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YOUR PAST AND PRESENT FAMILY INFORMATION IS WELCOME



IRISH SALUTE

(with a twist)

May those who **love** us, **love** us,
May those who don't **love** us _____
May God turn their hearts _____
And **if** he doesn't turn their hearts
May he turn their ankles
Lo we'll know them by their limping.

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Dear Cousins,

Your responses have been overwhelming in both your confidence and materials to share. In fact if yours is not in this newsletter it will be in the next. I do appreciate getting to know all of you better.

Jim and I have met many of you at the various conventions as we haven't missed one yet, but it's hard to really know everyone in two days a year. It's interesting to realize all the different talents this group has and yet how much we all have in common. The convention this year had two sides, one serious, as we have lost Len and the other is the fun and sharing when we all get together. I can hardly wait till next year!

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

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MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

DAVE WILLHITE has been out of touch for a while but hopes to get involved again. He descends from Robert COFFEY ca. 1814.

DUANE H. PLATT says that he descends from Archelaus and Eleanor (Wade) COFFEY through Jane COFFEY b. 22 June 1782, Wilkes Co. N.C. - d. 2/3 Oct. 1862, Bloomington McLean Co., IL., m. William HARBORD. Their 5th child was Eleanor m. William PLATT, (m. July.16, 1835 McLean Co., IL). They are Duane's great grandparents.

CHARLES E. MORELAND heard about us from Noreva SHARR of El Monte, CA. His 2nd great grandmother was Temperance COFFEY, daughter of Reuben and Naomi (Hayes) COFFEY. Temperance married William MORELAND.

CONVENTION 1988

I thought the convention would never get here when all of a sudden Cousins began arriving. Ruth and Thurman Lanning arrived early in the week and began researching at the local libraries and other Coffeys trickled in the rest of the week.

The State Archivist, Dr. Gary Kremer and his assistant Mary Beck talked to us about the archive collections and their plans for the future of the State Archives. We had lots of questions for them.

We had dinner Friday at Vlets, an old Jeff City favorite restaurant. They gave us our own room, (Maybe because we were having so much fun). On Saturday morning we toured Historical City of Jefferson and the Capitol area. We had one of those nippy spring mornings that Missouri can get in May which spoiled the cookie and punch in the Governors garden that the tour guide had planned. At noon we enjoyed the banquet in the Senate Room of the Holiday Inn. Then Tom Coffey of Vienna entertained us with his "ONE MAN BAND" by playing "CRAB GRASS" music. He took requests and the more we enjoyed it, the more he played. I believe he could play upside down if he wasn't over 80. He also brought some collectible items for door prizes. (When did you get a wooden nickel last?)

Betty Coffey as our only officer, called the meeting to order. We discussed a memorial for Len Coffey. Plans are still tentative. We elected officers for next year. Edwin Coffey is President and Betty will serve as Secretary. Next years Convention will be held in Virginia, hosted by Edwin Coffey and his family. This should prove to be a very interesting place to meet as Edwin works at the National Archives in Washington DC and can give us the advantage of all his know how. We will provide more information in the next newsletter and maybe even a letter from the PRESIDENT.

Jim, Bonnie, and Carol Culley drew names for the door prizes - everything from an afghan for Debbie Coffey to a green fruit Jar of Jelly beans for Inez Killam. Charles Webb took home a case containing OLD CROW! Sure was a light crow!

We took our annual picture and then spent time visiting and trading information. Jeff Coffey brought a portable copy machine along which we appreciated. It was just made for a genealogist. Thanks for sharing it with us.

Those attending were Bill and Virginia Coffey, Tom and Lillian Neighbors, Spencer and Lois Coffey, Betty Coffey, Thurman and Ruth Lanning, Jeff and Kittl Coffey, Edwin and his daughter Debbie Coffey, Walker and Jessie Coffey, Virgil and Iva Coffee, Fran and Bess Coffey, Thomas and Sara Holland, William and Marcla Morgan, James and Eleanore Coffey, Charles and Pam Webb, Tom Coffey, Inez Killam, Jim and Bonnie Culley and their daughter Carol.



