

COFFEY COUSIN'S CLEARINGHOUSE

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'94 CONVENTION DATE CHANGED

PRESIDENTS LETTER



Jeff Coffey

Dear Cousins,
How time flies when you are having fun!! Seems hardly anytime since I wrote the last letter.

First item of business - CHANGE - mark your calendars now. The 1994 reunion will be April 22,23,24, 1994 in Richmond, VA. The change was necessitated by a

logistics problem in Richmond. The weekend we had planned finds NO ROOMS AVAILABLE!! Seems they have a 20,000 person convention coming in and there ain't nothin' fer us. The weekend before there is a choice and John Taylor is now at work finding the best deal he can. After discussions with John and Bonnie, I took it upon myself (with Bonnie's concurrence) to change the reunion dates to one week earlier - April 22, 23, 24, 1994. Had we moved it the other way we would have been into Mother's Day which was what we were trying to avoid in the first place.

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SO - CHANGE - CHANGE - CHANGE - your calendars RIGHT NOW and plan to be in Richmond April 22-24, 1994. There will be more sales pitches about what all you can do researchwise, but most of you are aware that the Virginia archives in Richmond is one of the finest around and our experience has been that they have one of the most informed and courteous staff of any place we have been. The State Library is in the same building with the archives which is another convenience for researchers. I hope everyone is having a good summer, though our prayers and thoughts are certainly with our cousins and countrymen who have been experiencing devastation from the floods in the midwest and lack of water in the southeast. Enough for now - be in good health and mark your calendar NOW for April 22-24, 1994.

JEFF



EDITORS LETTER

Dear Cousins,
Press time is here again. What did I do with all of that time? It's been a very busy and exciting summer. We've had a devastating flood almost in our front yard for starters.

Even living on a hill, we lost a terrace wall but we're the lucky ones.

We had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Edwin H. Coffey Reunion in Lynchburg and Coffeytown, VA. Jim and I had a great time.

I also want to pass on some good advice from Daraleen Wade. I have been printing quite a few short stories about Coffeey/s that we find in print in various places, but as Daraleen says: "We have to realize that just because something is in print doesn't make it right and this is particularly true of biographical sketches. Any printed material should be used only as clues and we have to find other records to "prove" the information given is accurate." We all need to be reminded of this occasionally but I love to read them even when I know they have been "Polished up" for publication. Do keep sending them.

Jim and I are off to the British Isles next week. We are going to look for something from Ireland to give as a door prize for next years convention. We're taking lots of film.

Your Cousin,

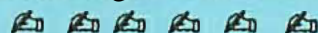
P.S.

I assume you have noticed the new format!! I have my brother, Dr. Virgil Flanigan to thank for helping me acquire a very sophisticated program to do page layout. I haven't had it long enough to be very proficient with it yet but hopefully I will learn. The double columns and improved print quality allows me the option of using a smaller print and still keep it readable. I've acquired software to run my scanner too. All this in one issue!

You do know though, with the ability to print this

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much material in one issue, you will have to keep the letters flowing. I also need a better pricture of Jeff Coffey. (Sorry Jeff, this is the only one I had where you faced the camera!) Kitti will have to make you "face up".

Let me know what you think about it all.

Bonnie

NEW ADDRESSES:

CHERRY K. JONES

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OBITUARY

JAMES T. COFFEY, 71 of Oak Ridge TN died July 5, 1993. He was born Oct. 10, 1921 in Grainger County and was the son of Grover C. and Kate Wright Coffey. He and his wife, Annabelle Crider Coffey, by whom he is survived, was married Mar. 14, 1942 in Greenup, KY. The Coffey's have three children: Patricia A **Hatmaker**, John G. & Sandra King. He is survived by a sister, Zona Mae **Waler** and brother Samuel D. Coffey.

Sent by David L. Coffey, TN State Reprenetative.

NEW COUSINS:

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KATHY RHOTEN 168 Baldwin, Crocket, CA 94525 Nevada Bruce Thompson
JoANN COFFEE 304 S. Broadway, Coalgate, OK 74538
ROD A. COFFEY 1729 S. Downing St., Denver, CO 80210 Frank H

MEET THE NEW COUSINS

ROY LEWIS is researching the line of Taylor Coffey who was his great-great grandfather. Roy says that he knows very little about him except that he married Sarah Strickland (Strictland) and they had three children, David Lee, Riley and Cynthia. David Lee Coffey was Roy's great grandfather. He was born in 1875 in Baxter Co. Ark. He died as the result of an auto accident in Texas in 1954. They had five daughters, Mary Jane, Lois Dearie, Dessie Mae, Cassie Ethel and Lavora Marie. Mary Jane is Roy's grandmother. He would like to hear from anyone that might have information on this family or could give him any information that might help him in his research. His address is in the new cousins list.

CHERYL JONES & EDNA COFFEY are granddaughter & grandmother. Cheryl writes that she and her grandmother are looking for Isaac Vance Coffey. He came to Kansas from Ohio around 1857. They first settled near Olathe, KS but moved near Manhattan, KS around 1866. He married Ann Catherine Parthemer in 1853. Ann's family has been traced back to 1744 and the ship "Phoenix". Cheryl would like help with her Coffey research. Her address is in the new cousins list.

CHARLES W. WIELAND, MBA, CPA is searching for Thomas Coffee, b. abt 1839 in North Carolina. Thomas was married 25 Aug. 1855 at Greenville, TN. to Eliza Jane Solomon, daughter of Bird Solomon and Marcissa Ward. She was b. abt 1842 in TN. The family lived in Hawkins Co., TN in the 1860 and 1870. Thomas was not with the family in 1870. Thomas and Eliza Jane Coffee's children were: Susan b. abt 1859, William b. abt. 1861, and Thomas b. abt 1862.

Charles has a second Coffee line. He is also looking for parents for Polly Coffee b. abt. 1848. She married Parvis Lamphear who was b. abt 1824 in N.Y. They lived in Hermon, St. Lawrence, N.Y. in 1850 and Pitcairn, St. Lawrence Co. NY in 1860. Their children were: George b. abt 1859, Elan A. b. abt 1862 and Eunice A. abt 1862. Dr. Carol Coffee of Houston recommended us to Charles. Let's hope that we can assist him in his research. His address is in the new cousins list.

EVA JEAN BARTLETT is helping her step mother trace her family. Her step mother is **LUCILLE HOLT**. Lucille's mother was Mary Jane Elizabeth (Coffey) Holt who died in Feb. 22, 19?? in Mitchell, NB. Mary Jane was married to John D. Holt, born in Harrison, AR on July 3, 1878. The Holts lived in Kansas but Lucille does not know where or when. She says that Mary Jane's parents also lived in TN. The Holt children are:

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1. Elsie A. b. 23 June 1906; 2. Lena B. b.27 Oct. 1907; 3. Henry R. b. 10 Aug. 1910; 4. Kenneth J.L. b. 20 June 1915, d. 14 July 1992; 5. Amanda Lucille b. 8 Nov. 1920, lives Mitchell NB.; 6. Woodrow b. 12 June 1912, d. 7 Dec. 1929, in Mitchell NB.

Lucille remembers her mother's sister Amanda Brown and her children Genevieve and Forest Brown. The cousins were Lucille's pen pals and lived in Lanagan, MO. around 1930. Mary Jane Coffey Holt's death certificate says that her father was Rice Coffey, born MO., with mother unknown. Eva and Lucille hope that someone recognizes her family and can help her.

LIZ HOCHEVAR was introduced to us by Kay Brownie. (Our good luck Liz). Liz's grandmother was Susie (Coffey) Rains (1897-1972 b. TN). Susie's father was John Henry Coffey (1847-1920 b. TN) and grandfather was George Coffey also from Tennessee. Susie Rains moved to Texas about 1913.

