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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dear Cousins,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It really **is** going to be a Happy New Year for Jim and I. We're both retiring from the State of Missouri on Jan 31, 1993. **Hopefully** I will have some **time** to do research now and all of those other things I have put off.

I want to call your attention to the Convention 93 (last page of CCC). Gene Brewington has worked up a great convention for us. I can hardly wait. I'm going to send my reservations in tomorrow. Keep the map for May. You may need it.

I'm sorry that there **is** no address list in this issue of CCC. but there was **just** so much material that needed **publishing** that I didn't **feel** that we had room this time. I will try to put the short list in the March issue and only **publish** the tour **generation** charts every other year unless we find a month without enough to say. You **have** given me more than I can print at this time. I hope that we always have an abundance of **Coffey** research. That means that you are all active and **finding** new material. What could be better than that?

Sincerely, your cousin.  
Bonnie Culley



#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cousins.

**Time** flies when you are having fun. Already it **is** about **time** for the next **Coffey** Cousins Letter and I haven't any great words of **wisdom** to impart.

How many of you have computers? With a modem? The modem **allows** you to communicate with your computer over telephone **lines** and access **Bulletin** Boards with information about **all** kinds of things including genealogy. If you have a **local** computer **club** they can help you.

There is a service known as Prodigy which has too many **things** you can do to try and enumerate, but among the things is a Genealogy **Bulletin** Board (known as BBS;). I am a novice at the BBS. but having recently subscribed to Prodigy and not finding **Coffey** **listed**, I put up a message - and guess what? Our own Ann **Cassell** answered me from the **Carolinas** with info I probably should have known **about**. but didn't. Great! There were some other **Coffeys** that got into the **communication**. too. And **Coffey** Cousins Clearinghouse got a couple of **plugs**. too. As of today there aren't **Coffey** inquiries on **there**. but when the spirit moves I can do it **again**. I do check almost everyday to see if someone has put anything new on there.

I recommend you consider **getting** a modem if you don't have one and when you do - consider subscribing to Prodigy. The Prodigy program is advertised for **sale**. but can be obtained from various sources **free** - legally. There is a subscription fee, but **is** quite nominal for what you can do - even make airline reservations.

As we are into the Holiday season. **Kitti** and I wish **everyone** a **joyous** and meaningful Christmas season and that **1993** will bring new and wonderful **things**.

Cousin Jeff

NEW ADDRESS

Margaret Cummings, 12 Westminster St. #A. Nantucket. MA 02554-3676

WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINSAND THEIR ANCESTORS

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MEET OUR NEW COUSINS

Danny K. Coffey just started researching his Coffey family last year. His Coffeys have been in Russell Co. KY since at least the early 1800s. His father - is Orvil G. Coffey (b. 9Aug 1902. d.5 May 1990). grandfather - Willis Shelby Coffey (b. 25 Oct 1876, d. 22 July 1941), great grandfather - Sidney Coffey (b. 11 Jan 1846. d. 29 May 1911), and great great grandfather - ?? Jackson Coffey (b. 1817or 18. d.?). Danny found Jackson with son Sidney in the 1850 census. He would like help with this line. His address is in the new cousin list.

Greg Boswell says that the following is taken from a Family Bible in his possession. All entries seem to have been made at the same time. same handwriting and same ink, on all of it. Greg sends a work sheet with this information.

CM. Coffee b. 22 July 1820 d.17 Dec 1840(home of J.D.Coffee  
 wife-C.E.Coffee b. 25 May 1822

children:

Mary A.	b. 23 Feb 1844	d. 3 Jan 1849
Joshua (T or L)	b. 15 Dec. 1845	d. 30 Oct 1850
Infant unnamed	b. 12 Feb 1848	d. 27 Feb 1848
R. T.	b. 10 Nov 1849	d. 13 Nov 1851
M. C.	b. 18 Jun 1852	d.
M. C. B.	b. 8 Dec. 1854	d.
J. E.	b. 22 Jan 1861	
infant unnamed	b. 26 ?? 1842	d. 26 ??? 1842
infant unnamed	b.	d. 18 Oct 1857

Greg descends from Peter Coffee through Joshua Coffee, Thomas Graves Coffee. and Richard Smith Coffee. He would like to correspond with others researching this line. His address is in the new cousins section.

James C. Coffey sent us a copy of the lineage that I had worked up for Tom Coffey of Vienna MO several years ago. Len was going to print it in CCC but didn't get around to it before his death. Therefore I will print it in DOCUMENTS GALORE in this issue. James descends from Edward Coffey through John Coffey's son Thomas Coffey. James would like to correspond with others working on this line. His address is in the new cousins list.

Daniel L Elliott says that he heard of us through the PRODIGY Genealogy Bulletin Board. His wife is the Coffey descendant. Her great-great grandmother was Emily "Eliza" Jane Coffey b. 7 Aug 1824 to Ananias "Nias" Coffey and Jane Hindman. Emily "Eliza" m. Barry Green Coomer 1b Mar. 1854 Adair Co.. KY. A daughter Louisa Jane Coomer b. 6 Jan 1857, moved with other family members to Pike Co.. IN and married into the Grubb family. There are many descendants. Daniel's address is in the new cousins list.



NOW HEAR THIS. REQUEST FOR YOUR HELP

MR. CAROL COFFEE is asking the Coffee Cousins for help. Quote: "I wish assistance in gathering extant material of a wide variety on the line of Peter Coffee 1 of Virginia. As a direct descendant of William Coffee of that line, I have been engaged in serious research for several years. Now retired and with time to travel. I contemplate extensive primary data-gathering in Virginia, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, as well as here in Texas. Accordingly I am interested in hearing from Cousins, State Historical Societies, State University and private libraries which may be in possession of published or unpublished documents concerning the Line. "

Dr. Coffey is interested in any material on the Peter Coffee line, births, deaths, marriages, military records, photos, sketches, anecdotes and published histories. Do not send them to him, write and describe what you have on the Peter Coffee line or descendants. Dr. Coffee will appreciate your help. We wish Dr. Coffee success in this work as every volume written on any Coffee line is valuable to all of us. His address is Mr. Carol Coffee, Ph.D., 2028 Bingle Road, Houston, TX 77055. Tel. (713)461-7005

OBITUARIES

AUBREY J. COFFEY

Aubrey J. Coffey, 85, Odessa MO died July 16, 1992, at Research Medical Center, Kansas City. Coffey was born Aug. 13, 1906, the son of Lewis Jasper and Alice Ann Josephine Moulder Coffey in Colleda in Camden Co.. MO and lived in Odessa MO since 1943.

