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YOUR PAST AND PRESENT FAMILY INFORMATION IS WELCOME



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR COUSINS,

What a great time Kitti and I had hosting the 1992 reunion in San Antonio. The weather even cooperated so the tour and dinner on the river went off well. We are only sorry more of you were not able to be with us. We appreciate the nice comments many of you gave us.

Those attending honored me by electing me President of Coffee/Coffey Cousins for the coming year. I shall do what I can to help our cause.

Look forward to next year - April 30, May 1 - 2 in Oklahoma City. Gene Brewington asked us to Oklahoma City and it was a unanimous vote that we go. Mark your calendar and plan to be there. It is a week earlier than usual to avoid a conflict with Mother's Day.

Keep those findings coming to the Clearinghouse so your new found items can be shared with your cousins - you never know what doors that little tidbit may open for someone else that may in return open a new door for you.

JEFF COFFEY

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINSAND THEIR ANCESTORS

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MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Gene Tomlin's Great grandmother on his father's side is Julia A Coffee born 1828 and died Aug. 1893 in Amherst County, VA. She married Benjamin Rogers (1831-1915) on 10 Nov. 1856 in Amherst County, VA. Gene would appreciate any help you may be able to offer on this line.

Opal Meyers descends from John and Grizzelle (Coffey) Hall. Grizzelle was born 10 June 1752 and died 22 Nov. 1807 in Barren Co. KY. She married John about 1775/80 probably in Washington Co., PA. Opal would like help on this line and would appreciate it if anyone recognizing the name of Grizzelle would contact her.

JoAnn Coffey says that she will send a query later. She is researching her great-grandfather "who is one of the many James Coffeys of Tennessee". She is already making family contacts. Good luck JoAnn.

Josie Brumley is researching a Coffey line in Louisiana. The following is what she knows about them: _____ Coffey married Emily E. (Honeycutt) born Sept. 1836 in GA or SC. They had children:
 Martha Jane Coffey (b.1850 GA) m. Bart Owen
 Steven Abner Coffey (b.1858 AL) m. Mary (Mollie Lee)Owen
 Lewis R. Coffey (b.Mar 1861 AL) m.1897 Nancy Josephine White in Winn Parish LA. Lewis and Nancy Coffey had 4 children, Roy James, Homer Bartlett, William McKinley and Shasta Coffey. All are born in Winn Parish, LA. If anyone can help Josie, her address is in the new cousins list.

MEET OUR NEW COUSINS contd.



Gwendolyn Glover is the great granddaughter of John West Coffey. Gwendolyn says that he married at least 2 times. He was born around 1845 and was the Justice of the Peace or Sheriff of Russell CO KY 1883. Gwendolyn's grandfather is Alexandra Cosby Coffey b. 1881. He married Bertha Afrell in 1901. Their children are Myrtle, Cyrus Bascum, Ewell J., Lawrence Raymond, Ruth and Herman Wapefeld Coffey. Gwendolyn will be glad for any information.

Lillian Thomas is doing the research on her husband, Robert's family. Robert's lineage is 1) Frank J Coffee b. 1833 TN. married Marlah ?? b. 1839 Hickman Co. KY. 2) Ella S. Coffee b. 1857 Hickman Co. KY married 18 Dec. 1872 Hickman Co KY to Jason J Novell b. ca 1840. 3) Marlah Novell b. 1876 Hickman Co KY d. 1898 KY and married 28 Feb. 1892 to William T. Smith b. 1870 Millburn KY. 3) Clara May Smith b. 1893 Millburn KY d. 1 Sept 1944 IA. and married 6 June 1909 Morehouse MO to Jabus M Thomas b. 1 Feb. 1883 IL. Clara and Jabus Thomas were Robert's grandparents. They would appreciate any help.

Janice and Ronald Coffey are tracing Ronald's lineage. His grandfather is Charles Curtis Coffey b. 5 Apr. 1896 Magoffin Co. KY and d. 2 May 1973 Coldwater, Branch Co. MI. Charles Curtis Coffey married Lona Barnett 21 Jan. 1914, Morgan Co. KY. Charles parents were Samuel and Sarah (Smith) Coffey. Samuel was b. July 1851/61 in KY and married 1892. If anyone recognizes this family, please write Janice Coffey. Her address is in the new cousins list.

Myra Baker is confused by the erroneous material in some of the old books. Many of us can understand this. Hopefully, Coffey Cousins has helped clear up some of the misconceptions. (Such as John Coffin 1621 being misread as Coffey). Myra descends from Joel Coffey 1730-1789 who married Martha Sealey. This Joel is the son of Chesley Coffey. We would appreciate it if the Chesley researchers would help Myra with her research. Her address is in the new cousins list.

Mary Wilcox is trying to locate various Coffey family ancestors in Missouri and Kentucky. Mary says that she is attempting to trace Fielding Coffey, her great grandfather, born 1827 in Kentucky. Fielding married Sarah Jane Chapman in Daviess Co. MO., 6 Apr 1854, and died 25 Aug 1900. Fielding lived in Missouri and Kansas. The children were born in Missouri. He and his wife are buried in Atchison, Kansas. Mary read about C.C.C. in the "Genealogical Helper". There are several good researchers in this line.

Antoinette Betourne's grandfather was Wesley W. Coffey b. 8 June 1869, Iowa. Wesley had an older brother, Albert Coffey b. 1867 in Iowa. Their mother's name was Hannah E. (????) Coffey. Wesley W. Coffey married July 23 to Louise Castka in Kansas City, MO. They had two children, John Wesley b. May 1892 and Antoinette's mother Beatrice b. Oct 1893. Wesley and Louise separated sometime between 1900 - 1905. Louise went to Fairburg, Neb. and married Albert Brock. Wesley went south to Pond Creek, OK. Antoinette has a picture of him taken in Anadorka, OK with a U.S. Marshall's badge on. (Kiowa County) She is wondering if he was a Marshall on an Indian Reservation? Antoinette would appreciate help with her research. Her address is in the new cousins list.



