

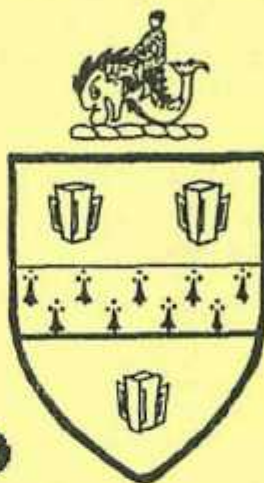
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Dear Cousins,



Jim and I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it to San Antonio in May. Jeff Coffey says that you really **need** to get your reservations made **before** they release the block of rooms that they are holding for us. Jeff has a lot planned for us to do and see.

He is **going** all out to show us a good time while we are there. Also for those who might be **interested** in going to Ireland in 1993, Pat McFall will present a seminar on Traveling and Research in Ireland. I plan to go in June of 1993 and hope some of you can go with me. She will only take 20 in a group. Wouldn't it be great to have all Coffeys? Then we could request what we would most like to see. If you are interested out will not be at the May convention, please let me know.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who have purchased gift subscriptions for others. It will help raise the membership number and it is also very flattering that you enjoy CCC enough to give it to someone else.

Thanks again.
Your cousin. Bonnie



NEW ADDRESS

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MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Glenna Moore, (Mrs. W. A.) **is** the daughter of J. Askew **Coffey** and descends from Hugh Coffey. J. Askew says that he and Glenna are planning to see us in San Antonio.

Joseph and Shawna James have been researching Shawna's mother's **lineage** which **is** a Coffey line. Hope they **tell** us more later.

Charles Coffey **is** another cousin we received due to the good publicity that Jeff Coffey gives us. He lives in San Antonio, Texas and says that he **hasn't** done much **family** research but his aunt Evelyn Faber of 10 Ohio Ave., Jackson. OH. 45640 **is** their **family** genealogist. We hope to hear from Evelyn as to their family roots.

William D. Coffey came to us by way of Anna Cassel and the Prodigy bulletin board. He has traced his ancestors to his great-grandfather Jeremiah Coffey (1827-1879) and Jeremiah's wife Johanna **Giltinan** (1832-1892). They came from Ireland in **approximately** 1848 and settled in Albion, NY, according to Johanna's death record. They had eleven **children**. of whom only **six** lived to marry and carry on the line. William also has records of Michael Coffey (1834-1905) who he is convinced is the brother of Jeremiah. Michael also **immigrated** to Albion, NY, in about 1865. Michael married Elizabeth **Gormley** in Albion and they had two children. William has another Michael Coffey (1804-1873) who married **Elizabeth Tobin** (1818-1875). They settled in Troy NY in the early **1840's** and had three children before **moving** to Albion NY about 1849-50. They then had three more children. William believes this Michael was probably an uncle of his great-grandfather Jeremiah. **if** anyone has information on this family line or the two **Michae**l Coffey lines, please contact William Coffey at the address in the New Cousins section.

Meg and Thomas Nixon found us through my son Joe (James) and the bulletin board on Prodigy. Thomas' mother is 1) **Elizabeth** Louise Coffey Nixon, the daughter of 2) Madison **Champness** Coffey b. **Asley**, IL. His father was 3) **William** Coffee (1835-1913) from Morgan Co. KY. **William** married Elizabeth **Ball**. He was the son of 4) Mason W. and Martha Ferguson Coffey. Mason (1811-) was the son of **William** (1785 -) and Elizabeth **Coffee**, of Morgan Co. KY. Meg wrote from her office and did not have the dates available, but if the above names are familiar **to** any of you researchers, Meg would appreciate hearing from you. Her address is in the new members **list**.

Margie Coffey is researching the Chesley and Jane (Cleveland) Coffey line. She descends through Nebuzarden and Elizabeth (Hays) **Coffey**, next. Ananais and Jane (Hindman) Coffey. She then lists Zldner and Marganna (Keltner) Coffey. She would **like** to correspond with others working on this line. Her address **is** in the new cousins **list**. Margie **is also** working on other Coffey lines in Adair County, KY. She says that there are four family **lines** in Adair County and they are trying to determine what relationship if any they have in common. One in particular is Joseph Coffey Jr. who came from Christian County to Adair County. She says that a Joseph and Jean (Graves) Coffey married in Cumberland County in 1810. Are they Joseph's parents? (The biographical sketch appears in the DOCUMENTS GALORE section.)

NEW COUSINS continued:

Glenn Coffey and his sister **Waneta Matney** descend from Edward Coffey. Glenn is the genealogist in the family. He will provide us with more on his family tree later.

