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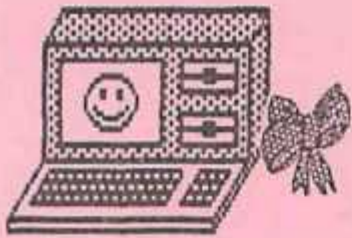
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Dear Cousins,

I can't believe this summer is almost crone already. It seems like only vesterdav that we met in San Antonio. I have enjoyed all of the letters we have received. I wish there were time to answer all of them.

I have received the first issue of "Virginia in the 1600". There are no Coffeys in this issue but there are Powells. Graves and would you believe Cullev's. I will check names for anyone wishing me too. Please note the new section on Research Books that members have. We will list Jack Coffee's books first. He was the person who suggested that we might pool our book lists and be willing to research these books tor other members. It seems like a great idea as very few of us have the resources to buy all of the books we would like or the place to store them. Also many research books are no longer available after the first printing is sold out. I will include two pages in each edition if available. You could make a separate notebook of these pages if you choose. Jack also has a data base of. as Jack says "obscure information". He can search Coffee/y names for records he has listed in the data base. Jack says to send a SASE when writing.

Sincerely, your cousin.

Bonnie Culley

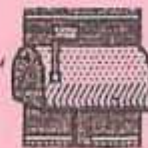


NEW REVELATIONS

OLIVER NEWTON COFFEY - Dr. Roy B. Cottey found Oliver Newton Coffey' grave in the Althus Grove Cemetery, East of Marysville, MO. It is an active cemetery. He did not give us the information from the stone. Possibly Dr. Cottey will send it later. He says that Oliver Newton Coffey's wife did not have a stone in this cemetery.

NEW ADDRESS

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WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

AND THEIR ANCESTORS

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MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Robert E. Coffey Jr. descends from George R. Coffey of Washington PA. He would appreciate any information that anyone might have on Coffey's of this area. His address is in the new cousins list.

Margaret Welsch descends from Elizabeth (Betsy) Coffee who married Jacob W. Wolford. Her parents were Eli and Mary (Polly) Coffey. Margaret says that from that point it gets real hairy. She has heard different versions and would like to know which is correct.

Patricia Monroe wonders if her line will coincide with any of the cousins lines. She descends from Sarah (Sally) Coffee b. 1812 KY and d. 26 Sept. 1905. Sarah Coffee married John Eskew. Patricia says that the Eskews moved to Iowa from Kentucky because of the slavery issue. She would appreciate help on this line.

Dr. James Lewis Joined us JUST before the last issue went to print. so his ancestry was not given. His Great grandmother was Ethal Mae Coffee born October 12, 1878 in Princeton. IL. She was the daughter of James Coffee (b. Sept. 1847 in Ireland) and Amy Malone. Ethal married William Leon Churchill on March 7, 1900 in Phillipsburg, KS. where she is also buried. Dr. Lewis' address is 16922 Dorman Drive. Round Rock. TX 78681-3637.

Don Mathes sends a pedigree chart giving him lineage from two Coffey lines. One is Edward Coffey through John & Jane (Graves) Coffey through their son James Coffey. Don calls our attention to the fact that one on his Coffey lines lead to the Strange/Taylor line and another Coffey line to McClain/Taylor. As we said above. Don has two Coffey lines and the other is John McClain Sr. (1763- ) who married Mary (Polly) Coffee. She was born 5 May 1779. They lived in Adair County. KY. Don says that she is the daughter of Chesley & Margaret Coffee who lived in Maury Co. TN in 1810. Don would like to correspond with others working on these lines.

Betty Laurent says that her great grandmother was Annie Coffee. According to her obituary, Annie Coffee was born around 1827 in County Roscommon. Ireland. She died in New Orleans 30 January 1894. Her husband's name was John McDermott. Date and place of marriage is unknown. They had at least one child, also named Annie, who is my grandmother. Annie McDermott was born in September 1865 in Louisiana, probably New Orleans. She married in New Orleans and died in New Orleans. There may have been another child, John. Betty has not been able to connect Annie with any of the Coffees living in New Orleans at that time, but there is one curious thing. The named William J. White pops up three times in connection with the family. He appeared first in 1882 as a witness on Annie McDermott's marriage application. When Annie McDermott's husband died in 1896, William White was listed in the obituary as his brother-in-law, as was also a John McDermott. Finally according to 1900 census records, William White was a member of Annie McDermott's household with the relationship of brother. He was born in Missouri in November, 1853 according to the census. Can anyone help Betty. Her address is listed in the new cousins section.

**Danle Richard Coffee** is the son of **William Wilburn** Coffee, grandson of **Wm. Madison** Coffee, ggrandson of **Ed. Cleveland** Coffee, gggrandson of **Nathaniel** Coffey, and ggggrandson of **Joel** Coffey. **Danle's** address is in the new cousins list.

Earlene **Hutsell** is looking for ancestors for **Josh** la Washington Brown, b. 1820. Knox City, TN who married (1st) **1845**, Martha Wear. He married (2nd) Nancy **Kinner** Coffee b. 1834. Children of the 1st marriage were Cordelia. Mary. **Winfield** Scott. **William C.** Hugh, Amy and Maryann. Children of the 2nd marriage were **twins, Josiah** Washington & Nancy **Kinner** and Matilda. Mr. Brown's **will** was made April 1870 and probated Sept 1870. Supposedly owned a big plantation on the **Hiawasee** River and had many slaves. Earlene knows nothing about Nancy Coffee's **parents**. According to census, she was born in North **Carolina**. Earlene needs help.