MEET OUR NEW COUSINS contd.

Joye K Evetts' earliest known ancestor is Hugh Coffey who came to Augusta Co. VA ca. 1725. She descends through his grandson Hugh who married Agnes Montgomery, to John Coffey m. Esther Glvens, to Agnes (Nancy) Coffey who m. Samuel Caskey, to John Coffey Caskey m. Adeline Tomlinson in Tennessee and moved to Texas. John Coffey Caskey was Joye's gr-gr-grandfather. Joye says "Although it's been many generations since there was a Coffey name in my line, I'm proud of the connection and enjoyed meeting all those in San Antonio". (We were pleased and proud to meet Joye too.)

Brenda C Andrews is looking for her Coffee line out of Georgia, around Rome or Senora. Brenda's G/Grandfather was Columbus W. Coffee and he was the son of Elijah & Nancy Tyler Buchann Coffee. Brenda says that they are buried in Senora, Georgia. Brenda heard of us through the bulletin board on Prodigy. Her address is in the new cousins list.

Rita Wilson says that she found out about us just a little bit too late to make it to the convention. Rita says that Ella Eudora Coffey was her grandmother. Ella's parents were John D. C. and Anna Elizabeth (Sikes) Coffey. John D.C. was b. 1849 TN and d. 1 Aug. 1870 Marshall Co. TN. John D.C.'s parents were John Coffey b. abt 1826 in TN and Deanna_____b. 1833 TN. His parents were Benjamin Coffey b. abt 1790 NC and Nancy_____b. abt. 1805 TN. Rita would like to connect to the proper Benjamin and Nancy Coffey as there are several. She cousins can help her. Her address is in the new cousins list.

Darlene Clark is searching for the ancestors of Newton Coffey and the descendants of his son Thomas. She is a descendant of Thomas's daughter: Sarah Coffey Fugate. Newton was born ca 1773, Wilkes Co. NC He died and was buried near Hillsboro, IL 16 Aug. 1858. He was shown in 1810 Adair Co., KY census and in the IL census from 1818-1855. Prior to 1810, Newton Coffey married Sarah (Meredith - not documented). Their children were Cleveland Sale Coffey; Patsy Martha Coffey Reavis; Thomas L. Coffey; Ruth Elizabeth Coffey Reavis; Nancy Coffey Wiley; Colbert L. Coffey; and Murray Coffey (reportedly died young). Thomas L. Coffey (son of Newton) and Nancy (Bradley), his wife bought a farm in Jackson Co. IA prior to 1840. Thomas left for the gold rush in 1849. Nancy and the children are shown in the 1850 census. County records show the farm as sold in 1849-50. Darlene has been unable to find Thomas in either the 1850 or 1860 California census. If anyone can help Darlene, her address is in the new cousins section.

John B, Kraft is searching for parents for Elizabeth Coffey who married William Canady Sandage, Feb. 9, 1832 in Perry Co. Indiana and she died about 1853 in Perry Co. IN. So far he has been unable to locate any of Elizabeth's ancestors. He would appreciate any information on them. John's address is in the new cousins list.

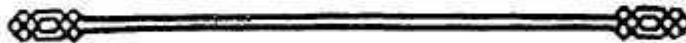
Dana Ann Mireles came across our newsletter at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. She descends (she thinks) from Salathiel Coffey of North Carolina, later Kentucky and has been trying to make the connection back to the Coffeys of Virginia. Her address is in the new cousins list.

MEET OUR NEW COUSINS contd.

Judy White's paternal grandmother's parents were 1) Donna Ann Meadows b. 12 Jun 1855 Warren Co. IL., d. 10 Feb 1915 Lawton, Comanche Co., OK. Donna married Albert Park Shroyer. Her parents were 2) James Meadows b. 11 Nov 1825 Barren Co. KY., d. 15 Jun 1911 Woodward, Callas Co. IA. He m. Mary Ann Armstrong. James parents were 3) Mary "Polly" Ann Coffey b. 16 Sep 1799 KY, d. 24 Aug 1881 Warren Co. IL. She married Henry Meadows in Wayne Co. KY. Her parents were 4) Martin Coffey b. 15 Sep 1762 in VA or NC. He d. 27 Nov 1867 in KY. Martin married Nancy Phelps 17 Aug 1798 in Madison Co. KY. Judy White would like to correspond with some one who is researching this line. Her address is in the new cousins list.

Suzan Kirkland nee Coffey. Her Father : Walter Eugene Coffey (1 Sep 1917 - 18 Oct 1991) m. 4 Mar 1944 to Margaret Grace Dubard. Suzan's Grandparents: Guy Kilgore Coffey (15 Dec 1882 - 4 Dec 1986) m. Jimmie I. Major. Her Great Grandparents: William Harris Coffey (24 Feb 1859 - 30 Jan 1940) m. Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Kilgore. Her Great Great Grandparents: Andrew B. Coffey (2 Jun 1818 - 19 May 1861) m. Margaret Walker. Her Great Great Great Grandparents: Hugh Coffey (9 Apr 1784 - 7 May 1861) m. Margaret Walker (1 Oct 1789 - 4 Nov 1854). Margaret Walker is the daughter of: Andrew Walker (5 Dec 1756 b. Ireland - 20 Sep. 1845 who's father was John Walker of County Antrim, Ireland. Andrew Walker fought in the American Rev. War. Rev. War Pension S-7839: also Listed in DAR Records. Suzan would like to correspond with others researching this line. She has material on each of the above families. Her address is in the new cousins list.