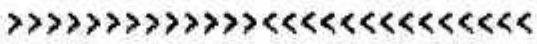
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MARY E. THRONEBURG says that we have her label listed incorrectly. She is researching Thomas and Sarah (Fields) COFFEY.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

BETTY M. COFFEY of Blowing Rock N.C. sent us a book review from the Charlotte Observer, Mar. 12, 1989, by Joanne Brannon Aldridge. It covers the newly published book A VILLAGE TAPESTRY: THE HISTORY OF BLOWING ROCK by Barry Buxton, of Boone; It is 240 pages, \$24 hardback, \$16.95 paperback. It can be ordered from The Appalachian Consortium Press, University Hall, Boone, N.C. 28608; (704) 262-2064. Shipping charges and \$2.00 handling charges will be added to the book's price. The book was published as part of Blowing Rock's centennial celebration. Mrs. Aldridge writes: "Blowing Rock's choice to become a tourist town is reflected in its charter of incorporation by the General Assembly in 1889, and in issues in early elections between the "wets" and the "drys," the "beer men" and the prohibitionists. Blowing Rock's first mayor, Joseph Bogle Clarke, was a "wet" and a colorful character. One morning he arose, tippled a tad and decided the town was "a bit quiet". So he stampeded a herd of cattle down Main Street. But he realized that as mayor he could not condone such action. The next day he called Mayor's Court, convicted himself of being drunk and disorderly and fined himself \$1 and court costs. H.C. Martin became the second "wet" mayor, but in 1892, the anti-alcohol forces won. Filmore Coffey was elected a dry mayor. However, Buxton notes, "Unfortunately for his supporters, he moved away before his term expired. Rather than call for a new election, Coffey appointed his friend W.H. Weedon to fill out his term. Weedon refused to hold elections. Clarke and his supporters went to Wataunga County Sheriff Hayes, who called for a special election. Joe Clarke won again in 1893.....The book is full of stories about people, places and events. If the threads of tapestry are not woven tightly, and some strands hang loosely, at the end of each is a golden nugget,"

Betty M. COFFEY'S husband Owen descends from Reuben and Sally COFFEY, then Jesse and Margaret COFFEY, then Reuben and Rachel (Hayes) COFFEY.



DEAD END ROADS

SHIRLEY MONTY is researching Roger COFFEY's genealogy and is hoping someone will recognize some of his family's names and help her out. Roger's parents are Floyd Hill COFFEY b.1918 and Arlie Pauline (Sweepston) COFFEY b.1918. His grandparents are Hillery (Colton) COFFEY b. 1898 m. Mable. Hillery (Colton) COFFEY has a brother Frank and sister Nancy. Roger's ancestors are from Texas and Oklahoma. If you can help Shirley, her address is P.O. Box 772446, Eagle River, Ark. 99577.

Shirley says that she met Roger COFFEY while serving as an Alaska State Trooper. She has since retired and is babysitting her 2 grandchildren. In her words " in comparison, trooper work was easy".

DEAD END ROADS (Contd.)

BENNY LOFTIN has a challenge for us. James Lee COFFEY or maybe a third name that begins with a "W" was born in Missouri on 23 Feb. 1882/83. His parents are Ella _____ and Harmon COFFEY. Mrs, Ella COFFEY divorced H. COFFEY in January 1892 and married James BULLARD on 20 Feb 1892 in what is now Pittsburg County, OK. What is Ella's maiden name? Who were Harmon COFFEY's parents? Benny's address is in the New Address section of this paper.

VICTOR & PHYLLIS COFFEY say that they have found more information on Vic's oldest known ancestor since they placed an inquiry in June 87 CCC, page 4. It seems that Vic's great grandfather is Andrew Noble Coffey b. 22 May 1844 in Greene Co. IN. From his Civil War Pension Application Papers they learned that he was orphaned at age seven and from that time on lived with relatives. A brother, name and age unknown, was killed in the Civil War. With the pension papers is an affidavit from John A. Nell, b, abt. 1833 stating that he knew Andrew since his birth in 1844. They believe Nell to have been his mother's maiden name. Both of Andrew's parents were born in IN. Phyllis is hoping that someone in the family will have an uncle or brother who died about 1851 who was married to a Nell abt. 1840/42.

JACK K. COFFEE of Baton Rouge LA has sent an update on his ancestor. Albert Lilburn COFFEE was the son of John COFFEE and Mary (Bowman) COFFEE. Mary was the daughter of Joseph T. BOWMAN (b. Illinois, 1811). Joseph was the son of Jesse B. BOWMAN (b, Rutherford Co., TN c.1770). Jesse B. was the first known settler of Camden, Ouachita Co., Arkansas and was killed at the Alamo in 1836.

Arkansas records show that Joseph BOWMAN (b. 5/1/1811) married Naphanla HARDIN (believed to be Indian; tribe unknown) (b. 11/8/1826) on Jan. 26, 1843. A later document purported to be Joseph's handwriting, shows that he and Naphanla were married Jan. 6, 1841. They had 10 children: Edward, b. 11/9/1842; William Henry, b. 5/5/1844; Mary Elizabeth, b. 3/5/1846; Loulsey Jane (Elma), b. 3/15/1848; Sarah Ann, b. 11/11/1850; Irene Melvney, b. 11/30/1853; Laura Josephine, b. 10/1/1856; Samuel Lynch, b. 1/24/1859; George Washington, b. 5/24/1860 and Joel H., b. 7/10/1863.

John COFFEE and Mary BOWMAN had two children: Ellen b. c.1870 and Albert Lilburn, b. 1873. John COFFEE disappeared (or died) near the end of 1879 or perhaps early 1880. Shortly thereafter, Mary (Bowman) COFFEE married William WATSON (Oklahoma roots and Jack has information on him if anyone needs it). This marriage brought forth two daughters, Lilly Wes, b. 1880 and Mary, b. c.1881. Mary (Bowman) COFFEE WATSON is thought to have died during or shortly after the birth of this second child.

William WATSON took his two natural daughters back to Oklahoma (some family records indicate they went to Natural Dam, Arkansas) and the two Coffee children are thought to have been sent to Hempstead Co. Arkansas to live with relatives.

Jack is now trying to find which relative took in the young Coffee children and what ultimately became of Ellen. Anyone seeking information on any of the other names listed above are invited to write or call. Jack has 'scattered' information on some of them including descendants of Lilly Wes WATSON who married William Joseph COURTNEY ON 12/23/1896.

Explanation: These cases appear in a number of different law books. They are indexed according to volume and page number. For example, the case: Coffee v. Adams will be found on page 347 of the Volume 65 in the series of Georgia law books.

There are collections of law books in law libraries, which can be found in most large cities. The valuable genealogical information will probably not appear in the law book, but rather in the court dockets and files, which are stored in various repositories. Depositions filed in relation to the case probably contain useful information.

1. Coffee, The Joseph E., Federal Case No. 7536, 01c. 401
2. Coffee v. Adams; 65 Georgia 347; 23 Century Digest-Exemptions, Section 146
3. Coffee v. Ball, Hutchins 8. Co.; 49 Texas 16; 6 Century Digest-Bankruptcy, section 640, 816; 30 Century Digest-Judgement, Section 808
4. Coffee V. Black; 50 Texas 117; 30 Century Digest-Judgement, Sec.622
5. Coffee v. Black; 82 Virginia 567; 25 Century Digest-Habeas Corpus, Sec.84; 37 Century Digest-Parent and Child, Sec.17, 30
6. Coffee v, Buffalo, N.Y. & P. Ry. Co.; 104 New York 66
7. Coffee v. Chippewa Falls; 36 Wisconsin 121; 3 Century Digest-Appearance, Sec. 45, 75, 79; 31 Century Digest-Justices of the Peace, Sec.97
8. Coffee v, Coffee; 101 Georgia 787, 28 Southeast 977; 7 Decennial-Divorce, Sec. 245(1)
9. Coffee v. Coffee; 119 Georgia 533, 46 Southeast 620; 2 Decennial-Appeal and Error, Sec.1068(3); 20 Decennial-Will, Sec.187
10. Coffee v. Coffee; 24 South 262 (Mississippi); 7 Decennial-Divorce, Sec. 184(6)
11. Coffee v. Coleman; 85 Mississippi 14; 37 South 499; 18 Decennial-Taxation, Sec.809(2)
12. Coffee v. Cowley; 4 Ohio Decennial 112; 32 Century Digest-Libel, Sec.11
13. Coffee v. Eastland; Federal Case No. 2945, Cooke 159; 5 Century Digest-Assumpsit, Sec. 417
14. Coffee v. Gates & Bro.; 28 Arkansas 43; 40 Century Digest-Process, Sec. 46, 177
15. Coffee v. Griffin; 57 Georgia 606; 3 Century Digest-Appeal and Error, Sec. 3818; 19 Century Digest-Equity, Sec. 332
16. Coffee v. Groover; 20 Florida 64 (reversed 123 United States 1; 8 S.Ct. 1; 31 L.Ed. 51); 1 Century Digest-Abatement and Revival. Sec. 378; 8 Century Digest-Boundaries, Sec. 221; 16 Century Digest-Descent and Distribution, Sec. 93; 17 Century Digest-Dismissal, Sec. 114, -Ejectment, Sec. 118, 219, 230, 232, 344; 20 Century Digest-Evidence, Sec. 1355, 2089; 39 Century Digest-Pleading, Sec. 1088 1/2; 41 Century Digest-Public Lands, Sec. 384; 46 Century Digest-Trial, Sec. 791
17. Coffee v. Groover; 123 United States 1; 8 S.Ct, 1; 31 L.Ed. 51; 41 Century Digest-Public Lands, Sec. 384
18. Coffee v. Guerrant; 3 App. D.C. 497; 38 Century Digest-Patents, Sec.34,106