Elizabeth (Liz) is looking for parents for George Coffey born about 1847 in Tennessee. He and his wife Martha (Jones?) Johnson Coffey were listed in the Claiborne Co. TN census as age 33 for him ...35 for her. Elizabeth's 84 year old great Aunt Hattie Coffey Maples passes on the following information: "Martha was a quarter Indian from a wealthy tribe in Oklahoma. During the Civil War, Martha married a Johnson. They had a daughter Susie. When soldiers came to their home, Martha and Susie hid upstairs and the soldiers shot her husband. She later married George Coffey of TN. Martha lived to be 97 years old." Martha and George's son, John H. Coffey was born 2 Aug. 1874 in Grainger Co., TN and married Sarah Harvell. Elizabeth would like help on this line and her address is in the new cousins list.

KATHY RHOTEN writes that her mother was a Thompson, born in Cass Co., MO. Her parents were Commodore McFarland (CM.) and Nevada Clares (Bruce) Thompson m. 1878/9 Urbana IL. They had four children. Nevada had a brother, Robert and was supposed to be from a wealthy

family of Bruce's from Georgia. The Thompsons were in Urbana IL in 1881 and later moved to Cass Co. MO. Nevada passed away in 1887 when Kathy's mother was around 2 years old. Kathy's mom was cared for by a "Grandma Coffey" until she was around 9 or 10, when Grandma Coffey became too old to care for her any longer. Her father, CM. Thompson took her to the Ellisons in Cass Co. MO where she stayed until she was 14. Her father again moved her and another sister to lola KS. and left them with an older sister. They moved with this sister, her husband and his family to Idaho, later Kansas and lived with her sister's inlaw's family until she was 17 when she married James E. Clark. The four children of Nevada and CM. Thompson were: 1. Ethel b. 1881 m. in KS. to ___Hockett 2. Lillie May b. 1882 m. in KS or MO. to Oscar Neal 3. John Mason b. ? 1m. in KS. to lola Allen 2m. in KS. to Katherine Dobbs 4. Sallie Maud b. Dec. 28, 1885, m. in KS. to ___ Clark. Kathy would like to know if anyone can place this family. How are they related to the Coffey family? What is the connection between families of Coffey - Bruce - Thompson. Kathy's address is 168 Baldwin, Crockett, CA 94525

DENNIS COFFEY's father is Charles Wayne Coffey and his grandfather is Charles Maywood Coffey Jr., son of Charles Maywood Coffey Sr. (b. 27 Feb. 1877 in Nelson Co. VA and d. 16 July 1943, Augusta Co. VA). Charles Maywood Coffey Sr. was the son of Henry Alexander Coffey (b. 1852 and d. 1924). Henry Alexander Coffey was married to Sarah (Sallie) R. Campbell. Dennis is looking for information on Henry A. Coffey and would appreciate any help. His address is in the new cousins list.

ROD COFFEY came to us for help by way of Noreva Sharr. He says that if he doesn't get some help in this "family search thing" he is going to need a Doctor. I really hope one of our cousins recognize is people and can ease his dilemma. He says, "My father was Romie A Coffey born in Oklahoma in 1905. His father was Frank Coffey

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(or Coffee) born in **1861** in Texas. Frank's dad was **born** in KY and Frank's mother in MO. Frank married Annie Alexander who was born in **1863** in Texas and her dad was Lewis Alexander born in 1841 in Alabama. All Rod knows about Annie's brothers or sisters are initials: J.D. b. 1868, S.E. b. 1871, and R.L. b. 1875, all born in TX. Annie (Alexander) Coffey's grandma, Sarah Alexander was born in **1821** in South Carolina. Ron's dad, **Romie** Coffey's siblings were Albert M. **b.1879** TX, Pearl b. 1883 TX, Frank Jr. b. **1886** TX, Willie K. **1888** TX, Annie J. b. 1890 OK, Homer N. b. 1900 OK, and Coney Lee b. **1904** OK. Rod found an Elijah Coffey b. **1817** KY, married to Margaret ____? b. **1929** TN in the **1870** Tarrant (Ft. Worth) County census with a son Frank H. 8 years old and **born** in TX. He's not sure this is the right family. Rod would appreciate any help you might have on this family. Rod's address is **1729** S. Downing, Denver CO. 80210. Since our initial contact, Rod has found cousin Ruth Warburg through some old issues of CCC Both were searching as neither had any contact with relatives other than their immediate families. Rod wrote a very moving story of he and his sister, Kay Zoe's contact with Ruth Warburg. I hope we find them a lot more cousins.



MAIL BOX

FRAN COFFEY OF TUCSON gets our good guy award for helping another cousin. We received the following note from cousin Jean Coffee Roeding of Chadron NE. She writes: " Fran Coffey of Tucson has certainly opened the wonderful Silver box of genealogy with the introduction of the "Clearinghouse" and you.. I do not have the John T. Coffee story from the Missouri Historical **review**.. and would enjoy a copy..

We have had two workshops in Chadron on Genealogy and last Saturday I spent 2 hours on the computer in Gordon NE. LDS Church and found a Great Grandmother **line..with** the names of people who have put her on record.. I will write to

them....Am so pleased to now have two books on Peter Coffee from Gene **Brewington..I** also plan to write to Celia Hudson in TN and Carol Coffey in TX also Jeffy Coffee in TX and have already been in touch with Jean Mower's mother and her sister, who is in college here and we have visited a couple of **times....we** all go back to Peter **Coffee** ...What a network..I cannot believe there are such wonderful places to go for verification.. Hope to go to convention in 94." (We'll be looking for her there in 94. ED)

DR. CAROL COFFEE Writes:

"You (Gene Brewington), Cousins Jeff and Bonnie are due great credit for arranging the conclave and making it a memorable experience for all who attended. Fifi and I, as well as my brother Jerry and his wife, had never taken the time to visit the Cowboy **Hall** of Fame, so we found that to be **well** worth the trip. Of course the real treat was meeting and visiting with our many "Cousins" and namesakes who share our interest in genealogical research and history. All of this makes us look forward with heightened interest to the gathering in Virginia. The selection of that site for "94 fits nicely into our scheduled travels and enabled us to "scratch" Virginia from our itinerary this summer. We **will** now be able to combine our on-site research activity with the Cousins gathering." (We appreciate Dr. Coffee's praise. ED)

THELMA MATHIS one of our very active researchers writes quoting: A GENEALOGY RECORD by H. Coffee of Dublin, published in 1863: "The ancient names of the **O'Coffeys** and O'Coffees in Ireland was Cathmhogas, O'Cobhththeagh, Cowhig, and **O'Cathbhauthaigh**. The **O'** signifying "son **of**". When in **1171** A.D. the British under Henry II invaded Ireland they changed the names to phonetic sounds, to Coffe, Coffey, Coffee, and Duffy. So they date back over 800 years." Thelma says that there was a small argument as to which spelling was right at the convention and she wanted to tell them, "You're both right". Bravo for Thelma who is a young 83 this year. Keep up the good work.

FRAN & BESS COFFEY are busy again! Fran sent a copy of the Tucson Council for International Visitors Newsletter that he is now editing. It sounds like they are having fun. Hope we get to see them again next May.

WARREN C. COFFEY of Elk Grove CA. wrote that they have been doing a lot of traveling. They spent two months in Europe. His wife attended a woodcarvers school in Austria. (Jim is jealous. He has dabbled a little.) Warren says that he was the lucky one to have Marvin do his genealogy for him. He is the son of Chester McCorkle Coffey. He does some research on his mother's side, McKnight and McDonald. His wife's side, the Clevelands and Moores, are well documented. Warren says that he hopes to see **all** of us at a future reunion. (Virginia would be a good one Warren.)



OUR IRISH LINK

The following is part of an piece appearing in THE IRISH LINK in Sept. 1990: It is published by H. W. Coffey and subscriptions cost \$35.00 U.S. **Mail to P.O. Box 135, South Melbourne 3205, Vic. Australia.**

The ancient territory of the Coffeys was in the barony (not the county) of Kilkenny West centering around the parish of **Noughaval**, with the townland of Clonkeen having the old Coffey castle and a later Coffey very large house in its midst. This is in the **north-west** of County Westmeath bordering on the River Shannon where it broadens out in Lough Ree. Killesher parish is about six miles from the source of the River Shannon.

Another particularly interesting article in "**THE IRISH LINK**" JUNE 1991, is one titled "**Faction Fights**" which was taken from "**Seventy Years of Irish Life**" by W. R. Le Fanu, 1893.

When we went to the County of Limerick there were many factions there - The Shanavests and Caravats, the Coffeys and the Reaskawallahs, the Three Years Old and Four Years Old. All these are now extinct except the last named, who still have a smoldering existence in the neighborhood in **Emly**, which occasionally flares into a little blaze: but the glorious fights of other days are gone.

The factions nearest to us were the Coffeys and the Reaskawallahs, the latter so called from the name of a townland near Doon, where its chieftains had lived for **generations**. In our time its leader was John Ryan, generally called "**Shawn Lucash**" (John, the son of Luke), a powerful man who had led his men in many a hard-fought battle: while one Coffey of Newport was chief of the Coffeys. The origin of their feud was, as in most other cases, lost in antiquity.

Fairs were the usual batde-fields, though at times a special hour and place was fixed for a battle. I have seen many a faction fight, every one of which began in the same way which was thus: one man "wheeled", as they called it, for his party; that is, he marched up and down, flourishing his blackthorn, and shouting the battle-cry of his faction, "Here is Coffey aboo against Reaskawallahs, here is Coffey aboo - who dar strike a Coffey?" "I dar," shouted one of the other party; "here's **Reaskawallah** aboo," at the



same instant making a whack with his shillelagh at his opponent's head. **In** vain the parish priest and his curate ride through the crowd, striking right

and left with their whips; in vain a few policemen try to quell the riot: on it goes till one or other of the factions is beaten and **flies**.

The men of the Coffey faction were men of that name, or their relatives and connections; the Reaskawallahs were nearly all Ryans, which is the most common name in that part of the county; so common that to distinguish one from another nearly every Ryan had a nickname, generally a patronymic, as Shawn Lucash, already mentioned. In 1829, towards the close of the agitation for Catholic emancipation, all this was changed. O'Connell and the priests, constantly speaking and preaching against England's hated plan of governing Ireland by "divide et **impera**," unceasingly from platform and from altar urging the necessity of union, at last succeeded in reconciling the contending factions. Monster meetings and monster marchings, displays of physical forces, were organized.

One of these great marchings, which passed close to our house, I saw, and indeed took part in it. It was the marching of the Reaskawallahs from their headquarters near Doon to the headquarters of the Coffeys at Newport. They marched six deep, in military order, with music and banners, each man carrying, as an emblem of peace, a green bough; the procession was nearly two miles long. On its arrival at Newport the meeting was celebrated with much joy and whiskey, and in the presence of the priests, a treaty of perpetual peace was established, and never from that day did those factions meet again for **battle**. Similar reconciliations took place all over the country, and faction fighting practically ended.



DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

WILLIAM AUTON, a new cousin in the last issue was incorrectly listed as a descendant of Chesley Coffey. It should have been Edward Coffey through his son John & Jane Graves Coffey and their son Reuben who married Sally Scott. Next is Reuben's son **Jesse**———??????

NEW BOOKS FOR SALE

THE COFFEY FAMILY SETTLERS OF "COFFEYTOWN": AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA by John and Mary Ann Taylor. This is an excellent source of Virginia records that pertain to Coffey families. It is primarily about Jordan Coffey and his possible ancestry. There are lots of interesting Virginia, Coffey related documents here. This book is well written and researched and is easily worth the \$20.00 that the Taylors are asking for it. To order send \$20.00 to John Taylor, 1417 Clairmont Ave., Richmond, VA. 23227.

BOOKS IN THE WORKS

MARVIN COFFEY writes that the volume of material and many other delays have forced him to say that he can't give a time for the revision of his book, JAMES B. COFFEY. VOL II: ANCESTORS. Marvin says that he will announce through CCC when his book is ready for shipment. (*My suggestion*) - Get your order in if you plan to purchase Marvin's revised version. It will let him know how many to print.

PETER COFFEE book is on track and going well according to Jerry Coffee brother of Dr. Carol Coffee. Jerry has been assisting Dr. Carol. There isn't a completion date yet, but if you descend from this family and have not submitted your family info, we suggest that you do it soon if you want to see it in the finished product.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

JOANN CALLAWAY said that she found the following in the ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF LAND COUNTY, OREGON published by A. G. Walling in 1884 and noticed:

Fannie E. Coffey married 12 January 1873, J.W. Owens. They resided (1884) in Spence Creek, Lane County, Oregon. He was a farmer and a stock-grower. J. W. Owens was born in Polk County, Oregon, 24 June 1849. His father went to Oregon in 1844. Children of J.W. and Fannie (Coffey) Owen were Henry E., Nellie, and Sadie Owen.



DEAD END ROADS

GAYLE CARSON, a new subscriber last issue, descends from Daniel Coffey born in Cork Ireland and died April 29, 1907 (prob. in Michigan). Daniel married Mary Bridgett McCormick also of Cork, Ireland and died July 9, 1921. They had a son Daniel Francis Coffey born Aug. 8, 1870 in Grand Rapids Michigan and died Oct. 26, 1947 in Allegan Michigan. He married Mary Lucy Schoendorf, Oct. 24, 1899. They are Gayle Carson's great grandparents. She is looking for someone else with knowledge of this family to correspond with. Her address is 2028 S. 120th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128.

PHILLIP RYMAN in looking for information on Perrimus Grant and Maria Coffee who married around the 1870's in Rockbridge Co., VA. Grants parents were Richard and Louise Grant of Norfolk VA. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Phillips address is 859 Park Circle, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

PHYLLIS ANN COFFEY writes that she met Bill Sherman and Betty Neimoyer in her genealogy class. Bill has Andrew Noble Coffey's obituary. It mentioned a sister that Phyllis hadn't found on a census before - Mary L. Shepherd. Bill believes that he is descended from yet another sister, Martha Ann Coffey b. 1837 in Indiana and married William O. Harrah in 1856. When Phyllis was going through old issues of CCC she found in issue #15 June 1984, a Dawn Shepherd inquired about her two grandmothers named Coffey. Phyllis would like to contact Dawn. Does anyone know how to contact Dawn? Phyllis' address is 1967 W. Terrace, Fresno, CA 93705-4336.

Jeff & Kitti Coffey found the following while working at the San Antonio Library.
M. Slade is desperately looking for his father who

was stationed in England during Word War II. His father is Lester Lee Coffey who came from San Antonio and had a coffee bar in his name prior to 1944. If anyone has any information on Lester Lee Coffey, please contact M. Slade by telephoning 01144 0643 705265 or write to Flat 1, 10 Park Street, Minehead, Somerset, TS 24 5NQ, England.

Rev. **MARK KAISNER**, N 6048 Capt. Hwy.E, DePere, WI 54115, says that he has Coffees coming up everywhere in his family tree and would like some help. First, his great great grandmother was Elvira Coffee b. 1844 who married Henry Wolfe on Oct. 29, 1859 in Granger Co. TN. Then Rev. Mark needs help with his next Coffee line. His g.g.g.great grandfather was George Coffee b. 1782 in NC but settled in Granger Co. TN. His daughter was Mahal a Coffee. Mark says that he is eager to know more about the Coffee family in Granger Co. TN and North Carolina and hopes that the cousins can give him some assistance. If you are working this line, please drop the Rev. a line.

BILLY G. LEE is searching for information on his g.g.grandfather who seems to have disappeared from Jefferson County after the 1850 census. He is recorded in the 1850 Mississippi Census as having been born in MS in ca. 1811. He married sometime before 1836, to Sarah Elizabeth "Sallie" Beaubé and fathered at least one son and seven daughters: David Anderson, Adaline, Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, Cordelia B., Susan, Emily Catherine and Barbara. Cordelia B. Coffey is Billy's great grandmother. He is in the process of editing his manuscript, Lee's and Related Families of Southwest Mississippi. If anyone can help Billy with his Coffey family, his address is 102 Georgia Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31093.

JACQUELINE MAXWELL has moved to 1625 Village Spuire Circle, Raleigh, NC 27610 and is interested in hearing from someone who has information on Francis Marion Coffey. We appreciate Richard H. Coffey's contacting her with family information.

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SORTING SALETHIELS

(Daraleen Wade sends the following research and observations pertaining to three Salathiels.)

The two Salathiels are a puzzle and Daraleen suspects that one is the son of Nebuzaraden and the other of Salathiel - or one of the other brothers. The problem is that descendents of both claim descent from Nebuzaraden. Salathiel (1), who married Anna Lynch in 1813 in Pulaski County, died about 1835, and this may have contributed to the confusion about which Salathiel was the brother of Ananias. In 1816, there are 2 deeds in Adair county (Deed Book - D pg 95 and pg 100) which seem to tie the Salathiel of Pulaski County to Nebuzaraden's family. The first deed is for 135 acres on Blue Spring Fork of Greasy Creek and the other one is for personal property, which includes household goods, farm equipment, animals, grain, etc. In both of the deeds it states that he is of Pulaski County. The land was sold by Joel and Jane to Salathiel in 1816 and in 1819 Salathiel sells it back to them (Deed Book - E, pg 247). Ananias and his wife, Jane, also had land on Blue Spring Fork of Greasy Creed (Deed Book - E, pg 714). Joel and Ananias were both sons of Nebuzaraden. The household and farm goods Salathiel bought were probably his parent's belongings, and may be an indication that Elizabeth, Nebuzaraden's wife had recently died. Salathiel continued to live in Pulaski County until sometime around 1825 when they returned to the area which encompasses the county line between Russell and Cumberland County. In 1822, while they were still in Pulaski County, they sold 100 acres on the south side of the Cumberland River to a John Lynch (possibly her brother), land which she inherited from her father. On the 1826 Tax roll for Russell County, Sail is charged for 100 acres on Cumberland River, 50 acres on Salt Lick Creek and 50 acres on Indian Creek, the latter of which was in Cumberland County. Salathiel was taxed for this land, along with more, until his death. In 1840 Ann Coffey, Sail's widow, was given a 55 acre tract of land, on Salt Lick Bottom, off the

upper end of a tract deeded to Sail Coffey by Absolom Ballew and wife in 1821 (Cumberland Deed Book - D, pg 400).

Salathiel (2) didn't leave as many positive tracks, but Daraleen has found a few things which appear to have been his. We do know Salathiel (2) married Polly Blair, 25 Oct. 1808 in Adair and they are probably the couple who were enumerated there in the 1810 census with a female under 10 years. There is a Salathiel Coffe in the 1820 Adair County census and this is probably them, too. Daraleen didn't find a Sail in Adair County in 1830 census, and neither the one in Cumberland County or the one in Russell County fit the Salathiel (2) family, but the one in Russell County fits best. In 1840 and 1850 they are in Adair County. She says that she hasn't checked 1860 or later.

Salathiel (2) and Polly bought a tract of land in November 1823 on Sulphur Fork Creed, on Newton Coffey's comer. (Adair Deed Book - E, pg 830) Salathiel Coffey was a witness when Newton Coffey bought land (Adair Deed Book - B, pg 221) in October 1808, the deed index not indicating the location of the land but, from the tax rolls in 1809 and 1810, we learn that land was on Russells Creek, and from 1811 to 1817, it was said to be Sulphur Fork - same area where Salathiel's land was.

Salathiel Coffey appears on Adair County Tax Rolls in 1810 with 77 acres on Russells Creek, in 1811, 1812, and 1813 he has that amount of land which is said to be on Sulphur Creek, in 1815 it's on Big Creek, in 1816 thru 1824 it's on Sulphur Fork, although from 1810 on he is charged with 138 acres. From Daraleen's map, it appears these watercourses could all be the same place - on the west side of the county in the Pickett area. Where Salathiel got this land is unclear, as the Adair Deed Index doesn't show him buying anything in that area until 1823. In 1824, Salathiel sold 138 acres on Sulphur Fork Creek to John Beard (Adair Deed Book - F, pg 196) and he is not taxed for land again until 1856 when he has 156 acres on Harrod's Fork (in 1857 and 1858 the acreage is said to be 165). Since there is nothing in the Adair County Deed index about him purchasing land on Harrod's Fork, Daraleen wonders if this is land

they inherited from the Blairs or Breedings. Where were they between 1824 and 1840? - he doesn't appear on the tax rolls, which he should have even if he didn't have land or a horse. Although there is no proof about Salathiel (2)'s parentage in the records, the fact that he and Newton owned adjoining lands may be an indication they were brothers. If so, Salathiel (2) was the son of Salathiel and Elizabeth as Newton is a known son of theirs. The only other Coffey who shows up in the tax rolls with land on Sulphur Creek/Fork is Absolom, from 1815 to 1819. Absolom was a son of Nathan and Mary (Sanders) Coffey and would have been a cousin of Newton and Salathiel. Absolom and most of his siblings (and possibly his parents) went to Jackson County, Alabama by 1830. Other than Absolom living in the same area as Salathiel and Newton, Daraleen has found no record on which he appears with either Salathiel or Newton.

The Coffeys were in what is now Adair or Russell Counties as early as 1799 as four of them appear on the Green County Tax Roll that year. The 1880 Green County Tax Roll lists 7 Coffeys, two of whom, Nathan and Cleaveland, own land on Russell Creek and Greasy Creek. Of course, the problem with a reference to "Russell Creek" isn't too specific in as much as that creek seems to run clear across the county (Adair). The watercourse mentioned in the tax rolls seem to place Salathiel and Newton on the west side of the county, while the Greasy Creek pieces appear to have been on the east side of the county and mostly in what is now Russell County. Possibly someone with first hand knowledge of the county you can clarify this. Some of the Coffeys were in Madison County as early as 1796, which is about the earliest Daraleen's family could have been in Kentucky as Martha, the widow of Joel, and her son Cleaveland sold the land in Wilkes County, NC. in 1795. Cleaveland appears on the 1796 thru 1799 tax roll in Madison and is in Green County, on Greasy Creek in 1800. Martha was one of the witnesses to Nebuzaraden's will in Madison County in 1797. An Elizabeth Coffey is one of those appearing on the 1800 Green County tax roll, but it isn't known if she is Nebuzaraden's or Salathiel's widow.

Daraleen is still analyzing the land records, tax rolls, census, etc. for the counties of Adair, Cumberland, Russell, Wayne, etc. and may have other projections as she goes along. (We're very pleased that she is willing to share her research with us.)

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In an earlier letter, Darallen says: "Noreva Sharr is right about there being two Sail Coffeys (pg 7-CCC issue 51) one who married Ann Lynch and one who married Mary "Polly Blair. They were about the same age, both born between 1780 and 1790, both being 40-50 in 1830, one in Cumberland County (tax Rolls indicate on or near the Russell County line) and the other in Russell County. The one who married Ann/a Lynch died in 1835 so we don't have benefit of later census to narrow his birth year down. Salathiel, who married Mary Balir, was 68 in 1850 giving him a birth year of 1781/2. Sail and Mary were married in 1808 and Sail and Ann were married in 1813 so the latter might be a little younger than the other one.

Now, to muddy the waters a little more, there was another Salathiel Coffey in Russell County, KY. this one was born 20 April 1812, the son of Eli and Mary (Coffey) Coffey. He married Nancy Dunbar in 1835 in Russell County and they appear in the 1840 and 1850 census of Russell County. He seems to have gone to Collins County, Texas before 1860 as two of his children were married there prior to that date."

"Now if we could only prove there really was a Chesley Coffey"



CURRENTS IN THE STRAM

KITTI COFFEY's friend Marie Matoka returned recently from a trip from New Glories, Wisconsin. This is a "**restored/preserved**" Swiss Village. There she visited the "**Schul Haus**", a one room school. They had in the building, a memorial book of the teachers. Kathryn Coffey was the teacher in 1922. Since at that time teachers could not be married, Coffey had to be her maiden name. Kitti ask - "What family do you suppose she belonged to?" "Were there Coffeys in Wisconsin in the early 1900s?" Kitti wonders if some one of the Coffee/y Cousins might have an idea

JACK COFFEE is looking for anyone researching the John Coffee/ Rachel Pidgon Family. John and Rachel are the parents of Joseph Coffee who married Naomi McKinley. They had sons John and William who Jack thinks may be the connection to his Lilburn. He would appreciate hearing from anyone having information on this line. Jack's address is 10026 Hackberry, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809-2810.

PHYLLIS COFFEY sent a query that I missed last quarter. Hopefully someone can help her so she can forgive my absent mind. She said that the March issue of CCC was full of excitement for Vick (her husband) and her. They have tried for many years to find parents for Andrew Noble Coffey b. 1844. She says that she would like more proof than the **1850** Owens Co. KY census that Elijah and Martha Coffey were his parents. In searching the Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Phyllis found Amos D. Coffey mentioned frequently in Owens Co., especially church records, along with his father Elijah, and some uncles and brothers. Then suddenly there was no mention of him. What happened to him? Phyllis has searched for a death of him but haven't found anything. She wonders if possibly she should be looking for a divorce instead. It is possible that Amos D. divorced Martha (**Neill**), went to Magoffin Co., KY and married Nancy J. Montgomery. Is this the same Amos D. Coffey? Phyllis wonders if some of the **descendants** of

Amos and Nancy (**Montgomery**) Coffey might have some answers. She would appreciate any help on the verification of Andrews' parents and the **possibility** of a divorce of Amos D. and Martha Neill Coffey, and that maybe Amos D. in KY is the same one. Also if there was a divorce, did Martha Neill Coffey marry again? Phyllis' address is 1967 West Terrace, Fresno, CA **93705-4336**.

MARY BUSH is looking for relatives for the following:

Albert Pete Coffey b. 1897 - Manhattan, Riley Co. KS

Tatum Coffey b. **1855** - Champaign Co., Ohio

Francis Artie Coffey b. 1861 Indiana

Isaac Coffey b. **1829** - Ohio

Ann **Parthener** Coffey b. 1829 Pennsylvania

If anyone recognizes Mary's Coffey family, please contact her at: 200 N. Roop St., Susanville, CA 96130.

BERNIE COFFEY sent a us the name of the person in charge of genealogy of the Dallas Library but did not give us the library's address. (I need some more help Bernie).

He also sent some very impressive clippings. I understand why he might not have had his mind on addresses. Extracting a bit from one:

" Mr. Bernard M. Coffey, a resident of Dallas Texas, is a descendant of Manuel AGRAMONTE MIRANDA. In addition, through **the ZAYAS-BAZAN** branch of the family, he is related to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella."

Bernie was assisted in his research by a California genealogist, Peter Carr. Mr. **Carr** has been tracing his own Cuban heritage since 1965 and helped others like Bernie Coffey at the same time.

Bernie says that he is still working on his Coffey genealogy. We hope that works out soon.

"RUCKER" descendants - There is a petition being passed asking for donation to place a marker in the "Old Rucker Cemetery" at **Thornhill TN** for Colby Rucker, **Revolutionary** War soldier. Write to: Ron Payne

Rte.3, Box 20

Falkville, AL35622-9403

The following was sent by Freda Blessing and is extracted from GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS by Emma Barrett Reeves.

MAJOR JOHN A. COFFEE, Houston Co., stock raiser and planter; b. 26 Apr. 1838 in Telfair Co., Ga.; s/o Peter Coffee, b. 1813 in Hancock Co., & Susan Ann Rogers, d/o James A. Rogers, a prominent pioneer Telfair Co. Family. They had 9 ch : John A.; Joshua; Susan; Peter; Columbus; Sarah; Penelope; Jackson; & Shelton and had 3 ch who reside with the widow in Florida. Major John A. had a distinguished military career. He married - 1864 to Rebecca S. Daniell, d/o James Daniell of Hawkinsville, GA & had 3 ch: a dau, who married Dr. Slippy of Twiggs Co.; George; and a dau. who married WW. Lemon of Hawkinsville. Rebecca

died 4 May 1873 and he married (2) to Nannie C. Brown of Houston Co.; d/o Stephen & Mary C. Brown and had 5 ch.: Cornelia; Eugenia; John A., Jr.; Helen and Ethel. The Coffee family descends from Irish brothers. Tradition has it that each brother had a son who became famous during the Indian wars and rose to the rank of General. One of these, Gen. John Coffee of Hancock Co., Ga.; He was serving as Georgia Representative to the U.S. when he died and he was dead and buried before the news arrived of his second election. Gen. John Coffee married Miss Connelepy Bryan of N.C. They reared 8 ch: John; Peter; William; Columbus; Jackson; Bryan; Sarah and Susan. Of these only 2 are now living: Jackson is in Fla.; Sarah married Gen. Mark Wilcox of Dodge Co., Ga.

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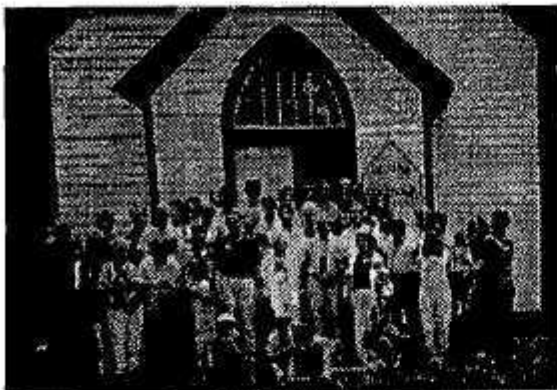
The following was copied by Walter & Elaine Obermayer from History of Washington County. 1895. PA. Walter is responsible for its beautiful format. I recently learned that Caledonia was the Roman name for that portion of Scotland above Hadrian's Wall.

The Coffey Family. "To Caledonia, stern and wild" whose hardy sons and fcattigfaer* are to be found in every clime where it is possible to live. America is indebted for a large portion of her most industrious, most useful, most thrifty and most loyal citizens, and among those stand most prominent...the Coffey family! George W. Coffey
Washington, Pa. 1895.



REUNIONS

(CCC would like to have **advanced** notice of your reunions in time to be published **before** your reunion date. Follow up news is also appreciated.)



Edwin H. Coffey family at Macedonia Church in Coffeytown

There have been two Coffey family reunions in Coffey Town, VA this summer. Jim and I attended the **EDWIN H. COFFEY REUNION** held May 29 & 30. We had dinner at the Howard Johnson Lodge in Lynchburg, VA on Saturday evening where they held their business meeting. It was hosted by Donald & Eula Coffey with help from Don's sister Ellen Wagner and brother Wallace Coffey. They had a meeting room with all kinds of family info, pictures, and just plain fun. Sunday, we traveled to Coffeytown to the Macedonia Church and had a musical program in the church. Jim & I hope that they will invite us back again sometime. We - CCC - now has a large picture signed by all those in attendance. We visited with the **familys** and John, Mary Ann & Mark Taylor. We saw the Taylor's beautiful part of the mountain. (Little hard to drive up, **but the view is worth it.**)

THE COFFEY FAMILY SETTLERS of COFFEYTOWN drew 124 family descendants to Fiddlers Green in Coffeytown . At this gathering, John & Mary Ann Taylor's book "The Coffey Family Settlers of Coffeytown; Amherst County, Virginia". Embree Coffee, a 76 year old lifelong Coffeytown resident said that the community had

changed drastically during the past few decades. Fiddler's Green is still in the Coffey family and owned by Mr. & Mrs. Cecil DePriest of Staunton, VA. The beautiful old log cabin is kept so they can get back to their roots and family get-togethers. It surely served it's purpose well in July.



Reunion at Fiddler's Green, Coffeytown, VA

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COFFEE/COFFEY REUNION in Amarillo TX was held Sunday, August 8, at the First Christian Church. They had a bus trip planned to **Tulia**, TX to visit the studios of painter, sculpture, minister, **Kenneth Wyatt (7 was looking forward to a hamburger pie at MOM'S of Vigo Park if we could have attended.)** They are planning a three to five day vacation opportunity for next year. I hope they let us know how that came out

1850 Census, St Louis City			
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	James	3	343
	John	C	347
	Mary	6	415
	Timothy	4	045
Coffy	Eliza	5	253

(An extraction from "The History of Watauga Co." that 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

Continued from Issue #51, pages 16 thru 18

Longstreet's Withdrawal.—General Longstreet had been detached from Lee's army in Virginia and sent to East Tennessee in 1863, when after the **Battle of Chickamauga**, he drove the Federals back into Knoxville and besieged that place. But Lee could not long do without Longstreet, and so, in January, 1864, Longstreet tried to withdraw from Knoxville and return to Richmond with his army. No sooner, however, had Longstreet started than **Burnside** started after him. In anticipation of this, General Vance was ordered to cross the mountains through Haywood County and attack Burnside in flank as he pursued Longstreet. Vance, however, was captured as soon as he reached the western slope of the **Smokey** Mountains, and sent to prison, his force of about **1,200** men of all arms retreating back to Buncombe as best they might. Thus the Military District of Western North Carolina was left without a general. But Col. J. B. Palmer, of the 58th North Carolina, asked to be placed in command, and he was accordingly transferred early in 1864 from his regiment in the western army and placed in command. But General Lee wanted a West Point man in charge of this most important region, and assigned General James G. Martin to that position. Meantime, Keith Blalock was passing back and forth between the lines and keeping the Federal authorities informed of conditions around his old home "under the Grandfather." The mountains were at that time practically defenseless. Camp Vance with a few hundred recruits was the only force of moment between Knoxville and Salisbury, where were

confined thousands of Federal prisoners. Blalock had grown up with Joseph V. Franklin, who was reared near **Linville** Falls and knew the country like a book. Col. George W. Kirk was then in command of the Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry, United States Army, and persuaded the military authorities to allow him to make a raid to Camp Vance, release the conscripts there, steal an engine and train, cut the wires, go on to Salisbury, release and arm the prisoners there and turn them loose on the country. It was a daring scheme, and wonder is that Kirk was allowed to make the venture.

Kirk's **Camp Vance Raid**,—With **1130** men, including twelve Cherokee Indians, on foot and carrying their rations and arms and blankets, Kirk **left** Morristown, Tenn., June 13, 1864, and marched via Bull Gap, Greenville and Crab Orchard, all in Tennessee, crossed the Big Hump Mountain and went up the Toe River, passing the Cranberry iron mine, where from forty to sixty men were detailed by the Confederate government making iron, when they camped near David **Ellis'** house and where rations were cooked for Kirk's men. On the 26th they scouted through the mountains, passing Pinola and crossing Linville River. The following day they got to Upper Creek at dark, where they did not camp, but keeping themselves in the woods all the time, got to Camp Vance at daylight. Here they demanded its surrender, which was agreed to. It had been Kirk's plan to take a locomotive and cars and such arms as he might **find** at Camp and go to Salisbury, where the Federal prisoners confined there were to be released. Failing in that, he waited to destroy the bridge over the Yadkin, but a telegram had been sent before they could cut the wire and that part of their scheme was abandoned. They captured 1,200 small arms, 3,000 bushels of grain, 279 prisoners, 32 Negroes and 48 horses and mules. Kirk also got forty recruits for his regiment, and then, after destroying the locomotive he found there, three cars, the depot and commissary buildings, he started to return. R. C. Pearson shot Hack Norton, of Madison County, one of Kirk's men, at Hunting Creek, but Kirk got over the Catawba River and

camped that night. The next day they crossed John's River and Brown's Mountain, where they were fired into by pursuing Confederates at 3:30p.m. Kirk put some of his Camp Vance prisoners in front, and one of them, B. A. Bowles, a drummer, was killed and a seventeen year old boy wounded. Colonel Kirk was himself wounded here with several others of his command. This was at Israel Beck's farm. They camped that night at top of the Winding Stairs Road, where they were attacked next morning. Col. W. W. Avery and Phillip Chandler were mortally wounded, Col. Calvin Houck was shot through the wrist and Powell Benfield through the thigh. The attacking party then retreated and Kirk continued his retreat, passing by Col. J. B. Palmer's home and burning it that morning. Kirk and all his men escaped without further mishap. On July in 1864, General Stoneman, wiring from Atlanta, thanked and complimented Kirk, but instructed General Scofield at Knoxville not to allow him to undertake another such hazardous expedition. Joseph V. Franklin, now living at Drexel, N. C, was the guide. A man named Beech, who had been wounded was left at John

Franklin's near Old Fields of Toe, where he was attended by Eleazer Pyatt. At Henry Barringer's, on Jonas's Ridge, some of Kirk's men threw off some of the plunder they had captured, lest its weight should retard their retreat In his "Reminiscences of Caldwell County" (p.51), G. W. F. Harper gives an account of an attack upon Kirk's retreating men by ten men, including himself, at Moore's Cross Roads, where they captured one prisoner, two mules and some arms. No mention of this is made in the official report. (See Rebellion Records, Series I, Vol. XXXIX, Part I, p.232)

Harper also states that the detachment which attacked Kirk at the head of the Winding Stairs was under command of Col. Allen Brown, from

the garrison at Salisbury, with militia and volunteers from Burke County, and was well armed. The pursuing party was composed of about 1,200 men.

Death of William Coffey, - Kirk's raid in 1864 emboldened the Unionist in Watauga County, and Blalock went about in Federal uniform, fully armed. Between August, 1864, and February, 1865, the people of this section were harassed beyond measure, for not only had the deserters and outlyers to be fed by submitting to their thefts and robberies, but a body of men calling themselves Vaughan's Cavalry, and claiming to be Confederates, came from Tennessee to Boone on their way to Newton for the purpose of recruiting their horses, it was alleged, but to keep out of danger also, most probably. These men were worse than Kirk's or Stoneman's men, according to old people still living, stealing horses and mules and everything else they fancied. What they did not like they destroyed, throwing out of doors many of the household goods of the defenseless women and children. Col. W. L. Bryan and J. W. Council followed them to Newton and recovered two

horses they had stolen from the latter in 1865. In these circumstances, there is no wonder that Blalock hunted out his enemies. Reuben Coffey was first sought, but he was not at home when Keith called. He and his aids then went to William Coffey's field, forced him to go half a mile with them to James Gragg's mill, and to sit astride a rude bench, where he was shot, Blalock turning over that act to a man named Perkins, because of the fact that William Coffey was the brother of Austin Coffey, Keith's step-father. In 1864 Keith also had what he called a "battle" with Jesse Moore in Carroll Moore's orchard, in which Jesse was wounded in the heel and Keith had an eye shot out. Pat, a son of Daniel Moore, had a thigh broken in the same fight. This was in the Globe, in Caldwell, however.



The Murder of Austin Coffey,—(*Austin Coffey was the son of Jesse Coffey and was born in 1818, and died on 27 February, 1865*) These activities soon brought some of Colonel Avery's battalion on the scene, and a party of Captain James Marlow's company went to McCaleb Coffey's house in the Coffey Gap. There they found Austin Coffey, who was recognized by John B. Boyd, and arrested. Boyd left his prisoner with Marlow's men and went on home in the Globe. That was Sunday, February 26, 1865. Nothing was seen of Austin Coffey after that till his body was discovered a week later in the woods by searchers sent out by his widow. All sorts of stories have been circulated as to what really happened to Austin, and it was only recently that what is probably the true account was obtained from J. Filmore Coffey, of Foscoe. This gentleman is a son of Austin Coffey, having been born in 1858. When he became a man and had married he stopped one night in 1882 at a house of a man named John Walker, near Shelby. When Walker learned Coffey's name and that he was the youngest son of Austin Coffey, Walker told him that he, Walker, had been a member of Marlow's company when Austin was turned over to them; that they had taken him to a vacant house about half way between Shull's Mills and Blowing Rock, known then as the Tom Henley place, where Nelson Coffey now lives, one-half mile west of the Blowing Rock Road. There a fire was kindled and Coffey went to sleep on the floor before it. While he was sleeping this John Walker was detailed to kill Austin Coffey, but refused. It was then that a base-bom fellow, named Robert Glass, or Anders, volunteered to do the act, and while the old man slept shot him through the head. The body was taken to a laurel and ivy thicket near by and hidden. One week later a dog was seen with a human hand in his mouth. Search revealed the body. Glass, after suffering much mental torture, died long before 1882 in Rutherford County. J.F. Coffey acquits both John Boyd and Major A. C. Avery of all complicity in his father's death.

Other "Activities,"—About this time Levi Coffey, a son of Elisha, threw in his fortunes with Blalock and his companions and when Benjamin

Green and his men tried to arrest Levi at Mrs. Fox's house, above what is now Foscoe, the latter ran out of the house and was shot in the shoulder, but he escaped. This was during the autumn of 1864, as well as can now be determined. This caused the bushwhackers, as Blalock and his followers were called, when they were not called robbers outright, to turn against the Greens, and finding that Lott Green, a son of Amos, was at his home near Blowing Rock, they went there at night to arrest or kill him. Lott was expecting a physician to visit him that night, and when someone knocked at his door, he, thinking that the doctor had arrived, unsuspectingly opened it. Finding who his visitors really were, he drew back, slamming the door to. It just so happened that there were at that time in the house with Lott his brother, Joseph; his brother-in-law, Henry Henley, the latter of the Home Guard, and L. L. Green, afterwards a judge of the Superior Court, then but seventeen years old, but also a member of the Home Guard. The bushwhackers are said to have been Keith Blalock, Levi Coffey, Sampson Calloway, son of Larkin, Edmund Ivy, of Georgia, a deserter from the Confederate army, Adolphus Pritchard, and _____ Gardner, of Mitchell. Blalock demanded that all in the house surrender, whereupon Henley asked what treatment would be accorded them in case they surrendered, and Blalock is said to have answered: "As you deserve, damn you." Henley then slipped his gun through a crack of the door and fired, wounding Calloway in the side. The bushwhackers then retired, and the Green party, who followed, saw blood. Calloway was left at the house of John Walker, two miles above Shull's Mills. Henley led the party at Green's house, excepting L. L. Green, to Walker's, and surrounded it. Henley was at the rear and shot Edmund Ivy as he ran out, killing him. Blalock called to a woman to open the gate, and Mrs. Medie Walker, born McHaarg, did so. Through this gate Blalock and his company escaped. A little later on, February 26, 1865, Captain James Marlow's infantry, expecting to unite with a detachment of cavalry under Nelson Miller at Valle Crucis, went to Austin Coffey's house and arrested Thomas Wright and Austin Alex.

Johnson, who claimed to be a recruiting officer for Kirk, having just left and gone to **McCaleb** Coffey's house. The infantry followed, taking Wright with them, but Wright's wife and Blalock's mother, then Mrs. Austin Coffey, went a night-way and gave warning to the inmates of McCaleb's house before the infantry arrived by calling out in a loud voice that the "rebels" were coming. Thereupon, Johnson dashed out of the door, and although fired on, escaped unhurt. Most of the infantry followed Johnson, but John Boyd, in charge of four or five men, entered the house, where they found Sampson Calloway, he having been removed from the Walker house which Henly had attacked. Calloway got into bed and was not arrested, but Austin Coffey was arrested, as before related. All now agree that Austin Coffey did not deserve his fate: that he was a **big-hearted** man, who had fed Confederates as well as Union men at his house. **He** was a Union man, but not active in arresting Southern sympathizers, and had tried to prevent the raids on Lott Green's and Carroll Moore's houses.

Two Michiganders Escape,— Reuben Coffey, sick of living in a turmoil with his neighbors, had left the Globe and moved to a house on Meat Camp, but needing some household articles he had left at his Globe home, returned during this winter, accompanied by his daughter, Millie, who was riding a white horse. The robbers had taken all of McCaleb Coffey's horses, and when the white horse appeared, McCaleb threw a "grise" of **corn** over his back to be taken to Elisha Coffey's mill by Miss Millie. On their way down the mountain Reuben and his daughter met two men, who said they were from Michigan and had escaped from prison. They were not in uniform, neither were they armed. Reuben had a gun and arrested them, after which he took them by

McCaleb Coffey's house to David Miller's, one mile away, hoping to get Miller to go with him and them to Camp Mast on Cove Creek, but Miller excused himself, and Reuben went on alone with his prisoners. When they got to the intersection of the turnpike with the old Morganton Road, about two miles above Shull's Mills, one of the prisoners called Reuben's attention to some rude benches standing on one side of the road, and when he looked in the direction indicated the other seized his gun, while his companion struck Reuben a blow on the back of his head with a heavy stick. In the ensuing scuffle the two overcame Reuben and took his gun away from him. At that moment, after having tried to shoot him and failing only because

the cap snapped, they heard Wilson Beech, a boy returning at a gallop from the mill, when they ran off and escaped. This boy, now an elderly man, remembers that he was working in the field at McCaleb Coffey's, with Polly Hawkins as a helper, when they saw James C. Coffey coming down the road on foot. He said, "Hurrah! The war is over." This, however, was in April 1865.



ROBERT E. LEE

cemetery record

Cemetery records of Carroll County, MO. Vol 2:
Ellsberry
Coloma Cem. at Coloma, MO

Coffee Tina 1889 - 1950

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CONVENTION 94

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NEW DATES FOR CONVENTION APRIL 22, 23, 24, 1994

We just received our latest update on the Coffey Cousins Convention 1994. John Taylor has secured the DAYS INN HOTEL, 7 MARSHALL ST., RICHMOND, VA. for us. The price is great - only \$45.00 per night double occupancy.!!

STILL BETTER

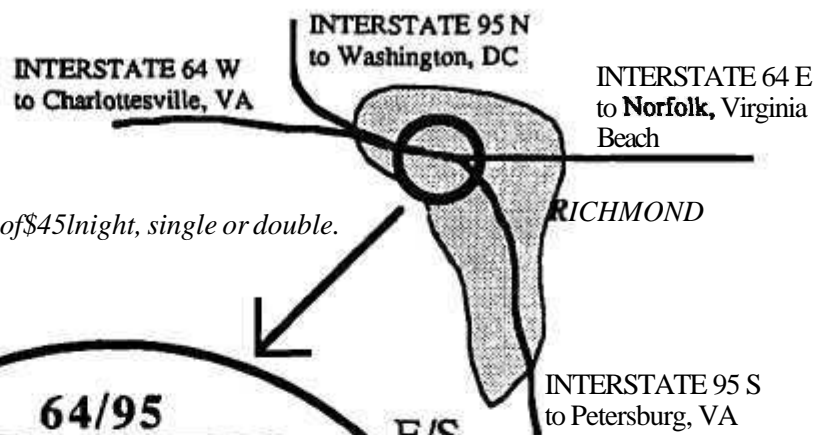
It is only 7 blocks from the Virginia State Archives - and they have trolleys running in this area of town if you want to ride the 7 blocks. How's that for saving research time? John will give us more of the special features for the next issue. By then we will all be ready to go the Virginia.



Coffey Cousins' Convention, 1994

Richmond, Virginia; April 22, 23, 24, 1994

Days Inn Downtown *Call now for*
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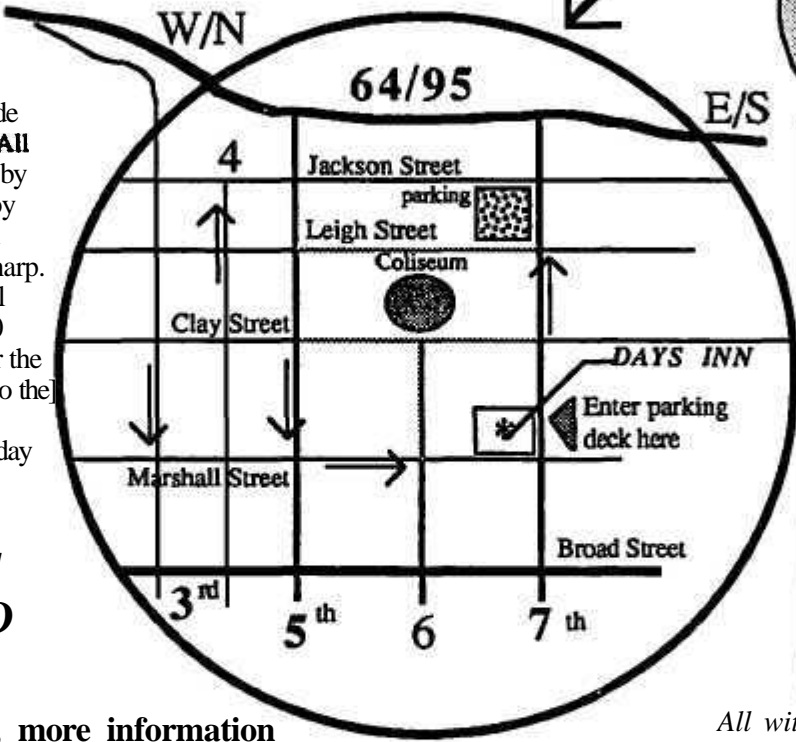
BANQUET: \$15.50 each

Saturday Night, **5:00 PM**;
 Days Inn Downtown

Although in the same **building**,
 Banquet reservations must be made
 separately, through John Taylor. **All**
 Banquet payments must be made by
March 15, 1994. A presentation by
 the State Archives about Virginia
 Records will begin at **5:00 PM** sharp.
 Two main course buffet meal will
 begin at the banquet room at 6:30
 PM. Short business meeting after the
meal. Hospitality room adjacent to the
Banquet Room will be open late
 Friday, all day Saturday, and Sunday
 Morning. **Bring** your books for
 display or sale.

A WEEKEND OF RESEARCH AND HISTORY

See back for directions, more information



- *Virginia State Archives and Library
- *White House of the Confederacy and Museum
- Valentine Museum of Richmond
- Richmond Coliseum
- John Marshall House
- Sixth Street Marketplace
- Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts

*All within easy walking distance
 of Days Inn. * = Primary
 Attraction*

Coffey Cousins' Convention

*Copy or cut off and mail in promptly
 to John Taylor; 1417 Claremont
 Avenue; Richmond, Virginia 23227*

Yes, we plan to attend the Coffey Cousins' Convention Banquet on Saturday, April **23, 1994** at the Downtown Day's Inn.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$15.50/ person x_people = \$_____

We understand that this does not cover any expenses for lodging. This is for the meal, including all taxes and gratuities, for use of the room for the Archives presentation and our Business Meeting, and related expenses.

We also understand that we will receive confirmation of our banquet reservations from you, along with a package of information relating to the historic and research area around our motel room.

Name: _____

Any special concerns?
 Places of interest?
 Questions? Comments?

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number in case of very last minute changes: _____

please type or print clearly

Directions to Days Inn, Downtown

Coming South on Interstate 95 or East on 64: blends into 95S/64E, follow signs for EXIT 75: Coliseum, 3 Street Exit. Follow 3rd St. to Marshall, turn left and continue to 7th Street, staying in left-hand lane. Turn left onto 7th. First opening on your left is Days Inn Parking Deck. Coming west on 64, take the 5th Street Exit (190) to Marshall Street. Turn left at Marshall Street, follow Marshall to 7th St. staying in the left lane. Turn left onto 7th St. First opening on your left is Days Inn Parking Deck. Coming north on 95, take the Broad Street West Exit (74C). Travel along Broad to 7th St and take a right turn. Travel on 7th 1-1/2 blocks to opening for Days Inn Parking Deck. Parking for Hotel patrons only. If not staying overnight, continue along 7th Street to parking lot on your left.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COME EARLY OR STAY LATE?

You may be able to extend your reservations for a few days until Wednesday or Thursday of the following **week**, but after that you'll be pushed out by the Audiologists whose Convention has booked everything in Richmond. Coming early is better, but keep in mind that there will be a speaker **from** the Archives who will give a one hour presentation on Virginia Records in the Archives and how to get the most out of them It may be helpful to hear it first before doing your research. Also, keep in mind that the Archives is closed on Sunday and busy on Saturdays! So if research is your reason to come to Richmond, suggest you plan to stay a few days later, and use Sunday for the Museums or visiting. If you want to explore the town or travel to local Civil War sites or Williamsburg, Yorktown or Jamestown, come early. You'll be better off visiting very popular places including the Archives, during the **week**, not on weekends.

After you send in your Banquet **reservations**, we'll send you a **confirmation** package which will include general information about the Virginia State Archives, The Museum and White House of the Confederacy, The Valentine Museum, and Richmond itself. We'll also send you a map showing all the places you can readily walk to from your motel room, and a few tips about good places to eat and bad places to be alone after dark. If there is any aspect of Richmond about which you have heard and you would like additional information, please let us know early so we can send you any available booklets/flyers. We want your visit to be **safe, productive, and enjoyable.**

Make the most of your time in the State Archives
The Virginia State Library and Archives has many publications which you may order directly. Two publications of possible interest to assist you in planning your research are as follows:

A Guide to State Records in the Archives Branch, Virginia State Library. Comp. John S. Salmon, 1985, Reprint 1988, pp viii + 132; \$10.00 + S+H.

A Preliminary Guide to Pre-1904 Municipal Records in the Archives Branch, Virginia State Library and Archives. Comp. Lydon H. Hart III and J. Christian Kolbe, 1987, pp xxv + 61; \$7.95 + S+H.

Mail request and check, made out to **VSL&A**, add **\$1.50** for the first book, **\$0.50** for each additional book. Mail to Publications Department; Virginia State Library and Archives; Richmond, VA 23219-3491. A book listing County Records in the Archives is out of print now but will be available after the first of 1994 for about **\$10.00**. Write the Archives and get on the list for the reprints!

Richmond holds a great deal of promise for Coffey Cousin Conventioners, but let's face it, one full day and two half-days are not going to allow you to do everything you may want to accomplish. The more prepared you are for your visit, the more you'll be able to achieve. For advanced researchers, consider ordering the books listed **from** the Archives, as you will be able to select which records hold the most promise for your research. For all researchers, we'll be mailing you a free publication listing the general records available at the Archives, which you can also study.

Richmond is very much a city of the Civil War. The PBS Video series on THE CIVIL WAR, by Ken Burns, is an excellent presentation of a great deal of material about the Civil War. This is a very well done documentary. Rent the Series, beginning with the first show, and watch it at least once during March or April. If you have a feel for that War, you will be better able to enjoy and understand Richmond. The Museum and White House of the Confederacy is not a stuffy old dump for sore losers! It is THE White House - restored, and a new modern design museum which houses and displays shows about slavery, Lee's uniform and sword, Jackson's jacket with the bullet hole intact - the real stuff of the War, which seeks to explain both sides. Being so close to it during your convention, you should not miss this experience. Take a few hours, walk a few blocks from your motel room, and step back into the middle of America's most emotional and bloodiest crossroads.

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Registration Form

Place in envelope with stamp and Mail to:

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1417 Claremont Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23227