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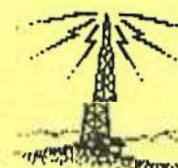
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## DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

Please make correction to your issue #50.



**JAMES COFFEY OF VIRGINIA** was confused with the James Coffey of Penn. in John Taylor's list in the Issue 50 of Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse. James Coffey of VA. never served in the Revolution, but did contribute goods and services. James Coffey of Penn. did serve and drew a pension. He never lived in Albermarle Co. VA. Willard Israel says that the DAR has the two confused also, and plans to call this to their attention.



Dear Cousins,

I've been typing away for quite a while now trying to get all of the material you have sent into the newsletter. Then again, I know that it isn't all going to fit when I move it into the "page layout" part of the computer. The good part is that I'm started on next quarter's newsletter! The bad part is that it all needed to go into this one.

We had a wonderful time in Oklahoma City and hope that Gene and Willie Brewington will let us come back again sometime. Jim and I are off to Lynchburg, VA. for the Coffeytown get together on Memorial Day week end. We'll tell you about it in the next issue.

Mary Easton suggested that I add a birth or death date to the names of the various **Coffeelys** we write about in CCC. It is a good idea, and I wish I could, it's that I write what is passed to me and I don't know enough about each of these families to add the dates. Many times, I can't definitely identify them and would rather not get into sorting them out.

I'll keep this short so there will be more room for Coffey material. Have a safe and happy summer.

Your Cousin,

Bonnie Culley



#### NEW ADDRESSES

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MEET THE NEW COUSINS

**SARAH ROWE** descends from <sup>1</sup>Jesse and Margaret Coffey through their daughter <sup>2</sup>Sarah Coffey b. ca. 1804 NC, and her husband Nathan Greene, son of Jeremiah and Mary (Wiseman) Greene. Sarah would appreciate hearing from others working this line.

**JEAN COFFEY ROEDING** descends from <sup>1</sup>Joshua McCallister Coffee (b. 27 Sep 17??, d. 3 Nov 1842) who married Jane Trousdale on 29 Jan 1810, <sup>2</sup>John Trousdale Coffee (b. 14 Dec 1816, d. 1890) and was married three times. Third was Harriet Virginia Weir (Ware) which produced <sup>3</sup>Samuel Buffington Coffee (b. 21 Mar 1856 Round Rock TX, d. 1 Oct. 1900 Sioux Co. NB). He married Mary Elizabeth Tisdale on 21 MAR 1888. Their son was <sup>4</sup>Rexford Tisdale Coffee (b. 27 Feb 1892 Williamson Co., TX, d. 25 Oct 1982 Chadron, NB) who married Ermine Carmean. It would be appreciated if someone working on this line would correspond with Jean.

**CLAUDIA M. GABRIEL** is looking for her great grandmother who was Frances Coffee (or Coffey), born 1853/4 in Illinois. Frances' father was Newton Coffey, born in Illinois about 1831. According to the 1885 Colorado Census, his father was born in Kentucky and his mother in Illinois. Newton and his wife, Mary, moved to Grand Lake, Colorado from Springfield, Missouri in late 1870s. Newton and Mary disappeared a few years later while driving their horses to winter pasture. Speculation is that renegade Indians killed them and stole the horses although no one really knows what happened for sure. However, Coffey Divide is named after them and apparently there is a new Coffey Bridge that was just completed. Claudia would appreciate hearing from others working on this line.

**DAVID COFFEY** is the son of Mary Coffey of Dallas, TX and is taking up where his father J.C. Coffey left off on the Jesse Coffey 1798 line. He is planning a book. If any of you have anything to offer on this line, David would appreciate hearing from you.

**HELEN SCHAFFER** is looking for parents of Saphronia Coffey who married Reuben William Kimbrough. Saphronia and Reuben Kimbrough's daughter was Theodosha Magnolina Kimbrough and her son Thomas Kimbrough was born 28 Nov 1868 in Talbot, Jefferson Co. TN. Possibly Saphronia is a member of the Thomas Coffey line as this is a much used name in this line. If you can help Helen, it would be appreciated. Helen's address is in the new cousins list.

**JIM & GLORIA ROACH** attended the convention at Oklahoma City and gave me so much material on the Chesley Coffey line that it will take some time to sort it all out. She understands it, but, I haven't figured all of the Martins and William Martins out. She has done a tremendous amount of work and confirmed some very hard to prove links.

**RALPH WILLCUTT** descends from Chesley Coffey and is a second cousin to Gloria Roach's husband James. His address is in the new cousin list.

**JIMMIE S. KELLER** descends from the same James Coffee family, being researched by Thelma Mathis. Her address is in the new cousins list.

**LYLA STEGALL ROBERTS** great great grandfather is Stanton Presley Coffey, son of Eli and Mary (Coffey)Coffey. Eli is the son of Salathiel, son of Chesley and Mary is the daughter of Nathan, brother of Salathiel and son of Chesley. Lylla would like to correspond with someone working on this line. Her address is in the new cousins list.





**HELEN COFFEY** 533 Portsmouth Ave., Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7M 7H7, is doing research on Ellen (Coffey) **Olsen**. Her parents were John Coffey and Mary Ellen Burke. Ellen was born **1836** Newport, Tipperary Co., Ireland. The family moved in 1841? to Read, Tyendinage Twp, Hastings Co., Ontario. Helen wants to know when and where Ellen married Henry Olsen. They moved to Texas? Did they have children and how many? Helen Coffey would appreciate any help.