Robert D. Banks' great great aunt Mary **Elizabeth** Banks married **William** B. Coffee and they were found in Lockhart, **Caldwell** Co.. Texas when the 1850 census was taken. **William** B. was born in Tennessee ca **1813**. He was the first merchant in Lockhart and the first County Clerk in Caldwell County. They bought and sold many pieces of property in Lockhart and Caldwell County, but moved to Burnet County before 1860. The **only child** was a son **Albert** Banks Coffee who was born in 1859. He became a Texas Ranger and had three sons and one daughter. Mary **Elizabeth** served as Postmaster of Burnet, Texas from 1871 to 1887 while she ran a general store. She **died** 16 Feb. 1912 and is buried with **William** B. in the Old Burnet Cemetery. **Albert** B. **died** in Colorado City, Texas. 2 Dec. 1933. His children were: 1) **Albert** Preston Coffee b. 3 Jan. 1885 2) **William** Coffee b. Dec. 1886 3) **Sadie** Coffee b. Jan 1890 3) **Aurthur** B. Coffee b. Feb. 1899. Robert Banks would be happy to exchange information with anyone who has info on **this** family. His address **is** in the new cousins list.

David W. Coffey says that he **is** a long lost cousin who has time for family research again. We are very glad to have him back. He descends from **Martin** Coffee b. 15 Sept. 1762. d. 27 Nov. 1867 **Russell** Co., KY. and his wife **Nancy** Hansford, through their son **Golson** Wilson Coffey b. abt. 1822, KY died 1906. Lexington, OK. **Golson** married bef. 1845. **Rebecca Ann Shackleford** who was born abt 1826, KY. Their son. **William** F. (Franklin??) Coffey, b. 27 July 1844. KY died 14 Mar 1883 MO/KS. was **David's g-g-grandfather**. **William** F. Coffey married 2 Feb. 1860. **Russell** Co. KY, to **Elizabeth Ann** Brown, dau. **Harvey & Amy** Brown, on 19 Mar. 1838, **Cleveland** Co., OK. She died in 1902 and is buried in the **Bethel** Cemetery, **Cleveland** Co., OK. Their youngest son **Wesley Hall** Coffey. **David's g-grandfather**, was b. 26 Mar 1881, **Holt** Co., MO and d, 7 Nov. 1956. **Oklahoma** City, OK. **Wesley** married. 9 Nov. 1902. **Ettawah**, **Cleveland** Co., OK to **America** Tennessee **Akin** who was b. 5 July 1881. MO to **Robert G. & Nancy N. (Alexander)** **Akin**. **Wesley** and **America's** only son **Chattie** Coffey was b. 31 Aug. 1903. **Chattie** **is** **David's** grandfather and is **still living**. Anyone who is working on **this line** should contact **David** at the address in the new cousin section. He appears to be a very thorough researcher.

Raymond W. Coffey **is** a gift to us from **Reva** Raby. Since he is her brother, we know that he **is** a descendent of **John** Coffey (1776-1845), son of **Benjamin** Coffey (1747-1834) and grandson of **John** and **Jane (Graves)** Cottey and great grandson of **Edward** and **Ann (Powell)** Coffey.



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Velma Stepp Wilson writes that her ancestor was listed **incorrectly** in the December issue. She descends from **Martha (Coffey) Stapp/Stepp**, daughter of **Edward** and **Ann (Powell)** Coffey. She had asked if the **Elizabeth** who married **John** Stepp might have been born a Coffey! This **John** Stepp is the son of **Joseph** and **Elizabeth (Lucas)** Stepp and grandson of **Joshua** and **Martha (Coffey)** Stepp. **Velma's** address **is** 3825 Cedar Ave. Long Beach CA. 90807-3219.

OBITUARIES

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the families of the following cousins.

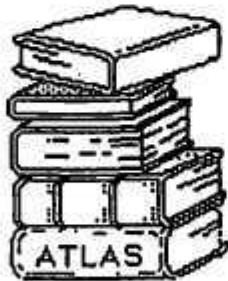
MARIE IRENE COPELAND AMELL

Marie Amell of 421 London St. Petersburg Ontario Canada died at St. Joseph's General Hospital on Sunday, August 25. 1991, after a vallant struggle with cancer for several years. She was a Public Health Nurse with Peterborough Health Unit for 20 years and an active member of the Catholic Womens League. She was born May 17. 1936 in Orilla, Ontario. She was the daughter of James J. and Irene (Walsh) Copeland, granddaughter of Julia Coffey and great granddaughter of Patrick Cofey (Irish emigrant). Marie leaves a husband William D. Amell and a son David. We were privileged to meet Marie at the 1990 Convention in Washington DC.

SUSAN (RUCKER) COFFEY

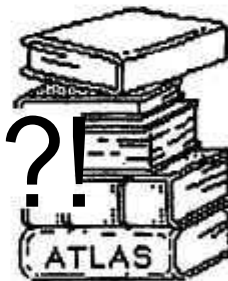
Susan (Rucker) Coffey, mother of Lillian Harrell and Juanita Long, passed away 11 May, 1991. She lived in Thornhill, TN and was 93 years of age. We wish to express our condolences to her family.

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BOOKS?!



Sherrie McLeRoy 111 W. Belden. Sherman. Texas 75090. has published a short limited edition biography entitled, MISTRESS OF GLEN EDEN, which she sells out of her home for \$8.75 plus tax and shipping. There is quite a bit in it about Holland Coffee. She has also written an historical novel about Sophie, which is now under consideration by Bantam Books. She will let us know when it sells - on the condition that no family member sues her (if you don't like how she interprets the character). Sherrie has published articles on Sophie in Feb. 1990 issue of Texas Highways and Dec. 1989 issue of True West. I forward to reading some of her writings.



