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YOUR PAST AND PRESENT FAMILY INFORMATION IS WELCOME.

C 1990 Coffey Convention Woodbridge, Virginia

The 1990 convention of the Coffee/Coffey Cousins will be held in Woodbridge, Virginia. Woodbridge is in easy driving distance of Washington, DC, with its family history resources of the National Archives, the Library of Congress, the library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the library of the National Genealogical Society.

Our gathering place will be the new Potomac Mills Days Inn beginning the afternoon of Friday, May 4. We will have a meeting room reserved where we can meet informally Friday afternoon and evening to exchange information and get acquainted.

Saturday we will have the meeting room all day and night. The banquet will be at 2:00 pm at the local American Legion Hall. The business meeting will immediately follow the banquet at the hall. This meeting will include the election of officers for the coming year and the consideration of the site for the 1991 convention.

Make your room reservations before April 1, 1990 with the Days Inn - Potomac Mills, 14619 Potomac Mills Rd., Woodbridge, Virginia, 22192.

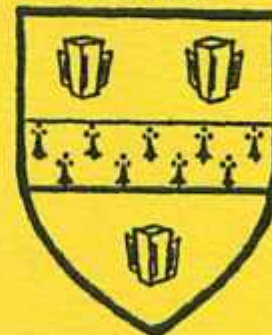
Phone: 1-800-543-2392. The special rate for a double room is \$33.00 per night. Call for other rates.

Make your banquet reservations by April 1, 1990, with Edwin Coffee 4104 Guilford Lane, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193.

Phone: 703-670-4278. Banquet cost will be \$12.00 per person. You may pay in advance or before the banquet on Saturday, May 5, 1990.

We hope to see as many of you as can come this year. It will be a great chance to use the great family history resources of our Nation's Capital.

Edwin Coffee, President
Coffey Cousins



NON

VICTORIA

PRUDENTIA SED

"NOT BY PRUDENCE, BUT BY VICTORY"

Beatrice Bayley states that there was no motto with the Coffee Coat of Arms. However the book Irish Heraldry, 1930 issue containing Irish Family Coats of Arms lists the motto given above.

This is given to us by our Cousin Ramona Coffee



Dear Cousins,

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I'm tremendously grateful for your support with CCC. All of your letters and queries are appreciated as without them there would be no CCC. It is especially good to know that those with a great knowledge of the Coffey families are always ready to help the beginner or another cousin who is stuck in their research. Many of us would still be lost somewhere in late 1800 if you were not so helpful and generous with your research.

I can hardly wait to get to the convention in Virginia. It is a part of the country that I've always wanted to see. We need you to all be thinking about where we might meet next year and consider the possibility of hosting the convention in 1991. All offers are important. The next issue that I would like for you to think about between now and convention time is a better system for listing ancestors so as to connect people working on the same lines. Right now, the ancestor of choice is listed on the bottom of each subscribers index card. Mine is Elizabeth but she is through John, Benjamin, etc. Is there a better way?

I also want to thank those who responded to my request for Jackeline Sexton's address. I had two responses. I know that I can count on you for help when I need it. Thanks again.

Jim and I got a new computer for Christmas. I'm sure everyone has noticed by now! An Apple IIgs. It will still run all the old programs as well as some new ones. We bought a program that allows you to make the two column lay out. It is supposed to be easier to read as you don't lose your place because of the long lines. Let me know what you think about it and if there is anything else that we might do. (Other than teaching me to type better.) I'm having quite a time learning how to do everything but we started a class last week so maybe we'll do better next time.

Your Cousin,
Bonnie Culley

PS. Please think about hosting the Coffey Cousins's convention for 1991. Be prepared to offer a site for the 1991 convention and tell us about it at the banquet. See you in Virginia.

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SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

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WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

Edith C. Foley P.O. Box 125,
Beaverdam, VA. 23015

Elba Palmer P.O. Box 98,
Malta Bend, MO 65339

Ancestor: Elizabeth Coffey Hayes

Warren Coomer 610 W Oak St.
Oakland Cty, IN 47660

Ancestor: Ananias Coffey

Helen O. Haat 11 Berea Dr.,
Greenville SC 19611

H. William Coffey PO Box 135,
S. Melbourne,
Victoria 3205, Australia

John Coffee 5885 Fruit Ridge N.W.,
Grand Rapids MI 49504

Ancestor: William Coffy

Jerome W. Coffey 1549 Kooser Rd.
San Jose, CA 95118

If we don't have an ancestors name listed for you, please send your lineage in the near future. It helps us to match persons working on the same lines.