Patricia B. McCormack is researching a Canadian line of Coffeys. Her Grandfather was Charles Leahey b. 20 May 1895 Warminster, Simcoe, Ont. Canada. He died 8 Nov 1872 and married Theresa Finnigan. His mother was a Coffey. Patricia says that one of her earliest memories of her grandparents was a day trip to a cemetery in or near Orillia after Sunday mass. Patricia is looking for her great grandparents names. Her address is in the new cousins list.
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OBITUARIES

WAYNE TROUT

Former member, Wayne Trout of Mangum, OK, died Oct. 23, 1992. We wish to express our condolences to his family and friends.

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THE MAILBOX

Daraleen Wade says that several years ago, in an attempt to show that there were several of the same given name, she compiled some chronological studies, by given name, of various records wherein a Coffey was mentioned. In hopes the "cousins" would find it helpful in sorting out their ancestor of that name. There is a small cost which Daraleen did not give. C.C.C. would like to have a copy. What is the price Daraleen???

Cousin Kay Coffey of Brighton, Ontario, Canada, noted that it takes more postage than before. Well Kay there are several reasons. First we are making it a bit bigger than it used to be. I can mail between 16 and 18 pages for \$.52 in the U.S. I had planned to start using third class mail - but - we had a Postmasters wife and a postal employee at the convention in San Antonio and they have convinced me that this is not wise. Also my post office in Jefferson City will not let me mail the newsletter to Canada with out an envelope. I can't get it past the post office in Kansas City. I know Len did it, but each time I tried, it cost me double postage. I haven't checked into 2nd class but I will. Thanks for the suggestion.

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 Spencer Coffey of Oak Grover, MO writes: In reference to my query in the last Issue of C.C.C. concerning the two "Cumberland" books, I received three letters with information about them. These three kind-hearted Coffey correspondents were; Cella Weakley Hudson, of Dyersburg, TN; Gwendolyn C. Glover, of Jamestown, KY, and the Honorable Representative from TN, David L. Coffee.

The book titles turned out to be accurate with the query, and were by Harriette Simpson Arnow, 1960 and 1963, publisher was, The Macmillan Company of New York. Ms. Arnow also has published several other books under the name Harriette Simpson.

The John Coffee referred, of TN and AL, is the same as associated with John Donelson/Andrew Jackson lines. The books weaves this John Coffee into historical events of that day, and he is mentioned numerous times in both books. While it turns out that this John Coffee is not the one for which I have been searching, the books are very interesting reading from a historical standpoint and well worth the time spent in reading them.

So I will continue to search for the elusive book on the Cumberland Presbyterian Church which is supposed to mention two or more members of the Coffey family who were involved in the early church. My response from the church archives was no help, except to find out that they do maintain a research library.

I have written to thank each of the ones who were so kind as to lend a helping hand to this cousin - we have a great bunch of relatives!

Sincerely, Spencer Coffey

(The Honorable, David L. Coffey's letter to Spencer is interesting and contains good information about these books, etc.)

David L. Coffey says; "I enclose the information you requested via Coffey Cousins about the books, Flowering of the Cumberland and Seedtime on the Cumberland. These books, are on file in the Tennessee Historical Society, War Memorial Building, Nashville, TN 37243-0084, Telephone (615) 741-8934. Ms Ann Toplovich of the Society suggests that the books are now "pricey" but may be found at used and rare bookstores like Elder's Bookstore in Nashville (615) 327-1867. General John Coffee is of interest to me as a Tennessean and because I own a sword presented to him by Andrew Jackson. I think it is authentic."

Coffey Cousins' wishes to thank those who helped Spencer. This is what makes the Newsletter work. I received a packet of material about Harriette Arnow from Juanita Coffey of Monticello, KY who was a friend of Harriette's sister Elizabeth. They lived in Wayne Co. KY. The material is printed articles about Harriette and the books she wrote. The most noted book is The Pol 1 Maker. If anyone would like copies of this material, I will be glad to make copies. It is too lengthy to publish in C.C.C. and would not be of interest to everyone.

CONVENTION_1992



Jeff Coffey met the Cousins with a warm welcome and a packet of hand crafted items, name tags, etc. We were in for a series of surprises as only Jeff and Kitti could produce. We were happy to see that Virgil and Iva Coffee had arrived as we were worried about their health. Our hotel had a lovely grass and flower area with a green parrot making a nest in a palm tree.

Thursday dinner was at "Mama's" and they really made us feel at home. Friday was tour day and we were picked up by 2 busses at the hotel. Tour guides led us through the missions Alamo, San Jose, and Concepcion. The Japanese Tea Garden was ever bit as beautiful as I remembered it from 30 years ago and we didn't want to leave the Mexican Market. The crown Jewel was the dinner on the San Antonio River. I thought I was on a gondola in Venice. I barely remember the food as I didn't want to miss a thing.

The hotel provided a meeting room which we used as a research room. Several people brought family material and Gene Brewington had books we could buy. My Coffee/y Family books now number 22. We also had census records, cemetery records, computer generated Coffee/y listings and other research material. Our research library had a lot of depth.

Lunch Saturday was our big banquet and another surprise. We were piped (bagpipes) into the dining room, by a friend of Jeff's wearing a kilt. Then, another gentleman played the "Fiddle" with old traditional Scots & Irish tunes. We were served "Coffee/y" Cake for desert.

