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The Tennessee State Archives, Manuscript Section. AC NO 420 CSA Questionnaire John Coffey(1845-1929) referred to as Stumpy John.

The purpose of the questionnaire was to gather facts to be used in writing the first true history of the Old South. These are Stumpy John's answers to that questionnaire.

My name is Jno Coffey, Washburn, Tennessee. I am 76 years old, was born in Grainger County, Tennessee and lived there when I enlisted in the Confederacy. I was a farmer and my father was a farmer. We didn't own land or slaves. We lived in a log cabin with three rooms. I attended public schools for about twelve months. They ran about three months a year. People that were financially able attended school but the poorer ones had to work.

I enlisted in the 12th Battallion, Co. C in July 1862. We went to Hawkins County, drilled about three months, then were in battle at Perryville, Kentucky. Wandered through Kentucky was in battle at Montecella, at Mill Spring. We got our underwear at home, our uniform was issued to us we just took the weather as it came. We never had tents and but few blankets, we had enough to eat when camped and when we had a chance to eat. I was captured 14th day of March -64 carried (Continued page 2)





Dear Cousin, We have listed various research facilities, from time to time, and at least once have mentioned the Filson Club in Louisville, KY. I owe the Filson Club and it's director the credit for reviving my interest in family research. As a new resident of a Louisville suburb in 1976, I chanced to catch a local TV discussion of the Filson. I think I dusted off my notes of 20 years earlier and visited the Filson that same day. And found the Pulaski Co.

KY Marriage record of 1818 for Lewis M. Coffey and Delilah Turpin. The Filson then became a second home for some months. It was a delightful, and very accessible sanctuary where one could drift back to another time.

This spring, after an absence of several years, I made a trip to the Filson. The building was vacant and in disrepair. After some shock and an inquiry, I found that it had moved to a beautiful, and historic old Louisville mansion. Now one can research as before or marvel at the unique architecture and decor of this luxurious old home. Either way, it will be a pleasurable stop if you have the opportunity to visit this private library near the center of old Louisville.

*Cousin Filson*

- Stumpy John (Continued from page 1)

to Camp Chase Ohio. Our rations were reasonable good when we first went to prison, but we had only one blanket a piece, lay on the hard plank. Our rations were reduced to one loaf of bread for eight men. This was to last all day. And when we drew crackers we got 1 1/2 cracker to the man. Our meat in proportion. I think it was Dec. 1864 I took mump was taken to Convelescent Hospital after remaining about two weeks I took measles and still was kept in Hospital. In all I was there about six weeks. I then returned to my barracks. In Feb. I took pneumonia fever was taken to regular hospital outside the walls. While I was so bad sick they exchanged Tennessee Soldiers. My name was called for exchange, but I was unable to go and had to remain in prison until peace was made.

Eleven hundred of us left Camp Chase Ohio, came to Columbus Ohio spent the night there, took a train to Cincinnati, then came by boat to Louisville. There I met a rebel whose home was at Knoxville. He told me times were very hard in Tennessee, and that the Federals were taking out and whipping and every way ill treating the surviving rebels. I decided I would stay away from home until things got better. I went home with an old man named James Gilliland. His son, John Henry Gilliland, fought in the rebel army. They got me a good suit out and took me to the wash house. I threw my clothes in the furnace, bathed and dressed and was called to supper. Everything could be wished was on the table. It was the first time I was at a table for 17 months. I worked there until July then started for home. I walked home by way of Cumberland Gap, a distance of about two hundred and twenty five miles. I reached home on August 2nd. My father was John Jackson Coffey born in Hancock County, Tennessee. He lived at Thorn Hill Tennessee most of his life. My Great Grandfather Benjamin Coffey, came from Scotland and settled in N.C. \*

- from Lizzies Legacy and our Coffey Cousins Self and Loftin 1984. (The book shows that Stumpy John was mistaken about Benjamin Coffey. Benjamin was born 1747 Spotsylvania Co. VA.)



## WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

## AND THEIR ANCESTORS

GEORGE W. ROBBINS 919 Emerald Dr. Lenoir, NC 23645 Lewis/Harriett Powell  
 RACHEL BELLER DOUGHERTY 100 Mar Monte Ct. Vallejo, CA 94590 Samuel W.  
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 ROY B. COFFEY, M.D. 2379 Sunninglow, Port Charlotte, FL 3394S Oliver Newton

## NEW ADDRESSES:

ROBERT CORNEALIUS COFFEY 1789 N. Gibbs Pomona, CA 91767 Joshua  
 ORLIN COFFEY 9 Stonegate Dr. New Castle, IN 47362 William Leslie 1886  
 BETSY BERRY 2307 Crestwood Dr., Tupelo, MS 38801 Hugh 1784-1861

## NEW LIBRARY

STATE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY 1701 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 35007

## MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Before ROY B. COFFEY, M.D. retired to Florida he practiced as an orthopedic surgeon at Salina Kansas. His father, Dr. Francis Ellsworth Coffey was an orthopedic surgeon until his death in 1946. Roy's Grandfather was Joshua Benton Coffey who made his home in Kansas City, where he was a machinist for the Missouri Pacific RR. He died in 1929. He was the son of Oliver Newton Coffey  
 GUY STRICKLAND is connected with Strickland School Supplements in Sherman Oaks, CA. He is looking for ancestors of Martha Coffey who married Joshua Stapp, Jr. in Essex, Madison, or Orangs Co., VA around 1710. She was the daughter of Edward Coffey and Annister Powell and was born about 1690? Martha Coffey Stapp died in 1772 in Orange Co., VA. Guy hopes to hear from those who have more information on these families.

ELIZABETH LIDGETT has identified her great grandmother as Sophia Lanna Coffey, born in New York 1849/50, married to James Knox Polk Bucks 1 Mar 1866. They lived in Tazewell Co., IL 1870-1883. They afterward moved to Greenwood, NE. Elizabeth would appreciate later and earlier information on Sophia and her parents.

RACHEL BELLER DOUGHERTY is the great granddaughter of Samuel W. Coffey and Louisa Scofield. Samuel died in Decatur Co., Iowa sometime after 1880. He was born in 1808 in Belvidere, Franklin Co., VT and had also lived in Livingston Co., MI. Rachel would like to know the names of Samuel's brothers and sisters.

WILLIAM C. COFFEE who lives in Torrington, Wyoming is the father of JEAN MOWER, Claymont, Delaware. Their ancestor is the Peter Coffey who died in 1771.

CCC Note: The genealogy entitled Edward Coffey (mentioned in CCC#27 P. 4) was prepared by JACK WILLIAMS, Rt. 9 Box 483 Johnson City, TN 37601. It contains 370 names, most of whom are descendants of Reuben Coffey and Sally Scott. Jack has added to it since we received our copy. Those interested in this line should contact Jack directly.



## CONVENTION 1988

Place: THE SEASONS LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
 In the Hills of Brown County- Nashville, Indiana  
 Dates: 3:00 PM May 6 to 12:00 Noon May 8, 1988

Reservations: \$75.00 deposit needed by April 1, 1988 (earlier if possible)

Nashville, Indiana is a town of under 1000 population. 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, 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 tt46 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.

## CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Helen Katherine Gilbreath, b. February 22, 1899 in Comanche Co., TX died July 7, 1987. Her parents were Robert Richard and Martha Ann Weeks Looney. She married Haywood Gustine Gilbreath October 28, 1914. Her children are W. Loree Miller, Virginia Ann Ellis, T. E. "Tad", Gene, and Harrell J. Gilbreath. Burial was in the Barbee Cemetery.

Those who have been ill or hospitalized, include Kitti Coffey (Mrs. Jeff Coffey-San Antonio, TX)

## DEAD END ROADS



JOAN KLEPPE, 9815 Swan Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, voices the sentiment of many others: How rewarding to meet new cousins through genealogy, and immediately have something to talk about. It was her distant cousin at Fortuna, CA that supplied additional information for the query. Joan is still searching for any info on Nancy Jane Coffey, born Oct. 1850 in TN m. Stewart Virgil Peters in Crawford Co., AR 1870,

d. 1939 in OK. Father thought to be Al Coffee and mother Didamus. Family from TN. Father must have died early 1850's since 1870 census shows children living with mother in AR by name of Coffee (J.D.C., 21, male; N.M.? 19, female), Palley (Sarah 16, A.B. 14 female, S.J.P., 12 male, M.C. 10 female), Morris (Francis, 4 female, B.C. 2 male). From census it appears Palley family moved to AR ca 1858/60.

MARY ELLEN LEDFORD, 702 Fouts dr., Irving, TX 75061 needs help with the families of Elizabeth Coffey Marley/Marler b ca 1803/09 SC, m. ca 1826 Solomon Basham b. 1796/1800 TN, died ca 1872 Mountainburg, Crawford CO. AR. Elizabeth and Solomon had 15 children. John Marion Basham was gg grandfather of Jack M. Ledford. Wish information about parents siblings of Elizabeth, place of death, burial. Her father is known to be a Coffee.

MARVIS DILBECK 373 Gordon Rd., Jasper, GA 30143 is intertested in the history of a John Coffey, possibly of Tennessee, who was in the War of 1812. He supposedly visited a Moravian mission that was in Pickens Co., GA. Marvis' pastor is working on a history of the mission and would appreciate information on John Coffey and the mission.



## THE MAILBOX

Maureen White Pierce, 1309 E. Granada Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006 is the publisher of GENEALOGICAL GATHERINGS. The publication is to assist in publicizing family periodicals and providing information to share. Vol. 1 Issue 3 contained information about sources for free travel guides for KY, TN, PA, VA, OH, MD, CT, VT. There was also a note about a microfilm rental program for individuals direct from the National Archives. Write National Archives Microfilm Rental Program, P. O. Box 2940



Hyattsville, MD. 20784. Maureen enclosed an article from Money magazine featuring Linda Coffey of Minneapolis, MN. Linda is 42, a native of Redwood Falls, MN and a graduate of the University of Minnesota. She is the proprietor of her own business. The business is as manufacturer and supplier of pet snacks for the pampered dog or cat.

SOUTHERN LINES is "The Genealogical Guide to the South" from the Setliff Publishing Co. Box 671, Brightleaf Square #9, 905 West Main St., Durham, NC 27701. It is a monthly magazine with "quality writing reflecting scholarly Southern research. Monthly features include projects, Family Association news and reunions, extensive reviews, queries, and a column for Black American research." There is also a Southern Lines database where you may enter your family line groupsheets and have searches for names of your ancestors.

History House Publishing Ltd. has researched over 3000 Irish surnames. They will send you a copy of yours including variant forms and synonyms, location and origin of the surname, the motto, territories and strongholds, and a scroll for framing. It is "keenly" priced at \$20.00 (U.S.) sent to the History House P. O. Box 50, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland

The Genealogical Periodical Annual Index is in it's 24th year of publication. It contains over 8,000 surname, locality, or topical citations to over 200 different genealogical periodicals. It may be in your library or can be ordered from GPAI, 3602 Maureen Ln., Bowie MD 20715.

Arlo Dwight Baty is researching the Baty, (Beaty, Beatty) families who lived in Adair and Putnam Cos., MO. One of them, Robert N. Beaty m. Rebecca Coffey in Adair Co. 1881. Grandparents of Robert were George and Rachel (Holt) Buckalew. George was born 1797 in Wythe Co., VA and Rachel was b. 1800 in Burke Co., NC the daughter of Joel Holt. An Austin family may also be connected because of the frequent use of the name, Austin. Living next door to George and Rachel Buckalew in Putnam Co., MO 1850 were: Austin Coffee age 50 b. NC, Elizabeth age 53 b. TN, Austin Coffee age 2 b. MO, Joseph Parrish age 46 b. KY. Marriages from Adair Co., MO include James Coffee and Sophia Cibanon, March 11, 1852; Austin Coffey and Eliza Goldsby, Sept. 17, 1868; Rebecca Coffey and Robert N. Beaty Sept 7, 1881. Arlo, 3517 Newton St., Torrence, CA 90505 would appreciate correspondence about any of these people.



## THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

WAYNE TROUT sent Historical Vignettes from the McKinney, TX newspaper. It is a roster of Company D, 6th Texas Cavalry, L. S. Ross Brigade, W. H. Jackson Division, Division of the Army of Tennessee. Included are Doc Tyler, Wayne's great grandfather, Others were Mat Coffey, a son of Jesse P. Coffey. Ben Coffey (relationship unknown), Eph and Jerry Vardeman Possibly grandsons of Polly Coffey, the daughter of Jesse Coffey of Casey Co., KY. Calvin Trout, Wayne's great uncle, John Henry Trout (married Elizabeth Portman daughter of Jesse Coffey Portman and Leannah Riffe). Crit Portman a brother of Elizabeth. Jesse Slaughter, thought to be son of Minerva Coffey and I.H. Slaughter, and Jim Strother his brother-in-law (married to Mary Slaughter). Almost all the men were from Grayson or Collin Co.

BILLIE KAFFENBERGER is descended from John Dowell and Anne Franklin. Anne was daughter of Patience \_\_\_\_\_? who married 1. William Sumpter, 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Franklin. Anne had sisters Mary Bustan/Buntan, Dorcas Briscoe?, and Elizabeth who married Clifton Coffey. Billie has information Dr. Greenville S. Dowell, William Weather-red and Francis Marcus Weatherred. Billie's files list James Dowell and Martha Coffey, m. 1807 and Polly Dowell and Reuben Coffey m. 1805.

ANDRE' CUFFEZ reports the publication of Coffey Genealogy 3. Even after some editing it amounts to more than 600 pages. The cost is \$30.00 cash (no personal checks) or International postal order. His address: Pr. Stefanieplein, 41, 8400 Oostende, Belgium.

JACK WILLIAMS says he can get ready for visitors on short notice. He's got thousands of things to eat. -- all beans! But seriously folks he does like to jaw with his cousins. George and Ethelyn Coffey from Mt. Sterling, KY were there recently (in Johnson City, TN). Jack has a 3xgreat grandfather, Williams, that was at Kings Mountain. Jack says it was one of the boys from TN, named Young, that killed Col. Ferguson (see CCC #27 p. 1). Jack sent a news article about a recent difficulty in a Coffey family, that culminated in a fight at a funeral home. Police were called when fighters damaged over \$12,000 of furniture and fixtures. But most of the time we are a peaceful family.

BOB HACKNEY copied some pages from Jill Garrett's Maury Genealogist reprinted in 1987 by Polly C. Warren. These pages concerned Maury Co., TN marriage, death, land records from 1810 to 1937. It is improper for us to copy them here. As a matter of reference they involved Coffees/Coffeys named Bersheba, Felix G., John A., Samuel M., Emily H. Coffey Nichol, Martha S. Coffee West, Davis N., William, Hugh W., Jacob, Nathan, Joel, Chesley, Mary L. Coffey Gilbreath, Calvin, Zora Coffee Dodson, Isaac H., Eliza M., Oliver H.

A certificate of special tribute by the legislature of the State of Michigan was awarded to Alpine Charter Township. The certificate notes that the first settler arrived in 1837, followed by John Coffee and Richmond Gooding in 1840. Apple trees have replaced the magnificent pines that inspired the township name. The newsletter, Alpine Harvester, says Coffee and Gooding went to the western edge of the township. Their farms were considered the jumping off place to the wilderness in the North, since there were no other settlements between them and the Straits of Mackinac. KATHLEEN AND JOHN C. COFFEE, Grand Rapids, MI.



## THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

JEFF COFFEY, of San Antonio, TX was tasting some of the pleasures of family research on the way to convention. Jeff met cousins in TN, who showed him possible burial sites for the family. One even lives in the house his grandfather built and where his mother was born. Jeff and Kitti saw furniture made by the older generations, including a 12 foot tall pie safe. Jeff has also found material to exchange with CCC cousin SANDRA ROGERS in Huntsville, AL (see CCC #27 P. 6) and a new cousin in New Mexico. Jeff believes his ggg grandfather was John Coffey, whose wife was Esther or Easter. They had four children born in NC - Nancy Agnes ca 1795, William G. 1797, Hugh Wiley 1799, and Samuel W. 1801. Nancy Agnes married Samuel Caskey in 1811 in Lancaster Co., SC. Their .. st child was John Coffey Caskey b. 1814. Jeff believes that his ancestor, John Coffey was the second son of Hugh Coffey and Agnes Montgomery. John is believed to have died before 1816, as the Coffeys, Caskeys and maybe others moved to Maury Co., TN in 1816/17. A marriage bond was issued to Wm. G. Coffey and Elizabeth Bradshaw in Feb 1822. The Bradshaws had moved to Maury Co., ca 1810. Some have said Wm. G. Coffey married Elizabeth Bondham. However the will of Solomon Bradshaw lists heirs, William G. Coffey and wife Elizabeth. Jeff and WALKER COFFEY (see CCC #27 p.10) are working to prove these relationships.

MARY and J.C. COFFEY of Dallas sent information about Navy Captain Gerald L. Coffee of Hawaii. Captain Coffee was captured and incarcerated for seven years. He delivers messages focusing upon the positive lessons learned as a captive, -of faith in himself, his fellow man, his country, and his God. He leads his audience through laughter and tears to the affirmation that we are stronger than we think--. His message is available on tape from Newtown Square 98-1247 Kaahumanu Street, Suite 306B, Aiea, Hawaii 96701.

WALKER COFFEY visited the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Oct. 1973. He copied these items: 1. Biographical sketch of Gen. John Reid Coffey born 1814, husband of Mary Ann Cross, father of Mary Eliza Tally, John Benjamin Coffey, Sally A. Brown, Clark Macklin Coffey. Written by son-in-law Charles W. Brown 1894. 2. Journal by John Donelson of a voyage down the Holston River to the Cumberland in 1779. 3. Letter by Sara Goodrich McLemore, daughter of Eugenia Elizabeth Coffee of Jackson MS who at 14 married Charles Ashton Galloway and 2nd m. Alexander Goodrich. Eugenia Coffee Galloway Goodrich had a brother, Holland Coffee, and an uncle Holland Coffee. Eugenia was the mother of George Washington Galloway, Charles Ashton Galloway, Alexander David Galloway, Virginia Lee Galloway and several Goodrich children. 4. Letter (1925) by John Royal Harris, Pres. of Cumberland University Lebanon, Tn: that the children of Joshua Coffee and Elizabeth Graves were Thomas L. Dec 7, 1763; William Sept. 20, 1764; Elijah Oct. 15, 1770; John Jun. 2, 1772; Mary Aug. 17, 1774. (CCC note: CCC will print items 1 and 2 in later issues. Item 3 is another piece in the tale of Holland Coffee and Charles Galloway appearing in earlier CCC's)

Helen F. M. Leary, C. G. emphasizes: For North Carolina families, particularly in the 17th through early 19th centuries, a search for the single document proving birth, death, marriage or relationship will likely prove fruitless. In most cases, correlating evidence from many documents will be necessary.



## THE MAILBOX (Cont.)

BOB and BETTY COFFEY, Cameron, NC are curious about 1. Why the Chief Herald and family surname maps of Ireland show no Coffeys in Northern Ireland. Coffeys were there in late 1600's marrying Scots and sailing for America. County Down today has about 90 Coffey families. 2. Could some of the Coffeys have landed in Delaware before moving to Virginia? Apparently Irish immigrants did just that according to a TV program about the Scotch-Irish in America. 3. The Reed Family in America reports a John Coffey born 1730 in Augusta Co., VA. Yet one researcher says there were only trees and Indians there until 1738.

CCC #27 p. 4 reported Peter Coffee and his Descendents. We should have discussed the large appendix. In the appendix are reprints of portions of Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi, History of Lauderdale County, Alabama, Dyas Family collection of the Coffee Family, The Draper MSS 16VV1520, The Tennessee Historical Quarterly, and Biographical Sketches of Alabama, 35 pages in all. Most of this material gives very detailed information about the life of John Coffee (1772-1833), the military actions, business and personal activities. Other excerpts are about the Joshua M. Coffee Bible, and biographical sketches of C. C. Coffee b. 1840 Georgia, Harry Buffington Coffee b. 1890 Sioux Co., NE, John Coffee b. Prince Edward Co., VA 1782 a representative from Georgia. All in all this book is very readable. Any descendent of Peter Coffee (ca1705-1771) should own a copy. Serious collectors of Coffee/ey family material need a copy also.

Excerpt from Peter Coffee and his Descendents (Biographical Sketches of Alabama, Smith and Deland 1888) -

(Andrew) Jackson was very fond of the turf; had the finest horses, and for some years was the ruler of it. At length his competitors brought in a chestnut filly, named Haynies Maria, that ran away from every horse entered against her. This worked up Jackson to a lively resolve that she should be beaten. He canvassed Virginia and gave his friends carte blanche to buy for him the fastest horse in that or any other state. He finally bought Pacolet of Wm. R. Johnson, at a fabulous price, and made a race against Maria. The appointed hour and day came. Monkey Simon who rode Maria had orders to pull her up at every quarter and fall back to get bets. This order was strictly carried out and led Jackson to believe that Maria would not win. He proposed to bet \$10,000 against her. Elliot said he would take the bet. Coffee who was a giant in stature attempted to dissuade Jackson from betting, but not succeeding stepped behind him, lifted him on his shoulders and carried him out of the crowd kicking and cursing, and never put him on the ground again until Monkey Simon applied the whip and won the race.

The illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa was published by A. T. Andreas in 1875. It contained 590 pages and a list of the patrons who contributed to the cost of the book. These patrons included:

Coffey, Michael, Native of West Meath County, Ireland, came to Iowa in 1853. Operated Walcott Meat Market in Walcott, Scott Co., Iowa.

Coffey Granvill, Native of Owen Co., Indiana. Farmer and Stock raiser near Osceola, Clarke Co., came to Iowa in 1854.

Coffey, James W., Native of Pulaski Co., KY. Farmer, resident of Washington Co. near Daytonville, Iowa. Came to Iowa in 1864.

-submitted by FRAN COFFEY Tucson, AZ.



## SPECIAL REPORT-The Adventure of James Norman Coffey

From Bear Creek, Ore Mar 30 1891- to the Editor of the Wellman, Iowa Advance: There is about five years of my past life that remains a mystery to my friends in Iowa. As I am not much given to story telling I never told them. I will now write out my last adventure before I came east in 1877.

In May 1876 I went fishing for salmon on the Columbia river and not having very good luck I ventured a little further down the river every night until one dark stormy night I lost my reckoning and found myself at daylight sitting on the keel of my boat on the bosom of the Pacific Ocean, my companion having been drowned in the breakers when the boat upset. My friends in Iowa cannot realize my situation that morning, wet cold, hungry, expecting every wave to dash me from my boat. I remained thus for two days and a night when I was picked up by a schooner, which put in at Coos Bay, and landed me once more on terra firma. Not being contented there I procured another boat and again headed for the mouth of the Columbia river. The third day out I encountered heavy southwest winds which drove me at a fearful rate for 14 days when I was again picked up in a starving condition by a sealing vessel and taken north to the Bering sea. I remained there until October, assisting in the capture of fur seals, when we again headed for San Francisco. The first night out we were wrecked on a reef of hidden rock and all hands lost except myself, who was again adrift in an open boat.

I took in the situation which was gloomy enough, and decided to take advantage of the wind and headed north hoping to reach a settlement we had visited before starting home. Some Russian Fins I lived there and engaged in sealing.

I held close to this course for eleven days I living on some hard sea biscuits. I made land almost starved and to find myself surrounded by a band of hellish looking savages. Upon being taken to their village I was surprised to find that their chief was able to talk "Jargon" (a language of the Hudson Bay Company originated for the purpose of trading with the different tribes along the coast.) and which lingo I understood a little.

I was informed that I must die the next day for being in their country catching their seals. Kind friends, imagine my feelings on that cold night! I would freely have given all my earthly possessions (a few old clothes) to have been within half a mile of Wellman - somewhere about Ed Varney's place!

The next morning, however, the chief said if I would become one of their tribe and marry one of their maidens and teach them how to make boats like the one I came in, he would let me live. I didn't know anything about boat building, but under existing circumstances, I readily agreed to do so. The weather was getting bitterly cold, but I had hope of escape.

I agreed to take one of the chief's daughters for a bride and gave him my boat for a couple of ten inch files which were hanging from his ears for ornaments. I told him I wanted them for tools but in reality I wanted them to make a pair of skates as the ice was now forming very fast. I pretended to look for suitable timber and worked on the skates on the sly waiting until the ice was strong enough for my purpose.

My wedding which I had put off as long as possible was scheduled for the next day when I made my break for liberty. I stored as much dried fish as I could carry, took a canteen of water, got some old canvas out of the boat, put on my skates and away I went at 10:00

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SPECIAL REPORT-The Adventure of James Norman Coffey (Continued from page 9)

o'clock at night, thinking I could make Victoria Harbor in the British possessions. The wind was blowing strong from the north so I made a rude sail out of my canvas, which proved a God-send as it drove me along at a fearful speed. I had to beat my arms about my body to keep from freezing. On the 15th day I discovered land on both sides of me, and I thought I had struck some Russian settlement. Not speaking their language, I was puzzled about what I would do, but at any rate I had escaped from the savages. As I drew near I noticed that it was quite a town and at last I saw a sign near the beach which made out to read- WEB FOOT SALOON: WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS. Oh! But couldn't I read that language beautifully!!! I had landed at Olympia, the capitol of Washington, at the head of Puget Sound. I will say here that Puget sound was never known to freeze up before *or since*.

Having reached civilization, I couldn't say I regretted leaving my intended behind. I started to tell Brother Alex Brawner at the Masonic hall in Daytonville one night how those savages subsisted and he foolishly threw away a costly supper, so I will not tell about it here.

I visited my home in Iowa the following April, where I was married but little did my mother-in-law (Mrs. Hannah Griffith) think when I asked for her daughter, that I had been engaged to wed a greasy damsel in the wilds of Russian America.

James Norman Coffey (1853-1902) was the son of James W. Coffey of Iowa (see p. 8) a grandson of Lewis M. Coffey and a great uncle of MARCIA MORGAN who submitted the clipping.

Documents galore is a feature provided by Tim Peterman. It is from his collection of references to the Coffee/ey Family,

DOCUMENTS GALORE by Tim Peterman

1820 census- There are six age categories for males: 0-10, 10-16, 16-18, ~~16-26~~, 26-45, 45- and five age categories for females: 0-10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, ~~45-~~. The number of people in each age category is indicated by the eleven numbers following the name of the head of the household. Slaves are not included in this compilation, although they were reported in the original census. The only free colored persons reported in this compilation are those with the Coffey, etc. surname who headed their own household. 1820 census records are not available for New Jersey, Alabama, ~~Missouri~~, or Arkansas. No Coffeys were enumerated in Delaware, Louisiana, Rhode Island, or the ~~Disbrict~~ District of Columbia.

Name	State	County	white males 0-21	21- white	females
Coffee, Newton	Ill.	Bond	4	1	4

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DOCUMENTS GALORE, by Tim Peterman- 1820 census (cont.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age &amp; Sex Categories</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Page</u>
Coffe, Jonathan	000120-00200	Conn.	Windham	515
Coffee, Adam	illegible	Ga.	Chatham	98
Coffee, John	500010-01010	"	Telfair	438
" Thomas B.	200010-35010	"	Wilkes	165
Coffer, John	000010-00011	"	"	162
Coffee, Hiram	000100-10100	Ind.	Wayne	220
" John W.	410010-00210	"	Washington	203
" Micajah	000001-00001	"	Franklin	171
" Philip	100010-20100	"	Pike	302
" William	illegible	"	Monroe	117
Coffer, Ananias	210010-31010	Ky.	Adair	12
Coffee, Ely	310002-21110	"	"	12
Coffer, Felden	201210-21010	"	"	12
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## BRANCHES OFF THE TREE



Oliver Newton Coffey and Lydia Litton Coffey were the parents of Joshua Benton Coffey b. 1860 d. 1929. Joshua m. Mary Esther Bonner daughter of John Alexander Bonner and Elizabeth Osborne Bonner. Joshua and Mary had a son Francis Ellsworth Coffey b. 1891 d. 1946. He was an M.D. married to Marguerite Burger. Their son ROY BERTRAM COFFEY, b. 1924 is our new CCC cousin.

From Kentucky Bible Records IV WILL DUNCAN sends this find on later generations of the Lewis Russell Coffey Family. Termed the "Hayden Bible" it lists:

Marriages - Andrew Jackson and Nannie Hayden, May 22, 1867. Charles Henderson Hayden and Ida M. Redmon, Oct. 29, 1903.

Births - Milton Henderson Coffey Oct. 2, 1875 (nephew of Nannie Coffey Hayden) Andrew J. Hayden Aug. 15, 1840. Nancy A. (Nannie) Hayden Aug. 15, 1839. Nannie Gibson Oct. 10th, 1823. Children of Andrew Jackson and Nancy Coffey: Charles Henderson Hayden Mar. 7, 1868. Joseph Wilmuth Hayden April 10, 1870. Minnie Minerva Hayden Jan. 3, 1873. Shelby Franklin Hayden April 10, 1875. Lewis Jackson Hayden Dec. 28, 1878. Betty Coffey Hayden March 20, 1882. Our Little Baby Boy Jan. 10, 1880. Ollie Grace Hayden Jan 28, 1895.

Deaths - Our Little Baby Boy Jan. 11, 1880, Lewis Jackson Hayden Sept. 1, 1885. Andrew Jackson Hayden died Thursday 12:10 A.M. Aug. 8, 1912 age 71 yrs. 11 mos. 23 days. Nannie Coffey Hayden died Sat. Jan 4, at 4:30 A. M., 90 yrs. 23 days. 1929. Mrs. Ollie Hayden March 28, 1895. Maurice Parrish March 23, 1898 (boy Charles Hayden raised). Benjamin Franklin Hayden died in San Antonio Texas Aug. 29, 1908.

A second "Hayden Bible" lists:

Births - Jennie Hayden April 24, 1877. Willie Wilmuth Hayden June 23, 1878. John Coffey Hayden March 24, 1880. Nannie Mae Hayden July 11, 1882. Thomas Coleman Hayden March 2, 1884. Martha Burton Hayden April 17, 1887. Lizzie Hayden April 2, 1888. Kattie Lynn Hayden Feb. 7, 1893. Ollie Grace Hayden Jan. 28, 1895. (Ollie Coffey Hayden March 25, 1853, Benjamin Franklin Hayden July 4, 1848 parents of above children). Amanda Coffey April 13, 1851; Ollie Coffey March 25, 1853; Mary W. Coffey 30th day of June 1855. (Daughters of Thomas Coleman Coffey by his first wife).

Deaths - Thomas Coleman Coffey died Dec. 9th, 2:00 P. M. 1890. John T. Coffey May 3rd 1890 at Helena Montana (brother of Thomas Coleman Coffey). Polly Ann Coffey wife of T. C. Coffey died 25th day of May 1856 age 25 years, 7 mos. 24 days. Sarah Elizabeth Coffey daughter of T. C. Coffey and Polly Ann Coffey died 14th day of June 1847, age 1 yr., 6 mos. 1 day. Ollie Coffey Hayden died March 28, 1895 aged 42 yrs. Jennie Hayden died 1883. James Marshall Coffey died May 17, 1907 (only son of Thomas Coleman Coffey and Polly Ann Coffey). Mary Elizabeth Coffey died June 30, 1914. Margaret Coffey Pierce died Oct. 5, 1919. Benjamin Franklin Hayden died Aug. 29, 1908 age 65 (brother of Andrew Jackson Hayden).

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