He was married to Ada May Martin on April 15, 1932, in Windsor MO. He was a member of the first Baptist Church, Odessa. Survivors include a son Jim Coffey, Odessa, two daughters, Phyllis Pryor, Independence, and Pat Coffey of the home, and sister, May Eldson, Camdenton MO.



We have added a new library to our gift subscriptions. The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society requested copies be mailed to them in the future. They said that they would be placed in their permanent collection. We were very honored to receive their request.

THE MAILBOX

Frances Parkinson and a friend have microfilmed, photostated and compiled the "COPIAH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES" from it's inception Sept. 7. 1846 until May 7. 1866. It covers the teachers, purchasers of the 16th section of land, those granted land from school funds and much more. Frances gave us a copy. I will bring it to the convention in May for all to see. It is a very interesting reading. I'm sure Frances will sell copies of the book. (address: 245 Highway 28 West. Hazlehurst, MS 39083)

Kitty Coffey had knee replacement surgery on Oct. 29th. Jeff says that she is doing well. She has had the staple out and is on a walker and taking therapy. We're sorry to hear Kitty had surgery but do wish her well and we're glad to hear that she is doing so well.

We were so glad to hear from Anna Cassell. She and a few others have asked if Timothy Peterman has added any new data to his narrative on the Cheslev Coffee line. Anna's husband has had a serious stroke. We hope he is doing better. She has been sending us lots of new COUSINS through Prodigy Genealogy Bulletin Board. We thank Anna for her help.

JoAnn Coffey of Lansing MI wrote that she did not receive her Sept. issue of CCC. Check your issues and make sure that you have all of the copies you were supposed to get. We realize that the mail machinery eats newsletters at times. You just have to tell me and I will replace any that did not arrive. Sorry it happened to you JoAnn but I'm glad that you brought it to my attention.

Jack Coffey wrote that hurricane Andrew passed close to his and Nelda's home. He said that it caused a lot of damage to their neighborhood but fortunately only moderate damage to their house. We're glad they are OK.

Bennle Loftin says that she has not heard from Kathryn Johnson since their trip to the Rucker reunion but she does appreciate her research and finding of Bennie's Nancy Hayes Coffey 1802-1874 in Jeanne Bonham's Vital Statistics of Rockcastle County, KY. Her parents were Thomas and Sarah Hayes. (This is not the Thomas Hayes that married Sarah Rucker) Bennie is also working on a reprint of "Lizzie's Legacy and Our Coffey Cousins". Bennie also added a clipping that she received from Robert Johnsey of the Nov. 4, death of W. Clytes (Anderson) Culler, age 72. of Dallas Texas. Mrs. Culler was a noted genealogist and historian of the Dallas area.

Freda C Blessing wrote that she went to Salt Lake City and Provo, UT but found little on her bunch. She did say that she would go to the Vadaia Library in GA with me after I retire though. I plan to hold her to it. It's supposed to be a very good but little known genealogy library.

in 1982 Dr. E Ann Neel researched Early Women in Randolph and Marion Counties in Missouri. Her book "Finding Our Lost Women in Randolph and Marion Counties in Missouri" list on page 56, Vol. 4:  
Martin 8. Elvira (Coffee) Wright

DEAD END ROADS

Willard Duncan after six years of serious eye surgery is doing better and is back to researching. He is asking if anyone has any help or clues that might help him. He writes as follows:

"The June issue had an article on Grayson Co., TX. Hiram is my great great grandfather. He died there in 1851 and was married to Sarah Elizabeth before 1820. He was b. in 1800 in TN and his wife was born in VA in 1798. Her last name is not known. Their children:

Matilda	1820	born Franklin Co.. IN	
Lucinda	1821	born Falls Creek. IN	
John S.	1823	"	
George Washington	1829	"	
Eli	1832	"	
Hiram	1834	"	fefej.
Robert Thompson	1838	"	

They were careless with names. In the 1850 census you learn that his wife's name is Elizabeth but in the probate it is only Sarah. Yet a granddaughter is Sarah Elizabeth. George is never used in the probate papers. Just Washington. In the 1860 census of California, he is just George. The same is true of Robert Thompson.

Other than Leola Gourley, I know of no descendants from the sons of Hiram. Yet George and Eli are in the Calif. 1860 census. Tulare Co. with Matilda. One other item. Holland died in a duel. My Hiram in court stated that he was not related to him, yet Ambrose's children's names are so like those of my Hiram and every one of them can be matched by the Coffeys living in the Globe. Joseph and Reuben, in 1804 were in Elizabeth township, Carter Co., TN. More accurately. Reuben purchased land 10 Oct 1863 for \$500.00 and it was registered 5 Dec. 1804. Among witnesses was Joseph. This places these men in Carter Co.. TN near to 1800 when Hiram was born and Father - Reuben has an extra male in the 1800 census under 10. I've come to believe that is my Hiram. His first daughter was named Matilda (Joseph has a Matilda).

if you are at a dead end you look for clues. My Hiram according to family stories was part Cherokee. Yet another story is that his wife or mother was Nancy Elizabeth Huff born in Holland. There were Coffeys in Globe who have never been identified. They disappear from the records. Did one have a Cherokee wife in Carter Co. and perhaps die leaving an orphan that Reuben and Sally raised?

My Hiram never connected with other Coffeys. A pioneer in Hamilton Co. IN. No other Coffeys joined him. After the Cherokee removal he and family leave IN for MO. Then thru the Cherokee Nation where his eldest son James S. lays over for the birth of their first child, while the others go on the Grayson Co. TX."

Does anyone have any information, suggestions, ideas that might help Willard with this line. His address is 285 S Kings Rd.. Ormond Beach. FL 32174. We're glad to hear from Willard again and also glad to have him researching again. Hope to see you at another reunion.

Janet Hessong Tepera says that her line comes from Clara Gertrude Cottey . married to Herbert Edgar Evans, in Farmersville. Collins. Texas in 1906. Clara was the daughter of William Daniel Coffey (born at Mr. Pleasant. TN). He was the son of William F. Coffey, who was the son of Calvin Cotfev, who was the son of Nathan Coffey, who was the son of Chesley Cotfev, who was the son of Chesley and Jane Cleveland Cottey in Wilkes Co., NC in 1750. She wishes to correspond with others working on the Chesley Coffey line. Her address is 3476 Condor Lane. Lake Ridge. VA 22192.