The first order of business was elections. Jeff Coffey was elected President and Betty Coffey, Secretary. Gene Brewington offered Oklahoma City, OK as a possible convention site for 1993 and it was accepted unanimously by the membership. It was decided to hold the meeting on April 30, May 1-2, 1993 so it would not conflict with Mother's Day.

I reported that the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse would add a new section, NEW REVELATIONS. It is for things not reported or printed before, new material Just discovered.

Bennie Loftin reported on her trip to Ireland with Pat McFall. She liked traveling so well under Pat's tutorship that she went to England this spring. Bennie says that when Pat takes a group to the library, Roxie Gunter takes the part of the group that isn't interested in genealogy to see something else. It makes the trip interesting to all. Sounds good to me!!! We hope that we will have enough interested to make a Coffee/y trip.

On Sunday morning it was hard to say good by. We hated to part with old friends. It was such a pleasure to meet so many new cousins. Kitti and Jeff served a delicious Mexican pastry (which I would never consider trying to spell). We left with tears and a lot of good memories. Thanks again to Jeff and Kitti Coffey for a wonderful convention and a great time.

There were 56 registered, 13 states represented, 27 from TX, with 33 attending for the first time.

Those registered were: Gene Brewlnton, OK; Maxlne Botelho, TX; Pat Christensen, IN; Jack & Nelda Coffee, LA; Virgil 8. Iva Coffee. NM; Bernard & Millie Coffey, TX; Betty Coffey, NC; Harding Coffey. TX; J. Askeu & Cleta Coffey, TX; Jeff Coffey, MO; Jeff 8. Kittl Coffey. TX; Loy 8. Wanda Coffey, TX; Mildred Coffey, IN; Robert Coffey. TX; William 8. Virginia Coffey, PA; Jim & Bonnie Culley, MO; Harold 8. Joye Evetts, TX; Larry & Fran Garrett, TX; Reams 8. Virginia Goodloe, TX; Beth & Debbie Harrell, IN; Gary 8. Joann Hatch, AZ; Tom 8. Sarah Holland, MS; Thurman 8. Ruth Lannlng, OR; Jim Lewis, TX; Bennie Loftin, OK; Fred McCormack, MO; Jullann McGlnnls, TX; Al & Glenna Moore, TX; Tom 8. Lillian Neighbors, AL; Jim & Kathy Simmons, TX; Tuck 8. Wanda Stalnbrook, PA; Mildred Trlbble, TX; (children of Jeff & Kltti) Becky Pederson. Tracy Coffey. Larry & Fran Garrett. and grandchildren Kate Pederson, Emily & Steven Vacek.



NEW_REVELATIONS

THIS IS A NEW SECTION FOR THINGS YOU HAVE FOUND THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN PRINTED. "A NEW DISCOVERY". THE RULES ARE YOU MUST TELL ME THAT YOU ARE SENDING ME ft NEW REVELATION. I MAY NOT REALIZE THAT IT IS NEW UNLESS YOU TELL ME. HOPE WE KEEP THE SECTION FULL. BONNIE

NEW_REVELATION -- from Jeff Coffey

From old records discovered in the basement of the Maury County, TN. courthouse came a marriage bond which was read, copied and printed as Wm. G. Coffey to Elizabeth Bondham 14th day of Feb. 1822. Probablem: Could not trace Bondham - there were NONE in ANY census for any state. How do you read this _____ copy of the bond -

Elizabeth Bradshaw

Kltti and Jeff were in Maury County, TN. looking through land records and here is what Kltti ran across -

"Agreement between Elizabeth Bradshaw, Wm. G. Coffey & others --" and from the body of the document - "We Elizabeth Bradshaw widow of Solomon Bradshaw and Jane Bradshaw, William G. Coffey and wife Elizabeth, George Davidson and wife Sarah and William Bradshaw heirs at law of Solomon Bradshaw _____ etc"

Why would William G. Coffey and wife Elizabeth be heirs of Solomon Bradshaw unless the wife was a daughter?

Now look at that marriage document with an added line and see what you think.

Elizabeth Bradshaw

Now that we believe her name was Elizabeth Bradshaw new horizons opened. I had also discovered a new true cousin in New Mexico who was officer in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints involved with genealogy and records. He took this info and ran with it - and now it is officially recognized as Elizabeth Bradshaw. And from this research came news that Solomon Bradshaw's wife was Elizabeth Glvens a sister of Esther Glvens. Wm. G. Coffey's mother. So, not only was Elizabeth Bradshaw, Wm. G. Coffey's wife, but also a first cousin - and they lived on adjoining land. There is more, but this is the real story of NEW REVELATIONS.



OBITUARY

Lily Malissa Coffey Moyer, 97

Staunton, VA. - Lily Malissa Coffey Moyer of Oak Hill Nursing Home, Stanton, died Wed, Mar 11, 1992 in King's Daughters' Hospital, Staunton. She was 97. Mrs. Moyer was born Apr 14, 1894 to the late Joseph and Magdoline Demastus Coffey. Her husband Edward Moyer, died Apr 5, 1984. She is survived by two sons, Lelon "Lee" Moyer of Swoope and the Rev. Lllston E. Moyer of Dover, Del.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Burial was in Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton.

DEAD END ROADS

Kathleen Bilcz is looking for Information on her great-grandmother, Bridget Coffey - b. 2 Feb. 1830 and d. 5 Dec. 1918 in Winchester/Winsted, CT. Bridget married Timothy O'Keefe. Her parents were Maurice Coffle and Bridget Roach of County Clare, Ireland according to her death certificate. Kathleen's address is 176 Babbitt Rd., Thomaston, CT 06787.