**BENNIE LOFTIN** is interested in getting information on the Samuel Jefferson Coffey, b. abt. 1873 on the north side of Clinch Mountain, TN. Samuel died abt. **1947**. He married America **Samantha** Ritter. Possibly, he is one of Bonnie's Benjamin Coffey family. Bennie says, "I would sure like to document some more of Old Benjamin's children." Her address is PO. Box 270, Kiowa, OK 74553-9801.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON AUTON** 10911 Fingerboard Road, Monrovia, MD 21770, writes that he is very confused after reading some of the OLD Coffey books (and we understand why). One of these books has John & Jane Graves Coffey having 24 children, three of them named Reuben!!! William's grandmother is Myra Angeline Coffey (1871-1938). She descends through <sup>1</sup>Reuben & Sally Scott Coffey through <sup>2</sup>Jesse & Margaret **Edmisten** Coffey, then their son <sup>3</sup>William Coffey. Mr. Auton needs the name of William's wife. He would like to correspond with someone who has worked on this line. Help will be appreciated.

**LEE LANFORD** 141 Honeysuckle Lane, San Antonio, TX 78213 is looking for her cousin **Roxye Lee Coffee Ebbens**. The last address Lee had for Roxye was Tampa Florida. She has two sons, Richard & Steven Ebbens. Roxy's father is Clifton C. Coffee who has a brother Dan. Lee says she has called every Coffee in the San Antonio phone book trying to contact the father or his brother with no success. She is hoping one of the Coffey cousins can help her.

**SPENCER COFFEY** says that he thinks his bunch of Coffeys must have had a little gypsy blood in them somewhere, the way they scattered. Spencer would like to correspond with descendants of the following six Coffey brothers and their sister, all originally of Northwestern Arkansas: William **Bascum** "Dutch" Coffey, born ca. 1847; Robert "Bob" Exum Coffey, born 1858; Jonathan Spencer Coffey, born **1860**; in 1906 these three brothers and their extended families emigrated to the prairies of Alberta, Canada. Oscar Floyd "Booze" Coffey, born **1867**; and sister Lena, born 1872, went to Oklahoma. David Coffey, born **1855**, is believed to have gone to Texas. Garland Coffey, born **1876**, went to Texas, later to New Mexico. Write Spencer Coffey at 8220 S. Russell Rd., Oak Grove, MO 64075.

**ROBERT BANKS** writes: "I am still trying to hear from someone who can help me with my Coffee family. My great grandfather, Albert George Banks had one sister, Mary Elizabeth, who married William B. Coffee, she was born c **1815** in Tennessee. They showed up in Caldwell County, Texas for the **1850** census, where he was a merchant in Lockhart and became the first county clerk for Caldwell County, TX when the county was organized. They bought and sold several pieces of property there, but moved to Burnet County in time for the 1860 census. William B. died before the 1870 census, but Mary Elizabeth stayed in the town of Burnet, where she owned a general store and served as Postmistress from **1871** 'til 1877. Their only child was Albert Banks Coffee, who was born 6 Feb. 1859. He married Mattie ?? and they had four **children**: 1. Albert b. Jan 1885; 2. William b. Dec. 1886; 3. Sadie b. Jan 1890; Arthur b. Feb. 1899. Albert Banks Coffee was a hardware merchant in 1900, but shows up as a Deputy Clerk in the Federal Court for the **1910** census. He died 2 Dec. 1933 in Colorado City, Mitchell Co., TX and his death certificate shows that he was a retired Texas Ranger." Anyone having information on this family, write Robert Banks at 902 Whippoorwill Drive, Atlanta, TX **75551**.

**EARLENE HUTSELL** says that she still doesn't have a clue as to the background of Nancy Kinner (Rinner) Coffee who married Josiah Washington Brown in Knox Co. TN in 1862. Earlene would appreciate help. Her address is 1384 Coach Rd. #101, St. Paul, MN 55108.

**JOHN B. KRAFT** is having trouble finding his great great grandmother Elizabeth Coffey b. 1813 and married William C Sandage, June 2, 1832 in Perry Co. IN. Elizabeth died in 1853. Their children were **Elnor** Ann b. 1838, Susan b. 1840, Joseph B. b. 1838, Vashti b. 1834, Moses b. 1844, Isaphene b. 1847 and Nancy Jane b. 1851. John's address is 221 Bates Bluff Rd., Chidester, AR 71726.

**JOE CARROLL** is seeking information on Eliza Coffey (Coffee), born c1821 in TN, died post-1865, married Wyatt Walker c1850 in TN and had eight children, probably born in Maury Co. TN. Was Eliza possibly married before her marriage to Wyatt Walker? Who were Eliza's parents, siblings and where is she buried? Joe's address is 465 Sunset Terrace, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

**BETTY NEIMOYER** sent her latest research on her great grandmother Martha Ann Coffey. She didn't start with much information except that she was born in Owen County, IN about 1836. A letter from a great Aunt said that Martha had a brother Andrew Noble and a sister Bette that married a Raper, both moved to Nebraska. There was another brother that died in Arkansas during the Civil War. After this aunt died, Betty found some pictures and a letter written to her from Andrew Noble Coffey in Tecumseh, Johnson Co. NB. Later she was able to obtain Andrew's obituary and death certificate which gave Greene Co. IN as Andrew's birth place and his parents as father Coffey and mother Neil or Nail. Andrew's marriage certificate in Pawnee NB gave his parents as Amos Coffey and his mother as Elizabeth Neil. He was a very small child when his parents died so it is possible he didn't know his mothers name. Martha (Neill) Coffey died in Alton, Osborne Co. KS in 1885. Her daughters trunk also turned up a picture of a Grandma Neil or Nail, age 99. Story goes, that the daughter's ambition was to live as long as her mother. (She made 97)

Betty believes that Martha Coffey Harrah is the daughter of Amos and Martha Kerr Neill Coffey, however she is looking for additional evidence to that possibility. In 1850 Martha was living with a Daniel Mason family as a tutor. Martha married William Osborne Harrah in Greene Co. IN on Sept. 7, 1854. The 1860 census has Andrew N. Coffey living with them in Putman Co. IN. After the Civil War, they went to Illinois then to Pawnee NB and from there they went to Bull City (Alton) KS where they both died. The obituary of Andrew Noble Coffey also listed a sister Mary Shepard of Louisville KY. Betty says that they have not been able to find anything more about her. A picture of a Albert Coffey with his wife and baby taken in Fort Smith AR was also in the trunk.

Betty would like to correspond with others working on this line. Her address is 3703 N. Thesta Street, Fresno, CA 93626.

**MARILYN MINSHULL**, a friend of Bill & Virginia Coffey of PA., sends her research on her Coffey family in hopes that she might correspond with someone else working on this line. She descends from Smith Coffey & Hannah Boone through their son Morgan, who married Elizabeth Day. Morgan & Elizabeth's children were Leland, Hannah Land, Harriet Barnes, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Lou Derreberry, Sally Kilpatrick, Sarah Bryson, Mary Coffey, Milly Coffey, Joe, and Athan.

Leland Coffey (b.28 Jul 1851, Caldwell Co NC) married Elizabeth Jane Manis(b.28 Feb 1856 dau of Andrew & Artelissa Johnson Manis). Their children were: Frank m. Mary Craig, Smith m. Ethel Adams, Barney m. Lizzie Wilson, William m. Lucy Ashe, Squire (unmarried), Virgil m. Noah Bryson, Oliver died young and Emma who married William Jackson Barton (Marilyn's grandparents).

Leland died 11 Nov 1907 and Elizabeth died 22 Dec. 1943. They are buried in the Moss Cemetery along with the rest of Morgan Coffey's family. Marilyn's address is RD. #1, Box 1670, Mercer, PA 16137.

**ELIZABETH CHADWELL** would like to know more about the Sarah "Sally" Scott who married Reuben Coffey. She says that she has looked for years for parents or birth place for Sarah. If anyone can help Elizabeth, her address is 28071 Via **Unamuno**, Mission Viejo, CA 92692.

**ELLEN WAGNER** was surprised to see the four sheets of information re: "Original Settlers of Coffeytown" in the Dec. issue of CCC. Ellen says that for a while she assumed that it was in error as those descending from John Jack Coffey believe his father was Edmund Eff. After Ellen saw a complete copy of John Taylor's Coffey History, she says that it certainly is persuasive. Ellen is asking if any the Coffey Cousins has information as to the parents of Jordan Coffey who married Elizabeth Rippetoe and was listed in the Amherst County census in **1830** 1840 and **1850**. She would welcome any information available. Her address is 7612 Green Dell Lane, Highland, MD 20777.

**BONNIE BELLAMY** says that she would still like to have help from anyone who might have information on her Coffey line. (Joel) William Coffee of Morgan Co. AL 1850 census married Elizabeth Ann Moore in Morgan Co., or Limestone Co., AL in 1848. Bonnie's address is **Rt. 1, box 214, Tecumseh, OK 74873**

### CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

**Jackie Maxwell** wrote that she received a letter from Robert Dale Coffey wanting to know if they were related. Jackie's grandmother was Minnie Claperton, daughter of Francis Marion and **Permelia** Jane Coffey. Jackie's mother, Jeanette is the only child of Minnie who survives and she was 86 on Dec. 23rd, 1992. Jackie says that she will send us some stories about this family. We look forward with anticipation to receiving them. If you would like to correspond with Jackie, her address is: 1037 Airway Blvd.#22, **Livermore, CA, 94550**.

**ELLEN WAGNER** reports that descendants of Edwin H. Coffey are having a reunion on Memorial Day weekend in Lynchburg, VA. They are planning a trip to Coffeytown. Anyone interested in the reunion, contact Ellen at 7612 Green Dell Ln., Highland, MD 20777.

**DONNA COFFIE** responded to my request of when the name changed to have the ending of IE. She has checked it out in the phone book:

	Coffey	Coffie	Coffee	
Washington Co. TN	14	4		0
Unicoi	2	5	1	

Donna says that none of these Coffies are related to her husband and suspects that the spelling began with her husband's grandfather Robert Gilliam Coffie's generation. Donna says that she would like to correspond with someone working on the Thomas Coffey line. She is also dying to know what happened to Perry Coffie's first set of children. Her address is 129 Sam Coffie Lane, Telford, TN 37690. Donna has offered to send marriage & cemetery records for her area of TN. If Donna is able to get these, we will try to print them sometime in the future.

**NOREVA SHARR** answers our question about the "Wagon **Wheel**" published by Russell Marshall. She said that he had to give it up as it became too much to keep up and that if he found any info on Coffeys that he would send it to CCC. (I haven't heard from him) Also Noreva tells us that in one of the EARLY editions there is a note about Sail Coffee who married Ann Lynch. Sail and Ann were Executor of Ann **Lynch's** father's Estate, who died in Pulaski Co. Ky. This is not the same Sail that married Mary "**Polly**" Blair in Russell Co. KY. Noreva says that she doesn't think the two Sails were born in the same year.

C.C.C. June 93  
PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Cousins

Those who did not make the Oklahoma City reunion missed a wonderful time. Gene Brewington put together a real good combination of facilities and agenda.

Typically, about half those attending were **first** timers and from Oklahoma or nearby States, mostly Texas.

**RIGHT NOW!! HEAR GOOD! RIGHT NOW!!!** Mark your calendar for April 29, 30 & May 1, **1994** and set your compasses for Virginia - perhaps Lexington or Richmond - so there will be opportunity for some genealogical research along with the trip. **JUST MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND START MAKING PLANS.**

The reunion dates have been permanently changed to the weekend in which the first Sunday in May **fall**. this should prevent conflict with Mother's Day.

We also had some discussion about helping put money in the hands of the one sponsoring the reunion. Those who have sponsored gatherings of this sort are familiar with the fact that the sponsor usually has to put up deposits (**his/her** own personal money) for various things and arrange for a hospitality room which may be free IF we fill enough rooms at the Motel - otherwise, we pay. We are still discussing some alternatives that might be workable. Since we are not an organization in the true sense of the word problems arise on some approaches to handling the problem. As we get a better handle on what we will be doing next year we will let you know how we think best to handle it. Certainly we should not expect anyone to have their personal **funds** tied up in connection with hosting our annual gathering, and maybe not get back as much money as they spent - that has happened.

Stay tuned for more developments and send in your goodies to Bonnie to publish in the Newsletter.

Cousin Jeff



**1993 COFFEY CONVENTION. Oklahoma City. OK**

**Tie a bow on your finger.**

Gene and Willie Brewington hosted another successful Coffee/y convention. We arrived to a "WELCOME COFFEY COUSINS" on the Days Inn Hotel sign and Coffees and Coffeys everywhere. There were 51 registered.

We had an interesting tour of Historical Oklahoma City, it's arboretum and the Cowboy Hall of fame. We had the best barbecue you ever ate for lunch. (Oklahoma Style). Then back at our hospitality room, we had local cousins working feverishly through our Coffee/y library. With Coffeys helping Coffeys, I think many family histories were expanded. We made lots of new friends who I hope we get to meet often.

The banquet speaker, Archivist William **Welge**, gave us an overview of the holdings of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Jeff Coffey was re-elected president and Betty Coffey was re-elected secretary. There were two offers of places to meet next year. It was **unanimously** decided that we would accept John Taylors offer to host the convention in **1994** in Richmond VA, April **29/30** & May **1, 1994**. The president asked the membership for ideas as to how to solve the problem that has been experienced at the last two conventions of money needed for deposits. It was suggested that a registration fee be charged to create a fund. President Jeff Coffey thanked the Brewingtons for hosting us. The door prize, an afghan made by Bonnie Culley, was won by Beverly Cook.

Those registered were: Tom & Sarah Holland, Sue Davis, Joe & **Jimmie** Keller, Gill & Lorene Guthery, Tom & Lillian Neighbors, Betty Coffey, Jack & Nelda Coffee, Jeff and Kitty Coffey, Reams & Virginia Goodloe, Jim & Bonnie Culley, Virgil & **Iva** Coffee, Bernie & Mildred Coffey, Thurman & Ruth Lanning, James & Gloria Roach, Coy M. Mobley, Carol & Fifi Coffee,



Harold & Mary Wilcox, Donald & Bernice Mathes, Bob Glasscock, Bob & Bennie Loftin, Ron Morton, Ed Hurrelmeyer, Jim & Margaret Coffey, Vernon McGuire. Beverly Cook. Dorothy Barnes, Gene & Willie Brewington, Ralph & Carol Willcutt, Thelma Mathes, Carol Bird and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Coffey.



**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**REAMS & VIRGINIA GOODLOE** were married 50 years on January 31, 1993. They celebrated on the 30th with a reception given by their families at the place where it started. TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, **Paducah**, KY. Congratulations from your Coffey Cousins.

MAIL BOX

**ED COFFEE** of Woodbridge VA, writes that he was glad to hear of Jim & my retirements. He only has 3 years to work and can hardly wait as he commutes 3 hrs. every day. (long days!) We'll look forward to his **retirement** too. Then he will have more time for research, eh??

**Kenneth R. Coffee** is experiencing a new life style. He is now self employed and the proud owner of an eighteen wheeler. We only ask Kenneth to be nice to us when he passes us on the interstate. YES?

**REAMS GOODLOE** says that like Shari Burghart, (in issue 50, page 5), he wondered for whom Coffee County TN. was named. So when he passed through Manchester, TN (County Seat of Coffee County) last year, he stopped and inquired at the library and looked it up. Their very authentic source said that when the county was formed from part of three neighboring counties, that it was named for General John Coffee, **Pres.** Andrew Jackson's friend.

**RUTH LANNING** writes that she visited with Lorie **Okel** in Battleground Washington, who is descended from Ruth's maternal grandmother's twin and a cousin of Ruth's maternal grandfather. Ruth's says "almost a sister, huh!"

**VELMA STEPP WILSON** writes that her husband had a stroke the 17th of Feb. He was doing well enough to go home when **Velma** wrote. We hope he is much better by now.

**CAROL COFFEE, Ph.D.** says that he wishes to thank us for our response to his request for help pertaining to his proposed book on Peter Coffee. "**The** response to the notice in CCC has been most gratifying. Friends, Cousins and Coffee/eyes that I have never met - and may never meet - have responded to my request most **generously.**" He says that he is also indebted beyond recompense to Mr. Gene Brewington of Oklahoma City, whose support and encouragement goes far beyond the sharing of data. Dr. Carol says that he hopes somehow to be worthy of the confidence all have shown in him. He will try very hard. (We look forward to his book on the Peter Coffee family). If you have material on this line and want to contribute it for this book, Dr. Coffee's address is 2028 Bingle Rd. Houston, TX 77055.

**MARIE EASTON** sounds like she is living on **top** of the clouds. She has a granddaughter and great granddaughter living with her. Marie says 3 generation gap. We will look forward to a 4 generation picture for our scrap book.

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OBITUARIES**RAYMOND COFFEY**

Raymond Coffey died in Fresno, California on March 29, **1993**. He was the father of Robert Cornelius Coffey **also**. of Fresno. We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. Coffey's family.

**EARL KONKLE**

We would like to express our sympathy on the death of Earl Konkle who passed away in October of **1992**. His wife Anne has been a good friend of CCC for many years. We are sorry to hear of her loss.

**BOONE - COFFEY**

If you descend from William and Anna Boone Coffey, you have a very prestigious lineage. Mary Throneburg of **this** line, sends the following which she credits :Howell Boone in Mocksville - N.C. Library...

John Bohun (younger son, not title) married  
b England  
d Wales

Avelina de Ros(s)  
b. England  
d Wales

Geoffrey **Bohun** /Bohn I married  
b Wales  
d 07 May 1472 **Penmynydd**, Wales

Petrolina **d'Arderne**  
b Wales?  
d Wales

Geoffrey **Bohn/Boon** I married  
b 1517 Wales  
d 1589 Devonshire England  
(served under de Clares in Devonshire)

Constance ap **Comyn**  
b Gwynedd, Wales  
d England

George **Boone** 1 married  
b **c1561** Exter area, Devon, Eng.  
d **c1618** Exter area, **Devon**, Eng.

Ann Fallace  
b Exeter, England  
d Exeter, England

George Boone<sup>2</sup> married  
b **c1616 Exeter**, Devon, Eng.  
d **c1676** Exeter, Devon Eng.

Sarah Uppey  
b **c1620** Exeter, Eng.  
d **c1700** Exeter, Eng.

George Boone<sup>3</sup> married  
b 1666 **Exeter,(Stoak)** Eng.  
Eng  
d 27 July **1744** Exeter Twp., Berks Co. PA

Mary Maugridge  
b 1669 Bradninch, Devon,  
d **1740** Exeter Twp. Berks Co PA

Squire Boone<sup>4</sup> m. 23 Sep. 1720 PA  
b 25 Nov. **1696** Bradninch, Devon, Eng.  
d 02 Jan 1765 Rown (now Davie Co) N.C.

Sarah Morgan  
b 1700 Gwynedd, PA  
d **1777 Rowan** /Davie Co. NC

Israel Boone<sup>5</sup> m. **1747** Berks Co. PA  
b 09 May 1726 Bucks Co. PA  
d 26 June 1756 Rown/Davie Co. NC

(unknown)  
b  
d **c1755 Rowan/Davie** Co. NC

Jesse Boone<sup>6</sup> m. **c1772** Rown/Davie Co. NC Sarah **Mc Mahan**  
b **1748** PA? VA? or NC? b  
d **c1830** Middle Creek, McMinn Co., TN d

Jesse & Sarah Boone are the parents of Anna Boone who married Wm. Coffey.



CCC June 93  
MONROE COUNTY INDIANA

VERNAL BAPTIST CHURCH 1817-1850

Kathryn Johnson was hunting for **Gilbert Haycs**, son of **Colbert** Hayes and Nancy Gilbert, in Monroe Co., IN., when she found the following Coffeys. Kathryn can identify some as the Reubin & Naomi Coffey family, but the others she would like to know who they are.

Cleaveland, Nancy, **recd** by experience, April 10, 1841; granted letter of dismissal, Oct 10, 1847.

Cleaveland, Frances, withdraws, June 11, 1836.

Cleaveling, Franky, **nonattendance** investigated, May 9, Aug. 8, 1835; referred to as Franky Botts on Feb. 14, 1835.

Coffey, Alfred, **recd** by experience Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey, Charlotte, **recd** by letter, June 8, 1839; granted letter of dismissal, Feb 14, 1846

Coffey, Charlotte (Sharlotte), **recd** by experience, July 13, 1834; granted letter of dismissal, Feb. 10, 1838.

Coffey, Columbus, **recd** by experience, Sept. 15, 1849.

Coffey, Deniza, **recd** by experience, Oct. 1830.

Coffey (Coffee), Elijah, **recd** by experience, Oct. 1826; mentioned, Nov. 1829; granted letter of dismissal, Sept. 6, 1845.

Coffey, **Gillitha**, granted letter of dismissal, Dec. 1850.

Coffey (Coffee), Hannah, **recd** by letter, Jan. 13, 1821; church meets at home, Mar. 1831; granted letter of dismissal, April 13, 1839.

Coffey, Hiram, **recd** by experience, June 20, 1840; elected trustee, Aug. 31, 1844; granted letter of dismissal, Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey, James W. & wife, granted letter of dismissal. Mar. 12, 1836.

Coffey, Jason, **recd** by experience, Feb. 14, 1846; granted letter of dismissal, April 11, 1846.

Coffey, Lewis, **recd** by experience, Sept. 2, 1834; granted letter of dismissal, April 9, 1836; mentioned, Jan. 9, 1837.

Coffey, Malenda, **recd** by experience Sept 2, 1834.

Coffey, Marthy C, **recd** by experience & granted letter of dismissal, Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey, **Mary** Ann, **recd** by letter, Mar. 1850.

Coffey, Mary J., **recd** by experience & granted letter of dismissal, Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey, Nancy, **recd** by experience, July 2, 1842; granted letter of dismissal, Nov. 12, 1842.

Coffey, Polley, **recd** by experience, Sept. 9, 1820.

Coffey, Polley, **recd** by experience, Oct. 1830.

Coffey, Polley, **recd** by letter, Oct. 12, 1833.

Coffey, Polley, granted letter of dismissal, Nov. 19, 1837.

Coffey, Polley, joins another society, not the same faith, June 13, 1841.

Coffey, Rachel, **recd** by relation, Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey (Coffee), Reuben & wife **Naomi**, **recd** by experience, April 9, 1825; Reuben, moderator, May 10, 1834, Feb. 14, 1835, April 9, 1836.

Coffey, Reuben, Jr. (?), **recd** by letter, Oct. 12, 1833.

Coffey, Reuben, Jr. & wife, granted letter of dismissal, Mar. 12, 1836.

Coffey, Sarah Ann, **recd** by experience, Sept. 5, 1847.

Coffey, Sary, granted letter of dismissal, April 30, 1836.

Coffey, Sarah E., granted letter of dismissal, Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey, Sary, **recd** by experience, Feb. 14, 1846.

Coffey, Saryann, **recd** by experience, Feb. 14, 1846; granted letter of dismissal, April 11, 1846.

Coffey, **Silvester**, **recd** by experience, Feb. 14, 1846; granted letter of dismissal, Aril 11, 1846.

Coffey, Susannah, **recd** by experience, Feb. 14, 1846; granted letter of dismissal, April 11, 1846.

Coffey. **Telltha**, **recd** by experience, Sept. 15, 1849.

Coffey, W. Cornelius, mentioned, Mar. 10, 1838.

Coffey, William, **recd** by experience, Feb. 1827; aptd. to transcribe church records, Aug. 21, 1830; difficulty with another member, Nov. 2 & Dec. 10, 1836. Feb 12, 1837; granted letter of dismissal, April 9, 1842; returns letter, Oct. 26, 1842.

Coffey, Wilson, **recd** by experience, Jan. 1827.

Hays, Gilbert & wife Melinda, **recd** by experience July 2, 1841; granted letter of dismissal Dec. 20, 1842.

## OFFICIAL ANNUAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI 1899-1900

David W. Coffey has extracted the following from the Mo. State Manual. I hadn't thought to look in the state manuals for genealogy!! Good going David. On page 533 Biographical Sketches of State Representatives:

### SCHUYLER COUNTY

Population.....**11,249**

MATHEW COFFEY (Democrat), of Downing, was born in Casey County, Kentucky, April 22, 1845, removing with his parents to this State the latter part of 1849; was educated at schools in Memphis, MO.; member 39th General Assembly and returned to the 40th in 1898. Is engaged in farming and stock raising; married.

page 174, Standing Committees of the House shows Mathew Coffey was on the following Committees: COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

### COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

**MARY ANN ROHDE** read of our convention and sent the following to Gene Brewington. Ms Rohde says that her grandfather Creason had a sister who married a Coffey. They are all deceased and as far as she knows, there are no offsprings. She asks that is any of our cousins have any Creason **info**. would they write to her at 5797 Sycamore, **Rialto**, CA 92376.

### Grandparents:

Daniel Coffey - came to America from Ireland

m. Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_ also from Ireland

### Their Children:

**Mayme** m. Wm. Goodner, 2nd \_\_Coburdon? **ch:** 1. **Anna** Downing 2. Leroy

Sarah **m.** Phillip Metzker **ch:** (1. **Phillip**, 2. Ray)

Kathryn m. \_\_Whittet in OK **ch:** (1. **Florence** 2. Grace)

**Ella(Nellie)** 1856-1904 m. Samuel Shaw **ch:** (1. **Joseph** 2. Maude 3. Leg\_\_\_? (died young) 4. Edward 5. Gladys 6. Golden 7. Lewis

Jack - never married

John m. (an Indian girl, no children)

Daniel Orville m. Martha Melissa Creason

### Family of:

Daniel Orville Coffey **b.** 1872-d. 17 Sep. 1914 St Joseph, MO

**m. 1895 Vinita, OK**

to Martha Melissa Creson dau Sylvester & Mary Stewart Creson

**b.** 24 Mar 1874-d. 28 Nov. 1899 Jay, OK

1 Mayme **b.** 1893 **Cheslea**, OK - d. 1899 OK unmarried

2 Ernest Franklin **b.** 15 July 1896 **St. Joseph** MO- d. 26 Sep. 1987  
in Anchorage, Alaska m Ruth Kelly

3 Pearl Bessie **b.** 9 Jan 1898 **St. Joseph** MO-d. 1975 **Victorville, CA**

m. \_\_Crowe

4 Orville **b.** Oct 1899- **d.** 1924 Colton, CA - unmarried

(children of Daniel & Martha raised by Sylvester & Mary Creson)





## COFFEE CEMETERY, WARTRACE TENNESSEE

I received this at the convention in Oklahoma City, (I think from Gloria Roach, if not, please excuse my short memory and thank you for the information.)

P.C. Coffee 1885-1962	Rice Coffee born April 1766 in Amherst Co. VA - d. July 29, 1852	
G.R. Coffee age: 69 years Died Feb. 10, 1916	R.E. Coffee June 15, 1833 Sept. 10, 1910	Martha D. Coffee May 18, 1845 Oct. 16, 1891
Miss Sallie B. Coffee 1882-1972	Sallie R. Coffee April 3, 1807 March 31, 1892	Andrew J. Griver Co. I 17 Tenn Inf. C.S.A.
William E. Coffee Feb. 26, 1838 Mar. 25, 1887	Mary A Coffee Nov. 11, 1840 Mar. 1, 1901	Mary C. Kendall, dau of R & S. Coffee Oct. 12, 1797 - Oct. 22, 1878
Jane P, wife of John W Tilford Apr. 20, 1835 Aug. 26, 1872		Robert W son of Wm & M Tinsley died April 10 1865 age 9y, 6m, 5d
Barthena, wife of W P Raney Oct. 13, 1827 June 11, 1888 (Several unmarked graves. One large marker face down.)		Nannie dau of W P & Berthena Raney Jan 14, 1862, Aug 10, 1882

## OLD SALEM CEMETERY, BELL BUCKEL, TN

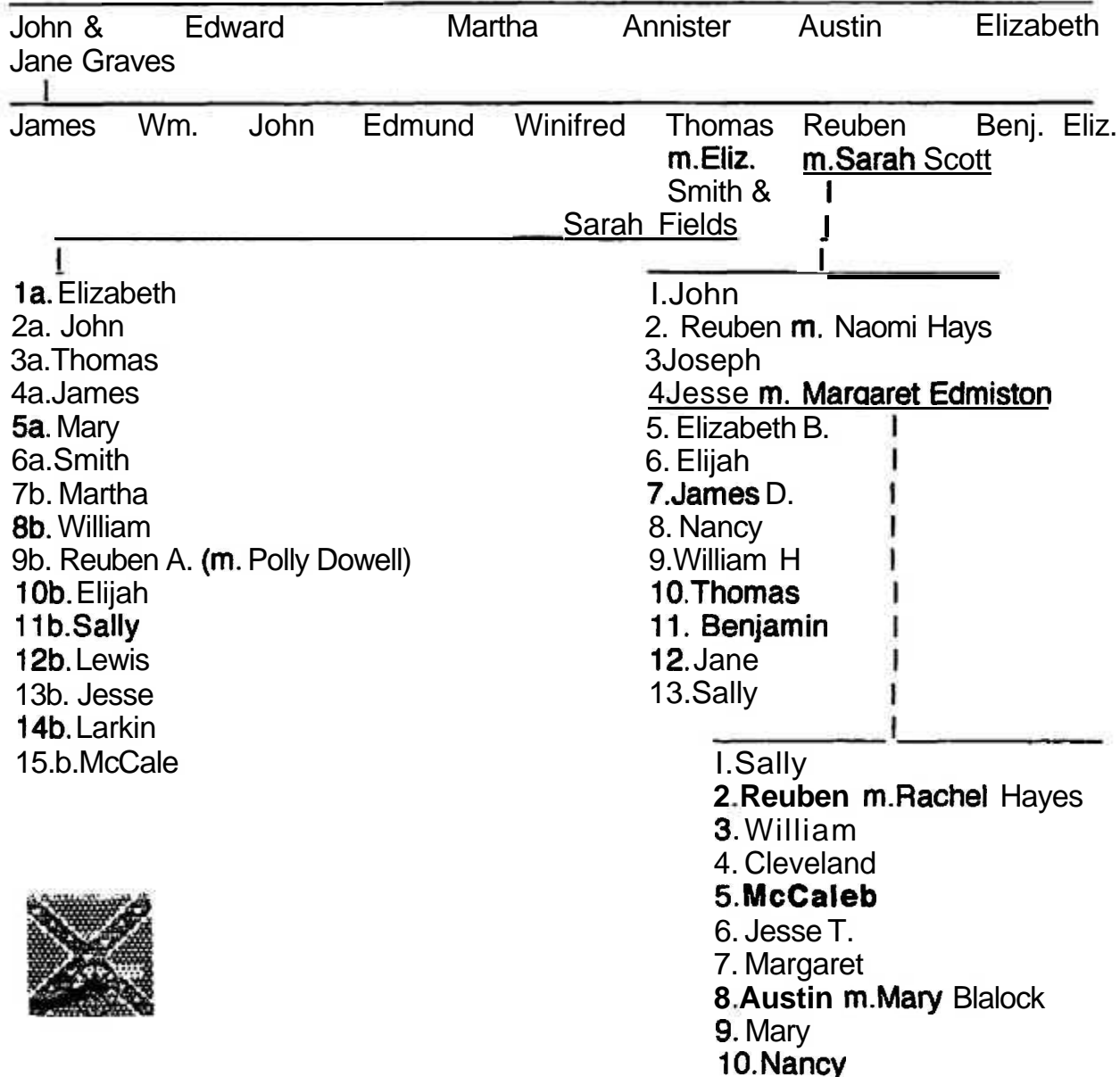
Jerusha dau of Rice & Sarah Coffey Who was born May 4th 1792 Died Mar 10, 1810 First buried in this Cem.	Sarah, Consort of Rice Coffey June 22, 1770 Sept. 3, 1840
Elvira dau of Rice & Sarah Coffey May 14, 1794 July 20, 1849 N.B. son of A.H. & N.E. Coffey born Sep. 28 1829, Bedford Co TN died Feb 13 1856, Jackson Co AL (There were several Paynes and Powells buried in this cemetery.)	Nancy E. Consort of A.H Coffey Aug. 24, 1810 Oct. 29, 1841 Elizabeth consort of Jas. Campbell born 1740 & died Sept 30, 1839

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Answer to Virgil Coffee's questions; Issue 50. pg. 10

I knew that the COUSINS could answer Virgil's questions, but I didn't realize how much mail it would generate. It is impossible to print these letters completely, but I will try to combine the information to make a satisfactory answer. They can be easily confused as they used the same names and lived in the same area. We received letters from Edith Vines, Noreva Sharr, Mabel McLean, Charles Moreland, Jack Q. Williams, and Kathryn Johnson.

Edward &amp; Ann Powell Coffey



Those listed in **BOLD** are the Coffeys in the following story.

. Edith Vines says that she does not live many miles from where William and Austin Coffey were murdered and where Reuben (1744) lived. She also lives about 8 miles from the Archie Coffey store at **Edgemont**, and has a cabin a couple of hundred yards from the store, on the side of Wilson Creek. Blaine Coffey's family cabin is about 1 mile from Edith's house on the exact spot our great grandparents, Zachariah & Margaret Coffey lived. Blaine's cabin is not at Edgemont, as we said in the last issue of CCC, but a small community called Careys Flat.

(The following is an extraction from "The History of Watauga Co." and was presented by Kathryn Johnson to answer Virgil Coffee's question as to the parentage of Austin, **McCaleb**, Reuben and William Coffey. We **now** know that they were the sons of Jesse & Margaret **Edmisten** Coffey. The book can be found in the Watauga Co. library and the Watauga Co. Historical Society holdings.)

## A HISTORY OF WATAUGA COUNTY CHAPTER XII

War Times and Afterwards - pg. 159

*A Hopeless Task.*—It would take several volumes the size of this to give the history of the troops sent from Watauga County into the Civil War. Their record is partially preserved in Clark's North Carolina Regiments, Moore's Roster and elsewhere. Only some of the principal events which occurred in this county and in those portions of this section which were once a part of Watauga County can be given. There were at least one thousand men from Watauga in the Confederate army and one hundred in the Federal, Company I of the Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry having no less than thirty-three Wataugans in its ranks. Col. George N. Folk was the first to enlist volunteers in this county, and the response which his call met with was but the forerunner of many more enlistments soon to follow. Many men composing the Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Regiment, Col. J.B. Palmer's, went from this county, though a large part of it was then embraced in the newly formed county of Mitchell. Indeed, Colonel Palmer's home on the Linville River had been in Watauga from the time it was purchased and the residence built in 1858 till the new county was formed in 1860-61. The old county line then ran below his residence along Pisgah Ridge, and a voting precinct, at Levi Franklin's house, now the upper part of Potter Brown's meadow, is still remembered by some of the older residents of Boone and vicinity. It was the most remote of all in the county, and the messenger bearing the returns usually did not arrive at the court house in Boone till after midnight. That he managed to get here even as late as that was due to the practice prevailing at the time, of keeping "tab" on the votes as they were cast, removing them from the hat into which they were usually deposited, examining them, and crediting each candidate for whom they had been cast with the vote to which he was entitled. Thus, the count was kept as rapidly as the ballots were deposited. But, and this seems to have been an important legal feature of the matter, some ballots were always left in the hat to show that the voting was still going on, or that the precinct had not closed. Consequently, when the sun set on the first Thursday in August of election years, there were but few ballots remaining to be counted, which was soon done and the messenger dispatched with the result to Boone. Captain William M. Hodges, still hale and active at the age of eighty-three, remembers attending that precinct in 1850 or 1852 in the contest between Michael Cook and Jack Horton for sheriff. He took some of the juice of the peach with him, a gallon and a half, to be exact, and carried the precinct overwhelmingly for Cook, his uncle, or, to be exact again, thirty-eight out of forty votes. The dancing which took place at Franklin's house during that day, in which barefoot girls and women joined, was the most vigorous, if not the most graceful, he ever witnessed. He still wonders how it was that those bare feet did not wear through to the quick. (He also wonders if one of the Franklins, who had his tax list there ever got it straightened out after the dance was over and the peach-juice exhausted.)

**"Keith" Blalock**,----It might seem almost as if the history of the Civil War in Watauga were inextricably interwoven with the life and adventures of W. M. Blalock, commonly called "**Keith**" Blalock, a **nic-name** given him because of the fact that Alfred Keith, of Burnsville, was a great fighter during Blalock's youth, and as he was something of a fighter himself, his boy companions called him "Keith." Keith and his wife, born Malinda Pritchard, lived "under the **Grandfather**" when the Civil War commenced, and both became members of Zeb Vance's 26th Regiment, he as W. M. and she as Sam Blalock. She wore a private's uniform and tented and messed with Keith. She watched the men "when they went in swimming" near Kinston, but never went in herself. Keith was a Union man and joined only to avoid conscription and in the hope that opportunity might offer for him to desert to the Union lines. But the fortunes of war did not afford this chance as speedily as he wished, so he went into

the bushes and covered himself with poison oak. When this took effect the army surgeons were puzzled as to the nature of his complaint, but they agreed that he was then unfit for service and discharged him. Then "Sam" presented himself and convinced his colonel, Zeb Vance, that he was no longer fit for duty either, his lawful tent and messmate having been discharged. They returned to their home under the Grandfather, but it was not long till Keith had cured his infirmity by the frequent application of strong brine to the affected parts, brine being nothing more or less than strong salt water. Then confederate sympathizers wanted to know why he did not return. Keith showed his discharge, and they answered by trying to arrest and conscript him. He and "Sam" retreated still further up under the Grandfather and lived in a rail pen. But they were followed even there, and on one occasion Keith was so hotly pursued that he was shot in the left arm, and had to take refuge with some hogs which had "bedded up" under the rocks. Keith then went through the lines into Tennessee and became recruiting officer for a Michigan regiment stationed in Tennessee. Whether true or not, Blalock believed that Robert Green, who then lived in the Globe, but had also a place at Blowing Rock, was in the party that had wounded him. Accordingly, when he and some of his comrades met Green one day while he was driving his wagon from the Globe to Blowing Rock, he shot Green as he ran down the side of the mountain, breaking his thigh. Green's friends say that Blalock's crowd left him lying as he had fallen, and that he managed to regain his wagon, turn it around and drive back home. Blalock's friends say that after he had wounded Green, shooting him through his wagon body and afterwards bragging on his marksmanship, he went to him, and finding him unconscious, took him to his wagon, put him in it, turned the wagon around and started the team in the direction of Green's home. This is doubted by Green's friends, however. Robert Green was the father of the late Judge L. L. Green of this county.

**Four Coffey Brothers,---**To go back a little, Keith Blalock's mother had married Austin Coffey, while Keith was a very little boy, and Coffey reared him to manhood. Austin Coffey lived almost in sight of the home of his brother, McCaleb Coffey in the Coffey Gap of the Blue Ridge and on the old Morganton Road. McCaleb was rather a Confederate sympathizer, having a son, Jones in the Confederate army. Austin was rather a Union man, though too old to be drafted into the service. Of course, he sheltered and fed Keith and his comrades whenever he or they came to his home. But William and Reuben Coffey were pronounced Southern men, and active in forcing **out-lyers** and others subject to conscription into the ranks of the Confederate army. Meantime, Blalock was taking recruits through the lines into the Union army in Tennessee. Thus, a natural antagonism sprang up between him and William and Reuben Coffey.

**Danger from Tennessee,---**Up to the spring of 1864 the Union element in the mountain had been rather timid, but as the tide of battle turned against the Confederacy, and recruiting officers, of whom James Hartley was a conspicuous example, increased throughout the mountain region, Union men and women grew bolder. Then, too, there had been numerous desertions from the Southern army, and men not only from these mountains, but from Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia, were lying out in the mountains almost everywhere. Of course, they had to live, and if those who could would not feed them, they naturally tried to feed themselves. To do this they had to pilfer, steal and finally, in bands, to rob outright. A state of guerrilla warfare was thus imminent, when an event occurred which almost revolutionized matters in the mountains. This was Kirk's raid through the mountains to Camp Vance, six miles below Morganton. That it had been successful was almost a miracle, and the



leaders of the Southern Confederacy realized the vulnerability of its Piedmont region to like incursions from the East Tennessee. It should be remembered that General **Burnside** had long been in possession of Knoxville, **Tenn.**, and that he might at almost any time send a large force through the mountains and destroy the railroad from Richmond to Columbia, the main artery of the Confederacy. To guard against this contingency, General Robert B. Vance, of Asheville, had been placed in command of the Military District of Western North Carolina, as it was officially designated. Also that on the 7th of July, **1863**, the General Assembly of North Carolina had provided for the organization and equipment of the Home Guard, officially designated a "The Guard for Home **Defense**," to be composed of all males between eighteen and fifty years of age. In April **1864**, Gen. John W. McElroy, commanding the forces around Burnsville, wrote to Governor Vance that "the county is gone up," and that there was a determination on part of the people generally "to do no more service in the **cause**." (*Rebellion Records, Series I, Vol. LIII, p.485*)

**To be continued in September issue 52.**

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