Frank **Duval** 1 heard of us through his cousin Clifton Thomas Coffey of Decatur, **AL**. Frank's mother was Ida P. (Coffey) **Duval** 1 b. **23** Apr. **1894/d.** 26 Sept. **1967** and married Walter **Duval** 1 b. 6 Apr. **1902/d.** 20 July 1976 in Courtland AL. Ida's father a Baptist Minister was Raymond L. Coffey b. 12 **Dec. 1872/** d. 2 **July** 191.9. Raymond L. Coffey married Fannie **Mullinax** in North Georgia (Jasper Co.?) and moved to Lawrence Co. AL. Frank would **like** help **with** his **lineage**. His address is above.



#### **THE MAILBOX**

"LUCK OF THE IRISH" . any way that **is** what **Jeff Coffey** thinks. The motel where we met for the Coffey Cousins **Convention**. in May 2 & 3, was sold and **closed** May 10.

Joyce Evetts provided us with the same **information** for the "New Information" section. Jeff Coffey had already given us this same **piece** of news Just weeks before and Joyce's letter probably crossed the newsletter in the mail. We thank Joyce for her help and hope that she **will** still keep us in mind for next time. It's people like Joyce and Jeff who keep the searching **interesting**.

We wish to express our sympathy to **Wanita Matney** who presented us **with** her brother's, Glenn **Coffey's**, obituary. She also gave us her lineage as Glenn had promised that she would do. **They** descend from Edward Coffey through his grandson James and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey. She quotes the record: Dec. 13 **1764**, James Coffey bought from Thomas Jefferson. Gent, of **Albermall** Co., Colony of **VA.**, 300 acres in **Amhurst Co.**, VA near the Tye River, for a **consideration** of 800 **lbs**. Wit: John Harvey, Samuel Woods. **William** Coffey and James Glen. **Wanita says** **that she will** be glad to share **information** with anyone working on this line of Coffeys. Her address **is** 3114 122nd Ave. E, Puyallup, WA **98372**.

Jo **Ann** Hatch wrote that she enjoyed the **reunion**. She says that "Those Coffeys are **really** nice **people**". (I agree.) She spent another week ancestor searching in Texas. They found lots of graves and lots more cousins. She says that they were treated well everywhere and **will** see us in Oklahoma City next year.

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Dr. Wanlta Bailey writes that her sister is quite ill. Her care has kept Wanlta very busy. She is leaving in April for the Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, IN who needs her professional services. Wanlta says that she plans to donate her tiles on the Edward Coffey - Ann Powell line to the Spencer - Owen County, IN library. Mrs. Judith Bain is the Librarian in Charge. The library is located at 110 East Market St.. Spencer IN 47460.

Bennie Loftln wrote that she and Lillian Harrell had a good time researching in Tenn. and Ky. Anyway they wore Elvin out escorting them. Bennie also sent the obituary of J.C. Coffey (Dallas, TX) and his family file.

Dr. Roy Coffey says that he had to miss the May convention because of a Coronary bypass in early May. We hope he is better and will be able to Join us next year.

Carlene Smith writes that her daughter Cheryl' Michelle Smith graduated Southwestern College of Business with a 4.0 and son George T Smith III became a Capt. in the Air Force in April. Congratulations



## OBITUARIES

## Glenn R. Coffey

Glenn R. Coffey, 62 rural Lincoln, MO died Feb. 27, 1992 at the University of Missouri Hospital as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He was born Apr. 16, 1929 in Sleeper MO, son of John M and Florence f. DeBerry Coffey. On June 6, 1954 in Sedalia, he married Norma Wheeler, who survives of the home.

Mr. Coffey had been the Benton Co. assessor since 1968. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Lincoln and served as deacon and treasurer. He was much too active to list all of his accomplishments here. He is survived by a son Daniel R. Coffey, two daughters, Karen J. Woodley, Lincoln; Judy K. Gardner, Sedalia; four sisters, Maxine Wiseman, Raytown; Ruth Wharton, Independence; Emma Lou Griffith, Lincoln, Wanlta Matney, Puyallup, WA; a brother. Gene Coffey, Lincoln. He was buried in the Lincoln Cemetery.

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## EDITH C. FOLEY

It is great sorrow that we have to report of the death of Edith C. Foley. She is personally known by many of us as she attended several of the Coffey Conventions in the past. Her sister, Marie C. Ryals, wrote that she was diagnosed in November with cancer. Edith died April 21, 1992. We wish to express our sympathy to her family

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## JOHN CLAYTON COFFEY

The Dallas Morning News, Saturday July 11, 1992, reported that J, C. Coffey had passed away and was survived by Mary Coffey, Dallas: son David A Cotfey of South Padre Island. We extend our sympathy to his family.