Roy Lewis read about us in the Genealogical Helper. He is searching for Information on his Coffey family. His Grandfather was David Lee Coffey b. 9 Sep. 1875 in Baxter County, Ark. David Lee was the son of Taylor Coffey who had a brother Riley and a sister Cynthia. Roy says that is all he knows about his Coffeys at present. If you can help Roy, his address is 1751 Berkshire Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91462.

Jon P. Czarowlitz says that he is sorry that he couldn't get to San Antonio but he couldn't get away from work. Jon is looking for Coffee/y's in Massachusetts about 1700. His latest information indicates they may have arrived in Boston then went to NJ, PA, VA and NC. Descendants of both McKinneys and Coffeys went by (1) KY, IL, IN, OH, TN, MO, AR, TX and (2) SC, GA, MS, AR, OK, TX. Both clans are interwoven at many points and Jon is still untangling. He is also looking for information on a "Texie" Coffey. She would have been in or near AR, TX or OK. Judging from her nickname, Jon guesses a possible tie to Holland Coffee. Jon's address is 4102 Chestnut, Temple, TX 76502-2947.

DOCUMENTS_GALORE



NEWTON COFFEY SR.

The following is an extraction from THE HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT Hillsboro, IL., June 11, 1873. Article by Henry Pratt - one of a series on early settlers of Montgomery County, Illinois. It was sent to us by Darlene Clark.

Newton Coffey, Sr. has been dead many years now. He was born in North Carolina, probably in Wilkes County about the year 1776; emigrated in 1806 to Adair County, Kentucky; emigrated to this county in 1818, and settled a farm now owned by his son C.S. Coffey and occupied by Newton Coffey, a son of Cleveland S. Coffey.

His well supplied corn crib and smoke house was the means of furnishing many of the early settlers who emigrated there with meat and bread. He was one of the first settlers and also one of the first Justices of the peace in the country, and one of the County Commissioners. SARAH COFFEY was his wife. They raised seven children, four boys and three girls. Murry their youngest child died when about grown. Betsy, wife of John Revls has been dead many years. Colbert has been dead several years. Thomas went to California several years ago. Eliza wife of William Revls of Greenville is living. Nancy Wiley and Cleveland S. live in our midst. He informs me that he will be 70 years old the 24th of June - that he was born in North Carolina, Wilkes County, in the year 1803, and sixteen miles from Hillsboro, North Carolina.

DOCUMENTS GALORE contd. NEWTON COFFEY SR.

The family moved to Adair County, KY 1805-6 and then to Bond Co. IL in 1817 where they settled on Jett's **Prairie**, which **is** Just south of the Montgomery Co. **line**. Then in 1818 the family moved to the middle of Montgomery Co. close to **Hillsboro** and entered land; Coffey being the only man in the vicinity who had money, the settlers convinced **him** that he **should** advance them the money to plat the community of Hillsboro and he donated twenty acres for a county seat. In a later period, he moved to section 18 of South **Fillmore** township.

In Montgomery County records, Newton Coffey **is listed** as:

Oct. 15, 1821	-	Member of 1st grand Jury of county 8.
		Served as County Commissioner
Apr. 4, 1822	-	Presided as Justice of the peace
June 4, 1827	-	Grand Juror for next term of court
Mar. 1830	-	Bought lot 63 in Hillsboro
Apr. 11 1831	-	Licensed to retail & sell goods, by County.

Newton Coffey estate **file** BOX **E-12**; Cleveland S. Coffey administrator; Papers indicate that Newton Coffey **died** August 16, 1858. Heirs **are**:

Robert L & Wm. Reavls	C S.
Newton Henry	Thomas *
William James	Patty Reavls
Elizabeth & Edward Lynn	Ruthla Eliza & Wm. Revls
Andrew T.?	Nancy M. Wiley

* Thomas Coffey secured **his** share by Nancy signing for **him**.





Grayson Co. Texas

Jon P. Czarowlitz visited the Texas State Library. The **following** information **is** taken from **GENEALOGICAL BIOGRAPHIES OF LANDOWNERS OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS** (from 1836 through 1869) BY Oak Room Emporium Press; Sherman, TX - 1967.

COFFEE, ELI b. **Ind** 9 1832; **m.** 08 Jan 1852 to **Eliza** Ann dau Solomon Huffstuffer. Rec'd **land** G Co. 1848 - sold

COFFEE, HIRAM b. TN 0 1800 **m.** ? to Elizabeth b. VA 9 1798.

CH: Washington; **El**; **Hiram**, b. IN 9 1834; Thomas, b. 9 **1838**

Rec'd **land** Cooke Co. 1848

COFFEE, HOLLAND - Indian Trader - Politician - founder of Glen Eden - a husband of Sophia **Sutterfield** Auglnbaugh Coffee Butt Porter. settled G. Co. 1837 - killed by Charles Galaway 1846.

COFFEE, JAMES S. ~ b. IN 9 **1823** ~ M. ? to E. b. KY 9 1821

CH: **Wm.** J. b. MO 9 1843; M.A. b. CN 9 1845; N.S. b. TX 9 1847

Rec'd land G. Co. 1848 - sold

COFFEE, WASHINGTON b. IN 9 1829 son of **Hiram**

Rec'd land G. Co. 1848 - sold

COFFEY, NATHAN --one of superintendents giving dinner honoring Nat. M. **Burford**, 05 Mar 1856

COFFEY, R.N. b. KY 9 1826 - **m.** to Sallie b. KY 9 1826

CH: L.A. b. 1855, d. 1857; J.E. b. 1857, d. 1858; John **b.** TX 9 1858; **Willie**

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Postmaster.

