaged in some business his family wouldn't discuss.

5. Jane b. 12 Mar 1863, m. Dave Beaman 6. George W. b. 6 November 1864. 7. David C. (1866-1912). 8. Martha B. (1868-1949) m. Edward Barber, parent of Jesse Barber. 9. Mary A. (1872-1936) not married. 10. Lulu S. (1875-1910) married a Christensen. 11. Semantha b. 5 Mar 1877 m. Burd Fletcher. - submitted by Dr. FRANK S. CROSSWHITE

BRANCHES OFF THE TREE (CONT.)

Fielden Coffey b. 26 June 1827 in Kentucky was the brother of "Ike" Coffey, Martha Coffey, and **Elizabeth** Coffey. Fielden was an itinerant merchant or "huckster" who sold merchandise from a wagon to people in rural areas. One time he pulled into a farm with his wagon full of merchandise. The house was isolated, yet at a convenient stop for wayfarers who **provided** meals and bed for a fee. Being **very** tired, Fielden asked for a bed at once. He was so **tired** that his host volunteered to unharness the team, feed them, and bed them down. He was nearly asleep when he heard a **slight** noise at the door. Rising he **tried** the door and found himself locked in the room. Fielden began to search the room for a weapon or way out when he discovered the **still-warm** body of a man under the bed. He managed to get the body into the bed and cover **it**, then **hide** in a dark place in the room. Soon the host and his wife entered. **While** the woman held a candle, the man struck the head of the dead man with the back of an axe. Fielden managed to escape and **call** the law. He learned that people had disappeared in the area and the farm couple had been getting wealthier, but nothing could be proved until Fielden's experience. - Story told by James Madison **Crosswhite** and **Elizabeth** Catherine Coffey Crosswhite (Fielden Coffey's daughter). Passed on to CCC by descendant, FRANK S. CROSSWHITE.

Martin Coffey b. 15 Sept. **1762 m.** 2nd 1 Dec 1817, Nancy Hansford. Their son James Coffey (1818 Russell Co., KY -1897 Lincoln Co., KY) **m.** Wayne Co., KY Martha (Patsy) Tucker. They were parents of Albert Galatin Coffey b. 29 Dec 1847. Albert **m.** Lincoln Co. KY 1869, Annie E. Campbell. Their daughter, Sue Annie, b. 1879 **m.** 1915 in Leavenworth **KS**, James Earnest **Forshee**. Sue d. **1962** and James in 1947 both in Los Angeles. Their son George Edward Forshee was **b.** Hollywood, CA 1920, **m.** Estelle Catherine McDowell 1943. Their daughter **is** our new cousin SUSAN S. GALLO.

Solomon Basham b. ca 1800, TN and **Elizabeth** Coffey Marley b. ca 1803/9 in SC were married ca 1826. They were the parents of 15 children. Their son John **Marion** Basham (1829 **TN-1858**) **m.** Margaret Elizabeth Hinds. Their daughter was **Darnellie Juliar** Basham b. 1855 **Ar.** She **m.** 1871 in **Sebastion** Co., AR James Kenneth Ledford. The Ledfords were parents of **Marion** Edward Ledford b. 1873 who **m.** Jessie Stodard Harper. Their son John Earl b. 1896 **m.** Gladys Helen Cooper. **Their** son is Jack M. Ledford b. 1932 **Campbell**, Hunt Co. TX. **Submitted** by MARY ELLEN (Mrs. Jack M.) LEDFORD.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

KENNETH COFFEE (**Illinois**) corrects his report (CCC #26 p. 11): James C. Coffee b. 2/17/1828 d. 1/12/1851 **m.** Matilda Hamilton b. ca **1830**.

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From the Orange Co. (CA) register 9 Mar 1986:

-He was born Alec Guinness de Cuffe on **April** 2, 1914, **but** his father's name was left blank on the birth certificate. When he was 5 his mother married a Stiven and he became Alec Stiven. At 14 his mother casually remarked, she thought his father's name was Guinness, and the name stuck.- (And you have a problem **with** genealogy?)
Clipping from Jerry Lou Rickman.

Sorry this **is** a **might** late.--It has been a lovely busy **summer!**--Len.