NOTE - NOTE - NOTE

Does anyone know John M Coffee, P.O. Box 5000, Suite 369. Lalona Beach. CA. 92075. His December newsletter was returned with no forwarding address.



THE MAILBOX

Jeff and Kittl Coffey celebrated their 50 th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday. Jan 26. 1992 at the St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Fellowship Hall, San Antonio, Texas. CONGRATULATIONS.

J. Askew Coffey says that he has a new nickname. It's now "Java Coffey". Pretty clever!

E. Howard Hillis of Madras. OR., writes that he had corresponded with a lady doing research on the New York line of Coffees. He said that it was several years ago so she should have quite a lot by now! Any one researching this line might like to write her: Agnes Simmons, Rd #1. Co. Rt. 23, Constantia. N.Y. 13044.

Annette Coffey has been ill. We are so glad that she is better. We are planning to see her in San Antonio.

Myrtle Conyers asks where my street address "Green Berry" comes from. She says that we have several people with the given name of Greenberry. Sorry, but it appears that Cole County. MO had a Sheriff named Mr. Berry. His first name was Green.

Ella Carpenter wrote that she is well. She is thoroughly enjoying her grand daughter Jennifer who is learning to read. I suspect her grand daughter will be our next generation genealogist!

Lillian and Elvin Harrell have been traveling since we saw them last. Lillian says that they probably won't make it to San Antonio. We hope they change their minds as we would certainly miss them. We always look forward to seeing them.

Virgil Coffey writes that he and Iva plan to attend the 1992 convention if he can keep her heart and diabetes under control. It seems that she was seriously ill after the 1991 convention in Boone but doing better now. We hope she stays well. What would a convention be without Virgil and Iva?

Bennie Loftin tried her new computer out and wrote us a letter. She is hoping that we will make the trip to Ireland in 93. She plans to see us in San Antonio. We missed her last year.

Sarah Holland says that Walker Coffey may have found the father of Hugh Coffey. We expect to see Sarah in San Antonio.

I.V. Crawford of Tyler. TX sends us good news. She says that her husband's health is better than it has been in years. We hope it continues so and she gets to come to San Antonio.

Kathryn Johnson writes that they had a wonderful Christmas as their son came home from Kuwait and they had their grandson home also. but then Kathryn had a blood clot. She's doing better now but is in Cardiac re-had. She says boredom is terrible. We'll have to keep her busy with Coffey letters. Hope she's feeling better by now!

Noreva Sharr's husband had a stroke Oct.4, but she says that he's doing better now.

DEAD END ROADS

Carlene Smith is working on the Reuben Coffey b. 1759 line. She would like to know if there is any actual proof of his marriage. Also she would like to know what proof there is of the marriage of **Sally Sumpter** to Reuben's son James Coffey. **Carlene's** address is 2730 Weston Ridge Dr.. Cincinnati, OH 45239.

Dorothy Miller asks if some one can help her with Gilbert Coffey b. 31 May 1834. in TN. d. 3 June 1915 in Polk Co.. MO. Her address is 533 E. Summit. **Bolivar**, MO 65613

Lillian Thomas needs help finding parents for Frank J. Coffee b. 1833, TN.. married **Marlah** ??? b. 1839 in KY. Their children are all born in Kentucky. They are Ella 1857. Gertrude 1859. Maria Bell 1861. and Joe G. 1863. **Lillian's** address is 211 E. **Schaumburg Rd.**, **Streamwood**, IL 60107-1460.

Jullann McGlnnes is searching for her family roots. Her grandmother was Mary Eudora (Coffee/y) Trlbble wife of John **Taylor** Trlbble. She was born July 18, 1873 in Ft. Smith. AK. Mary Eudora's father was John Albert Coffee/y. **Jullann** isn't sure which spelling of Coffee/y that they used. **Jullann** says that her grandmother told her that "her mother had died when she was Just a young child and her father remarried and had more children". They moved to Texas, farmed, and later moved to Oklahoma. If you can help **Jullann** with her research, ner address is Box 172, Covington, TX 76636.

Myrtle Conyers needs proof that Rev. George Washington Ford (b. 1790 MD - where?) was the son of **Elizabeth** Coffee and Ralph Ford (our family information). George Ford and **Elizabeth** Cupp lived near Tazewell. Claiborne County. **Tennessee**: gave land for present Ford's Chapel Cemetery. Cannot find Marriage, birth, death dates for either family. **Ralph Ford**, born England; lived Frederick - **Baltimore** County Maryland, ca 1774-90: Grainger County, Tennessee 1801-1840 with three children. Was the **Elizabeth**, born 1752 Frederick County, Md., daughter of John Coffee, wife of Ralph? **Rice**. John and Meredith Cotte were on the Grainger County jury with Ralph Ford. Were they related? How? Myrtle needs marriage proof of **Elizabeth** and Ralph; other family information. She will exchange Information. Her address is 9007 **Fanita** Rancho Rd., Cantee. CA 92071.