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COFFEY, JOHN J., born in County Kerry, Ireland, 1831 died at Neponset (Boston), Mass., June 13 1906. He enlisted for service in the Civil War on December 13, 1861. In Company C Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Regiment (the famous Faugh-a-Ballaghs), which formed part of Meagher's Irish Brigade, and he later fought with the Fourth Heavy Artillery of Mass. Among the famous battles in which he took part were Marye's Heights, Gettysburg and Fredericksburg. He was stricken with rheumatic fever, which necessitated his taking furloughs. With the exception of these two absences he served from the first year of the war until its conclusion, and was in the army which assembled in Washington for review preparatory to its disbandment at the close of hostilities. He returned to Boston after the war, and was active in military organizations. He joined the Montgomery Light Guard Veteran Association and various other Irish societies. He was a most patriotic man and an active worker in the interests of his native land. He was identified with the Irish National League, Irish National Federation and the United Irish League. He also belonged to Division 43, A. O. H., the Knights of St. Brendan and John A. Andrew Post, No. 5, G.A.R. He is survived by his wife and six children: James D. and Timothy J. Coffey of Boston; Charles M Coffey, who has been in West and Alaska for some years, part of the time serving in the United States Cavalry; Mrs. George G. White of Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. William H. Murphy of Neponset; and Miss Anna S. Coffey, a teacher in Henry L. Pierce School, Dorchester, who lived with her parents. When a collection of articles for an Irish-American loan exhibition for the World's fair in St. Louis, MO., was being gotten up in 1904, John J. Coffey, the subject of this obituary, contributed an Irish flag that had been carried during the Civil War by the Twenty-eighth Massachusetts. Accompanying the flag he sent a letter, the following being an extract therefrom; "This flag has a precious history. It was presented to the Twenty-eighth Regiment, through the late Patrick Donahoe, by the Irish women of Boston, on Sept. 24, 1861, at the same time Governor Andrew presented the regiment with the flag of the State of Massachusetts. My company (C) was selected as the right center or color company, and my brother, Michael J., whose height exceeded mine by two inches, was selected as color sergeant of this green flag, and carried it until he fell mortally wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862; after that it went through Chantilly, South Mountain and Antietam. On the memorable day of attack on Marye's Heights, at Fredericksburg, it was the only green flag unfurled - and by this I do not intend to cast any reflections on the other four regiments of the Irish Brigade. Some time before Chancellorsville, in May following, Colonel Byrnes and the other officers of the regiment concluded that it was too cumbersome, subscribed among themselves and procured a flag of lighter fabric (worsted), and laid the old flag (this one) aside, but in safe keeping, and you may rest assured that it has been scrupulously cared for and treasured by the custodian."

COFFEYTOWN. VIRGINIA

Andre' Cuffoz of Belgium, has forwarded us an interesting article extracted from THE WEEKENDER Lexington, Virginia, Feb. 1, 1992. Andre' suggest that a pedigree might clarify the article. Since we are scheduled to go to print as soon as possible, we will print the article and add the pedigree in the next issue if possible. Possibly some of our readers might be interested in attending the Coffey reunion on July 26th 11:AM in Coffeytown, Virginia. The person to contact for more information is MS. Mary L. Pardo, 1615 51st Ave. E. 29, Bradenton, FL 34203.

CHURCH FINDS NEW LIFE WITH OLD FRIENDS
by Deborah Sensabaugh

An air of expectation fills the old church. Light reflects off the polished tongue and grove walls and refinished chestnut pews. Voices echo from the high vaulted ceiling, flung there by the enthusiasm of a church board planning the year's activities. It's quite apparent that when a community gets together, things start to happen. Like the renovating of the historic Macedonia Church in Coffeytown.

The church first came to birth in 1875 when J.W. Campbell hauled pine logs up nearby Irish Creek by mule. The mother of one of the church's first ministers, Rev. J.W. Parrish, suggested the lofty name for the small church, and maybe she was right. It soon outgrew the boundaries of the log structure.

In 1896, the original building was torn down and the new frame structure was completed. Contractor F.E. Coleman was assisted by Fletcher Massle, Timothy Christian, Sam Anderson and Palmer Profflt. The 52 by 30 foot building cost \$488 to build.

But the demographics of the mountain and valley society were changing quickly. Roads were built. The Chestnut logs gave out. The people who traveled from Coffeytown to Buena Vista on market days, camping out under their wagons across from the B.P. Knight's Store (now the General Store), began to move to find jobs in industry.

Of course, there were changes. In the 1940's the kerosene lights were replaced with electric ones and an oil heater replaced the wood stove in the middle of the building. The church, part of the United Methodist conference, struggled along with the few mountain families that remained and on Dec. 31, 1981, the church was closed.

Then, the winds of change blew through the little community once again. On March 24, 1990, the Macedonia Community Association united residents and past residents who wanted to see the old church preserved as the center of Coffeytown once again.

"My biggest worry were the leaks in the roof," says Joe Malloy, also the Southern Seminary College library director. When he and his wife, Martha, decided to move back to the mountains, they chose Coffeytown. Martha is related to the Coffey's. "I could just envision it falling down someday," Malloy comments. "I felt that I would be willing to do whatever I could do."

David Coffey who works in Lexington but maintains a farm behind Coffeytown, was in agreement. "The Mount Pleasant Charge was thinking about doing something with the building and land, along with some of the old churches on U.S.60. We couldn't let this church get out of the hands of the people of Coffeytown," he says.

Malloy takes up the tale. "So we went to the Mount Pleasant Charge and told them what we wanted to do. They deeded the church and lot to us without question."

While regular services aren't held in the church, special community activities are planned throughout the year. Gospel sings, homecomings, dinners and hymn sings are a few of the activities.

In fact, homecoming this year will begin at 11 a.m. the last Sunday in July with Coffeys and their descendants expected from as far away as Florida and California. The following dinner, touted by one and all as featuring the finest in mountain home cooking, will follow at Fiddler's Green, one of the original log cabins left in the area on the banks of Statons Creek.

Early May will see a gospel sing at the church, tentatively featuring the Brethren Four. In August an old fashioned hymn-sing is planned, along with a Sounds of Victory concert hopefully in November.

When the church closed in 1981, most of the members began attending churches in Buena Vista. But the strings around their hearts from the old country church continued to tug. The association's efforts have seen a new roof on the church, paint, a new stove, refinishing on all the pews, new locks on the windows and doors, a back porch, restoration of the piano and a new light and sign out front.

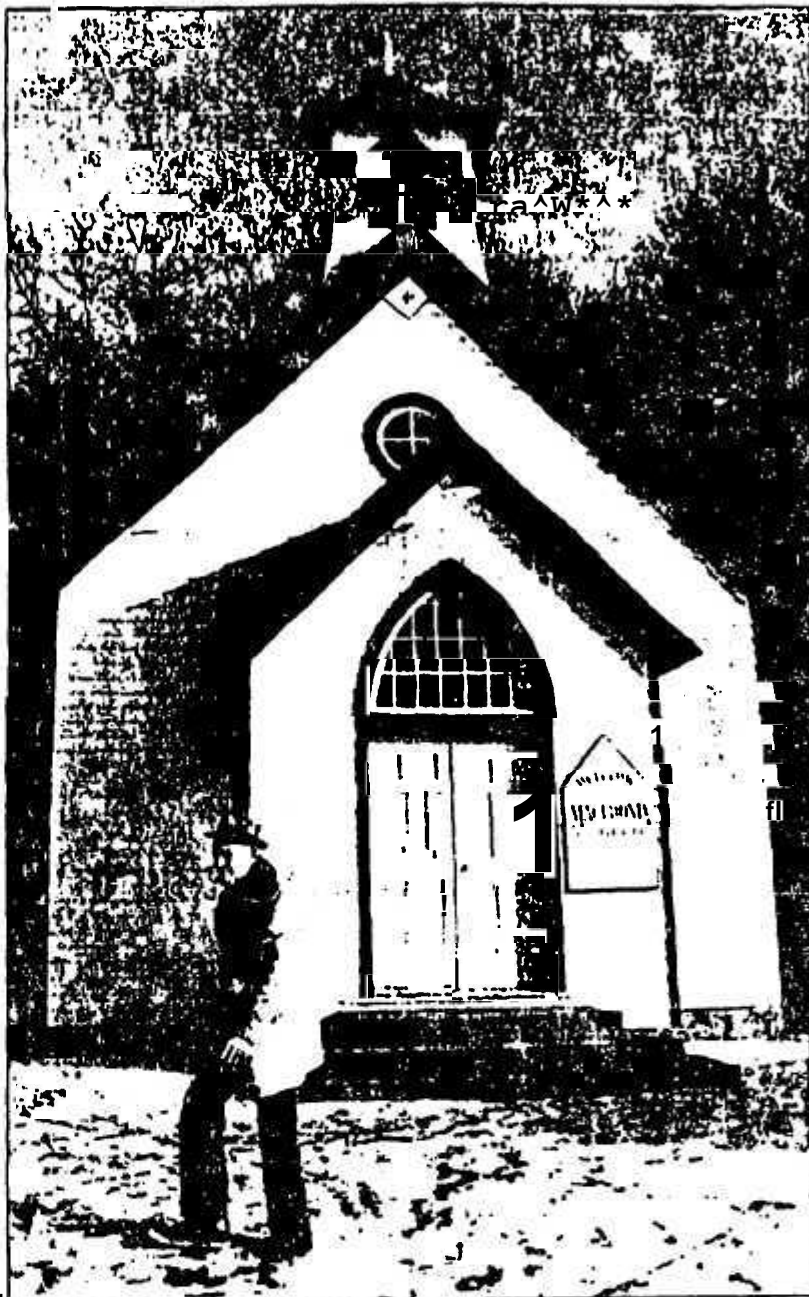
The church has become a popular place for weddings, baptisms and other special gatherings.

"We do big things and little things. We keep the yard mowed and fertilized. Willie (Coffey, vice president of the association) cuts the grass every week."

Eventually, the group hopes to refinish the floor and do other cosmetic work to keep improving the old building.

Pike Coffey confides that Coffeytown always was a close community with little of the feuding and fussing that marked many of the mountain areas. The church, he suggests, kept them close. And now its drawing them all together again.

"We have over 200 families on our list of supporters. They all come out at least once a year to one of the events, and its so rewarding to see the tears in their eyes," Malloy says.



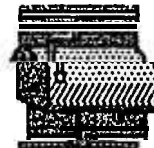
Hersey Coffey at the Macedonia Church

So the echo now of happy voices and shuffling feet has picked UP the strain of generations gone by. "My grandmother used to Play the piano here. She had arthritis and all, That made her add an extra beat here and there," Pike Coffey remembers.

Another board member points out the chew marks on the back window. "Buck Coffey brought his dog to church one Sunday and it got locked in the church. The next week, when they opened the doors, that was one happy dog. But he had gnawed at the window, trying to get out.

Hersey Coffey is one of the older members of the community that still lives in Coffeytown. "I was hopeful that we could do all this," he says with a quiet smile. "This has been really heartwarming and rewarding."

Malloy adds that while a lot of the Coffeytown folds have moved into Rockbridge County because of their Jobs, their hearts seem to remain behind in the little village in the mountains where ghosts of the past aren't lonely and definitely aren't forgotten.



MEET_QUE NEW COUSINS contd.