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Documents Galore, by Tim Peterman (contd.)

19. Coffee v. Haynes; 124 California 561; 57 P.482; 71 Am.St.Rep. 99; 22 Decennial-Appeal and Error, Sec. 1056(2); 4 Decennial-Constitutional law, Sec. 309(1); 5 Decennial-Convicts, Sec.3; 9 Decennial-Garnishment, Sec.58, 88, 104
20. Coffee v. Haynes; 24 Texas 190; 48 Century Digest-Vendor and purchaser, Sec. 775
21. Coffee v. Lawrence; 2 Denlo 195 (New York); 30 Century Digest-Judgement, Sec. 336; 39 Century Digest-Pleading, Sec. 47, 177
22. Coffee v. Louisville & N. R. Co.; 76 Mississippi 569; 25 South 157; 45 L.R.A. 112; 71 Am.St.Rep. 535; 4 Decennial-Carriers, Sec. 389
23. Coffee v. Melggs; 9 California 363; 15 Century Digest-Damages, Sec. 287
24. Coffee v, Neely; 2 Helsk. 304 (Tennessee); 20 Century Digest-Evidence, Sec. 51, 1348, 1371, 1381; 30 Century Digest-Judgement, Sec. 1760
25. Coffee v. Newsom; 2 Georgia 439; 2 Century Digest-Appeal and Error, Sec. 1797; 3 Century Digest-Appeal and Error, Sec. 2862, 3158
26. Coffee v. Newsom; 2 Georgia 442; 8 Century Digest-Cancellation of Instruments, Sec. 35; 48 Century Digest-Vendor and Purchaser, Sec. 45, 201
27. Coffee v. Newsom: 2 Georgia 444; 27 Century Digest-Injunction, Sec. 378
28. Coffee v. New York. N, H. & H. R. Co.; 155 Massachusetts 21; 28 New England 1128 (or 28 Northeast 1128); 34 Century Digest-Master and Servant, Sec. 194, 919; 37 Century Digest-Negligence, Sec. 239
29. Coffee v. Pere Marquette R. Co.; 139 Michigan 378; 102 N.W. 953; 17 Decennial-Railroads, Sec. 328 (1), (2)
30. Coffee v, Phillips; 21 Misc.Rep. 663; 47 N.Y.S, 1105; 1 Decennial-Appeal and Error, Sec. 241; 13 Decennial-Master and Servant, Sec. 278(20)
31. Coffee v. Planter's Bank; 13 How. 183 (United States); 14 L.Ed. 105; 13 Century Digest-Courts, Sec. 868
32. Coffee v. Planter's Bank; 11 Smedes & M. 458 (Mississippi); 49 Am.Dec. 68; 2 Century Digest-Appeal and Error, Sec. 1803; 21 Century Digest-Execution, Sec. 413, 418
33. Coffee v. Pleasants; 6 Ohio Dec. 812; 43 Century Digest-Sales, Sec. 602
34. Coffee v. Ragsdale; 112 Georgia 705; 37 Southeast 968; 15 Decennial-Newspapers, Sec. 1(1)
35. Coffee v. Ragsdale; 14 South 454 (Mississippi); 22 Century Digest-Executors and Administrators, Sec. 2198
36. Coffee v. Ramsey; 111 Georgia 817; 35 Southeast 641; 10 Decennial- Husband and Wife, Sec. 87(4)

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