William & Genevieve (Bergeron) Heflin wrote: "While in Boston visiting our son recently we experimented with their 'PRODIGY' computer set-up. We put in 'Coffey' and an immediate response was received from Anna Cassell. Our 'Coffey' request was for information on my wife Genevieve's mother, Beatrice Coffey Bergeron. She was born, we think, in Clyde, KS. October 13, 1893 and died in Kankakee, IL. December 26, 1979. Beatrice's father was Wesley W. Coffey born in 1869 in Iowa (1885 Census). He is supposed to have died in Parsons KS in about 1930 and buried in UK. He married Louisa Casstka in Kansas City, MO on July 23 1890. Louisa, Bohemian descent, born (by calculation), ca. 1872. They had two children: John Wesley b. May 13, 1892 and Beatrice Cottey b. Oct. 13, 1893, both in Clyde, KS.

Sometime around 1900, the family of Edward and Sophia Gay Alexander became the foster parents of the two children. Beatrice moved to Kankakee, IL with the Alexanders before 1904. According to Beatrice, John Wesley died at about 12 years of age. Probably Louisa Catska died as she dropped completely out of sight and Wesley W. Coffey re-married a Laura Hoove and may have lived in Parson, KS. The Heflins would like help if any of the cousins recognize Genevieve's line. Their address is 3200 N.E. 36th Street. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308.

Earlene Hutsell has made a Southern Genealogy trip, and although she did not find the proof that she wanted on the Coffee's, she did come to the following conclusion.

The 1850 census of McMinn County, lists

Daniel Coffee	45		born N.C.
Nancy	41	wife	"
James	21		"
Nancy R.	18		"
Robert	14		"
Pleasant	10		"
Matilda	9		"
Henrietta	8		"
Delila	7		"
Jeremiah	5		born TN
William	4		"
John W,	1		"

Others born later also in Tenn. Anna B. 1853. Sarah B. 1854.

~~Isabella B. 1855 and Martha B.. 1858~~

Nancy Kinner ("K" sometimes looks like an "R") Coffee married Josiah Washington Brown in Athens, TN. in 1862, after his first wife Martha Wear died. Since this family lived close to the Browns and Nancy was the right age. Earlene is hoping that they can be proved as her family. J.W. Brown did have a large plantation on the Hiawasee River south of Athens. Any help would be appreciated. Earlene Hutsell's address is 1384 Coach Rd. #101, St. Paul MN. 55108

Margaret Billing would like help with the parents of Matilda Evaline Coffey. Mathida married 20 Dec. 1854 to John Hold in Jamestown, KY. Margaret's address is 7210 Twin Oaks Dr.. Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Darlene Newbrough Wicks says that she is interested in the Coffey families in Missouri in Macon County in 1846/48. She is looking for the parents of Elmira or Almira Coffey who married Joseph Newbrough/Newberry around those dates. Darlene's address is 115 Watt Drive. Elgin, TX 78621.

Janice Meredith writes that she is researching the MERIDITH family. Her g-g-grand-father William Meredith was the brother of Sarah Meredith who married Nathan Coftey in Adair Co. KY. Sarah and Nathan migrated to Pike Co.. IL in about 1829. Janice is trying to prove that Sarah and William Meredith were children of Daniel Meredith and Hannah Cook. If anyone can help he, Janice's address is: 3274 S. Lakewood 11-C, Tulsa, OK 74135.

Dorothy Johns wrote earlier this year that she would like to correspond with someone who has verified information on the parents of Jane Graves. CCC would also like to have any verified information on this line. Is anyone seriously working on the Graves genealogy? Dorothy's address is: 2426 Ponderosa ST. #A, Santa Ana. CA 92705-1751.

Catherine M Barrett is looking for any information about Michael Joseph Dee who married a Coffee. Their children were Kathryn Susanka. Jimmy Dee. Peg Hamlin, Grace Hirshman, Jule Dee. Loretto. Tom Dee and Billy Dee. They were from Webster Groves. MO. Catherine Barrett's address is 6112 Cave Walk Lane, Imperial, MO 63052.

Dr. James Lewis saw our listing in the "Genealogical Helper" and is interested in corresponding with someone working on this line. DR. Lewis descends from Etta Mae Coffey (b. 12 Oct. 1878. Princeton, IL) and William Leon Churchill (b. 16 Apr. 1873, Highland. KS). They were married 7 Mar 1900 Phillipsburg, KS. Etta Mae died 14 July 1955 in Shreveport. LA. She was the daughter of James and Amy (Malonee) Coffey(ee). He was born Sept. 1847 in Ireland. They were married 23 Dec. 1874 in Princeton. IL. Amy was a school teacher at age 16. Her family moved from Belmont to Princeton when she was 12 years old. She was a member of the Protestant Methodist Church. They had 13 children: 4 died in infancy and 2 died in childhood. James came to the US in 1851 and was a naturalized citizen. James may have had a brother Michael who married Ellen Campon. Dr. Lewis' address is 16922 Dorman Dr.. Round Rock. TX 78681-3637.

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#### CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Virgil O. Coffey of New Mexico sent us this record:

Jesse Coffey b. ca 1819 d. 14 Feb 1835 in Warren Co. TN and married ca. 1810 Anna Hackett of Rhea Co. TN. Their children were Patrick Henry. Chatham. Elizabeth, Ann Amelia (Emily?), Andrew Jackson, Alexander Smart and Jess who died in infancy. The Wilson and Smart families helped rear the children. Jesse was a son of Ambrose and Millie Moore and grandson of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland Cottey.

OSCAR J. COFFEY 66, is president and founder of the National Black Chamber of Commerce based in Oakland Calif. Mr. Coffey a former Coffee salesman, formed the organization in 1983 to address issues pertinent to black businesses such as how to acquire capital and develop special marketing strategies. Today the chamber has 73 affiliate chapters across the country including the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce. (excerpt from Dallas Morning News, sent by Bennie Loftin)



A ROAD NAMED COFFEY CROSSING ROAD

Thomas F Wright. Chairman of Buffalo Township. Washington Co. PA has stated that the road leading to Boone Rd. from U.S. 40 has officially been named Coffey Crossing Rd. It crosses the Old Baltimore-Ohio railway at a point known as Coffey Crossing for over a century. George R. Coffee (the name was changed to Cotfey by his children) emigrated to Washington Co.PA from Scotland in 1836. He acquired the land at this site and began farming in 1848. He was a wheelwright by trade. His son, George W. Coffey operated the farm in later years until his death in 1915. Descendants of this line of Coffeys can be found today in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, New York, and Wisconsin. Walter and Elaine (Coffey) Obermayr are working in unison with the Washington County Historical Society in an effort to place a historical marker at Coffey Crossing.