DEAD END ROADS

Roger Coffey heard of us through the Prodigy bulletin board. He says that he isn't trying to get to the Mayflower. His family tree ends in Kansas City early on. (Maybe called the family stump.) What he does know is:

1. father - Edward Francis Coffey b. 26 May 1906 in Kansas City, MO
2. grandfather - Charles Timothy Coffey b. 17 Mar 1880 Kansas City, MO d. Dec. 1911. Clovis, NM - mar. Anna Agnes Bradley
3. g.grandfather - John Coffey b. prob. K.C. MO - d. abt 1885 prob Kansas City, MO
4. g.g.grandfather - Timothy Coffey - probably born in Ireland - died in Kansas City 16 July 1888.

Roger's dad knew an Uncle Bill Coffey who was the Police Chief in Kansas City around the turn of the century. He has said that Uncle Bill's relatives were either bachelors or nuns. It may have just been his way of explaining the lack of knowledge of relatives. Roger needs your help. His address is 9116 Fletcher Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941.

I.V. Crawford says that she was pleasantly surprised to see her article on David Pleasant Coffey in the last issue of CCC. (An extremely interesting piece of research.) She submitted this article to "The History of Fayette County Tennessee 1986". Rev. David P. Coffey's father was named John and also his grandfather. This is the line that Spencer Coffey and I.V. have been researching for many years. I.V. says, "can anyone help them?" I.V. has a copy of "The History of Fayette County Tennessee 1986" and will be glad to check the index for anyone wishing this service. There are two other Coffeys in this book, Rosanna, wife of Tim McKnight and Hugh Coffey. I.V. said that she was sorry that she missed the reunion in San Antonio but her husband was not well and it was impossible for them to travel at that time. We missed her too. I.V.'s address is 808 Hamvasy Lane, Tyler. TX 75701

Earlene Hutsell is working on her husband's family line and is hoping that someone can help her with his Coffee lineage. He is looking for parents and siblings for Kinner Coffee born in NC who married Joslah Washington Brown. Joslah died in McMinn Co. TN. Earlene's address is 1384 Coach Road #101. St. Paul MN 55108

Jack Coffee has found the maiden name of his GGrandmother. He is looking for Lilburn Coffee and wife Hannah who showed up in Hempstead Co.. AR in 1850. Records show that they immigrated to AR from TN. but he does not know which TN county. Jack does know that some of his ggrandtather's brothers moved deep into TX prior to the Civil War. One moved to Hayes Co.. and another to Howard Co. TX. Both eventually ended up in Howard Co.. where at least one raised a large family. His name was also Lilburn and he raised a son named Lilburn. Jack, because of prodding from his good friend Virgil Coffee, wrote for a death certificate for his grandfather. He was surprised to find that his GGrandmother's maiden name was there. Jack says that now he is looking for a circa 1845 TN marriage between Lilburn C. Coffee and Sarah H. (Hannah) Taylor. If anyone has an availability to these records and can help Jack, his address is 10026 Hackberry Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2810. Jack has helped many other cousins. I hope that someone will take the time to help him.

Rita Wilson is researching the line of Benjamin Coffey and wife Nancy that lived in Marshall and Bedford Co.'s TN. They are not to be confused with Benjamin and Nancy that lived in Grainger Co. TN. They had at least two children, John and Sarah Ann. Benjamin b. ca 1790 NC and Nancy b. ca 1805. Rita asks if anyone knows if he is from Wilkes or Burke Co. NC? She'd be glad to snare any information. Her address is 401 E. 36th, Odessa, TX 79762.

CHESLEY COFFEY - Daraleen Wade writes: "It's amazing how many Coffey descendants are surfacing from the Adair/Russell County area. Hopefully some of them can provide information which will help sort out these families, but, so far, no one seems to have documented material which has been a problem with this batch all along. My suggestion is that everyone should be encouraged to slow down and systematically put each family group together before going on to the next generation. If they don't do that they are pretty apt to latch onto the wrong ancestor, especially since we have several of the same given name, in the same area, at the same time." Daraleen also says: "Any time you see a lineage given as Joel and Martha (Sealey) Coffey you need to be on the alert as it is probably wrong. This is the DAR lineage that keeps surfacing and I guess we're going to have to refute it forever." She says that those researching the Martin Coffey line need to be careful also. It appears that there is some possibility more than one family has been combined into one.

Dana Ann Mireles writes that she only told us that she descends from Salathiel Coffey but actually she has a twofold descent line. Salathiel's son Eli Coffey married Mary "Polly" Coffey and she was a daughter of Nathan Coffey, Salathiel's brother - a first cousin marriage. Dana Ann says that she would like to correspond with others working on this line.

Carol Haas wishes help with Franklin Coffey. Franklin was born ca. 1803 in KY and died between July or August of 1862 in Russell County, KY. He married Martha "Patsy" McGuire. She was born ca. 1814. in KY and died between 1870-80. They lived most, if not all of their lives in Russell Co. They had the following children: Eliza (ca. 1830), Willis (ca. 1832), John 22 Sep 1835), Cleaveland (ca. 1837), Lucy Ann (ca. 1840), Bonaparte (ca. 1844), Pernetta (ca. 1853), and James L. (ca. 1858). Carol has lots of material about this family - census, birth, death and marriage records, Franklin's will - but nothing to connect them with the rest of the Coffey's in the Russell Co. area. She has always assumed that Franklin was part of the Coffey/Cleveland family because of the proliferation of the "Cleveland" name in his and his children's families. If anyone could shed light on Franklin (could he have been a Benjamin F.??). Carol would be most appreciative. Her address is 3923 Brinton Mill, Marietta, GA 30062.

#### CONVENTION 1992

Mark your calendar for April 30, May 1 & 2 for next years convention. Gene Brewington is working on a bang UP get together for us in 1993. We will publish all of the particulars in the next issue.



CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

The following is taken from the TULSA WORLD Feb. 23, 1992. It was given to us by Bennie Loftin.

## RENOWNED COFFEY GANG LEADER GIVES RINGSIDE SEAT TO BIG CRIME

The Coffey Files

by Joseph Coffey and Jerry Schmeterer, (St. Martins, \$19.95)

Lovers of true crime will find their Mecca in the pages of this book. It contains more than a half-dozen stories revolving around the cases of one of New York's leading detectives.

Detective Sergeant Joe Coffey and the renowned Coffey Gang battled bloody mob wars when they were first established as a specialized unit in 1978. They worked on, and solved, gang-related hits involving the Mafioso, Westies and the Chinese tongs. In 1981, after three years of work, the Coffey Gang solved 21 gangland homicides. During the span of the special unit, they solved more than 80 hits and were responsible for sending more than 100 mob members to prison.

Coffey's dream of upholding the law began at age eight. His father narrowly escaped a hit, and Joe vowed revenge. In a career which spanned 30 years, he fought crime and brought Justice to those who defied the law.

Prior to the organization of the Coffey Gang, Joe was instrumental in tracking down David Berkowitz, known as the notorious Son of Sam.

Many things impressed me about this book. For one, as a reader, I was allowed in to Coffey's thoughts as well as those of other detectives. I experienced behind-the-scene planning and took part in the step-by-step investigations.

Those who are fascinated by police work will find a lot of valuable information. There is much to learn about the different facets of crime and how criminals are stopped.

When Coffey retired in 1985, he was credited with arrests of more than 200 major crime figures, not only in the United States, but in Europe and South America. In his retirement speech, Coffey said, "I want to thank the New York Police Department for giving me a ringside seat to the greatest show on earth."

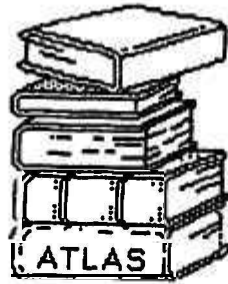
Now you can share that seat with Joe Coffey. by Stephanie Duncan

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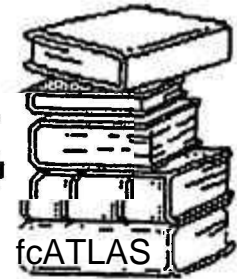
Our Ireland Genealogy trip has been called off for now at least. Pat McFall, our tour guide has accepted a promotion and will no longer be able to be our leader. Possibly we can work on this at another time.





RESEARCH BOOKS

## BOOKS



The following is a list of research books owned by the members of CCC that are willing to check the indices for a given person. Please list full name, birth 8. death date if known, spouse, or any known information that might make it easier to identify the specific person you are looking for. ONLY SEND ONE OR TWO REQUEST PER INQUIRY AND INCLUDE A SASE WHEN WRITING.

1st line - Title, 2nd line - Description if any, 3rd line Author

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS ARE OWNED BY JACK COFFEE, 100626 Hackberry, Baton Rough. LA 70809

Tennessee Cousins - A History of the Tennessee **People**

Note that this book is Not full named indexed. You must give full name, Co., 8. Yr.

Worth S. Ray

Over The Mountain Men - Their **Early** Court Records in SW Virginia

This includes marriages records, wills, revolutionary petitions, tombstone records for Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Franklin, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke Counties.

Anne Lowry **Worrell**

Stephen F. Austin's Register of Families

This is Austins registry of families who settled or requested land in Austin's Colony 1825-1835

**Villamae Williams**

Marriages of Jefferson County, Tennessee 1792-1836

Marriage Records of Washington County, Tennessee **1787-1840**

Overton County, Tennessee **Genealogical** Records

**Edythe Rucker Whitley**

Twenty-Four Hundred Tennessee **Pensioners-Revolution** and War of 1812

**Zella Armstrong**

Sumner County Tennessee Abstracts of **Will Books 1 and 2 (1788-1842)**

Edythe Rucker. **Whitley**

New Homes in a New Land-German **Immigration** to Texas 1847-1861

A New Land **Beckoned-German** Immigration to Texas 1844-1847

King's Mountain Men

Story of the **battle with** sketches of American soldiers who took part

K. K. White

Anson County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1749-1766

Anson County, North Carolina Abstracts of Wills and Estate 1749-1795

Tenn. Genealogical Records of Early Settlers from St. & Co. Archives  
 Excellent reference book.  
 Edythe Rucker Whitley

History of Tennessee Illustrated with Sketches of  
 Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Bedford, Marshall Counties

The 1787 Census of Virginia, Loudoun County  
 Personal Property, Tax List for Yr 1787 Loudoun Co. VA  
 Netti Schreiner-Yantis & Florene Speakman Love

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THE FOLLOWING BOOKS ARE OWNED BY LILLIAN THOMAS. 211 E. Schaumburg  
 Rd., Steamwood, IL 60107

Clay Co. Missouri

Sesquicentennial Souvenir 1822-1872

U.S. County Court House Addresses

History of Martha's Vineyard, Vol.1, II, III

Tilton Territory

A History Narrative. Warren Twp., Jefferson Co. OH 1775-1838

A Time & Place In Ohio - Jefferson Co. OH 1856

History of Noble Co., Ohio 1887-1987

Olive Township - Noble Co., OH Cemeteries  
 plus Cem. locations

1850 Census - Polk Co. Iowa

Atlas of Warren Co. Iowa

Norwalk Cemetery. Iowa

Names/dates - Norwalk. Iowa

North River Cemetery, Indianola, IA  
 Names/dates

Birth Records of Warren Co., IA through 1920

History of Warren Co. IA  
 two books

Marriage Records, Warren Co.. IA: 30 Oct. 1849 - 30 Dec. 1875





We wish to thank Willard Duncan for sending the following information. It was extracted from A REED FAMILY IN AMERICA by Forrest F. Reed and published by Tennessee Book Company. Nashville, 1962

HUGH COFFEY (1700 - 1767)

Our first ancestor of whom we have certain knowledge was Hugh Coffee who came to Virginia as a young man about 1725. Although the genealogical records are scarce it is believed Hugh Coffee was not married when he came to this country. He probably landed in Maryland and went from there to Harper's Ferry, Virginia, from where he moved to what was later Augusta County, Virginia - referred to as a frontier "Scotch-Irish" area. There are many references to him in Chalkley's Augusta County, Virginia records which indicated he lived on Cowpasture River.

New counties have been created since that time and it is probable that Hugh Coffee lived either in the northern part of what is now Botetourt County or the southern edge of Alleghany County since Cowpasture empties into the James River near the line between. One of the old Chalkley records refers to Hugh Coffee's land as being "on the corner of John Conoly's land, crossing Cowpasture River." In another reference Hugh Coffee is recorded as having lived at the lower end of Cowpasture on Carter's Mill - possibly referring to Carter's Mill Creek. His land was about 20 miles due west of Lexington. This is near the present town of Iron Gate, a few miles south of Clifton Forge, Virginia, in the Appalachian Mountains.

The name of Hugh Coffee's wife is not known. It is certain that one of his sons was named John and it is probable that he had at least two other sons named William and Benjamin.

Hugh Coffee died at his home or plantation on Cowpasture River in 1766 or 1767. This area is near the famous Shenandoah Valley, in fact, the county seat of Augusta County, Staunton, is in the center of the Valley. It was the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson.

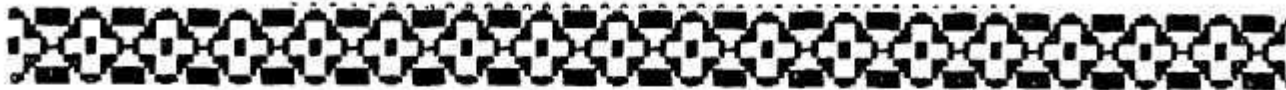
Very little is known about the life of Hugh Coffee. He is referred to occasionally in legal records as an appraiser in land transactions. Doubtless, Hugh Coffee came to this region because many of his friends and relatives preceded him there. Other Coffees are mentioned in the early records. This was a remote pioneer county amid rugged mountains and swiftly flowing streams with difficult roads and few communications - the raw American frontier.

Williamsburg was the colonial capital of Virginia. The Coffees lived in Virginia during the colonial period when all the Governors were appointed by the British King. Among the Governors holding office while Hugh Coffee lived in the western part of the state were Colonel Hugh Drysdale, Colonel Robert Carter, Colonel William Gooch, William N. Keppel (Earl of Albemarle), Commissary James Blair, Colonel John Robinson, Colonel Thomas Lee, Colonel Lewis Burwell and Robert Dinwiddle.

Governor Dinwiddle commissioned George Washington to make his famous survey trip when Washington was 21 years old. During this period a number of great Virginians were born. Washington was born in 1732, Thomas Jefferson in 1743, and James Madison in 1750. Our ancestry is traced through Hugh Coffee's son John Coffee.

Lillian Thomas 211 E. Schaumburg Rd. Steamwood, IL 60107-1460 says that she has found tombstones for Coffees - but she did not say where. If this is someone you are looking for, Lillian's address is above.

FATHER: Alex D. Coffee 30 June 1831 - 13 Sept. 1892  
MOTHER: Joanna Coffee 20 July 1840 - 27 July 1921



#### JESSE COFFEY

Bennie Loftln sent a work sheet prepared by J. C. Coffey of Dallas TX.

Jesse Coffey b. 1798 Wilkes Co. NC d. ?  
m. Winford Crumpton b. 1801

Children: 1. Larkin - 1825  
2. Louis E. - 1826  
3. William - 1829  
4. Eli - 1832  
5. Vann - 1834  
6. John Gordon - 1840 Georgia, m. Mary Monroe Pettitt  
(had 14 children)

additional notes: "We found Larkin & his family on 1850 GA census in Gordon Co., GA, and again in 1870 in AL census Lawrence. Co."

1. "Note- Source of Information on Jesse Coffey above was 1850 Gilmer Co. GA"
2. "Jesse Coffey & Winford Crumpton's bondsman when married was Larkin Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ illegible... Wilkes Co.

JOHN GORDON COFFEY (6th child of Jesse Coffey above)

b. 24 Aug 1840 Georgia, d. Feb 1920 married Mary Monroe Pettitt

Children: James Elbert 1860  
Mary Ellen 1861  
Martha Emiline 1864  
Millie Angeline 1866  
Amanda Jane 1868  
Fannie Pernelia 1869  
Raymond Lucious 1871  
Willie Eleanor 1874  
John Pettitt 1877  
Thomas Masterson 1877  
Sarannah Georgia 1879  
Martin Dewitt 1861  
Effie Susannah 1884  
Dillie Pearl 1887

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The following is an extraction from the Washington County (Pennsylvania) History, dated 1895. It was sent to us by Walter and Elaine Obermayr. Elaine (Coffey) Obermayr is the cousin and Walter is the genealogist. We had an extremely interesting letter about their exciting research in Washington County, PA. They are working on a book on the following Coffey family line.

THE COFFEY FAMILY To "Caledonia, stern and wild," whose hardy sons and daughters are to be found in every clime where it is possible for a man to live. America is indebted for a large portion of her most industrious, most useful, most thrifty and most loyal citizens, and among these stand prominent the Coffey family, of whom this sketch relates.

George Coffey, (b. 1801) a wagon maker by trade, which he had learned in his native land, (Ayrshire) Scotland, was the only child of George Coffey. He was married there to Miss Agnes, only daughter of Alexander Dickey, who came to America and made a settlement in Buffalo township, Washington Co, Penn., where he died at an advanced age: he was a typical son of Scotia, sturdy and tenacious of life, and it is said of him that a few months before his death he journeyed on foot to Pittsburgh in one day. Mr. and Mrs. George Coffey, after several years of married life in their native land, at the desire of Mr. Dickey followed him to his adopted home in Washington county, where for a time Mr. Coffey carried on his trade at Rankintown, on the National pike. He then moved to Buffalo township, and for fourteen years was recognized as the leading wagon maker within a radius of many miles. Retiring, however, from his trade, he took up the farm where his son George now lives, located at a point on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, known as "Coffey's Crossing," where he engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his wife's death, in 1883, when he came into the borough of Washington and here passed his remaining days. He died in June 30, 1886, at the age of seventy-three years, after a busy life, in which by hard work he had to make his own success. When he first came to the county there was much in his line of trade to do, repairing the heavy wagons used in the construction of the National pike, besides a vast amount of other custom work, that came to his shop from far and near. In the building up of the home the several members of the family had to do their respective parts, and, when they moved from the shop to the farm, even the daughters would often work in the field, in all kinds of weather, and many a day under a broiling sun do as much work as a man. In one day Miss Annie Coffey and her sister cut and tied about four acres of heavy corn. In those times it was customary for the farmers, who had produce to sell, to proceed early in the morning to Washington market, take their places and patiently wait for customers: and frequently Miss Annie Coffey and her mother would work in the sugar bush until late at night, then go to the house, change their clothing, and start on foot for Washington, a distance of five miles, carrying heavy jugs of maple molasses, which having sold, they would walk home again, change their garments, and once more go to work in the sugar camp. Thus, with little sleep or rest, did the brave women of those early days unrepiningly labor to build up a home for coming generations, and materially assist in the growth and advancement of the county.

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To Mr. and Mrs. George Coffey were born seven children, as follows: Alexander, in Iowa: Maggie, deceased: Annie, in Washington: William, deceased: Jennie, married to Daniel Clemens: George, on the old home farm in Buffalo township; and Agnes, deceased. Of this family Miss Annie with true filial devotion, always remained with her parents, comforting them in their, declining years, and reverently closing their eyes in death. She has always enjoyed good health, and it is the earnest prayer of her many friends that she may be spared to them for many happy years to come. Her home in Washington is peaceful and pleasant, as is the life she leads in it. She is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, the faith of her forefathers.

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Library of Congress

The Library of Congress announced the new publication as the Library continues the long tradition of publishing its bibliographic records for family histories in its collections. This new publication picks UP where the discontinued series edited by Marian Kaminkow left off in 1985. The new edition became available in April of 1992 and the price is \$70.00 (North American) and \$75.00 (International). It may be purchased from: Library of Congress, Cataloging Distribution Service, Customer Service Section, Washington, DC 20541-5017 U.S.A.



The following was sent by Willard Duncan. He says that he could not identify this Jesse from any of his records.

All of which is Respectfully submitted

Confirmed at March Term 1841

W. Lusk clk  
By J. D. Lusk D.C.

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Settlement With Wm White Guardian of Jesse Coffees heirs

State of Tennessee

Warren County

The clerk of this court begs to Make the following Report (to wit)

that he made a Settlement with William White Guardian of the minor heirs of Jesse Coffee and which resulted as follows

that he said Guardian had money of his wards on the 3rd Sept 1839. \$4891.56  
Principle and interest Out of which he had paid for his wards for  
 tuition clothing Boarding Medical attentions & Clerks fees for  
 the same of..... 648.03  
 Which leaves in his hands after deducting the same the sum of. . . 4243.52  
 Which said Settlement is herewith filed and made a part of this Report

Account currant made out and Settled with the clerk of the County Court up to the 3rd of September 1839 as Guardian of the heirs of Jesse Coffee decd