Jullann McGinnis's grandmother Mary Eudora Coffey was 6 years old when her mother died. Her father married again and there were more children born of this union. Mary Eudora told Jullann when she was around 10 years old that she, Mary Eudora, was part Indian (either 1/4 or 1/8). Mary Eudora Coffey married J. T. Trlbble on July 28, 1889 in Hill Co. TX, by G. L. Tipps, M.G. Jullann's father told her that his grandfather John Albert Coffey farmed in Hill or Basque Co. TX on both sides of the Brazos River. Jullann says that perhaps this will give a clue to one of her cousins and someone will be able to help her link to one of the Coffey lines.

Dana Ann Mireles ran across a copy of C.C.C. in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. She is a descendant (she thinks) of Salathiel Coffey of North Carolina, later Kentucky and has been trying for years to make the connection back to the first Coffey's of Virginia and maybe the tie in to the Cleveland family of Virginia. She would like to correspond with someone working on the Salathiel Coffey line.



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REVERAND DAVID P. COFFEY

Elma Sue Davis extracted the following from the History of Fayette County Tennessee.

David Pleasant Coffey, born Nov. 1805 in Williamson Co. Tennessee, moved when he was a small child to Fayette Co. with his father, John Coffey, and his mother, Margaret Baskin Coffey.

The early Coffey ancestors came to America from Ireland before the Revolution. John was born in Lancaster District, South Carolina in 1773. John's father, who was also named John, served in the Colonial Army.

John married Margaret Baskin, daughter of Andrew Baskin, a Revolutionary soldier who was born in Ireland. Andrew married Mary Marshall in Augusta Co. Virginia in 1759, and died in Lancaster Co. South Carolina in 1800.

John and Margaret moved across Tennessee stopping for a time in Lincoln and **Williamson** Co.s. They were in Fayette Co. by 1815. **John** and Margaret had nine children: **Elizatheth**, **William**, Hugh, David P., James, Jonathan N., Susan, Isabella, and Margaret Jane, **John** died in 1843. Margaret moved to Woodruff County Arkansas where she died in 1848. Elizabeth married **John Price**, a Baptist minister. Hugh was also a Baptist minister. Jonathan N. married **Pamella C Cloyd** and moved to Northwest Arkansas. He was elected to serve Boone Co. in the Arkansas State Legislature in 1874-75. **Isabella** married **John Griffin** Margaret married **James B. Henley** and moved to Ashley Co. Arkansas.

David P. married **Mary C Cogbill**, Nov. 12, 1835, in Fayette Co. Tennessee. In 1834, he and **William Bryan** established the Shady Grove **Cumberland Presbyterian** Church near **Williston**. Mary's father, **Charles C. Cogbill**, was an elder in the church.

David and Mary had fourteen children, the first nine born in Tennessee: Elizabeth, **John D.** (born **Jn Macon**. June 19, 1838), Margaret B., **Josephine**, Charles L., Lucy, Samuel B., Mary D., **Sallie Ann**, **David Pleasant, Jr.**, Edward E., Cola and two others.

In 1843, they were in Tipton Co., in 1850 **Jn Shelby Co.**, and by 1854, they were in White County, Arkansas, **Stoney Point Community** near **Beebe**.

An ordained minister, **David** was received by letter from the Memphis Presbytery into the White River Presbytery in 1855. An eloquent speaker, he was elected moderator. He served as pastor of the Searcy congregation for many years. Well educated and well informed on current events, he served as an advisor and guest lecturer at the local colleges. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a **Royal Arch Mason**.

He established the first church in the **Stoney Point Community**. He was active in community affairs and helped to survey the town into city lots. Records refer to **Doctor DavJd P. Coffey**; and, according to family tradition he was a licensed, practicing physician.

During the **Civil War** hJs house, 3 1/2 miles northwest of **Beebe**, was on the main stage coach line from **St. Louis** to **Little Rock**, the route traveled by both Union and Confederate troops. On September 5, 1863, the Union Army, approaching from the northeast enroute to **Little Rock**, met Confederate troops a short distance from the house. **John D.**, home on furlough, along with other members of the **Coffey family**, was an eyewitness to the "Battle of Hog Eye." Less than a year later, the Battle of **Bull Bayou** was fought a few yards from the house. Many bullets remained in the walls of the old log house and **Jn** later years was toured by many historical groups.

DavJd became involved in helping furnish medical supplies, horses, wagons and staple food supplies for the Confederate troops.

John D., the oldest son, served in the Confederate Army, Co. D. 10th Infantry Regiment. He fought at **Shiloh** and was later taken prisoner. On furlough he married hJs childhood sweetheart, **Melissa G. Harris**, born in **Macon, Tennessee** on Aug. 16 1845, daughter of **William Reuben Harris** (b. 1811 in VA) and wife **Catherine** (b. 1821 in NC). **Melissa** had traveled by stagecoach and steamboat to reach **Searcy** where they were married Jan. 13, 1864. They reared eight children while farming 40 acres of land in **Coffey township** near **Searcy**, named in honor of **David**.

DavJd also listed farming as his occupation; and, at the time of his death, he owned several sections of land. He died **Jn** 1883, and **Mary** died two years later. He dedicated his life to serving the Lord and his fellow man. A simple slab of marble marks their grave in **Stoney Point Cemetery** in **White Co. Arkansas**.

IRELAND "HERE WE COME" - COFFEE/Y FAMILY TOUR

McFall writes : Roxie Gunter and I are excited about the Coffee/y lly Tour we are planning for Ireland ln the summer of '93. The t will be \$2149.00 which includes; Airfare, Accommodations, Dally 1 breakfast, Two evening dinners, Private coach, Opportunity to earch, and Meet our Irish Professional.

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