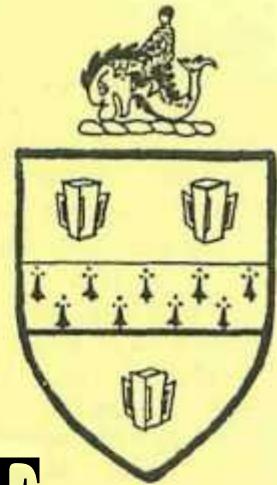


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Dear Cousins, I was having trouble trying to convey how I felt about the most recent convention when I accidentally ran across Len's letter for C.C.C. in June 1987. I couldn't possibly improve on what he said then and it still holds true. Let me quote part of his letter.



"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."

The cousins voted to enclose an inquiry for lineage information. Please be patient with our questions. Many of you have just given me this same information and maybe it has been very recent - but - if we get it in all the same format. It will be easier to keep in order. We appreciate your help in this endeavor.

Your Cousin.



WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

AND THEIR ANCESTORS

Robert A. Coffey Box 235, Jonesville, VA 24263 Edward thru Benjamin
Myrtle Conyers 4231 Lowell St. #13, LaMesa. CA 91941
Reams Goodloe 767 Timothy St. Ormond Beach. FL 32174 Jesse b,1792

MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Robert A. Coffey descends from 1) Edward, 2) John. 3) Benjamin, 4) John. 5) John Jackson, 6) Colby, 7) James Orlando, 8) George Emmett. We will be expecting to hear more of Roberts line. Benny Loftin will appreciate hearing from you as she is always trying to collect more information from the Benjamin Coffey descendants for her next book.

Reams Goodloe is the great, great, grandson of Jesse Coffee b. 1792 and d. 1835. He would like to hear from others researching this line.

NEW ADDRESS

John M. Coffee. #369, P.O. Box 5000, Solana Beach, CA 92075
Tom Wibbs, 1 Norfield Cres., Etobicoke. ONT.. M9W 1X5



CONVENTION REPORT 1991

The 1991 convention began with lots of enthusiasm and much **anticipation**. Returning to Boone, NC brought back lots of memories of the first meeting. We could hardly **wait** to see our old friends again. Some have attended all or nearly **all** of the **conventions**——Betty Coffey, Tom and **Lillian** Neighbors, **Willard** Israel, **Elvin** and **Lillian Harrell** and **Bill** and Virginia Coffey. Then as we **usually** do, we had the thrill of meeting several new cousins. Laurel Coffey Littleton, daughter of Betty Coffey was **with** us for the first **time**. Senator David Coffey was able to be with us this year and George **Robbins** who **is** leading a family group in restoring a very old Coffey homestead on the Yadkin **river**, to mention a few. George was **selling beautifully** printed and matted Coffey family crest to raise money for **this** project. Marcus Coffey brought **Zelma**, his bride of a **couple of weeks**, to **introduce** to us. There were a number of cousins who wrote that they could not attend as other things took precedence. We understand and look forward to seeing you next year.

The cousins were very generous in sharing their books, research and helping each other. Mostly we caught up on visiting. The copy machine was kept pretty busy. We received a copy of "**DESCENDANTS OF SALATHIAL COFFEY**" by Mickey **Dungan**, from **Virgil** Coffey. **Virgil** has always been very generous in sharing his research. Jack Coffee also had copies of "**Descendants of Lilburn Coffee 1824-??**" that he shared. There was also material on "Bashaba Coffey Jones". **Katherine** Johnson had a lot of **well** documented material on the Hayes and Rucker **families** that are so **inter** married into the Coffeys for several generations. She **generously** shared her research with many of us who descend from these lines. The pace was often fast and furious. As you **will** see the pool party on Friday evening made a great mixer and Betty did a great **Job** on the hugh trays of food. I gained 10 lbs at least.

Again, Betty Coffey **did** a bang-up **Job** on the banquet. We had mountain laurel gracing the head table and she even created a special COFFEE/Y CAKE Just for us for desert. Jeff Coffey appeared **in his kilt**, complete **with all** the **trappings**. **With his** great height, he made a striking figure. (We're **still** waiting to hear the bag pipes. I bet he can do it too.) After dinner, President Ed Coffee called the meeting to order. Betty Coffey read the minutes from last year. A **place** to meet next year was our **first** topic of discussion. We had an offer from Gene Brewington to come to Oklahoma **City**. He had **it** well organized and we hope he takes rain checks. There was also an offer from Jack and **Nelda** Coffee to go to Baton Rouge, LA. Joseph **Culley** said that he would help Betty Coffey **with** a convention in South Carolina **if** we chose to go there. **But**——no one could resist the offer by Jeff and Kitty Coffey to go to San Antonio, Texas for 1992 after he proposed a dinner **trip** on a river barge. Nearly **all** were in favor of going to Texas so get out your sombrero and mark the calendar. **We'll follow** some of our early ancestors, and take a wagon ride to Texas where the **long** horns grow.

President Ed Coffee then called on me, Bonnie Culley to discuss any problems I have **with** the newsletter. It seems that the most pressing problem at the moment **is** with the way we list who you descend from. It was decided that we would put a chart to be returned by mail in this issue. We hope to be able to sort and print a better **list** by December. Next on the **list** of things that need done **is** an Index. I didn't get very far on **it** last year. Jack Coffee volunteered to help.

Ed ask how I was doing **with** the postage **increase**. So far it's OK. **We'll** see. I am making copies of the back **issues** so they don't **have** the photo copied **all** of the **time**. (Time consuming, and not very **high** quality) **This is** going to be an expensive procedure but worth **it** in the long run. So back **issues will** help support the future mailing **cost**.

The meeting was closed **until** next year.

Cousins registered for 1991: **Bill & Kathryn Johnson, Betty Coffey, Jeff & Kittl Coffey, Bill & Virginia Coffey, Edith C. Foley, Anne C. Brooks, Marie C. Ryals, Willard Israel, Wanda Coffey, Jack & Nelda Coffee, Tom & Lillian Neighbors, George Robbins, Virgil 8. Iva Coffee, Jack O. Williams, Cecil Coffey, Carl Coffey, Mabel McLean, Lewis & Kerry Hale, Laurel Coffey Littleton, Janet Littleton, Elvin & Lillian Harrell, Donald 8. Eula Coffey, Kathryn 8. Sarah Craighead, Joe, Kathy & Sean Culley, Ellen 8. Bob Wagner, David Coffey, Carolyn & Wallace Coffey, Ed & Phyllis Coffee, Thurman & Ruth Lanning, Mabel Buckley, Catherine Jeunnette, Marcus & Zetma Coffee, Jim 8. Bonnie Culley.**

We want to thank Betty Coffey for sending copies of her **pictures** as our pictures **did** not come out. **The** man at the photography shop in Boone put new batteries and the **film** in the camera for **Jim**, but **must** have done **it** wrong as the **film** was not exposed.



DEAD_END_ROADS

Melba McCaskill wishes to change her ancestor listing to Nathan Coffee, b. 1760. Wilkes Co.. NC - d. 1823, Jackson Co. Alabama. He married Mary Saunders in 1785. Melba is presently listed as a descendant of Joel Coffee (and she is); but she is among the growing number of people who think Joel and Nathan were brothers and sons of Chesley Coffey.



Melba hopes to generate some comments from those like herself who can prove their ancestors, as well as those who believe they are descended from both of these men. through the marriages of their children. This is a great challenge!! Does anyone have anything to either prove or disprove Melba's theory?

Ronald Westlake is searching for information on Geneva and Nora Coffee. (Coffee may be spelled differently.) Geneva married Benjamin Franklin Parker b.12-22-1881. Nora's first husband was a Mr. Walker. After his death, she married John Henry Crafford b.3-21-1865. Both husbands were probably from Tennessee and settled near Beinkley and Cotton Plant. Arkansas. Ronald's address is P.O. Box 546. Bristol. IN 46507 and phone (219) 848-4089.

Boyce Coffey says that his grandmother was Elizabeth Frances (Tiller) Coffey b, 4 Feb. 1857, Russell Co. (Jamestown) KY. d. 15 Jan. 1942, Hamburg. IA.. and married 1 Feb. 1874 in Jamestown KY to Oliver H. Coffey. She was the daughter of Edward N. and Emily (Lair) Tiller. The Tillers reportedly lived in Jamestown. Russell Co. KY. If any cousins are doing research in that area have encountered Tiller information or connections, Boyce would appreciate hearing from them. His address is 600 Bellvie Ave.. Lander, WY 82520.

CLEVELAND-GILLASPY - Elizabeth Cleveland b. 6 June 1742. Orange County, VA, was the daughter of John Cleveland 8. Elizabeth Coffey and also sister to Col. Benj. Cleveland, hero of Kings Mountain Battle, Revolutionary War. She died 17 Apr 1826, Madison County, KY and is buried there. She married David Gillaspy, date unknown, probably in Orange County, VA. David Gillaspy was b. 1748-9, d. 24 Mar 1813, Madison County, KY, and was buried there. Known residence is Orange County. VA. Albermarle County, VA and Madison County, KY. Questions are* 1) Where were they married and when? 2) Who were David Gillaspy's parents, brothers, and sisters? He first officially shows up in 1787 Personal Property Tax List #b of Orange Co. VA although the minutes of Orange Co. record him earlier. He must have participated in the Revolutionary War as he was the brother-in-law of Col. Benj. Cleveland, as customary of the times, all relatives were part of a commander's regiment. I have a document from North Carolina stating one David Galasple being paid for services during Rev. War. There are many "Gillaspyes" with that surname spelling residing in Orange 8. Albermarle Co's the same time as David which he cannot connect to this "David G.". Of interest, is that Elizabeth is some 6-7 years older than her husband, David. Elizabeth's birth date is proven. David's is from his headstone which reads, "David Gillaspy, d. 24 Mar 1813, 64 yrs. of age." Can any "Coffey Cousin" help P. H. Gil laspy? His address is 727 Yerba Buena, Stockton, CA 95210.

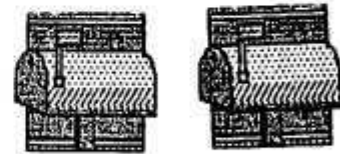
Jeanette Lewis is looking for her great grandmother's parents. Her name is Frances Cordella Heart(Hart) Clementine Coffee, born Aug. 5 or 9, 1856 in Lexington. KY. She married William Kurtls Elmore in KY. Jeanette saw C.C.C. listed in the March/April issue of the GENEALOGY HELPER. Her address is Route 2, Box 820. Ponca City. OK 74604. We hope someone has the information that she needs.

Dorothy Johns writes that she would like to hear from someone who is working on the Benjamin Coffey line and is interested in his son George Coffee who married Margaret Rucker. Dorothy is the great, great granddaughter of George 8. Margaret (Rucker) Coffee's daughter Matilda. Matilda married Tandy Witcher Dalton and lived near Thornhill, TN. Dorothy's address is 2515 S. Baker Street B. Santa Ana. CA 92707.

Phillip Coffey, a friend of Andre Cuffez, wrote us for assistance. He has sent us a biography of his great grandfather James Coffey. Although James Coffey went to Australia, one of his sons William Henry (Harry) Coffey is thought to have gone to the States. If any of the Cousins are aware of this Coffey or any of his descendants, Phillip would appreciate hearing from you. His address is 19 Clos des Pas, Green Street. St. Heller, Jersey JE2 4UG.

(Excerpts from the biography) James Coffey was born in Ireland the son of a farmer, Patrick and Jane (Reddin) Coffey. Date of birth is about 1842. In 1871 James Coffey was living at 28 Bertha St. Birkenhead, Cheshire, England with his wife Mary Ellen (nee Young, b. Liverpool abt. 1850) and son, William Henry, 4 months. Also at the same address is James' mother Jane Rogers (presumably widowed and remarried) and her children Richard (10), Jane (9), and Mary (6) Rogers. James Coffey emigrated to Australia, leaving behind his family in 1880. He had another son Clifford in 1890 and married Cliffords mother Louise Lovett in 1898. James died in 1943 in Victoria Australia and is buried in Brighton General Cemetery.

William Henry Coffey, oldest son of James Coffey was born Nov. 24, 1870 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England. Letters between James and his son James, written 1907, say that brother William Henry and his family are in America but they don't have an address yet.



THE MAILBOX

Nillah O'Neill writes that she has been donating her subscriptions to the South Carolina Genealogical Society Library. Thanks Nillah, your generosity is appreciated.

Wayne Trout wrote that he has been battling cancer. He had just gotten out of the hospital in April when he wrote. We hope that he is doing better now.

Frances Parkinson is a new grandparent, Steven Bovte Smith, born 15 Feb 1991. We look forward with great anticipation for the genealogy material that Frances shared with Darlene Wade and is going to share with us.

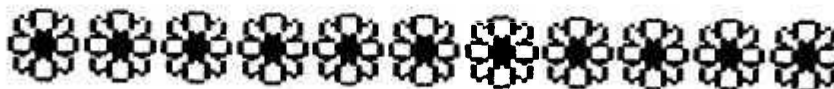
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Mail Box **continued:**

Wanlta Bailey's sister **is** seriously ill. We hope she **is** doing better.

Fran and Bess Coffey were unable to attend the convention as Fran had quadruple by-pass heart **surgery**. He **said** that he **is** doing well and hopes to be well enough to attend their granddaughter's graduation from Ellsworth, **Maine. High School**. We all hope **this** finds Fran **in** the peak of health.

Fran has become the owner of an OFFICIAL **GUIDE** OF U.S. RAILWAYS for the year 1916. It lists Coffeys, North Carolina, not far from Boone. It was on the Carolina and North-Western Railway that ran from Chester, South Carolina, to **Edgemont**, North Carolina. Coffeys **is** **listed** as being eight **miles** beyond Lenoir and two **miles** before **Collettsville**, which **is** west of Lenoir. There was also a **Coffeyton, Missouri**, on the Frisco Lines seventy-seven miles southwest of St. Louis. There **is** a Coffey in northwest Missouri. I was aware of Coffey but not Coffeyton.

Cousin of the Month

We can't thank **Bernle and Millie Coffey** enough for their article in the DALLAS NEWS telling of our convention and the newsletter. We have received a number of letters generated by this **listing** in Margaret Ann Thetford's FAMILY TREE. We hope some of these **Coffee/y's** make **it** to the reunion in San Antonio next year. Bernle has stirred up **all** the Texas Coffeys. Thanks Bernle

COFFEE/Y BOOKS

(Books that I have)

James **B. Coffey**. Vol. 11: **Ancestors**. by Marvin D. Coffey
Lizzie's **Legacy** & Our Coffey **Cousins**. by Bennie **Loftin**
The **Coffeys** of Wayne **County**. by Jacqueline Coffey Sexton
Thomas Coffey & His **Descendants**. by Laurence H. Coffey, 1931
Hugh Coffey 8. **His Descendants**. by Gene Brewlnton
The Coffey Clan from 1690. by Frank R. Moore
The Coffey **Familv** Tree by Tom **Coffey** 1949
Lewis M. Coffey and His Pioneer Family by **Leonald** Coffey
Descendants of flalathlel Coffey by Mickey Dungan

(Books that I don't have)

Journey of a Journey by **Walker** J. Coffey
Edmund A. Coffey and Some of **His** Descendants Gene Brewlnton
A Branch of The Coffey Tree by **Paul** L. Crane
Coffey Genealogy 3 1988 by Andre' **Cuffez**, Belgium
Peter Coffey 8. **His** Descendants by Gene Brewlnton
(unpublished)The Coffey **Familv** of **Clinton** Co. PA Wm. Coffey **Sr.**
(unpublished)The Cheslev Coffey Family Timothy **Peterman** 1981
Descendants of Salathiel Coffey by W.T. 8. **Pearl** Dungan
 printed by Gene Brewlnton

CURRENTS_IN_THE_STREAM

Melba McCaskill wrote to express her appreciation for the "Wild Goods" article by Frank Crosswhite. She says "It is one of the most interesting and informative items I have seen in CCC. He seems so knowledgeable that I hope he has other offerings in the future". (So do we Melba). She goes on to comment on the article in December 1990 on page 8, Documents Galore column. "This article concerns the movie "The Outlaw Josie Wales". If our cousins are not aware of the author of the book from which it is taken, they should know that it was Forrest Carter. Mr. Carter is no longer living, but he wrote two other books of which I am aware: "The Education of Little Tree", a most poignant story of a little boy growing up with his Indian grandparents and the values they taught him. It is highly autobiographical. The other book was about Geronimo, and is equally suggestive of the Indian's efforts to come to terms with the white man. Both are deeply moving and good reading."

Kathryn Johnson sends us interesting information that there is a new book "Heritage of Wilkes County, North Carolina, 1990". It has several interesting articles on the Duling/Dula families (sons of Ann Powell/Coffey/Duling. She also pointed out that Annister Coffey (daughter of Edward Coffey and Ann Powell) had been taken to court for having a child out of wedlock (the mysterious James Coffey). Could this be a clue to a James Coffey moving suddenly? Anyone working on the Hayes lines should write to Kathryn. She had a great amount of documentation on the Hayes and yours might help her piece it all together or the other way around.

Marie Easton wrote to say that she is not doing much research only answering a queries, when she is sure of the answers. She has the answers on the two Fieldings as she did a lot of digging on them from Neb. 1757. She says that "old Neb. 1757 is also listed as Nebu, Zarra, and Red. It was probably because they couldn't spell his name." Her address is 2711 Rustic Lane, Glendale, CA 91208,

Connie Platt has copied the Russell County KY marriage certificates (actually the minister and JP returns) from the "Kentucky Ancestors" quarterly. Connie says that she would check them for others for a SASE. It has a 16 page Index so you know how big it must be. Connie has to be commended for so much work.

Albert 8. Reva Raby wrote to say that Reva Marie descends from her father 1) James Nelson Coffey, (1906-1983), 2) William Lemmie Coffey, (1872-1932), 3) John "Stumpy" Coffey. (1845-1929), 4) John Jackson Coffey, (1812-1877), 5) John Coffey. (1776-1845). 6) Benjamin Coffey, (1747-1834). 7) John Coffey and 8) Edward Coffey.

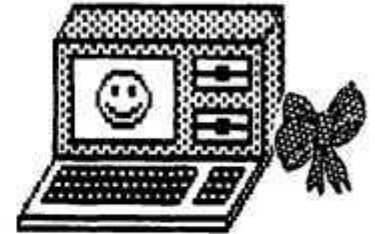
Myra Terrell say the article about our convention in the DALLAS MORNING NEWS, "Family Tree". She says that her cousin Patsy Hyatt Smart has provided the research for her family. Her g,g,g,grandmother is Elizabeth (Betsy) Coffee, (b. Aug. 5, 1788, d. May 10, 1852), dau. of Thomas Graves and Mary (Knight) Coffee, son of Joshua Coffee, son of Peter Coffee who died in Prince Edward Co. VA ca 1771. We hope to hear more from Myra (Mrs. William) Terrell, Route 2 Box 65, Greenville, TX 75401.

Jon Czarowitz wrote that he had just received his back issues of C.C.C. and the book "Descendants of Salathiel Coffey" by W.T. and Pearl Dungan. He says that the book answers many questions he had about Polly Ann Coffey and family, - BUT - a photostat of a Coffey Bible Record from the DAR seems to raise questions on some of the information in the book. He says, also the information on Chesley Coffey in CCC 1988 does not all match either one of the other records. Jon descends from Mary Willey (McKlnney) Czarowitz (1813), dau. of Willey Benton and Lula Ann (Klepper) McKlnney (1870), son of Rev. John Meyers and Mary A. (Polly Ann Coffey) McKlnney (1840), dau. of Salathiel and Nancy (Dunbar) Coffey (1812), son of Ell Coffey and Mary (Polly) Coffey (1775). Jon would appreciate hearing from anyone who descends from the Salathiel Coffey (1812) line or can provide information on this line. His address is 4102 Chestnut, Temple TX 76502.



Sherrie S. McLeRoy also read of us in the Dallas Morning News. She is writing a book about Sophia Porter of Grayson County, Texas, who died in 1897: Sophie's second husband was Indian trader Holland Coffee, son of

Ambrose Coffee, and born in McMinnville, Tennessee in 1807. She has quite a bit of information about the family but, nonetheless, would be interested in corresponding with anyone who might have other material on them. Holland's siblings with whom she has been most concerned were America Coffee Lusk (Mrs. Sam), Thomas Jefferson Coffee, George Washington Coffee, and Elizabeth Coffee Jewell (Mrs. George). She says that she would be happy to share the information she has accumulated through her research. Her address is 111 W. Belden, Sherman, TX 75090. Phone (903)892-9692.



Jane (Coffey) Prulitt says she was glad when she read in the Dallas News that C.C.C. still exist. The last issue she had was Dec, 1986. She says that she needs help with her Coffey line. Her father was Robert B. Coffey, born Aug 1, 1886, in Smith Co. TN. His father was Wesley C. Coffey. Anyone who can help Jane, please write her at P.O. Box 393, Hillsboro, TX 76645

Barbara Cole Douglas read about C.C.C. in the Dallas Morning News also. She says that "Although I'm not researching the Coffey line, I do have bits & pieces on the Coffey family. My g.g.grandmother's sister, Fannie Woodward Summers, married Henry Coffey (b. 1852, d. 1900), Henry had a nephew, John S. Coffey (b. 1881, d. 1952), who married Vivian Henrietta Summers. Both of these families settled in Sulphur Springs, TX." Barbara says that she would like to share this information with anyone who might be interested. We thank Barbara for her offer and hope someone takes her up on it. or that she will share it with us at C.C.C. for later publication. Her address is 1002 Webb, Henderson, TX 75652.

Greg Boswell read of us in ANSEARCHIN. He has the Family Bible of Clayborne Mayes Coffee, b. 22 Jun 1820 Madison Co. AL 8, wife Cornelia E. Green, b. 25 May 1822. He says that he will share the information with us. We hope he will let us publish it in a future issue to get the information in print.

FAMILY REUNIONS OR GATHERINGS

SALATHIAL COFFEY DESCENDANTS REUNION

Jon P. Czarowitz wishes to announce the SALATHIAL COFFEE DESCENDANTS REUNION at McKlnney, TX of Sunday, June 23 1991. It will be held in the McKlnney Community Center. "Pot Luck" dinner and lots of visiting. Starts at 11:00 A.M. Jon says that McKlnney is north east of Dallas on Hwy 75, Interstate 45. They would welcome any descendants if they get the word in time to come, Jon's address is 49102 Chestnut, Temple TX 76502, if you have any more questions.

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DOCUMENTS_GALORECOFFEY OBITUARIES

Connie Platt says that she has obituaries of Nathan Jackson and Mary Nancy (Carter) Coffey to share with us. There is information about Nathan's parents Eli and Polly, and the church of that time in KY. She believes that the missing word is "sin", as it seems logical. Nathan's age is also wrong; he would have been 82, but she copied it as it was in the newspaper. She says that she would like to see obits or county history articles for the other children of Eli and Polly Coffey.

NATHAN JACKSON COFFEY

Died at his home in Tice, Menard County, Illinois, Rev, N.J. Coffey, August 16, 1899.

He was the son of Eli and Mary Coffey and was one of twelve children. His father and mother came from North Carolina to the territory that now constitutes the state of Kentucky.

N.J. Coffey was born in Russell County KY, Jan. 30, 1817 and was 92 years, 6 months and 16 days old when he died. Married to Nancy Carter of Tennessee in 1841 and lived happy here with her for 50 years and 6 months when she died and preceded him to the home above. To them was born twelve children, five of whom have some time since gone on to the great beyond. Seven are living and were at his funeral; Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, H.T. Coffey, James H. Coffey, Mrs. Lu Key, Miss Leander Coffey, Mrs. Martha Hinman, Nathan Coffey. Grandchildren, 27, of whom 23 are living. Great grandchildren, 15, all of whom are living.

Eli Coffey, the father of Rev. N.J. Coffey died July 18, 1833 and at his funeral service, eight of his children were convicted of ~~sin~~. This funeral service was followed by a series of prayer meetings in which they were all converted and many others. Among them was the subject, N.J. Coffey. In 1837 he was ordained to the work of the sacred ministry. He began his work as an evangelist and continued in that work for a number of years and was the means of leading hundreds, perhaps thousands to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. His ministry commenced at an eventful time, when God was leading the great host of the Baptist people. (contd. next page)

Modern foreign missions had its origin among them and there existed among them people that believed that God would save sinners on absolute principle without means and some of them without the consent of the will of the saved. These were all opposed to the foreign missionary cause. Hence a bitter strife commenced in about 1826 and culminated in about 1842 in a division of the denomination. According to Baptist church policy in a division of the church the majority held the church property. It was under these circumstances that Elder N.J. Coffey was appointed in Kentucky to take the field as an evangelist, to hold revival meetings and collect funds for foreign missions in India. The writer has heard him more than once tell of his missionary labors in the state of Kentucky, and it did seem that the Lord did wonderfully bless the efforts of the missionary everywhere after the division above referred to.

He came to Illinois in 1850 and united with the Baptist church at Richland in Sangamon County and became their pastor, and through his labors the church was built up from a small struggling church to a large working church. He moved into Menard County in 1869. His labors in the ministry in the Central Illinois Association are too well known, especially among Baptist, for me to speak in detail in reference to them, but to my own knowledge hundreds professed faith in Christ at meetings held by him.

His funeral sermon was preached by the writer from Acts 11:23: "For he was a good man full of the Holy Ghost and faith and much people was added unto the Lord," at the close of which we sang the beautiful hymn, "Asleep in Jesus". Thus close the life of a good man.

H.P. Curry

NANCY CARTER COFFEY

Mrs. Nancy Coffey wife of Rev. N.J. Coffey, died at her home in Tice, Illinois. Feb 16, 1892.

Nancy Carter was born in Tennessee. October 18, 1818, and was married to N.J. Coffey November 17, 1841. She professed religion when very young and joined the M.E. church. In 1842 they removed to Kentucky, where she united with the Baptist church, of which she continued a consistent member to her death. She was faithful in all departments of life and loved by all who knew her. She had many cares and privations, as did the wives of all pioneer ministers. They moved to Illinois in 1850. She was the mother of twelve children, five of whom preceded her across the river of Death.

Funeral services were held at the family residence on Thursday conducted by her pastor, Elder H.P. Curry, after which the remains were taken to the cemetery near Sweetwater for burial. The aged husband and the family have the prayers and sympathy of a large circle of friends throughout the Central Illinois Association.



WILLIAM & ANNA (BOONE) COFFEY

Mary Throneburg has **submitted** an excerpt from the book Descendants at Israel Boone by Alice H. Boone, 1969. It **will** be of **interest** to anyone recording **this line** to make note of her research. Mary **is** the great-great-granddaughter of **William** and Anna (Boone) Coffey.

Jesse and Sarah (McMahan) Boone (son of Israel Boone)

1. Jonathan Boone, b. abt 1775 (census record, Osage Co. MO)
2. Daniel Boone, b. 1776-7.
3. Israel **Boone**, b. 7 Feb. 1780.
4. Sarah **Boone**, m. Jonathan Wilson.
5. Hannah **Boone**, b. abt. **1783**.
6. Anna Boone, b. 26 July 1785, m. **William** Coffey.
7. **Celia** Boone, b. 1790.
8. Rachel Boone, b. early **1790's**.

***(Note--** In two or three published books, as **well** as in some Genealogy Libraries, Anna Boone, who married **William** Coffey, **is** given as a sister of Jesse Boone. Not **only** was she his daughter, but she was the sixth of his eight children. Jesse was born in **1748**, and Anna in **1785**, **37** years difference in their ages.

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Dear Cousins,

SAN ANTONIO CALLS YOU **mark** your calendar now to be in San Antonio, Texas May **1,2,3**, 1992 for the Annual COFFEY/COFFEE COUSINS GATHERING. I am making some **plans** for events only San Antonio can offer!!!

Included in the **plans** are a sight-seeing tour JUST FOR YOU on Friday May 1. Friday evening - a unique experience of dinner on a boat as we traverse the famous San Antonio River Walk Area. SO - **plan** NOW to be here for the BIG doings on **Friday**. Saturday we **will** have our **traditional** luncheon and exchange of **info**, stories, **etc**. The number of people who can be accommodated on the tour and the dinner on the river **will** be **limited** - so. the **first** who get their names along **with** their money to me **will** get first **claim** on the space **available**. I **will** try to have the details to you in the next letter for a start **PLAN** NOW - SAN ANTONIO- 1992.

If you have special requests, let me know and I **will** try to do something additional Sunday afternoon, Monday, or later - or earlier than Friday **if** you can come!!!!



Tie a bow on your finger.

Cousin Jeff Coffey