NEW ADDRESS

Noreva Sharr P.O. Box 770,
Lucerne Valley, CA 92356



MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Warren Coomer submitted pedigree charts that give his lineage from his grandmother Emily Jane Coffee who married Berry Green Coomer. Emily was the daughter of Ananias and Jane Hindman Coffey, granddaughter of Nebuzaraden & Elizabeth Hayes Coffey.

Mr. Coomer raised a question about an article in the Dec. 1989 C.C.C. He ask what it means if a Daughter of the American Revolution record is "closed". I checked with the lineage authorities of my chapter and was told that it means that no lineage charts for this line will be mailed and that the next person wishing to join using this line must prove the line with complete documentation.

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Elba Palmer is my second cousin who I had never met. She is the great-great-granddaughter of George and Elizabeth Coffey Hayes, /dau. John Coffey/ son Benjamin Coffey. We have shared a ton of information this last week. She has three children and is a recent widow. She lives at Malta Bend, MO., which is a bend on the Missouri River. I think she was overwhelmed with our Coffey lineage as I was when I first found all of you. She is a great addition to our genealogy clan.

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Edith Foley did not give us her lineage but she asked if there will be books for sale at the convention. We do hope that anyone who has books they wish to sell or knows of books for sale, will bring them or share the addresses and prices. There have been books for sale at the convention in the past. We're looking forward to meeting Edith at the convention.

call your
reservations
in now!

Dead End Roads contd.

C CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Willard Isreal would like to **find** as many descendants of John Coffey (1753 - 1825) as possible. John's father was James Coffey. Willard says the Sons of the American Revolution have approved his papers for the lines of John Coffey and his father James Coffey. Willard is **keeping** busy now as State Coordinator for Retired Teachers, Alabama. Willard says that he plans to attend the convention again this year. It will **be good to see** him again.



TIME TO MAKE CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Please note the error in September issue of CCC, no. 36, page 7. P. H. **Gillespy** is our **Cousin Phillip**. He wrote a very enlightening article **givi**ng an educated **look** at the **bi**rth date of Elizabeth (Cleveland) Gillasp. He clears up a number of misconceptions. Phillip would **like** to hear from other **cousins** who are **working** on this family. His address is 727 **Yerba Buena**, **Stockton, CA 95210**

C DEAD END ROADS

Rachel Beller Dougherty wrote that she is still looking for her roots. Her mother was 1) **Bessie Marie Coffey**, b. 24 Sep. **1900**, d. 29 Nov. **1987**, 2) **Elmer Coffey**, b. 23 Nov. **1867** IA., 3) **Samuel W. Coffey** b. **1808**, Belvidere, **VT.**, 4) **Samuel Coffey**, b. **VT.** m **Cynthia Beals**.

She would appreciate help if anyone recognizes her **lineage**. Her address **is 100 Mar Monte Court, YalleJo, CA 94590**.

I.V. Crawford **says** " I sure do need **help** with my John Coffey born **1773** in Lancaster **Dist, SC**. He married Margaret Baskin and moved to Fayette **Co TN**. where **he died** in **1843**". She needs to know about his father John -- which John?? **iter** address is 808 **Hamvasy Ln. Tyler, TX 75701**.

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Andre' Cuffez has an interesting mystery for us! **He ask** if anyone **has** any information **on** a James W. Coffey, born **in 1852**. He thinks that **he was** a circus artist. He was also called "the **Skelton Dude**". **He only weighed just** over **70 lbs.** and a little over 5 ft. **tell**. When he appeared on stage he always said that he wished to marry someone but that "he could not find a **lady** who **likes** her **COFFEY** this **thin**". Andre' wishes to **find** his ancestors or maybe the name of the city where he was **born?** He would **like** to add the story to his next "Coffey Genealogy 3", which he will **reprint** in **1990**. **We'd** all like to hear more about this one too. Keep us informed. Andre' address is Pr. **Stefanieplein 31**, 8400 Oostende, Belgium or send it to **me**, Bonnie Culley, and **I will** forward it.



Eén en al been was James W. Coffey, **vrijgezel** : « **Geen enkele vrouw wil haar Coffey to dun.** »

Dead End Roads contd.

Spencer T. Coffey wants your assistance in identifying one of the John Coffey/ee's. He writes:

In 1812, John Coffee received from the State of TN. a 50 acre grant in Lincoln Co., on the James Farris's branch of Elk River.

In 1813 and 1814, John Coffee of Rutherford Co., TN. sold two tracts in Lincoln Co., one on Morris's Creek, the second on Farris's branch of Elk River.

In April 1822 John Coffey of Lincoln Co., TN. sold two tracts of land on Mulberry Creek, a branch of Elk River. Four months later, John Coffee of Lauderdale Co., AL. bought 1,898 & 1/3 acres, again on Mulberry Creek, a branch of Elk River.

In 1826 John Coffee of Lauderdale Co., AL sold 3 tracts of land totaling 688 acres, at least two of which were on Mulberry Creek. All so these transactions were in Lincoln Co. TN.

If in fact all of these transactions were made by one individual, can any of our Coffey researchers identify or venture any suggestions as to exactly which John Coffey/ee this may have been?

Spencer's address is Route 2, Box 207, Oak Grover, MO 64075.

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Willard Duncan has a real mystery that he is working on. Hopefully someone can shed some light on some part or all of his problem. His ancestor is Hiram Coffee (b. 1800 TN. - d. 1851) Grayson Co., TX. His children were: Matilda b. 1820 Franklin Co. IN m. Fauset, Lucinda b. 1821/2 Hamilton Co. IN

m. Allingsworth,
James S. b. 1823 Hamilton Co. IN,
George Washington b. 1829 Hamilton Co. IN,
Eli b. 1832 Hamilton Co. IN m. Huffstutter,
Hiram b. 1834 Hamilton Co. IN, and
Robert Thompson b. 1838 Hamilton Co. IN.

Willard's recent research has led him to compare other Coffee name patterns which are as follows:

Hiram b. 1800's children & Others:

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Matilda - Matilda dau. of Joseph, son of Reuben 1818 & Matilda Dalton.

Lucinda - Lucinda dau. of Elijah, son of Reuben 1818.

James S. - James son of Reuben, son of James.

Hiram - Hiram son of Ambrose, son of James.
George Washington - George W son of Ambrose, son of James.

Eli - Eli son of Eli, son of James.

Robert Thompson - Robert Thompson son of Elizabeth, m. Robert Whiteside, dau. of James.

This bit of coincidence has made him wonder if his Hiram might have been an orphan raised among the Coffey's of John's River. There were at least four Hiram Coffees:

1. Hiram b. 1800 or 1796, son of Ambrose
2. Hiram b. 1800 TN - d. 1851 TX (Willard's ancestor)
3. Hiram b. 1802 son of Reuben, son of Reuben, son of John
4. Hiram b. 1816 Washington Co. IN, son John Ward, son Archelaus

Willard wonders if it could be possible that the last Hiram was named for his ancestor and that his Hiram may have gone to Indiana with Reuben's family. James B. Coffey, Vol. II Ancestors (page 60) points out that Reuben had an unidentified male in the 1800 census. Could this be Willard's Hiram? Willard's address is 285 S. Kings Rd., Ormond Beach, FL. 32074. Hope Willard makes it to the convention.

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George Coffey is looking for someone who lives or researches in the Jamestown, Russel Co. KY area that would be willing to help him. He is searching for the parents of Albert G. Coffey, b. ca. 1825. He would also like to know what the "G" stands for. The census states that Albert was born in Alabama. P.O. Box 1916, Minden, NY 89423.

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Dead End Roads contd.

Vic and Phyllis Ann Coffey write that they are still searching for a connection between Andrew Noble Coffey b. **1844 IN** and maybe a mother Patsy Weill (or Kiel). The **1850** Owen Co. IN. census lists:

Coffey Patsy	34 Head	of household	b.NC
Andrew	6	IN	
William	11		
Elizabeth	14		
James	16		
Gil berth	38		bNC

Who is Gil berth? If anyone has information on this family please contact Phyllis. Her address is **1967** West Terrace, Fresno, CA 93705.



"Tooting down the line" to the convention.

JUST A THOUGHT

**HE WHO SPEAKS FIRST OPENS
THE DOOR OF FRIENDSHIP. IF
YOU HADNT SPOKEN FIRST,
MANY DOORS WOULD NEVER
HAVE BEEN OPENED.**

ANONYMOUS

In an article in the DAR Magazine - "200 Years Ago, Daniel Boone Made Kentucky and West Safe for Settlers", we quote the meaning of the name Yadkin (Yadkin River of N.C.). "They stopped for a while near **Harrisburg** before **moving** on to North Carolina, to Unites and Saponatown, the end of the Trading Path at **Trading Ford**, on the **Yadkin River** --- **Yec-ad-e-keen**, meaning "**come on over, you cowards,**" came from jeering Indians across the river."

Kay Coffey of Canada tells me that her last issue came Air Mail. I've had a terrible time mailing Canadian subscriptions. The post office here keeps **returning** them to me asking for envelopes, etc. I have made contact with a postal employee who promises to help me resolve this problem. Keep your **fi ngers** crossed.

- Mary Hethcoatt** writes that she descends from
- 1) Edward & Ann Powell Coffey,
 - 2) Edward Jr. & Grace Cleveland Coffey,
 - 3) Jesse & Nancy (?) Coffee,
 - 4) William & Bashaba Coffee Jones,
 - 5) Jesse & Susan Cannon Jones,
 - 6) Vincent **H. & Malinda A. Jones LaPrade**,
 - 7) Alton Jesse & Margaret Fuller LaPrade, &
 - 8) Alfred **B & Sally H LaPrade Sparks**.

Mary says that "**William & Bashaba Coffee Jones** had **14** children, most of whom had **large** families, so I'm probably related to all the Jones". Mary's address is Rt. 2, Box 76, **Burney, CA 96013**.



We had a letter from **Bill Coffey's wife Ginny** who says that they will see us at the convention. She included a copy of the death certificate of Bill's grandfather William J. Coffey **who died Jan 12 1927** **DELAWARE, PA.** It lists his parents as David Coffey of PA and Sarah Barnes of PA. Wm. J. Coffey also had a brother S. G. Coffey living in Bellevue, PA. in **1927**. He was born in **1866** in PA., and his wife was Carrie. Bill's address is 709 Delaware Trail, Mercer, PA **16137**.



Andre' Coffez tell us that **Mrs. Catherine Moore Ricbter** celebrated her **100th** **bi rthday** on May **15, 1988**. She was **Col.** Coffey's (founder of Coffeyville) **grand-** daughter. At the ti me of his letter she was recovering genealogy (family name Cuffez, Coffez, and Couffez). **It** is written in Dutch.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Elvio and Lillian Harrell celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 4th of November 1989. They were married in **Knoxville, TN**. They lived in Michigan for 34 of their 50 years and went back to celebrate with their family most of who made the celebration. We wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes. We're looking to seeing you both in Virginia this year.



We received greeting from **Wayne Trout** and hope he's **feeling** better and recovering from his bout with cancer. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to hear from you again soon.



Duane Platt says that he and his wife **plan** to attend the convention in Woodbridge VA if health permits. We certainly hope they are in the peak of health in May as we **will** look forward to see them.



Ella Coffey Carpenter wrote about the thrill of **wal king** where her ancestors **wal ked**. She and Lillian Harrell had gone to a Coffey reunion in Berea, KY year before last. The dates on the tombstone of her Great-grandfather John Jackson Coffey, were about gone, so she went back to **Taswell** Monument Co. and bought **him** a new one. The old one had been there **111 years**.



We are sorry to hear that Merle P. **Hobgood's eye** sight is not what it used to be and 3he is not able to do close **work** any more. **Possi bl y** someone else will prove the line that you are interested in. We have Merle listed as a descendant of Benjamin in the index.