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Margaret Welsch says that she would like to give her opinion as to the year Mary (Polly) Coffey, who married Eli Coffey was born. Margaret says that she has read where there is a question as to the year being 1780 or 1785. Margaret believes that 1780 is correct since the 1870 census for Russell County KY p. 155 (roll # vary) taken July 1. 1870 lists:

Elizabeth Wolford	age 62	born KY	Head of Household
Mary Coffee	age 89	born KY	
Mabella (SP) Chapman	age 45	born KY	
Margaret	age 13		

Elizabeth was born 14 Aug 1807 and would have been 62 on July 1 and Mary Coffee b. 7 Dec 1780 would have been 89 on July 1.

Now Margaret would like to ask a question of her fellow researchers. Somewhere Margaret read that Mary and Eli Coffey were first cousins. Does anyone have proof that they were first cousins? If it is true that they were first cousins their fathers would have to be brothers and they, Eli and Mary would have the same grandfather. Margaret Welsch's address is 4401 Durango Lane, McKinney, TX 70570.

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Margie Coffey writes about an obituary for Pauline Coffey that appeared in the September issue of CCC, page 11.

Pauline Coffey was Pauline Orr before her marriage to Cabicus Coffey. She and Cabicus were second cousins. Pauline's mother was Peggy Hindman Orr. Cabicus Coffey was the son of Annias and Jane Hindman Coffey. In 1830 a group of family including Pauline and her mother moved to Cass County. Ill.

Another mistake that needs to be corrected is Salathial Cotfey married Mary (Polly) Blair Oct. 25, 1808 in Adair Co. He did not marry Anna Lynch. This Salathial was the son of Nebuzaraden Coffey and Elizabeth Hayes in the Chesley Coffey line. This family has done a lot of work on their line and they agree that Mary Blair Coffey was their ancestor. A group of Coffeys came from Mercer County to Adair County and Salathial and his brother Annias Coffey were in the group. They came through Green County. Salathial was never in Pulaski County. For those wishing to write to Margie Coffey, her address is P.O. Box 112. Columbia. KY.



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REWARD - OFFERED by VIRGIL COFFEE

\$500.00 For proof of the death of LARKIN and AMANDA COFFEE/Y.

500.00 For Proof of parentage of LARKIN COFFEE/Y.

FACTS: Gleaned from the U.S Census reports. Larkin was born in TN and Amanda was born in KY. They lived in Hopkins County TX in 1850. 1860. 1870 and 1880. In January 1892 Larkin and Amanda borrowed \$100.00 from a R. Collins: but in 1894 Hopkins County Tax records reveal that 320 acres of land was transferred from Larkin Coffee to R. Collins.

Virgil is now unable to do research and would like your help. We hope that he and Iva are well and have a Merry Christmas. We also hope that one of you researchers can help him with his research. PO Box 2. McIntosh, N.M. 87032

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RESEARCH BOOKS

Each quarter we print a list of research books owned by a member of CCC that are willing to check the indices for a given person. Please list 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

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THE FOLLOWING BOOKS ARE OWNED BY FRED A. BLESSING. 902 ROCKMONT CIRCLE. CONYERS. GA 30207

THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION  
A guide to Manuscripts.

THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDE

THE CAROLINA CRADLE

SOUTH CAROLINA JURY LIST 1718-1783

ANSON CO. N.C.: DEED ABSTRACTS 1749-1757  
VOL. I

ANSON CO. N.C.: DEED ABSTRACTS 1757-1766 8. 1763 TAX LIST  
VOL. II

ANSON CO. N.C.: WILLS 8, ESTATES 1749-1795

ANSON CO. N.C.: ABSTRACTS OF EARLY RECORDS

SURRY CO. N.C.: DEED BOOK A, B, & C (1770-1788)

GONE TO GEORGIA  
by William Stewart

WHITES AMONG THE CHEROKEES



## DOCUMENTS\_GALORE

ARKANSAS - PUBLIC DOMAIN LAND PATENTS  
from Spencer Coffey

Thirty states are public domain states; that is. they were once owned by the federal government. In these thirty states, land titles were transferred from the public domain directly to an individual by means of a document called a "patent". These hundreds of thousands of land records are currently being processed into a modern retrieval system under a multi-million-dollar contract, at the standard rate of 4,200 documents per day. Current plans involve twelve states. ranging from Florida with 56,000 documents, to Missouri with 307,000 documents.

Listed below are the Coffee/Coffey patents contained within the 323 Volume set of records for Arkansas thru date of 30 June 1908. (These volumes are not all-inclusive; records from 1 July 1908 and after as well as certain miscellaneous patent documents will be found elsewhere)

Explanation: Line 1 - Acreage: Section/Township/Range: Patent #: Volume #/page #. Line 2 - Type Transaction: Land Office: Date.

- 1) COFFEE. Alfred: 40 acres: 14-7N-30W: 3470: 184-210  
Sales - Cash entry: Clarksville: 1 March 1860
- 2) COFFEE. Alfred: 80 acres: 14-7N-30W: 4244: 185-423  
80 acres: 13-7N-30W:  
Sales - Cash entry; Clarksville; 1 March 1860
- 3) COFFEE. Alfred: 80 acres: 14-7N-30W: 3898: 193-322  
Sales - Cash entry; Clarksville: 8 October 1895
- 4) COFFEE, Claiborn M.: 80 acres: 8-4N-28W: 6573: 207-82  
80 acres: 9-4N-28W:  
Homestead entry original: Dardanelle; 25 May 1896
- 5) COFFEE. Holland: 40 acres: 11-8N-32W: 1576: 88-1  
Sales - Cash entry: Fayetteville: 20 September 1839
- 6) COFFEE. Holland: 40 acres: 11-8N-32W: 1577: 88-2  
Sales - Cash entry: Fayetteville: 20 September 1839
- 7) COFFEE. James G.: 80 acres; 3-9N-24W: 1849; 197-439  
Homestead entry original: Dardanelle; 20 October 1882
- 8) COFFEE. Jesse; 174 acres: 31-12S-23W: 10023: 129-296  
Sales - Cash entry (not given): 1 December 1857
- 9) COFFEE. Joel: 160 acres: 34-12S-23W: 10673: 132-44  
Sales - Cash entry: (not given): 1 July 1859
- 10) COFFEE. John: 160 acres: 26-20N-27W: 15663: 311-252  
Homestead entry original: Harrison: 27 October 1904
- 11) COFFEE. John F.; 80 acres: 15-12S-24W: 1306: 149-258  
Homestead entry original: Camden: 3 June 1882
- 12) COFFEE. John F.: 40 acres: 15-12S-24W: 3161: 153-74





Chase. Un Dec. 1. 1864. James Speed of Kentucky was permanently named to the position and Coffey returned to his former position.

## COFFEYS TO MARIES CO., VIENNA MO

## Generation:

1. Edward Coffey b. Ireland d. 1716 Essex Co., VA  
mar: Ann Powell, dau. Tho. & Mary Place Powell
2. John Coffey b. bef 16 July 1700 Essex Co. VA  
d. Jan/Feb 1775 Albermarle Co. VA  
mar: abt 1728 to Jane (Jean) Graves  
dau. of John 8. Hannah Graves
3. Thomas Coffey b. 7 Mar. 1741, Essex Co. VA  
d. Apr 1825 Wilkes Co. NC  
1st mar: abt. 1762 Elizabeth Smith  
child: Elizabeth, John, Thomas, James, Mary. Smith  
2nd mar: abt 1778/9 Sarah (Sally) Fields  
child: Martha, William, Reuben, Elijah, Sally,  
Lewis, Jesse, Larkin, McCaleb  
(marriages prob. took place in Albermarle Co. VA)
4. James Coffey b. 1772, Albermarle Co. VA  
d. 1840 Wilkes Co. VA  
mar: 31 Aug. 1799 Deliah Ferguson  
child: Thomas, James, Lovancy, Marvel, Eli, Myra,  
Louise
5. Marvel Coffey b. prob. Wilkes Co. NC  
d. abt. 1848, Maries Co., MO  
mar: Rachel Boone dau. Johnathan Boone  
child: Mrs Wm Moss, Lavina, Elizabeth, Temperance,  
Irwin, William B., Squire, Campbell
- Marvel and Rachel Coffey moved to MO with the Boones in th 1830s
6. Campbell Coffey b. 1831 prob. TN d. 8 May 1892 Maries Co. MO  
mar: Carolina Eads dau. Benjamin Eads  
child: James S., Isabelle, Mary, John, Benjamin  
Hiram Kinzey
7. Hiram K Coffey b. 1862 Maries Co. MO  
d. 13 Nov. 1925 Maries Co., MO  
mar: 13 June 1885 Mary Ann Evans  
dau. Jesse & Nancy Evans  
child: William Sydney, Earl, Sherman, Jesse,  
Thomas, Lennie G., Lizzie
8. William S Coffey b. 4 Apr. 1888, Vienna MO  
d. 18 Mar 1922, St. Louis MO  
mar: 24 Apr 1914 Mary Katherine Weidinger  
St. Louis MO  
child: Marie Berniece (Hurrelmeyer), James C.

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Jack Coffee of Baton Rouge, LA sends information that you can add to articles written in the last issue of CCC. Page #s refer to a page in issue 48 of CCC.

Page 11: re: Anannis COFFEY. There is an Anannias Coffey will in the 1861 White County, TN Will Book E, p. 416.

Page 13: re: Jesse COFFEY. Jesse d. 1858 in Georgia. He married Winford Crumpton 22 Dec. 1821 in Wilkes Co., NC. Child Louis E. was Louis Elbert. Vann was Martin Van Buren Coffey and he married Francis PETTIT in Pickens Co., GA 24 Feb 1859.

Gene Brewington gives us a some interesting facts he "dug" up.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS BURIED AT POINT LOOKOUT. MP

Cotfey Larkin, Pvt., Co. "A", 22nd Regt., NC, died 4 Aug 1864

Hill, J.F., Pvt., Co. "I", 7th Alabama Inf., died 3 Nov 1863

Majors, J.F., Pvt., Co. "G", 20th SC Regt., died 21 Feb 1865

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS BURIED AT BOCK ISLAND. LL

Hatfield, Tandy, Pvt., Co. "F", 8th Ark. Cav., died 29 Sep 1864  
grave #1536.

Hill, Abraham, Pvt., Co. "G", 1st Ark. Cav., died 30 Mar 1864

WHO WAS WHO IN THE CIVIL WAR by Stewart Sifakis, 1988, pub. by Facts  
on File Publications, New York/Oxford



Sherman Democrat, July 7, 1991

THIRTY YEARS AGO July 8, 1961

by Lillian Womack - Quantrell's Guerrillas. said to number as many as 200 at times, were in Grayson county in 1862, again in 1863 and a year later according to various stories of their exploits and depredations. The present site of Fred Douglas School is said to have been one camping ground of the notorious band. Other spots associated with the name are on Little Mineral Creed, at Old Preston and near Georgetown. Legend says Quantrell and his men took part in a Sherman Christmas party in 1863, shot up the steeple of the Methodist Church and rode their horses into Ben Christian's hotel where they shot the tassels off the headdress of a woman, variously reported as Sophie Coffey Butts.

(This was written by Lillian Womack, great-granddaughter of Holland and Sophie Coffee. Sophie remarried a Porter after Holland was killed by an Indian in 1846. She managed the trading post at Preston until her death in 1897. Her husband at the time of her death was a Butts.)

John and Mary Ann Taylor have purchased property in Amherst Co., VA in what is still called "Coffeytown". In order to develop an appreciation for those persons who previously owned and worked the land they now enjoy, John and Mary Ann became interested in the history of Coffeytown. They wanted to understand who lies beneath the tombstones at Bridgehill cemetery, near Macedonia Methodist Church. They have written a book COFFEY FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY covering the first nine Coffey settlers and their descendants. In addition to the charts, they have listed, chronologically all the very early Coffey information they have discovered in the Virginia State Archives. This listing begins with the year 1637. We have not established lineage back past Jordan Coffey and Elizabeth Rippetoe, the grandparents of Coffeytown, since Jordan was apparently adopted by a Fitzgerald, complicating the search, but we are continuing research. The Taylors of 1417 Claremont Ave., Richmond VA 23227, have given us the next four pages of information. We hope that some of you can identify with these Coffeys and help John and Mary Ann with their research. I will send them back issues of CCC to help forward their research as well.

Coffey Family History;  
Original Coffey Settlers in "Coffeytown"

Ca. 1780\*

Jordan Coffey Elizabeth "Betsey" Rippetoe Coffey

M: 21 MARCH 1803, Amherst County 3

Ca. 1805, Amherst Co. \*

Hudson Coffey Mahala (Green) (Lane) Coffey

Joseph E. Coffey - Ca. 1855 \*

M: 20 SEPT 1855, Amherst Co. His parents were listed as Jordan and Elizabeth Coffey. Hudson was living with Jordan and Betsey in 1850. Mahala was a widow when they married. No information on whether there were children by first marriage.

Frances A. Coffey, Ca. 1834 \*

George W. Coffey, Ca. 1836\*

Robert Coffey, Ca. 1839\*

Ca. 1806\*

Schylar Coffey Elizabeth (Hamilton) Coffey

M: 30 JAN 1832, Amherst Co. 3

Elizabeth was the daughter of Robert Hamilton. 3

Sophia (Coffey) Coffey, 1842- 1932 married James "Jim" Coffey 2

Jordan Coffey Rebecca P. (Grant) Coffey Ca. 1842\* M: 3 JAN 1876, Rckbrdg Co. 6

A license was applied for a wedding to a 16 year old Ogdin girl, 3 MAR 1875; not clear if marriage to John occurred, but in November 1875, a John and Permelia Coffey had a son. 1

Schylar Coffey Isabella J. (Dnimmheller) Coffey Mary S. (Coffey) Coffey Ca. 1848 \* 5

John Coffey Permelia (?) (Ogden) Coffey Ca. 1849\*

M1: 5 MARCH 1868, Amherst M2: 28 AUG 1880, Amherst 1  
Isabella's parents: A.S. and Mary Drumheller; Mary's parents: Rubin W. and SJB Coffey. Schylar was a 32 year old widower when he married 19 year old Mary. Isabella died 17 FEB 1870 of heart discase. 4

\* family listings litis chart based primarily on 1830-1860 Census Reports.

1. From Amherst County Marriage Records at State Archives (1853 - 1935).
2. Buried in Bridgehill Cemetery at Coffeytown; dates from headstones.
3. Amherst County Marriage records, 1801-1854, State Archives.
4. Amherst County Death Records (1853 - 1896).
5. In August 1895 Elizabeth Coffey, wife of Schylar, born in Amherst of unknown parents, died in Rockbridge Co. On 12 OCT 1895, their daughter Anne Belle Coffey also died of fever at age 14. Not known if this is the same Schylar, unlikely to be his father and mother, due to year of death, but no proof Schylar (2) married an Elizabeth.
6. Rockbridge County Marriage Records, Va. State Archives.

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**ORIGINAL  
COFFEY  
FAMILY IN  
AMHERST  
COUNTY**

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Coffey Family History;  
Original Coffey Settlers in "Coffeytown"

\* listings are from 1840, 1850, and 1860 Census reports and oral history information; some dates from headstones

\* A 10year old Mark Coffey was listed in the 1850 Census, same house with John Jack and his family, no other mention in public records.

1809 - \*

8 John Jack Coffey Elizabeth "Betsey" (Duff) Coffey

M: 18 JAN 1830, Ca 1805 -14 AUG 1871.<sup>3</sup> Amherst Co.<sup>1</sup>

1. From Amherst County Marriage Records in Stale Archives.
2. Buried in **Bridgchill**, dates from headstones.
3. Am Co Death records, **she** died of Cholera, bom in Fluvanna Couniy lo Joshua and Bcsly Duff.
4. Never married, buried in family plot behind Elsie Coffey's house.
5. Am Co. Mar. records: parents were Rubin W. and S.T. Coffey; George was born in Nelson Couniy.
6. **Hcr** parents were Avarilla and Wm W Davis.
7. From Morris R. Coffey.
8. On 1 APR 1873, a John Coffey, son ol J and E Coffey, a 64 year old widower, married 25 yr old Virginia C. Campbell ol Rockbridge County; a good indication John Jack was **the** son of Jordan and Elizabeth Coffey.

William "Billy" Coffey Sarah Anne "Sally" (Crawford) Coffey

1815 - 1817 - 1896 1906  
M: 24 SEPT 1835, Amherst Couniy. His parents were Jordan and Elizabeth Coffey.<sup>1</sup>

continued

2 1832-1924 Charles E. Coffey and Sarah Jane (Ogden) Coffey

M: 14 FEB 1854, Amherst; her parents **werc** Zachariah & Elizabeth Ogden; both Charles and **Janc** bom in Amherst Co.<sup>1</sup>

Jane: B: 22 OCT 1833; D: 17 JAN 1904<sup>7</sup>

Mary Coffey Ca. 1835 \*

2 John Jack Coffey, Jr. and Patara F. (Tyler) Coffey 1836-1907

William Henry Coffey and Virginia F. "Jenny" (Lawman) Coffey

1840 - ?  
M: 16 APRIL 1868, Amherst; she was sister to Mildred Lawman, who married Daniel Rufus Coffey <sup>1</sup>

Sarah Jane (Coffey) Davis and William N? Davis M: 1859<sup>1</sup>

1846 - 1921 Daniel Rufus Coffey,<sup>2</sup> Mildred (Lawman) Coffey, Sallie Cole (Black) Coffey

M1: 6 APRIL 1868, Amherst  
M2: 30 AUG 1880; **hcr** parents **werc** Cole and Sophia Black <sup>1</sup>

2 1836- 1915 James "Jim" Coffey and Sophia (Coffey) Coffey

2 1842- 1932 Roxsinia (Coffey) Davis and Ben H. Davis

2 1839- 1914 William Coffey and Sarah Granville (Crawford) Coffey

2 1846- 1937 Harden Coffey and Elizabeth "Bettie" (Crawford) Coffey

M: 14 FEB 1867, Amherst; her parents **werc** Jas and Susan Crawford<sup>1</sup>

4 1850 - 1907 Bettie Coffey

2 Ca. 1853 \* Edward Coffey and Willie Ann (Crawford) Coffey

M: 25 NOV 1875, Amherst<sup>1</sup>

2 1856 - 1924 Sarah Fannie (Coffey) Coffey and George W. Coffey<sup>5</sup>

M: 7 MAR 1878, Amherst<sup>1</sup>

6 1859 - 1945 Arthur Coffey and Virginia Anne "Jenny" (Davis) Coffey

M: 31 JAN 1884, Amherst <sup>1</sup>

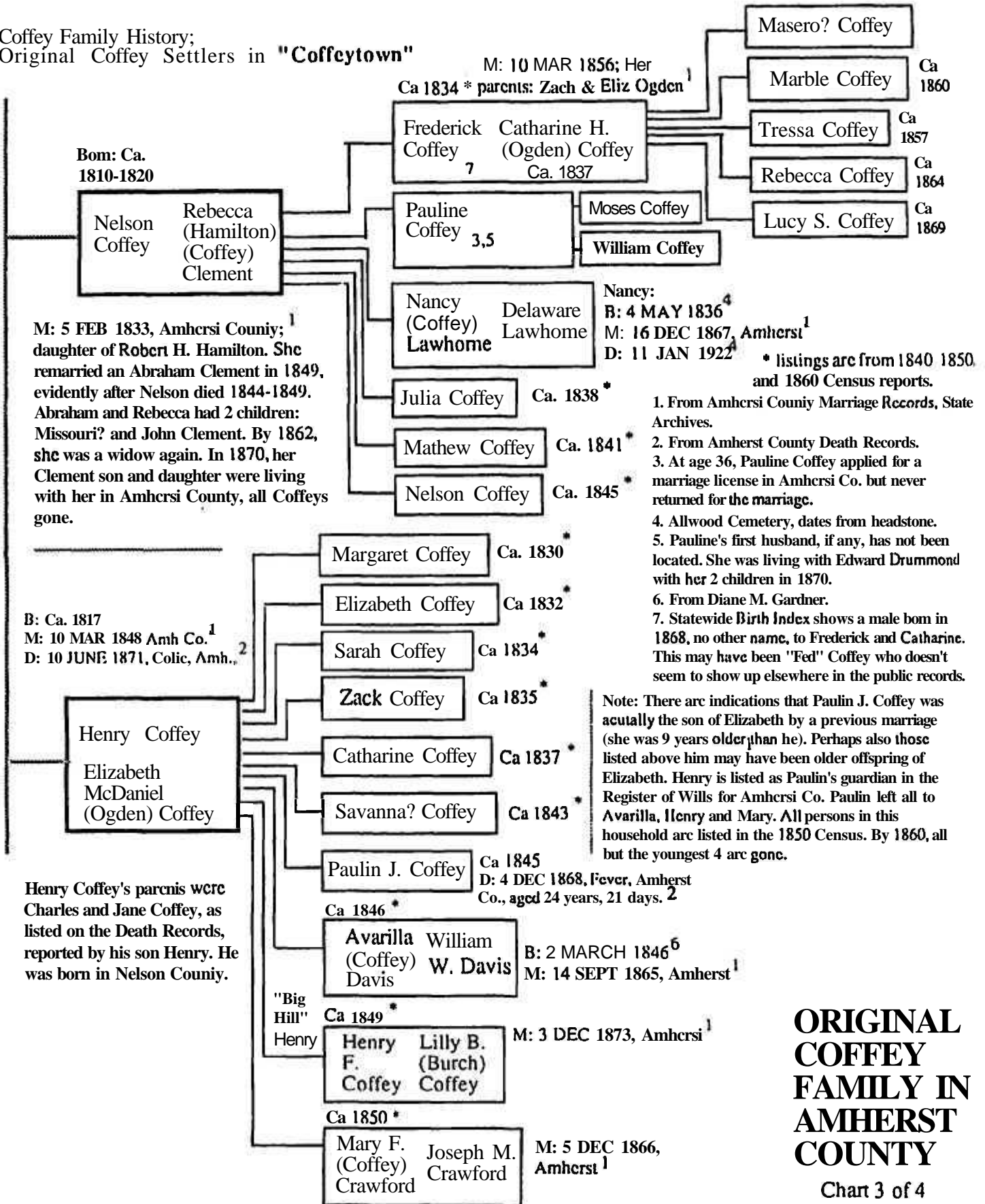
\* The Statewide Birth Index shows a Varlana Coffey, born 27 APRIL 1854 to Billy and Sally. **Evidently**, **she** died young.

**ORIGINAL COFFEY FAMILY IN AMHERST COUNTY**

Chart 2 of 4  
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Coffey Family History;  
Original Coffey Settlers in "Coffeytown"



**ORIGINAL  
COFFEY  
FAMILY IN  
AMHERST  
COUNTY**

Chart 3 of 4  
JULY, 1992

Coffey Family History;  
Original Settlers in "Coffeytown"

Jordan Elizabeth "Betsey"  
Coffey (Rippetoe) Coffey



Elizabeth John P.  
(Coffey) Hamilton  
Hamilton

M: 5 MAY 1835, Amherst Co. <sup>1</sup>    \*\* Elizabeth Coffey was the daughter of Jordan and Elizabeth Coffey. John was the brother of Elizabeth and Rebecca, children of Robert Hamilton of Amherst County. <sup>1</sup>

Susanna John  
(Coffey) Crawford,  
Crawford Jr.

not in Amherst County, 1860.  
M: 9 SEPT 1835, Am Co.; daughter  
of Jordan and Elizabeth Coffey. <sup>1</sup>

Jane Meredith  
(Coffey) Allen  
Allen

Meredith:  
D: 15 OCT 1877, Wayne County,  
West Virginia. Jane's last known  
address (1871) was also Wayne  
County, West Virginia.

not in Amherst County,  
1860; M: 21 APR 1834,  
Amh Co.; daughter of Jordan  
and Elizabeth Coffey <sup>1</sup>

NOTES:

1. From Amherst County Marriage Records, State Archives
2. From "War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants", 1987; State Archives.

**ORIGINAL  
COFFEY  
FAMILY IN  
AMHERST  
COUNTY**

**COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION  
APRIL 30, MAY 1, 2 1993  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

The Cross-Roads of the Nation \_\_\_\_\_ **Where** East Meets West

The 10th Annual Coffey Cousins Convention will be held in Oklahoma City in 1993. The location will be at The Days Inn Hotel, located at Interstate 44 and May Avenue. We have planned what we hope will be a Convention that you will all enjoy and pleasantly remember. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. April 29, in the Meeting Room, which is on the ground level. Coffee will always be available. Tea, if desired. There will be various collections of books and papers for browsing. Some books will be for sale. A copying machine will be available.

On Friday, May 30, there will be a bus tour of the most scenic and historical parts of Oklahoma City, including the stockyards, which is the largest in the world. Here you will enjoy the sights and smells of the modern-day working West. We will tour the Myriad Gardens, which is Oklahoma City's answer to the famous **Tivoli** Gardens of Copenhagen. It is a botanical wonderland. We will tour the 92 million dollar Remington Park, one of the finest horse-racing tracks in the world. We will have lunch at the County Line, a truly land-mark restaurant. We will tour the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center. Here is collected some of the world's finest art, including the famous original statue "The End of The Trail". Our last stop will be at an authentic Indian Trading Post, where one can enjoy the atmosphere of genuine Indian Made products, including paintings, pottery, jewelry and leather work. Purchases, if desired. Major Credit Cards accepted. Tour will depart the hotel at 9:00 a.m., and return between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Total cost is \$32.00, including transportation, admissions and lunch. Minimum number of persons required: 30. Reservation for the tour must be received by March 1, 1993. If minimum is not reached, deposits will be refunded.

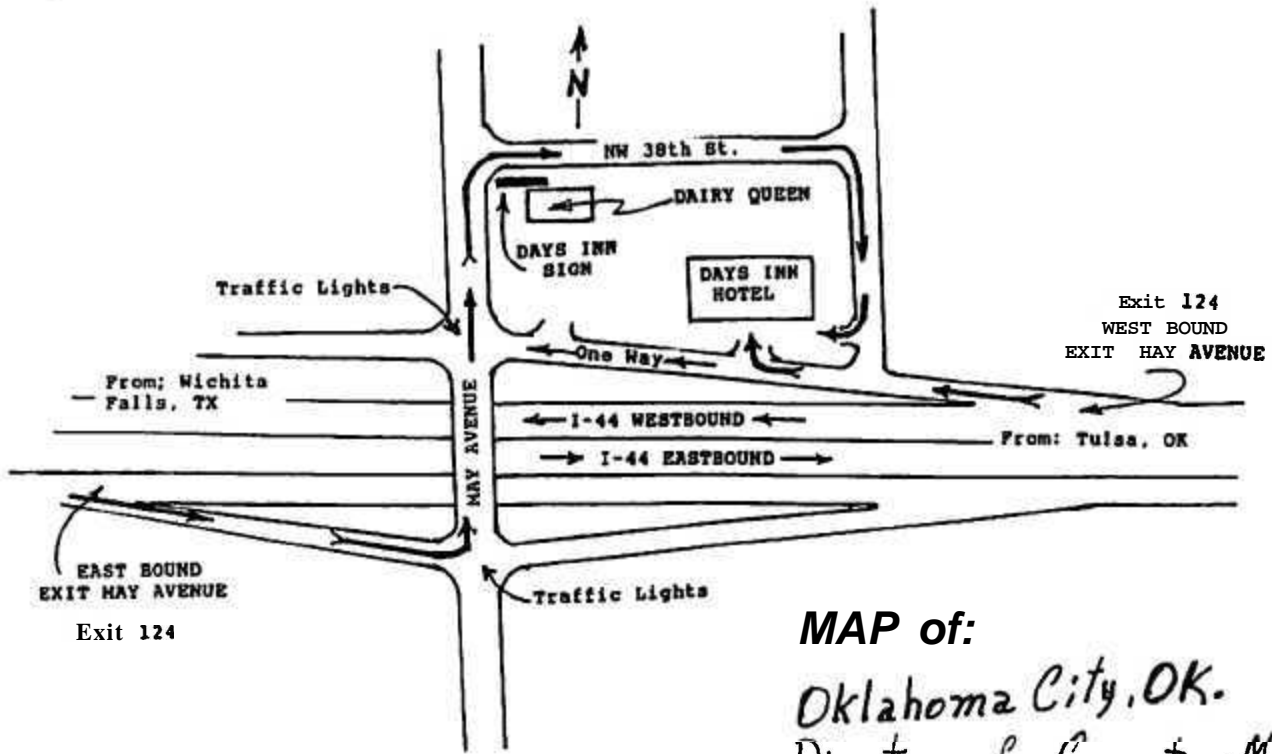
Saturday, May 1, there will be a shopping tour to Penn Square **Mall**, one of the finest shopping malls in the southwest. Transportation will leave hotel at 10:00 a.m., and return at 2:00 p.m. (Or earlier if the group desires.) Cost: \$2.50, per person, for transportation. You pay for your own purchases. Deposit refunded, if cancelled.

Saturday evening, May 1, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a banquet, and our annual business meeting. Our speaker will be Bill **Welge**, Director of Archives and Manuscripts with the Oklahoma Historical Society. Oklahoma has the largest collection in the U.S. of Indian records, censuses, documents and related materials. Bill is very knowledgeable on this material and he will cover the highlights of what is available, and how to locate and use it. Cost for the banquet is \$12.00, including taxes and gratuities. Reservations and payment required, by April 20.

Sleeping rooms will all be on the first floor. Room rates are **\$41.56** including tax, for 1 to 4 persons. Reservations requested as soon as possible. At least one night's deposit is required to hold reservation. Major Credit Cards accepted. Courtesy airport pick-up if needed. From the airport, call: 946-0741. To reserve room(s) by phone, call 1-800-992-0741, or (405) 946-0741. The mailing address is: Days Inn Northwest, 2801 NW 39th, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. Be sure to identify yourself as a "**COFFEY COUSIN**" for reduced room-rates. There is an excellent restaurant in the hotel, and prices are reasonable.

Hotel reservations shall be made directly with the hotel. For the Cowboy Hall of Fame tour, shopping tour and/or banquet, send check to Coffey Cousins, % Gene Brewington: 4728 NW 59th Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73122-7512. Telephone: (405) 721-1141.

1993 C.C.C. Convention Map



MAP of:  
 Oklahoma City, OK.  
 Directions for Convention Motel

Jefferson City, MO. 65101  
 1416 Green Road  
 COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE