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| The Amt Rendered on Last Settlement.....   | \$4314.17 |
| Int. on the above 12 Months.....   | 258.84    |
| 2nd Octr 1838 <u>Recd.</u> of George Stroud <u>Admr</u> .....  | 11.88     |
| Int on same up to 3rd Sept.1839.....   | .66       |
| 7th of May 1839 <u>Recd</u> of Ann Coffee for rent of land for three years<br>(to wit) 1837-38-39..... | 300.00    |
| Int. onthe above up to 3rd Sept 1839.....  | 6.00      |
| <u>fawd</u> .....  | 4891.55   |

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1838

Credits

Paid Tribble & Edwards for tuition

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Amelia Elizabeth & Chatham.....   | \$ 12.25  |
| 3rd Sept. <u>pad</u> William Armstrong <u>clerk</u> for settling & returning<br>account as Guardian.....        | 1.50      |
| 29 <u>Apr</u> 1839 pd M Hill for P. H. Coffees Medical <u>a/c</u> .....   | 10.00     |
| Int on the above to 3rd Sept 1839.....  | 70        |
| 7 May -39 Paid Ann <u>Coffee</u> for Boarding & Clothing all of the<br>children for three years 1837-38-39..... | 600.00    |
| Int on the Same up to 3rd Sept 1839.....  | 11.08     |
|   | 648.03    |
| <u>Bal due</u> up to 3rd Sept 1839.....   | \$4243.52 |

All of which is Respectfully submitted  
Confirmed at Octo Term 1841



William Armstrong clk

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Settlement with William White Guardian of Jesse Coffee 3 heirs

State of Tennessee

Warren County

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The Clerk of this Court begs leave to Report that on the 3rd of Sept 1810 he made a settlement with William White Guardian of the minor

heirs of Jesse Coffee Decd. when it appeared that he had in hands Money of his wards to the Amt of. . . . . \$4695.93  
That he had necessarily expended for tuition clothing &c the sum of. . . . . \$ 347.36 1/2  
Which leaves a bal. in his hands Money of his ward. . . . . 4348.46 1/2  
Which will more fully appear by reference to said settlement herewith filed and made a part of this Report

To the worshipful County court of Warren County the undersigned makes to your worships the following Exhibit of his Receipt and disbursements as Guardian of the heirs of Jesse Coffee deceased since his last report made on the 1st Sept. 1839.

I am chargeable with the following amts (to wit)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Bal. in my hands as reported the 3rd September 1839.                  | \$4243.52 |
| Int. on the Same up to 3rd Sept. 1840.                                | 254.61    |
| June 15th 1840 Recd of Wm C Smartt & Geo Stroud Admr. of Jesse Coffee | 195.00    |
| Int. on the Same up to 3rd Sept 1840.                                 | 2.82      |
|   | \$4695.95 |

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1839

Disbursements

|  |          |
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| Sept 27 Paid Jesse R Edwards for tuition Patrick Chatham Elizabeth & Amelia. | \$ 32.25 |
| Int. on the Same to 3rd of Sept 1840.  | 1.93     |
| Cash paid Clerk of settling & returning act - Current.                       | 1.50     |
| Decr 23rd Cash pd McGee Shff for Tax for 1839.                               | 1.97 1/2 |
| 1840   |          |
| Jan 9th Cash pd J. W. Ford for Advertising Land.                             | 14.00    |
| Feb 15 Cash pd J. C Thompson Filling Bill to Sell Same.                      | 25.00    |
| July 8 Ditto " Sack & Mercer clerks fee for petition to sell Land.           | 5.00     |
| Ditto 9 Cash pd Miss Rasco. for Elizabeth for schooling.                     | 10.00    |
| " " " " Amelia " " " " " " " " " " " "                                       | 5.50     |
| August 18 Cash pd S. Nye & Co for Advertising land.                          | 25.50    |
| " " " A. M. Stone for Chathams schooling                                     | 18.31    |
| " " Merchandise furnished Patrick for Clothing                               | 74.96    |
| ditto " Chatham do.  | 34.04    |
| ditto " Elizabeth do.  | 20.73    |
| ditto Amelia do.   | 21.67    |
| ditto Andrew J   | .00.00   |
| ditto Alexander S  | .00.00   |
| Boarding Chatham up to 3rd Sept 1840.  | 20.00    |
| " Elizabeth " " " " " " " " " " " "  | 20.00    |
| " Amelia " " " " " " " " " " " "   | 20.00    |

\$347.36 1/2

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT  
September, 1992



Dear Cousins,

Gee Whiz - summer is about gone - and may be by the time this gets to you. I hope your searches have been fruitful and revealed some new lines. If you have found something new, do get it in so your cousins can read about it in the newsletter - - It may be just what they need to jump a bit gap in their search.

If you see something that does not agree with what you can have - write in and send the corrected information as you have it - you might be surprised at what comes out of it. Kitti wrote in on her McCallum line and gave corrected data and within 10 days had a long distance call giving her the gap across the ocean plus at least two more generations. When you share what you have, the return may be beyond your wildest expectations.

Most of you who were in San Antonio know that Econolodge was in negotiations to be bought and torn down. The next Sunday after our reunion it was closed!!! It has been torn down and a new big wholesale type store is to be built there. I sure hated to see it go. I thought that was one of the most beautifully set motels I have seen anywhere and besides, San Antonio needs the motel rooms. June and July found San Antonio hotels/motels averaging better than 92% occupancy. Glad we did it this year.

Now set your sights on Oklahoma City for 1993. Gene Brewington is working on it and will have a great reunion planned for us. If you are looking for some Oklahoma roots, including Indian, That is the place.

Cousin Jeff



The following information was forwarded to us from Jacqueline Maxwell 4143 Yosemite Blvd. C-3, Modesto. CA 95354. Jackie says that she grew up, living with her grandmother. Grandmother told very interesting stories of her childhood in Kentucky. Jackie is interested in obtaining information regarding the history of the Coffeys' and corresponding with various relatives. Jackie sent the following obituary for Francis M. Coffey which she received from a cousin in Los Angeles a few years ago.

FRANCIS M. COFFEY MUSTERED OUT

The oldest resident of Soldier, F. M. Coffey, passed away Sunday, January 13, 1933. He was almost ninety-three years of age. Until a fall he had five weeks ago, he was in remarkable good health for one of his age. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Coffey moved from Havensville to Soldier. Mr. Coffey was born at Jamestown, Kentucky, March 27, 1840. He was married May 26, 1865 at Stanford, Kentucky to Parmella Jane Hughes, so this aged couple were in the sixty-eighth year of their companionship.

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They were parents of ten children, who are:  
 Charles H. Coffey of Hutchinson, Kansas  
 Annie C. Fisher of Florence, Kansas  
 Minnie E. Clapperton of Los Angeles, California  
 Margaret Dufferu of Vallejo, California  
 Francis T. Coffey of Los Angeles, California  
 Mary A. Achenbach of Soldier, Kansas  
 James G. Coffey of Leavenworth, Kansas  
 Arthur K. Coffey of Leavenworth, Kansas  
 Pearle D. Titsworth of Kansas City, Missouri  
 Belle Huffman who preceded her father in death.



Mr. Coffey was a veteran of the Civil War, a Union Soldier of the 19th Kentucky Infantry, Co. I. He served three years and six months, was engaged in thirteen battles, among which were Bull Run, Shiloh, Vicksburg. He could tell many thrilling experiences of the war. Two brothers were with him in the service.

He came to Kansas in 1880, locating first at Peabody, then living successively at Florence, Holton, America City, Havensville, and Soldier. He was a good husband and father, a friend and neighbor, a brave soldier and a Christian. He united with the Baptist Church in young manhood. He was a member of the Christian Church at Havensville and then at Soldier. He passed away with full confidence of the Christian faith and hope. Besides his wife and children he is survived by thirty-seven grandchildren, forty great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the Soldier Christian Church January 17th. the pastor Rev. Mayfield speaking; Rev. Staton assisting. Fred Armstrong and John Whistler of America City, singers who Mr. Coffey liked so much to hear, provided the music. Confederate veteran, R. R. Brooks, caring the G.A.R.'s American flag, funeral service, firing the salute and sounding Taps at the grave in Soldier Cemetery.

And so was laid to rest the last of the Union Veterans of the town of Soldier, Kansas. His surviving comrade of this community is P.H. Reed, who was not able to attend the service.



#### OUR GOOD BOY. GOOD GIRL AWARD

Frances Parkinson of Hazlehurst, MS and a fellow genealogist has been working for almost a year on a book. They have taken on the task of preserving the minutes of the Copiah County (we assume MS) School Board from its inception on Sept. 7, 1846 until May 7, 1866. this record covers the creation of the first common schools in this county, the first teachers, the names of those who purchased the 16th section land leases which established the Common School Fund and the names of those who were granted loans from that fund. Frances continues; "You can imagine the wealth of genealogical and historical information that is contained in such a Journal - especially one including the Civil War era. The Information was in real danger of being lost because of mishandling; no one seemed to know that it was valuable. We put it on microfilm, photostated it and are now transcribing it onto the computer." Frances says, "No big deal - for someone who knows what he's doing". We think it sounds like he's doing great and we hope that he lets his Coffey Cousins know when his project is finished. Possibly some of the cousins will be interested in owning this research book.

WELL DONE FRANCES.





NOTE - MESSAGE FROM MARVIN COFFEY - NOTE

"I have now **sold** my last copy of JAMES B. **COFFEY: ANCESTORS**. Since the demand has been steady, albeit **slow**, and I expect there will be **countless** new Coffey searchers in the future who may want a copy. I have decided to get it reprinted. I will not be able to work on it until after the first of the year (when I retire), but I should be able to get it done within a few months after that.

The reprint will not be a revision but will be brought up to date with corrections and **additions**. Any Coffey descendants who have not already sent me such are welcome to send **additions and/or** corrections on any line mentioned in the book. I would like to receive them by the first of the new year. **All corrections** and additions will be included in the book on additional pages bound in the front of the book. For those who already have the book, these sheets will be printed in the CCC **Newsletter**, perhaps about two pages or so in each **issue** until all have been printed. I am **especially** interested in hearing from those who may have found new information on the **Chesley Coffey - Jane Cleveland** line as I get a lot of **inquiries** from descendants of this pair.

The book will probably be bound with a soft cover and the costs will be kept down as much as possible."

Sincerely,

Marvin D. Coffey

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