Gene W. **Tomlin** is looking for parents for his great-grandmother who was a Coffey. Her name was Julia and she was born around 1831 and died August 1893. She was married to Benjamin Rogers Nov. 11, 1856 in Amherst County Virginia. She is buried in Amherst County. Their children were Sarah (Gene's grandmother on his fathers side) born in 1858. Mary 1863. Ida Ross 1866, and **Calvin** 1869. **Benjamin** Rogers lived until May 1915. Gene's address is 122 Holgate Dr., **Greenville**, SC 29615.

Jerry Watley is currently searching for any Information that might be available on Mrs. Minnie Coffee who died July 4, 1908, at the age of 32 years, 2 months, and 21 days, and was born in Germany. She died of tuberculosis and was buried in **McKinney** Cemetery in **Sagamon** County in Illinois. Jerry is interested in any relations between Coffee/ Ash/ Dover. His address is 405 E. 13th St.. **Cassville**, MO 65625.

Nancy Foley Johnson sends us an **interesting question**. According to the family Bible. Henry Foley married Amy (possibly a nickname for Amelia) Coffey about 1741 (based on the fact that their first child was born in 1742). The **only** known reference to them **is** one of a land sale in Frederick Co. VA, Order Book #8, p. 74 in which they are both named and their relationship is identified. Nancy knows nothing more about Amy or her predecessors. Can you help? Nancy Johnson's address is 1097 **Chinoo** Road. Lexington. KY 40502.

We received a letter meant for Leonard Coffey. I hope someone **in his line** will help Mary F. Long. She got Len's name from the **Bloomington** IN Library as a Jones descendant and is hunting for descendants of **William** and Mary (Clark) Jones. Mary was the sister of Hannah (Clark) Davis. They have another sister who stayed in North Carolina and are **children** of **Capt. William** Clark. If you can help Mary Long her address is 2721 Allen Ave., **Indianapolis**, IN 46203.

Spencer Coffey is trying to **identify** the exact **titles** of two books and their **authors/publishers**, which supposedly contain **information** on the Revolutionary War - John Coffey. Both of the books may pertain to the early **Cumberland** Presbyterian Church, **although** that's not been **definitely** confirmed. The books **titles** are something **similar** to, **FLOWERING OF THE CUMBERLAND** and **SEEDTIME ON THE CUMBERLAND**. Spencer's address is 8220 S. **Russell** Road. Oak **Grover**, MO 64075. Coffey **Cousins** would **like** to have this Information too. We would **like** to print the answer in the next newsletter.

Kenneth D. Harrison says that he and Velma Urquhart had new tombstones **placed** on the graves of Henry and Rebecca (Kirk) Coffey in the Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery in Marion County, GA. This cemetery is located on the south **side** of Homer Bray Rd. 355 in Marlon Co. Henry Coffey (1787-1876), son of **Revolutionary** War veteran, Hugh Coffey, Sr. (13 May 1750 - 26 Apr 1827) and Agnes Montgomery (15 May 1755 - 10 May 1839) of Lancaster District, SC. married Rebecca Kirk (1792-1872), daughter of Matthew and Grace (Johnson) Kirk, in Lancaster District. SC. ca. 1820. Before 1840 Henry and Rebecca and their six **children** moved to Muscogee Co., GA. In 1847 Henry Coffey bought land in neighboring Marion Co. GA and he and Rebecca **lived** there **until** their deaths. Kenneth also has "the rest of the story". He has very good records on **all** the rest of the **family**. What Kenneth would **like** now, is to hear from descendants of Henry Coffey's brothers and sisters. He says that he **will** gladly share information that he has gathered on this particular branch of the Coffeys. Kenneth Harrison's address **is** 523 N. Main St.. Enterprise, AL 36330.

Noreva Sharr is researching the James Coffey, not connected **with** the Edward Coffey lines. She thinks that her James Coffey may be the son of John Coffey who came over on the "Snow" to Chester PA. James was **in** the **Revolutionary** War and lived in Cherster Co. and **Cumberland** Co. PA. He also lived a while **in** Maryland. Then before 1880 went to Elbert Co. GA.. then to Bedford Co. TN, where he died. James Coffey married Mary Leeper. Their great granddaughter Mary **Miller** Coffey married Noreva's grandfather's brother, James Alexander Pope **Nell**. So far Noreva has not connected this James Coffey to the Edward Coffey **line**, though some of the old incorrect records say he **is**, but **his** birth date says that he isn't. She would **like** to hear from someone working on this **line**. P.O. Box 770. Lucerne **Valley**, CA 92356.

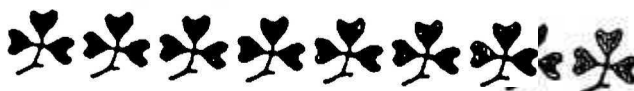
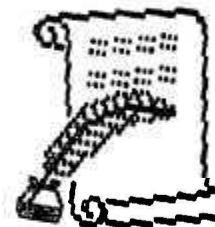
Dead End Roads **continued:**

Guendolyn Glover is interested in starting Coffey research. Her father is Lawrence R. Coffey. She **lives** at 190 Glover Rd. Jamestown. KY. 42629.