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Kathryn Johnson is busy these days with her Hayes research. She **included** information on the Rucker Reunion in Monroe, **VA**. near **Lynchburg**, June **16-17, 1990**. It is the second national reunion of the Rucker family. Anyone interested can contact Ed Taylor, Rt. **1 Box 228A**, Madison Heights, **VA** 24572. Phone-(804) 384-3105.



Noreva Sbarr wrote that after they get moved she plans to add more to Victor and Phyllis Coffey and **Neill** lines.



Robert C. Coffey of **Mira Loma**, CA writes that he may have to buy a computer to get all the information he gathered at the convention in Raleigh NC. He says that he is still sorting through the stacks that he gathered on that trip. He also says that he and **Goldie** Collins are **cousins** three **times** removed or so!



Wanita Bailey says that she plans to see us all at the convention. We **will** look forward to it.



Marcus Coffey of Thornhill, TN. writes that he plans to attend the convention. **Accordi** ng to Marcus, Thornhill **is only** 30 miles west of the **Virginia line** at the Cumberland Gap, TN. - VA.



Tie a bow on your finger.

**Don't forget to
make reservations for the
1990 COFFEY CONVENTION**

The following documents were contributed by Marie **Amell**. Note that Julia Coffey daughter of Patrick Coffey is Marie's maternal grandmother.

Three brothers: Patrick, Timothy, & James COFFEY emigrated from Glen Carr, Co Kerry, Ireland, to Whitby, Ontario, Canada, **in 1850's**. Patrick & Timothy married sisters, Norah & Julia O'Connor and James married Ellen Sheehan. Two decades later the three families had settled on farms a couple of miles north of **Orillia**, Ontario, where they resided the rest of their lives. Gravestones were erected to their memory **in** St Michael's Roman Catholic Cemetery there.

The following **list** of the three COFFEY families was compiled from the four census **1861-71-81-91** available to the public in Canada at the present **time.s** However, the list does not pursue those children who left the townshi p and scattered across the continent before the latest census. Therefore the entry in the age column represents the province or state where those members were located at the time of demise of their parents. Those obituaries were transcribed from newspapers and reprinted in **the** September **1988** issue of CCC newsletter.

COFFEY	Parick	1861 33	1871 45	1881 48	1891 69	m	Ire.	Family resided Pickering Twp. Ontario Co, in 1861 census & Orillia Twp, SimcoeCo, in 1871-81-91.
	Norah	28	37	40	58	m	Ire.	
	Michael	5	15	23	30		Ont	
	John	2	12	20	NY		Ont	
	Mary M	--	7	17	26	(m)	Ont	
	Jeremiah	--	5	14	NY		Ont	
	Julia	—	3	13	22		Ont	
	Clara N	--	2/12	10	19		Ont	
COFFEY	Timothy	30	42	60	62	m	Ire	Family resided Whitby W Twp, Ontario Co, in 1861 & 1871 & Orillia Twp. Simcoe Co, in 1881 & 1891.
	Julia	21	31	50	52	m	Ire	
	Johanna	5	15	22	36		Ont	
	John	4	14	24	IN	(m)	Ont	
	Timothy	3	12	19	32		Ont	
	Julia	1	11	18	Ont	(m)	Ont	
	Dennis	--	9	16	28	(m)	Ont	
	Catherine	--	7	14	Ont	(m)	Ont	
	Patrick	—	3	12	22		Ont	
	Margarite	—	--	10	19		Ont	
	Mary	--	--	6	17		Ont	
•James	--	--	4	--	(d)	Ont		
Daniel	--	--	1	--	(d)	Ont		
COFFEY	James	22	40	42	51	m	Ire	Family resided Whitby W Twp, Ontario Co, in 1861 & 1871 & Medonte Twp, Simcoe Co, in 1881 & 1891.
	Ellen	23	34	42	55	m	Ire	
	Johanna	1	11	19	27		Ont	
	Margaret	--	10	21	28	(m)	Ont	
	Timothy	--	8	18	28		Ont	
	John J	--	5	15	24		Ont	
	Catherine	--	4	13	Ont	(m)	Ont	
	Honora	--	2	12	22	(m)	Ont	
Daniel	--	2/12	10	20		Ont		
Mary M	--	--	7	17		Ont		

THE MILITARY HISTORIES OF 1600 CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS FROM LAFAYETTE COUNTY

BY WALKER COFFEY

To me, the Civil War has always been one of the most interesting, exciting and emotional events that ever happened in America. Both my Grandfathers, like many of your relatives, served in the Confederate Army. One was wounded severely in the battle of Chickamauga in 1863. The other was wounded severely in the battle of Petersburg, in 1864. Nevertheless, both endured for forty years thereafter on the farm. One on a peg leg, the other with his right arm hanging limp at his side. Our heritage will never be complete until we know what happened to the 1600 men from Lafayette County, MS. who gave so much for so little return.

My father, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was born a few years after the Civil War ended. He listened to the stories told him by his father and passed them on to me when I was a youngster. But the principal source of information about the Civil War for me was my Grandmother Coffey. She was a teenager when the War started and I was her only Grandson during her lifetime. I lived next door to her many years. As a young boy I read every book obtainable about the Civil War. This interest has been sustained throughout my life.

I have visited and studied most of the important battlefields of the war. In Chattanooga where I lived four years, my home was on Missionary Ridge. There were battlefield markers near my home and for miles along the ridge.

Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, I could see from my home high above the city. I lived in Atlanta three times where this great battle for survival of the Confederacy took place. The cyclorama painting of this fierce struggle for Atlanta is fantastic. The painting is hung in a circular building in Grant Park building. There on this painting, the soldiers in blue and gray are shown in hand to hand combat, each believing that he was right.

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In my hometown of Oxford, MS, as in almost all communities in the South, almost everyone living in 1860 knew that the war was inevitable. War between the South Carolina Nullifiers, led by John C. Calhoun and the Federal Government had been avoided in 1833 when President Andrew Jackson called the bluff of South Carolina's threat to stop collecting import duties for the United States. The pot boiled on for 28 years. The South took the election of Lincoln as a Declaration of War and began preparations to fight. War talk was translated into action at Fort Sumter.

The Confederate Government was organized and set up at Montgomery, AL, where the call went out to the southern states for volunteers to serve in the Confederate Army and Navy. All U.S. property was seized in the south: Southern Senators and Congressmen went home to their states: Nearly every U.S. Military officer from the south resigned and went home to offer their services to their native states: Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, P.G.T. Beauregard, Albert Sidney Johnson, Joseph E. Johnston, James Longstreet, Braxton Bragg, Simon Buckner, Nathan Bedford Forest, John B. Hood, Stephen D. Lee, Leonidas Polk, Earl Van Dorn, Etc.

All of us know that genealogy is history. One of the thrills of genealogy is to uncover in our research some unknown but important fact about our family or a locality involved in the history of our family. I have observed that southern families are proud of their Confederate Heritage and the part that their forefathers played in the Civil War. The stories have been passed down by word of mouth, or recorded occasionally in the fly leaf of the family bible, or told to a newspaper reporter who published the information that was later lost or destroyed.

The need for factual information about the individual souldier in the Civil War became apparent to me in J 986 when I managed the compiling and publishing of the Lafayette County Heritage Book containing the histories of 772 families with roots in our County which was observing its 150th birthday. Many, many families referred reverently to their

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Confederate soldier kin but the information given was passed down through the family and somewhat lacking factually.

To meet this need for facts about the service of men from Lafayette County in the County in the Confederate Army, I undertook the writing of the military history of each one. Research indicated that there were 1600 of these soldiers who served in 16 companies and 12 regiments. These privates, corporals and sergeants were the important soldiers in the Civil War. They paid the price of death, of festering wounds, of disease, of brutal military imprisonment, of inadequate clothing, of hunger, of primitive hospitals in which to recover from wounds and disease, of out-dated rifles, of lack of ammunition, and lack of artillery support in battle. In battle, in most formal histories, what the private did is almost non-existent.

The individual military record of nearly every Confederate soldier has been collected and preserved on microfilm in the U.S. National Archives in Washington, D.C. Some of the Southern States have a copy of the Military records of soldiers from their state. Further research indicated that I needed 100 reels of film at \$20.00 each to obtain the records of the 1600 soldiers from Lafayette County. The records were photographed by name alphabetically by regiments of 1000 soldiers. This meant researching 12,000 names and records to obtain the needed records of 1600 men from Lafayette County. It has taken me a year to write the histories of 800 of these soldiers.

Never before has research been so exciting and satisfying to me. This experience has permitted me to imagine that I was standing in the dusty shoes of my Grandfather as he rested beside the road with others in his company during the coming of dawn on Friday May 1, 1863. They were forming part of the battle line at Chancellorsville. His dirty gray uniform had been worn for two years. It was snagged in the legs where briars and bushes had caught the homespun threads. Strapped on his back was a haversack with his blanket, his oil cloth and

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ammunition in it. A small canvas knapsack was hung over one shoulder. In it were some parched corn and a piece of corn pone bread. He wore no socks but he did have on his long drawers and shirt. A light weight cap covered his head. His rifle, loaded and ready was in his hands. Close by were 90 other soldiers, everyone he had known since boyhood, some related to him. You see, his entire company was recruited right in his home neighborhood. As men were lost in battle replacements were recruited in the same neighborhood as the original company. Never in the history of the world has there been an army of this size where the men were selected in this unique way. On that morning many of the men resting carried the scars of furious fights at Williamsburg, at Gaines Farm, at Sharpsburg and at White Oak Swamp as they waited for yet another test of their courage.

Now these military records of each Confederate soldier can be the source of much more history about them and their genealogy. The records on each soldier vary widely as expected from just one record with the name, rank and unit in which he served to as many as forty or fifty records. Generally the records will show: his name, rank, military unit, his age, when and where he enrolled in the State Militia, when and where he enlisted in the Confederate Army, when he was paid and by whom, when he was present, if he was wounded, when he was wounded and what hospital he was in, where and for what cause he was sick or wounded, or had deserted, when captured, where in prison, when exchanged, etc.

Confederate soldiers who died or were captured or deserted were always described physically like five feet eight inches tall, blue eyes, sandy hair, light complexion, etc. If the soldier died of disease or was killed in battle or died of wounds, his survivors back home entered a claim in probate court for his unpaid salary and personal effects left by him. So you can see who his mother, or father or wife was.

The same kind of records exist for Union soldiers and whoever your Civil War relative might be, there is this source of factual information available.

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COFFEY v. COMMONWEALTH

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Using **Tim Peterman's list** of Federal Court cases, listed in the March and September issues of **C.C.C. 1989**, I went to the Missouri Supreme Court library and looked for some of the cases listed. **It really** wasn't hard to do. I did not get the complete court case, only the synopsis, but the **following** is one that was **i nteresting**. Hope you think **so** too.

Coffey v. Commonwealth.

(Court of Appeals of Kentucky. Nov 17, 1896.)

Rewards - - Arrest of Fugitive from Justice - -
Right of Claimant.

Plaintiff delivered over to the sheriff of the proper county a fugitive from justice, for whose apprehension and delivery a reward had been offered on that same day by the **governor**, in accordance with the provisions of St. sec. **1932**. He then applied to the **circuit** court for approval and certification of the officer's receipt for the prisoner, as required **by** St. sec. 344, providing that such rewards should be paid only on the officer's receipt, approved and certified **by** the circuit court. **Held** that the fact that the **plaintiff** had apprehended the fugitive the day before the reward was offered did not bar his right to the reward.

Appeal from circuit court, Hart county.
"Not to be **officially** reported."

Application by J. S. Coffey for the reward offered by the governor for the apprehension and delivery of a fugitive from justice. From an order of the circuit court denying the application, the applicant appeals. Reversed.

Wilson & Towles, for appellant. W. S. Taylor, for the Commonwealth.

Levis, J. The reward which the governor **may offer for the apprehension and delivery into** the custody of the proper officer "of a fugitive **from** the justice of this **commonwealth**" can, as provided by section 344, St. KY., be paid **only** upon production of the officer's **receipt**, approved and certified by the **circuit** court of the county of his residence. Accordingly,

J. S. **Coffey**, **having** and producing a receipt showing that one Samuel **Hatcher** was, February 7th, delivered to and received in custody by the jailor of Hart county, moved the Hart circuit court for the allowance of \$150, offered in a proclamation of the governor issued **on the same** day. **But** that motion was overruled, upon the grounds stated in the order, that "said Coffey **had** said Hatcher in custody **when** the reward was offered." Though the **motin** made was for allowance of the sum mentioned, instead **of an order of court, in-language of the** statute, approving and certifying the officer's receipt, it is **practically** the same; and if the motion had been **sustained**, appellant would have been entitled to payment. And as the motion involved the question of his right to the money, which the **circuit** court had jurisdiction to **determine**, there can be no question of the order **overruling** it **being** subject to revision by this court. It **satisfactorily** appears that though the fugitive from **justice** was actually apprehended by appellant November 6th, one day before, he was not delivered **i**nto custody of the jailor of Hart county (the proper officer to receive him) until late in the evening of November 7th, and after the governor's reward had been offered. The mere apprehension of a fugitive from justice neither subserves the propose of the law, nor **entitles** the person making it to any reward, but there must be **delivery of him** into the custody of the proper officer. And as that was done after the proclamation was published, and while it was outstanding and binding on the commonwealth, we do not see why appellant is not entitled to the reward; for there does not appear to have been on his part any **collusion** or bad faith. **On** the contrary, he **states** he was **induced** to apprehend **him in** another county than Hart, and deliver him to the jailor, upon **information** of the county judge that he had, as provided in such cases by section **1932**, filed a petition with the governor to issue his proclamation offering the reward. The order overruling appellant's motion is therefore reversed, and case remanded, for proceedings consistent **with** this opinion.



from Mrs. George C. (Margaret) Lau

Husband: John McClain

parents: Andrew **McClain**born. Feb. **26, 1776** at **Charleston, S.C.**married: Apr. **17, 1800** at **Knoxville, TN.**died: **1844** at Pike Co., **IL.**

Wife: Mary Coffey

parents: Chesley Coffey Jr

born: May **5, 1779** at died: **Pike Co. IL****Margaret Baldwin**died: **Pike Co., IL.**

children:

1. Joseph b. **Aug. 2, 1801**, d. Apr. 27, **1833** KY, m. Susannah Hort, Oct. **11, 1827**
2. **Isaac** b. May **16, 1803** Adair Co. **KY**, d. Aug. 20, **1861** Perry, **McLennan** Co. TX.
m. 1st. Catherine **Stapp, Oct 6, 1824**, Adair Co. KY m. 2nd. Eliza E. **Agars**
3. Robert M b. Oct. 26, **1805**, Adair Co. KY d. **Aug. 5, 1889**, Moody, McLennan Co. **TX**
m. Judith K. Hoyden Dec. **24, 1833** KY. n. 2nd Nancy Ward Noel, **April 23 1840** KY
4. John Jr. b. Oct. 22 1805 KY, d. July 14, **1898** **Pike Co. IL**
5. Margaret Ann b. Dec. 20, 1809, d. **MO**
6. Mary b. March 20 **1811** m. Levis **Hatch** Dec. 26, **1837** Pike Co. **IL**
7. Melissa Felicia b. March **20, 1811** m. Robt. Medaris **Dec 23, 1834**
8. Daniel Clark b. Feb. 15, 1813, d. 1891 m. Eliza **Hinman**, Dec. 24, 1838, **Pike Co. IL**
9. Sarah b. June 23, **1815** n. Astral **Hindman** Dec 23, 1838, **IL**
- 10 James b. Nov. 18 1818 d. **Pike Co. IL**, m. in Pike Co **IL**
- 11 Chesley b. Feb. **18 1821**, d. Pike Co. **IL** M. Honey A. **Browning**, Sep. **10, 1846** Pike Co. **IL**
- 12 Edwin W. b. Jon. 4, **1824** KY, d. **1891** **McLennan** Co. TX, m. Marian _____, ca. **1847, IL**

- They lived in KY until **1838**, when **they** moved to Pike Co., **IL**. He died in **1844**. and Mary died soon after.

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