Opal Myers 1832 **Milton** Rd.. Napa. CA 94559 **is** researching **Grizzelle** Coffey. o. June 6. **1752**. d. Nov 22. 1807 in Barren Co. KY. She married John **Hall** ca 1775/80. They may have married in PA. because at least 3 of their **children** were born **in** Washington Co. PA. Their 6th **child** was born in **1789** in Barren Co.. KY. Opal has information of a **Gracillia** Coffey b. 1789 in Adair Co.. KY. Her parents were Nathaniel and Mary Coffey. Nathaniel Coffey **would** be the right age to be a brother to Opal's **Grizzelle**. She wonders if **this** was a common family name! It anyone has any information on Opal's Grizzelle Coffey, **please** drop her a line.

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DOCUMENTS GALORE

JOSEPH COFFEY SR & JR

We received a biographical sketch from Margle Coffey, **Columbia** KY. The source is not listed but Margie would like to identify this **family**. The first few lines are missing.

Joseph Coffey **is** from **Russell County**, where he married and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1831. when he moved to Christian County, and bought **wild** land, and improved a farm on which he resided until **his death**. in March 1834. He was a veteran of the war of 1812 and he and wife were **life-long** members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Jane Coffey departed this **life** **in** June. 1861. in her seventy **first** year. Her father Thomas Graves, was a native of Virginia and **in early** manhood **immigrated** to **Kentucky**, first **settling** near Lexington in **Fayette County**, where he improved a farm and remained for several years. Later, **however**, he moved to **Russell County**, where he resided until his death. He served as courier for Washington during the entire **Revolutionary** struggle. Joseph Coffey Jr. at age of seventeen left the home farm and settled in **Columbia**, where he accepted a position **in** a general **store**, continuing **in** the mercantile business as salesman and on his own account **until** 1871. In 1872 he accepted a position as clerk and assistant cashier **in** the Bank of Columbia, and in 1880 was elected cashier of the **same**, which position he **still** holds. Mr. Coffey has been twice married: first September **27**, 1859, to Miss Mary E., daughter of James V. and **Elizabeth** (Lankford) Warden. She was born in **Monticello**, Wayne County, KY.. August 9. 1842. and died at her home in Columbia, November 23, 1861. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Coffey next married, January **20**, 1863, Miss Virginia R. **Page**, a native of **Adair County**, born June 16. 1843. She is a daughter of W. W. and Sophia (Brawner) **Page**, both natives of Virginia. Seven children have blessed this union as **follows**: Henry R. (deceased), **William** A.. John B.. Robert G.. George. Sophia and Joseph. Mrs. Coffey **is** a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Coffey politically is **independent**, and belongs to no church or secret order. **Cont.** next page.

Joseph Coffey Sr. & Jr. contd

(I find a **conflict** here as THE COFFEYS OF WAYNE COUNTY list Joseph Coffey who married Mary Warden as the son of Henderson Coffey. Possibly there were two Mary Warden's.)

1810 Adair Co. KY census

Coffey name	sex	0/10	10/16	16/26	26/45	45/	slave
Cleveland	m	4	-	-	1	-	3
	f	2	1	-	1	-	
James	m	3	-	-	1	-	3
	f	-	1	1	1	-	
Sale	m	-	-	1	-	-	-
	f	1	-	1	-	-	
Nathan	m	1	2	1	1	-	-
	f	-	1	1	-	1	
Abaslom	m	1	-	1	-	-	1
	f	-	1	-	-	-	
Chesley	m	-	1	3	-	1	1
	f	-	-	1	-	1	
Newton	m	3	-	-	2	-	1
	f	2	-	1	-	-	
Eli	m	1	-	-	2	-	-
	f	3	-	1	-	-	
Richard	m	2	-	1	1	-	-
	f	3	-	-	1	-	
Eli	m	1	-	-	2	-	-
	f	3	-	1	-	-	
Joel	m	1	-	-	1	-	3
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James	m	3	-	-	1	-	3
	f	-	1	1	1	-	
Nathan	m	1	-	1	-	-	3
	f	1	-	2	-	-	
Fielding	m	2	-	1	1	-	2
	f	2	-	-	1	-	

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Bennie Loftln sent the following information out of Register Cliff In Gurnesy. WY

Fred Coffey born 6 June 1880, Dated 13 May 1899,



Sarah Holland sent this humorous clipping from THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL of Memphis, TN. This writer appears to be very opinionated, but it makes for an interesting story and points to records available for researchers of this line.

by Perre Magness

It used to be said that Memphis had more churches than filling stations. That proved Memphis had come a long way from its days as a rough and ready river town, where gamblers and bootleggers were likely to be more popular than preachers.

The "earliest settlers have, we regret to say, had little more time, if even inclination, to devote to spiritual affairs, and were not to be compared in religious zeal to their painted savage predecessors," historian O.F. Vedder wrote in 1888. Gradually though, as settlers came into the fertile lands of west Tennessee, the forms and ideas of established religion followed them.

Early religion in Memphis was unconventional. The first preaching recorded in Memphis was done by a slave, Uncle Harry Lawrence spoke to a crowd of both blacks and whites at the corner of Main and Winchester in 1822, only three years after the city was founded.

In March that year, Rev. Elijah Coffey arrived on a flatboat from Illinois. Coffey was a shoemaker by trade but a preacher at heart. He tried several denominations. Historian James D. Davis wrote in 1873 that he "was alternately taken in and turned out by the Baptist and the Methodist". He tried the Catholic for a while, but quit when he found out they discouraged lay preaching. Finally he was reinstated by the Methodist, who "confined his ministrations to a portion of Arkansas where it was thought good character in a minister was not required".

He was still around in 1859. when a newspaper notice announced that "The Reverend Mr. Coffey was arrested yesterday for being drunk and put in the calaboose." A listener once commented to him. "Coffey, that was the darndest, meanest sermon I ever heard." Coffey replied, "Well. I generally adopt my sermons to suit the congregation".

Silas Toncray was another colorful - and versatile - early preacher. He was described as "silversmith, watchmaker, engraver, sign painter, doctor, dentist and druggist." Davis said he was an "inconsistent man, ignorant in everything except mechanism, and it was a pity he had not confined himself exclusively to it". He preached mostly to blacks, and built a chapel for them at Main and Overton in the late 1830s. Both Toncray and Coffey served as alderman during the early days, and Coffey was mayor for a short time.

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TEXAS

Since we are going to Texas in May, I thought it might be appropriate to print some history of the Texas branches of Coffey's. My source being Jerry Coffey of Plano, TX. He has a wealth of interesting Coffee information on Holland and Doss Coffee.

COUNTY'S FIRST BUILDING WAS CEDAR SPRINGS FORT
by A. C. Greene of Dallas, a coordinating director of the Center of Texas Studies at the University of North Texas.

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Although Dallas is the oldest town in Dallas County, it was not the site of the first structure erected by settlers in the county. That structure was a rickety "pole hut" erected where a few years later, the separate town of Cedar Springs would rise.

In January 1841, Col. W.G. Cooke of the army of the Republic of Texas reached the Red River after struggling north from Austin in an attempt to establish the Military Road.

Having skirted much of the frontier on his way north, he ordered Capt. William Houghton to take a detachment of soldiers and retrace the route to Cedar Springs on the Trinity and build a fort there. It was to be one of a chain of posts along the Military Road that Col. Cooke's expedition was supposed to lay out from Holland Coffee's trading post on the Red River to Austin.

On Feb. 17, 1841, Col. Cooke, arriving back in Austin, reported to the War Department: "I have established two permanent posts after laying out the road - one on Red River above Coffey's Station (Fort Johnson).... the other at the cedar bluffs, on Trinity River. Emigrants are ready at this time to settle near the Trinity post." (The Austin City Gazette of that date quoted Col. Cooke as saying, "At the post on the Trinity a company of regulars is stationed.")

Late in January, the Houghton party (possibly with Col. Cooke present) had thrown up a picket building at the springs. But events outside Col. Cooke's control doomed the outposts: On March 2, he was ordered by the War Department in Austin to disband the forts and the troops on the Red River and Trinity. The Republic of Texas was almost broke and couldn't afford to keep a standing army.

The Cedar Springs "fort" was occupied for only a few weeks, and it was never officially garrisoned. But the post on the Trinity was undoubtedly the first structure built by men of European descent in Dallas County.

When settlers from Fanning county began arriving at Cedar Springs not long after, one of their number wrote that they had adopted what was left of the post to civilian use. Although the fort was successful, Cedar Springs was important as a watering spot on the highway, or as it came to be called, Preston Road. Within three years a town grew up there.

The site in Dallas today is in the vicinity of Cedar Springs Road and Kings Road, north of Oak Lawn.

JOSHUA DAVID "DOSS COFFEE (1837-1915)
by Jerry Coffee

During the winter of 1861 the Texas Legislature divided the **state** into thirty-three "brigade districts" in each of which **all** able-bodied men between the **ages** of eighteen and fifty **years**, with necessary **exceptions**, were to be enrolled in companies subject to the **call** of the Confederate Government. **This** was known as the "Conscript Law" of April 16, 1862. The limit of service was for three years or for the duration of the war. It **is** estimated that Texas furnished between **50,000** to 60,000 men for **military** service.

Some served by securing appointments near **home**. in the Texas **Militia** district brigade units. Company A. 14th brigade was **Sgt.** Joshua David Coffee's **unit**. Conscript officers were to seek-out those attempting to avoid service by fleeing the state into the Oklahoma Territory. Others **lingered** with their **families**, hiding in the woods and **hills** to escape the officers and brigade troops in the Fannin, **Collin**, Hunt and Grayson County District. The 14th brigade was commanded by Brigadier General A. H. Pace. The whole story **is** a painful one, but **it** could hardly have been otherwise. **While** in the brigade. **Sgt.** Coffee was ordered to hunt down and capture many of his friends and neighbors. These men were treated as such when found. When a desperate war is **being waged**, when the enemy is thundering at the gates, perfect tolerance can hardly be expected for any expressions of sympathy **with** the invader.

After hostilities ended, conditions in the state grew worse at the hands of the union regulators and the negro State **Police**. Rumors were afloat of dire punishments to be inflicted upon rebels by the victorious yankees.

On May 29th, 1865. General Sheridan was assigned to the command of the U.S. Military Division of the **Southwest**, headquarters in New Orleans. General Sheridan to provide against local resistance by the Texas **Militia**, issued orders. June 30th, that no home guards or **guerrillas** for **self-protection** should be **allowed** anywhere in the state. By the same order **neighborhoods** infested **with** these groups were to be responsible for the deeds of the latter - an act indicative of the harsh suspicion with which Sheridan always regarded Texas.

Surrender stations were established at the most important points. These were Houston (**HarrisCo.**). **Galveston** (**GalvestonCo.**). **Bonham** (**FanninCo.**). San Antonio (**BaxterCo.**). **Marshall** (**HarrisonCo.**). and Brownsville (**WillacyCo.**). The U.S. Military Regulators now proceeded to confiscate **all** property of the "hold-outs" that **would** not immediately surrender to the new authorities. **However**, most of the property had already been seized by the yankees before the official surrender.

Many of the Texas Militia units, in fact, never surrendered at **all** but simply disbanded, even before the conference in New Orleans - "that would facilitate the prompt and satisfactory restoration of relations between Texas and the United States Government."

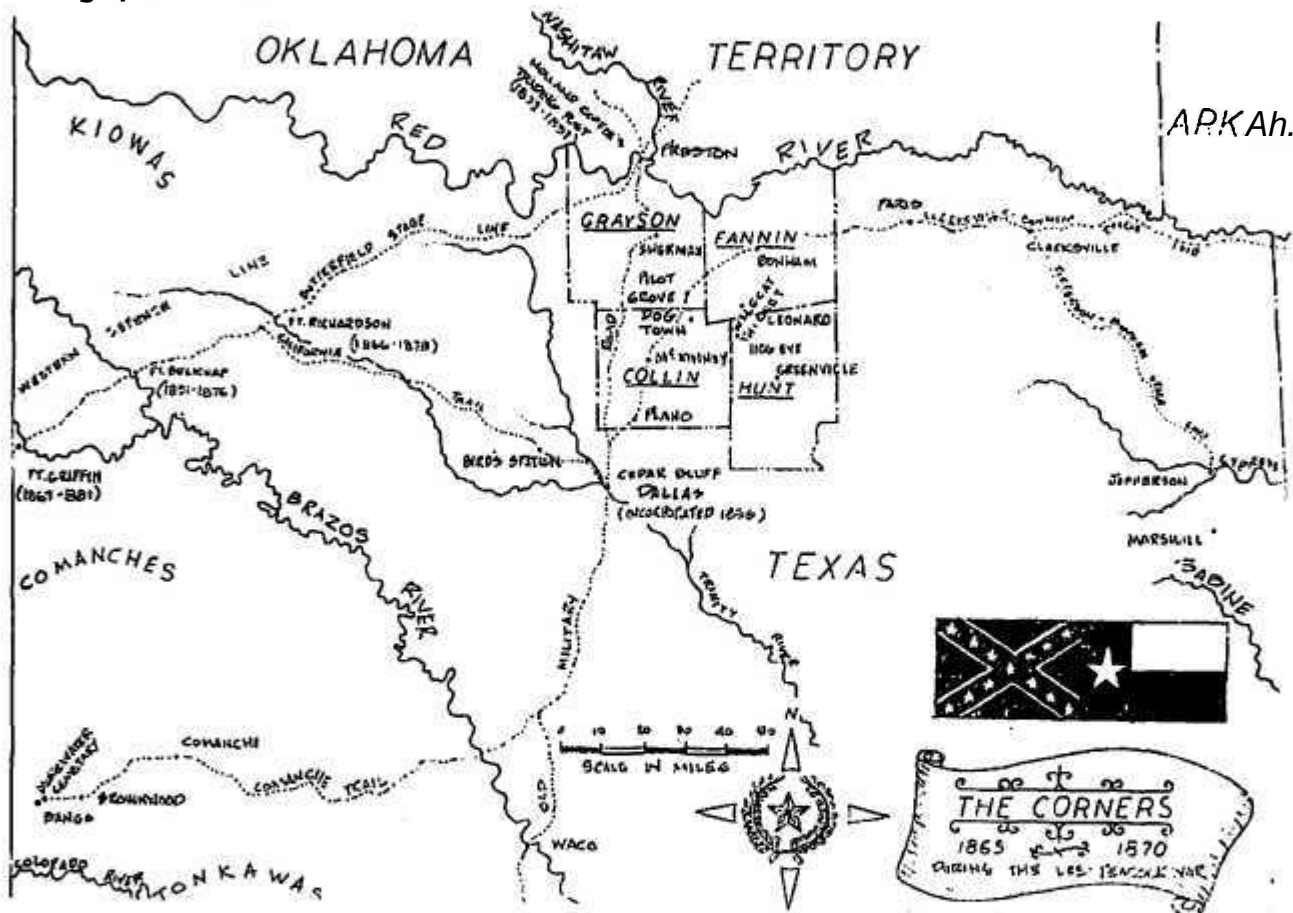
A **lively** exodus to central and southwest Texas ensued. Much of which was **wild** and unsettled and **inhabited** by Indians - who preferred not to see any white settlers. The fleeing Gen. Joe **Shelby**, with a force estimated variously at from three thousand to twelve thousand men, was on his way to **join Maximilian** in Mexico and he levied upon the county as he passed along. They were aided on many occasions by the Indians in the **area**, who sympathized with the "grav-riders" **struggle**.

Joshua, fearing reprisal by the **regulators**, fled Fannin County for the relative safety of the Indian **territory**, abandoning **his** home and

property. He successfully evaded capture by union regulators who believed he was formerly with "Bloody Bill" Anderson's guerilla band. This belief was fueled by the confusion near the end of the war in the northeast Texas area. Militiamen were often thought to be Confederate guerrillas. Capt. William Terrell, commanding officer of Company A, aided the regulators after the war ended, identifying and searching for his former Confederate comrades.

Exhausted and thinking of his young wife Mary, Joshua did not seek Gen. Shelby's detachment, but chose to stop in the unsettled area west of Comanche County, on the border of the Indian lands. The retreat ended for Joshua by 1870. His son, John Taylor, was born. Young John, unable to pronounce "Joshua" or "Josh" called him "Doss". the name he preferred thereafter.

He remained in Brown County with his family until his death in 1915, at the age of 76 years. He is buried in the Mukewater Cemetery near Bangs, Texas.



Jerry Coffee states: "The entry route from the East into Texas for our Coffee's came though Fannin County. This trading post at Preston (Ft. Johnson) was the only crossing of the Red River into the Oklahoma Territory from the South (Texas) side. The "Military Road" passes through there before it disappeared into the Indian (Oklahoma) Territory. However in 1840 most of the area, Texas and Oklahoma, was Indian Territory.

Sherrie S. McLeRoy of Sherman, Texas tells us that the Museum of Great Plains in Lawton, Oklahoma has reconstructed Holland's first trading post on their grounds. Holland himself is buried in Grayson County; though his house and trading post are now gone, the museum in Sherman has a permanent exhibit on them. Possibly some of the cousins might like to make a stop through here on their way to San Antonio.

CONVENTION-REUNION TIME IS AT HAND

Dear Cousins,

This is your **last** reminder that we gather May 1-3, 1992 in San Antonio, Texas. A sightseeing tour is **scheduled** Friday morning May 1 to leave from **Econolodge** Airport at 9:00 in the morning and return about 1:00 in the afternoon - cost is **\$12.00** per person. Stops on the tour **will** include the **Alamo** and Mexican Market among others. Friday evening dinner on River Boats as they traverse the famed San Antonio River Walk area. Cost **\$23.00** per person includes **tip**. Limit 40. I have a few seats left - first ones getting their money to **me** get these seats.

Saturday noon - our traditional banquet - cost \$12.00 per person includes tax and tip. Expect a BIG surprise!!!

What I need NOW is for you to send me your registration forms so I can firm up with our tour company and caterers how many to be ready to serve. Money **with** your registration would be appreciated (essential for a River Dinner Seat) since I have put up some deposits and must prepay other events BEFORE THEY HAPPEN!!!

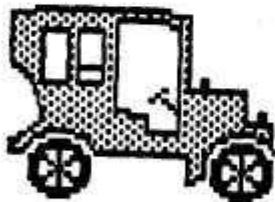
The usual hospitality room **will** be available Friday thru Sunday noon to display and review genealogical material. We expect to have a copier **available** also.

Make your Motel reservations direct to (512)344-4581 for special Coffey Cousins rates. Any rooms not taken by about **April 15** **will** be **released**.

If you have sent tour **and/or** River dinner money I assume you **will** also be at Saturday banquet-but would appreciate hearing from you (with money) that you expect to attend. Sure would hate for you not to have a seat at the table for the BIG gathering

With Cousinly love,

Cousin Jeff



CONVENTION 1992

		number of persons	dollars
SIGHTSEEING - SAN ANTONIO	\$12.ea	_____	\$_____
DINNER ON THE RIVER (FRI. NIGHT)	\$23.ea	_____	\$_____
CCC ANNUAL BANQUET (Sat. Noon)	\$12.ea	_____	\$_____
Total			\$_____

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DOCUMENTS GALORE contd:

Velma Stepp Wilson has sent us an excerpt from a book PEAPCE. BARTLETT. MATTHEWS. SMART. and ALLIED LINES which was compiled by James Alonzo Matthews Jr. The book has this to say about the Coffey Family:

V. Ephraim Allison, the fifth son of William and Lucy Allison was born about 1775 in Wilkes County. North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Coffee (Coffey), a noted family of Virginia who later moved to Wilkes County. There were eight or nine brothers in the Coffey family, and many of them served in the War of 1812. Nathan, Jesse. Absolom, Nebuzaradan, and Cleveland were some of the soldiers. Coffeen, Illinois, was named for a brother of Elizabeth's who came to Illinois about the time the Pearces, Perkinses, and other families from Kentucky settled in Montgomery, Sangamon and Madison County. Ephraim Allison came to Missouri with his two brothers and first halted at New Franklin in Howard County, thence on to Cooper County, taking up his residence near Boonville, where he spent his life. He died in March 1845. Ephraim and Elizabeth (Coffey) Allison had the following children: Thomas, Lucy, Nancy, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Matilda and William Allison.



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COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE

