



COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Cousins,

Another **GREAT REUNION** in Richmond, Virginia. John Taylor and his wife Mary Anne, really did a splendid Job - **AND THEY AREN'T EVEN COFFEE/COFFEYS!!!**

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This was the largest turnout since Tulsa - we had 70 at the banquet. Now let's build on that. I issued the challenge at the banquet that each one plan to be in Baton Rouge, Louisiana next year and bring or encourage another cousin to be there. This year Bernie Coffey of Dallas cajoled three of his cousins in New York to meet him at the **COFFEE/COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION** (AND they brought a friend).

Bonnie had a **BUNCH** of books laid out - about three tables worth that gave the cousins there much to look at from pedigree charts to books on Ireland and other topics related to doing genealogical research. One of the greatest part of the whole thing was, of course, the gel together - seeing cousins we hadn't seen since last year or some other past year and certainly it was good to meet cousins that were there for the first time.

Now some of you take heed that our host this year has no relations in the

Coffee / Coffey families and volunteered to do a convention for us!!!! Now **YOU** start plans to invite **COFFEE /COFFEY COUSINS** to your neighborhood. Let's have some challenges so that there is a choice and a decision to make. From the comments we had this year some suggest we 'go west'. We do have cousins in Kansas, Michigan, Arizona, New Mexico, California and points in between. Do some checking now as to the facilities that are available, costs, etc. and come prepared to make a presentation to entice us to your locale. If you would like some more detail about doing this, get in touch with me and I will be glad to give you some suggestions and help with the direction. I am sure Bonnie will be glad to offer suggestions also.

And we thank **JACK AND NELDA COFFEE** for inviting us to **BATON ROUGE, LA.** for our 1995 convention and reunion. **APRIL 28-30, 1995.** Plan to come early and stay late

Kitti and I look forward to seeing you in **BATON ROUGE, LA.- APRIL 28-30, 1995.**

Jeff Coffey

EDITORS LETTER

Dear Cousins,

I always feel a little let down after a convention. We had such a good time but it all goes by so quick and there is so little time to spend just getting to know everyone better. I never want it to end. My hope that each of our subscribers can attend a convention sometime. I want to personally thank all those who are responsible for making this a great convention especially the Taylors for hosting it.

I received the nicest thank you letter from Joann Coffey for the afghan that she won at the convention. I hope that we see them again next year.

I have received so much good material this quarter that there wasn't room for everything. I apologize if your material or question isn't in this issue and with that, I will cut my letter short to make room for more important things.

Sincerely, Bonnie Culley

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Robert Fletcher is looking for informatin on **Mahala E. Coffey** b. ca 1862 and **Jackson Fletcher** b. 1855 in Adair Co., KY. They married in 1878 Adair Co. KY. If you can help Robert, his address is 14 President Way, Belleville, IL 62223.

NEW COUSINS

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MEET THE NEW COUSINS

BEVERLY HAWTHORNE is looking for the ancestors and descendants of her great grandfather, **Henry Coffey**. He was born, the son of English parents, on Jan.

1833 in NY and married **Rebecca Davis** b. **Aug.** 1837 in IA. of Scottish parents. He lived in Sterling IL but moved to California between 1860 and 1870. Henry and Rebecca Coffey had 9 children:

Mary, William, Josephine, Charles, Samuel, Octavia, Minnie, Addie and a step son **James**. Henry owned an Arabian horse ranch in Napa or **Sanoma** Co. from the **1870s** to 1890s. He sold the ranch and bought an apartment house in the town of Fruitville near Oakland in Alameda Co. CA in **1898**. Henry and Rebecca Coffey were divorced late in life and Rebecca moved to Los Angeles.

Rebecca **died** in **1910** and Henry died ca. 1922 and he is buried near Lake **Merrit**, Alameda Co. CA. If you can help Beverly, her address is in the new cousins list.

KATIE DUNN says that her great grandfather, **Alfred Alfonso Coffey**, born May **10**, 1831 in Wilkes Co., NC. Alfred Alfonso was the son of **Elijah Coffey** a native of NC. At this point, Katie has received conflicting information. She would like help in verifying which Elijah is hers. Her address is in the new cousins list.

LOUISE A. HUMPHREYS' great grandfather was **Daniel Rufus Coffey**, father of

Nanny Lou (Coffey) Vest (grandmother of Louise). She says that the lineage was traced in John Taylor's book "The Coffey Family Settlers of Coffeytown; Amherst County, Virginia".

SHERRIE KENDALL is the grand daughter of **Vernon Ernestine (Blewett) Barker** and the great granddaughter of **Susan Ann (Coffey) Blewett**. Susan was the daughter of **James Nelson Coffey** from TN or MO. His wife's maiden name was **Eubanks**. **Susan Ann Coffey** was born in Lamar Co., TX. on Dec. 28 in the **1870s**. She had two brothers, **Will** and **Lonney Coffey** and three sisters, **Mattie McReynolds, Sallie Byrnett and Rosie Harris**. Sherrie would like help. Her address is in the new cousins list.

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

CHARLES W. WIELAND says that we listed her ancestors **incorrectly** in the March issue #54. It should read: **Thomas Coffee** b. ca.1839-m. **Jane Solomon** 25 **Aug.** 1855, lived Hawkins Co. TN, & **Polly Coffee** b. ca.1826 NY- m. **Parvis Austin Lamphear**, lived St. Lawrence Co. NY

ROD COFFEY has been sending us bundles of great material lately. He is looking for **Elijah D. Coffey b.1817** who married **Marjaret Armstrong b. 1824** who I listed as an Alexander in the last issue. Rod descends from their son **Frank H. Coffey**. If you can help Rod, write 1729 S. Downing St. Denver, CO 80210.

COFFEY CONVENTION 94, RICHMOND, VA

John and Mary Ann Taylor gave us a thrilling introduction to Virginia, the destination to which most of our ancestors migrated. We learned to research in the Virginia State Archives when the Head Archivist, Mr. Conley Edwards spoke to us on their many holdings and services. We also had the opportunity to try **it** first hand.

To get around Richmond, we caravanned with Mary Ann in the front and John bringing up the rear. Can you believe we only lost one car. We left one behind when we went to the White House of the Confederacy for the dinner theater. Before an **1861** style Southern dinner and after close order drill, our Coffee/y men pledged allegiance to the southern cause (some reluctantly, but it was a requirement before being fed).

Most exciting was seeing our cousins again and meeting new ones. My collection of Coffee/y and genealogy related material has grown to three tables and I received a few more new pieces from some generous cousins. Our hospitality room was full from early to late. This convention was second only to the Tulsa convention in number in attendance. There were seventy registered for the banquet. Our President, Jeff Coffey gaveled us to attention with his Irish shillelagh and welcomed everyone to the **11th Annual Coffee/y** Convention. He thanked the Taylors for the time and work the put into planning such an exceptional meeting and John responded by officially welcoming us to Richmond.

Betty Coffey, our very proficient Recording Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Betty has been our faithful Recording Secretary for all eleven years and is the only person other than myself that has attended all eleven convention. She hosted three of these eleven.

When President, Jeff Coffey asked for nominations for officers from the floor, he was greeted with a motion to retain the present officers which passed.

I, Bonnie Culley, reported that subscriptions had **risen** over 200 by the end of **1993** and we still give over 20 free copies to various genealogy libraries. The DAR Library now has all back issues of CCC and **is** on the mailing list.

When Jeff called for suggestions for the **1995** convention, there was no response. Jack and Nelda Coffee generously volunteered to have us to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Jeff ask that everyone please think about having us to your city in the future.

A voluntary collection was made to be used for deposits needed in future conventions. Names were drawn for door prizes of pocket magnifiers and various items from Ireland. This years hand made afghan was won by Joan Coffey.

We wish to thank the Taylors for a very successful convention **and** contributions to Coffee/y genealogy.

The following people signed the guest list or were on the banquet list: Bill & Kathryn Johnson, Harold & Darlene Butz, Marguerite Yates, Ellen Mohr, Bernie Coffey, Jeff & Kitti Coffey, Bill & Betty Auton, Virgil & Iva Coffee, Jack & Nelda Coffee, Chuck & Jean Robinson, Wayne & Jean Mower, Carol & Fifi Coffee, Mabel Buckley, Charles & Pam Webb, James A Coffey, Neil & Betty **Neimoyer**, Joe & **Jimmie** Keller, Tom & Lillian Neighbors, Bill & Virginia Coffey, Roy & Louise **Coffey**, Betty Coffey, Bill & Louise Humphreys, Mary Ann Hiesiger, Bob & Joan Coffey, Jim & Marguerite Coffey, Don & **Bernice** Mathes, Anna Cassell, Bob & Ellen Wagner, Bennie Loftin, Reams & Virginia **Goodloe**, Donald & Elizabeth Downs, Lillian Harrell, Juanita Long, **Alta** Coffman, Edwin & Phyllis Coffee, Debbie Coffee, Bob & Sarah James, Tom **McNamara**, Elma Sue Davis, John & Mary Ann Taylor and Jim & Bonnie Culley.



C. C. C. JUNK

OBITUARIES

The Coffey Cousins express our sincere sympathy to the families of our deceased cousins and friends.

ELVIN L. HARRELL

Elvin Harrell age 75 of Thorn Hill, TN died Monday, February 28, 1994 at home. He was the son of William B. and Fannie **McGinnis** Harrell. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lillian Coffey Harrell, a son Elbert L. Harrell and daughters Alice **Willett** and Susan Shorbe. Burial was in the **McGinnis-Harrell** Cemetery, Thorn Hill, TN. He was retired from the **Pontiac** Motor Division, Pontiac, **MI** and was a charter member of Calvary Baptist **Church**, Pontiac. Having attended several Coffey Conventions, Elvin was known and respected by the cousins.

LARRY COFFEY

Larry J. **Coffey**, 38 died Wednesday, 10 Mar 1994. He had been a master chef for Vanderburgh Community Correction Complex. Surviving are **his** wife, Rhoda Gail; his mother, Margaret Theresa Coffey of Junction City, KS; a sister, Pamela Harlin of Junction City; four brothers, John A Morrow of Fort Lauderdale, FL, James D. Coffey of **McPherson**, KS, and Robert A. and Roger W. Coffey, both of Junction City, KS.

HERSCHEL E. SHARR

Herschel E. Sharr passed away May 1, 1994 Lucerne Valley, CA. He was born Jan. 28, 1918 in Missouri and married our Coffey Cousin, Noreva J. Sharr. He is buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. We send our sympathy to Noreva, her two sons and grandchildren.

MAIL BOX

JACK G. WILLIAMS wrote that his daughter, Anne Bailey, is fighting **cancer**. He wants our prayers for her recovery.

We missed **Marie Ryles** in Richmond, VA. She was having **Chemo** that week and surgery later in May. We hope she is feeling better by now. Cards from cousins might help!

Margie Smeltzer Stevenot is looking for someone who has done research in Ireland on Palatine families (**1709** migration). She is looking for the Irish roots for John Coffey who settled in New York before the Revolutionary War. We appreciate the paragraph about CCC to the local Rockland Co. NY Genealogical Society newsletter. We would love to have more people working on the North Eastern Coffey families.

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CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

MARILYN C. WHIBBS descends from **John Coffey** born in **1818** in **Churchtown**, County Kerry, Ireland. He **died** in **1890** Whitby, Ontario, Canada and married Margaret Coffey in Ireland. They moved to Canada during the potato famine and had five children. One of these children was Marilyn's grandfather **Jerimiah Coffey** b. 1804 and married **Catherine Dewan**. Marilyn is interested in Canadian Coffey cousins who came out during the famine, perhaps brothers or nephews **descendent**. Marilyn's address is 1 Norfield **Dres.**, **Etobicoke**, Ontario, Canada M9W-1X5.

Ivy B. Coffee b. **1854** in Georgia, married **Laura Pearson** in **1854** at **Sculleyville**, Georgia.

DEAD END ROADS

BENNIE COFFEY LOFTIN asks for our help. She has been looking over her files in preparation for a new release of her book and is having trouble with the following: In the Mt. **Zion** Baptist Church, Estill Co. KY, there is a **Catherine Coffey** mentioned who may be **Bennie's** lost Catherine before she married a **Sweet**. Mt. Zion is the church that Catherine's brother, **Colby Coffey** and his family attended in **1867**. The Catherine Coffey In **1860** Rockcastle Co. KY census living with **Margaret and Isaac Bullin** is also probably her. Bennie says that she needs help finding Catherine Coffey, b. Aug. **10**, 1834 to **Elizabeth Rucker and John Coffey**. She married a Sweet after **1860**. Have not found a marriage record for her. Do not know where she was in **1870?** The last account of her is widowed, living with her sister, **Elizabeth and George W. Hayes** in **1880**.

Bennie also needs help finding **Thomas Coffey**, born about 1828. He is in the 1860 Granger Co., TN census, with **Matilda**, age 40, **Joshua**, age 7, all born in TN and Elizabeth Hayes, age 94 black, born in Virginia. Bennie believes Thomas is the first son born to **Benjamin Coffey** (1808-1867) and **Nancy Hayes** (1802 -1874). Benjamin and Nancy's son, **Calton Coffey**, lived in Kentucky in 1866, in Missouri in 1869 and in Arkansas in **1872** and 1876. He is living in Denton Co. TX in 1880. Maybe Thomas and Malinda Coffey were traveling with Calton part of the way. Bennie would like to find something on Thomas and **Cathercin** before going for a second printing of her COFFEY COUSINS book. Her address is Rt 1, Box 270, Kiowa, OK 74553-9727. Ph (918) 432-5434.

MARY BUSH is working on **Isac Vance Coffey**. He was born about **1828** in Goshen or **Mechanicsburg**, Champaign County, Ohio. He married **Ann C.**

Parthemer in **1853** and moved to Kansas about 1857. This is the same Isaac Coffey that Edna Coffey and Cheryl Jones are researching. **She** also says that their line appears to come **out** of Pennsylvania. If anyone has information that will help these ladies, please contact Mary at 200 N. Roop St., Susanville, CA 96130.

ROGER L. COFFEY is the son of Edward F. Coffey, also a Coffey cousin. They would like us to check our files for any information on **John Coffey**, born in Ireland ca **1838** and **disappeared/evidently** died in Kansas City, MO between 1870 and 1880 census. The 1870 census records a wife named **Kate Coffey**, age 35 born in Ireland with two sons, Willy 3 and John 2. The **1880** census records a Kate Coffee(?), widow, age 36 born New Jersey with three sons, **William 13, John 11** and **Timothy 7**. Roger says that he can't explain the change in age or place of birth, but a Kate is the mother of Timothy, his grandfather. His dad, Edward, never knew that he had uncles. They would like to locate descendants of **Willy/William and John Coffey**. Roger's address is **9116** Fletcher Dr., LaMesa, CA. 91941.

CHERRY JONES is hoping to find someone else who is working on the **Nathaniel Coffee** family. She descends from **Eben Cleveland Coffey** son of **Nathaniel and Louisa Eliza Durham Coffee** (they were divorced). Nathaniel was the son of **Joel Coffee**, the 10th child of **James and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey**. Cherry's address-**10410** Sierra Bonita Ave.NE, Albuquerque, NM **87111**

BILLY G. LEE is still looking for clues for **Simeon Coffey**. He is finalizing his family history of "Lee's and Related Families of Southwest Mississippi" but is curious about the Simeon Coffey line. His address is 102 George Drive, Warner Robins, GA. 31093.

BILL & VIRGINIA COFFEY are finding research in Pennsylvania to be difficult. They are looking for **information** on **David Coffey** b. ca.1831/33 in PA. who married Sarah b. ca. 1830 in PA also. Their children listed in the 1850 and 1870 census arc: (Virginia says the 1860 census was unreadable.)

John b. ca.1845, **Mary Anne** b. ca.1847, **Hannah** b. ca.1850, **David C.** b. ca.1853, **Nancy** b. ca.1856, **William** b. ca.1858, **Thomas** b. ca.1862 and **Ulysses** b. 1866. All were born in PA. If you can help Bill & Virginia, their address is 709 Delaware Trl., Mercer, PA. 16137-9767

HAROLD G. ELROD's interest persists in the children and grandchildren of **Ally Coffey**, wife of **John Mills**, and daughter of Ambrose Coffey. Harold's **descendancy** from John and Ally (Coffey) Mills is through **William and Lydia (Orick) Mills**, then through Elly(Ally?) (Mills) who married George Elrod. Harold would **like** to meet someone else who shares a part of this sequence. He especially is interested in anything that would assure him that he has found the right Ally Mills for George Elrod's wife. If you can help Harold, his address is 14 Cromwell Court, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

EDITH C. VINES would like to know if anyone has proof of the maiden name of **Isabella(???)**, wife of **Joseph Coffey**. Edith descends from **Joseph & Isabella (???) Coffey's** son **Zachariah** and his wife/& cousin **Margaret (Coffey) Coffey**, daughter of **Jesse and Margaret (Edmisten) Coffey**. Zachariah and Jesse Coffey are sons of **Reuben and Sarah Sally (Scott) Coffey** and grandsons of **John and Jane (Graves) Coffey**. If you can help Edith, note that her address has changed. She says that she did not move. The post office changed it to 4482 Edgemont Rd., Collettsville, NC 28611

JANET R. **McGILL** asks, who was mar-

ried to **Reuben Coffey** born 1759? D.A.R. lists **Sally Scott** but Janet was told that this is incorrect. There is no **wife** listed on his Revolutionary War pension. Janet's **address** is 3601 W. **Pinchot**, Phoenix, AZ 85019-4420.

HELEN SCHAFFER would like to find the father and mother of **Saphornia Coffey** born 16 Feb. 1845, Cook Co. TN and died 1882-84. Saphornia married 3 Apr. 1864 to **Reuben William Kimbrough** born 5 Jan. 1844 in Jefferson Co. TN. Helen's address is Box 1923 **Cardston**, Alberta, Canada TOK OKO.

R. K. COFFEY would like to correspond with other Coffey researchers who may be searching in Ireland and may have suggestions re ships' lists and information sources in Ireland etc. His ancestor is **Thomas Coffey** who liven in "Inch" Co. Down, Ireland. His address is R.R.3, Brighton, Ontario Canada KOK 1HO.

MARY JO ROBERTS is researching the Roberts and found a Coffee that she needs help **identifying**. In the McMinn Co. TN abstract of Wills we find the following record:

COFFEE, POLLY

WB D 107, **Will** exec. 20 Jul 1842; "Dear brother & Sister"; sister Jane to raise daughter; father Benjamin Roberts; to dau. Elizabeth. Wit: Jefferson and Jane **Dixon**, Robert Mansell, and Wm. S. Roberts. Signed by mark.

CR5 66, 5 Sept 1842. Will proven.

WB D 119, 6 Feb 1843. **Invt.** and Sale by Benj. Roberts, **Exec.**; buyers include **James Coffey**, Benjamin, Henry M., Thomas M., and Thomas C. Roberts. WB D 222, 24 Aug. 1844, **Sett.** by **Exec.**; "said Executor has the receipt of J.L. **Dickerson**, Guardian which the Executor says is in full".

If you can identify this Polly Coffee, write to Mary Jo at 1000 Bourn Ave., Columbia, MO 65203.

PAM HOLDEN is trying to locate **parents, siblings and descendants of Elizabeth Elinor (Betsy) Coffey** b. 3 Feb. 1841 Lancaster SC and d. 1914 NC. She **married** 1 Jan. 1863 **Lancaster SC** to **Rev. John Laurence Stoudemire**. They also lived in Charlotte NC. Their children are R. Baker b. 1865, Frank H. b. 1869, Palmer (Epaminosous) b. 9 Nov. 1870, **Janie** Lee b. 1874, Wade b. 1878 and Minnie b. 1867. **Pam's** address is 14438 Nordhoff St., Panorama City. CA 91402.

FAYE M. HALL is looking for **Densia or Denzia Coffey** who married **William Mayfield** in 1833. **Denzia** was born 6 Aug 1812 and died 12 Jan 1842. **Faye's** address is 300 Ginnett Rd., **Anacortes, WA** 98221.

JACK D. SMITH is working on the line of **James S. Coffey** who married **Sarah Carter** on 14 Mar 1837, Shelby Co. IN. They lived in Moral Twp. and were buried in the Brandywine -Penhook Cemetery. No trace of the cemetery existed in 1991 as it was a private one. Jack's address is 53569 Lane St., Elkhart, IN 46514.

ROCHELLE BERRYMAN is looking for information on **John Coffee** b. 1861 in Alabama and married **Edith Speights** b. June 2, 1861 & d. Aug 20 1952. They had a daughter **Myra Coffey** b. Aug 7, 1892 in AR. & d. Oct. 31, 1978 **Oakman, OK**. **Rochelle's** address is Box 763, McAlester, OK.

BOB ELLINGWOOD is looking for information on **David Lee Coffey** who was born 9 Sept 1875 in Baxter AR and married **Louisa Jane Lawley** on 22 Jan 1898. David is the son of **Taylor and Sarah (Stricland) Coffey**. David had a brother **Riley** and sister **Cynthia**. Bob thinks **Taylor & Sarah** may have died in some tragedy around 1883. David was an orphan for part of his life. Bob's address: **2816 Lakecrest Dr. Los Vegas, NM 89128**

DOCUMENTS GALORE

The following was given to us by **Kathryn Johnson** of New Bern NC. It is a bill of sale registered in Caldwell County Superior Court July 9. 1884

1844 DEED FROM HEIRS OF JESSE COFFEY SR. TO LOT ESTES JR.

This indenture made the twenty third day of November one thousand eighty hundred and forty-four between the widow and heirs of Jesse Coffey sen Dec, (viz) Margaret Coffey sen the widow Caleb Coffey, Austin Coffey, Nancy Gragg the wife of **Burtin** Gragg and **Clevlin** Coffey & Jesse Coffey both of the State of Tennessee & Granger (sic) County be it known that William Coffey has bargained & sold unto Lot Estes Jr five undivided interest his own & four others (viz) Rubin Coffey, Salley Green the wife of Nathan Green, Margaret Coffey the wife of Zachariah Coffey & Mary Coffey the above mentioned widow and heirs at law of Jesse Coffey sen Dec. of the one part and Lot Estes Jr of the other part both of the County of Ashe and Colwell (sic) and State of North Carolina - Witnesseth that the said Widow and heirs for and in consideration of the sum of thirty one dollars to them in hand payed by the said Estes the receipt whereof they the said widow and heirs both acknowledged themselves fully satisfied and payed for which the they the said Widow and heirs hath given granted bargained and sold and conveyed to him the said Lot Estes a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Ashe & State above mentioned situated on the waters of New River on the North side of the Flat Top Mountain - Beginning on a Hickory in Wm. Greens line running West eighty eight poles with sd line to a Sugar tree, then West fifty poles to a locust tree on a steep hillside, then North (omission) poles to a Stake, then East one hundred and ninety eight poles to a mountain Oak — Then South

forty poles to the **bcginnning** together with all right title privileges and emoluments to the said land belonging or In anywise belonging or in wise appertaining and there version and reversions remained **and** remains Rents issues and profit thereof We the undersigned heirs doth bind ourselves our heirs, Executors or administrators to warrant forever defend the said land and premises with all their appurtenances free and clear of all manner of claims and **incumberances** whatsoever, -in witness whereof we the **under-**signed widow and heirs have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day bove written - Signed Sealed in the presence of us

Robert Greene
her
David Moore
Margaret **x** Coffey(Seal)
mark
Caldwell County)
her
N. Carolina)
William **x** Coffey(Seal)
I Jesse Moore acting)
mark
Justice of the Peace in)
Austin **x** Coffey(Seal)
and for said County)
mark
Certify that Robert Green)
Burton Gragg (Seal)
one of the subscribing witnesses)
her
to the within deed of Conveyance)
Nancy **x** Gragg(Seal)
acknowledged his signature to the)
mark
same Jan the 25, 1884.)
Caleb Coffey (Seal)
Jesse Moore J.P.
Cleveland Coffey (Seal)
Jesse T. Coffey (Seal)

And **MORE!** Kathryn has photo's of grave stones of Coffeys in Missouri. They were **scnt** to her by a Hayes Cousin.

TRUELOVE CEMETERY, BARRY COUNTY, MO.

Mother - Mary E. Coffey born 9 May 1843 died 19 Dec 1910

Father - Henry Coffey born 13 Aug, 1840 died 20 Aug. 1893

We can always count on ANNA S. CASSELL for records. We appreciate her help. She sends us some that she says are not her family but hopes it helps someone else.

MARRIAGES IN THE NEW RIVER VALLEY OF VIRGINIA, MONTGOMERY, FLOYD, PULASKI & GILES COUNTIES

by Therese A Fisher - Heritage Books

James Coffee m. Sally Collins
9 Mar 1808 (MB)

James L. Coffee m. Nancy **Whitt**
dau. of Abigail Whitt
12 July 1852 (MB)

John Coffee m. Peggy Howard
1 **5 Aug 1818** (MB)

JoANN COFFEE would like to know if anyone knows where Joe Coffee is buried. This picture was taken to the QUILL newspaper office for publication by Mrs. Annie **Hutchins**. Joe Coffee, below, was a



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brother of General John Coffee who fought in the Battle of New Orleans. The Coffees were raised in West Plains, MO. and Joe Coffee, born in 1845, died in 1918 near Coalgate, OK. If you can help JoAnn, her address is 304 S. Broadway, Coalgate, OK 74538.

Knobnoster Cemetery.....Knobnoster, MO

One stone, with writing on three sides:

- 1. Tipton H. Coffee b. Feb. 18, 1816
d. Dec. 12, 1864
- 2. Dr. Rufus L. Coffee b. Sept. 6, 1834
wife
Martha Ann b. Nov. 10, 1834
Both died Dec. 25. 1860
- 3. Mrs. Ellen B. **Corum** b. Jan 9 1830
d. Dec. 13, 1875

JAMES M. COFFEY Jr. sent the following record:

**ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT,
Nov.-Dec. 1880**

Nov. 26, 1880 - Mrs. Ann Coffee, aged about 60, **fell** on the sidewalk at 11th & Walnut and broke her left arm above the elbow.

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Beverly Bagwill says that she came across the following information while researching her family and thought we might find it **interesting**. The footnote days that it was extracted from the *New York Packet*, July 6 and Aug. 12, 1786. It is extracted from *Irish Settlers in America, Vol n*, by Michael J. O'Brien.

PATRICK COFFEY

On July 6, 1786, "Mr. Patrick Coffey respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has removed his Grammar School to 21 Smith Street, (now Nassau St.) where he instructs youth in the Greek and Latin languages in the most

easy and methodical manner hitherto **practised** in this City"; that "his School is patronized by Gentlemen of the first literary abilities in the City," and "from his perfect knowledge of the Languages and unwearied attention to instruct those committed to his trust, he hopes to merit the approbation of and give every degree of satisfaction to such Gentlemen as shall honor him with the instruction of their children," and "he hereby engages himself, should the number of his pupils exceed 25, to take an **assistant**."

NEW FINDS

Bennie Loftin found the following while looking for someone else and wants to pass it on to those working on this line.
Atoka County OK 1910 federal census, Wilson Twp.

432448 Coffee

Newton - Head	MW	56	MI	30
			TN TN TN	
Jane	Wife FW	58	MI	30
			TN TN TN	
Frank	son	MW		19
			TN TN TN	
Willis	son	MW		19
			TN TN TN	
Wiley	son	MW		17
			TN TN TN	
Vesta	dau	FW		15
			TN TN TN	
(unreadable) - Stolza?	son MW			9
			TN TN TN	
Jessie	dau	FW		7
			TX TN TN	

Glora and Jim Roach have found Golson Roach in the 1870 census in Ray County, MO.

114114 Coffey

Golson	49	MW	Farm Laborer born-KY
Rebecca	45	FW	Keeping house born-KY
Martin	16	MW	at home born-KY
Nancy	14	FW	at home born-KY
James	12	MW	at home born-KY
Martha	5	FW	
Jenkins, George	31	MW	born- IL Working farm born-KY
(Coffey), Sarah	20	FW	House born-KY
Keeper Charlotte	10/12	FW	born-MO

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Cousin Ben and The Cherokees
Son of John Cleveland and Martha
Coffee Cleveland.
 by Helen Platt

(History tells us that the Clevelands were an ancient family, deriving their name from a tract of country in the North Riding area of Yorkshire. England, still called Cleveland. John Cleveland with his father Alexander Cleveland, Jr., early migrated to Virginia and married Miss Martha Coffee and Benjamin was their son. Now, Miss Martha was the sister of Miss Jane Coffee who married Jonathan Platt and I was their son. Cousin Ben and I grew up together on the border settlement of Blue Run in Orange County, Virginia. This was 1738.) Cousin Ben became a mighty hunter at a young age and **like** his **friend**, Daniel Boone, he had an unconquerable aversion to the tame drudgery of farm life, as he regarded it. Most of his early youth

was spent in the wilderness, securing pelts and furs which found a ready market. He loved gaming, horse racing and the wild frolicking common to the frontiers. Cousin Ben married Miss Mary Graves, of an excellent family, whose father was in quite comfortable circumstances, but his marriage did not reform his idle and reckless habits.

In 1769 he moved with his father-in-law and family to North Carolina and lived near the foot of Blue Ridge Mountains on the waters of Roaring Creek. Later he moved to the northern bank of the Yadkin, known as "The Round About"—taking its name from the horse shoe shape of the land, nearly surrounded by river.

Now Daniel Boone was one of the earliest settlers of the Yadkin Valley and from him Cousin Ben learned of the Kentucky **country—that** land of cane and pea-vine abounding with deer and buffalo. In the summer of **1772** In company with several friends he set out on a trip of hunting and exploration in quest of the beautiful land of Kentucky. When they had **safely** passed Cumberland Gap with cheerful hopes and glowing prospects, they entered upon the **borders** of the famous hunting grounds. Laughing and singing, they began their assault of the game, seeking both food and pelts in mighty numbers, unaware that a Cherokee hunting party was nearby. Ambushed and plundered and stripped of all their guns, horses and even their shoes, they were lucky to survive. A poor old shot gun **with** a couple of charges of powder and shot was given in return and they were ordered to leave the Indian hunting-grounds. They had no alternative. Shoeless, they limped their way home, husbanding their ammunition as long as possible. With one of the charges they killed a small deer, the other was spent ineffectually. **They** had the good fortune to catch a broken-winged wild goose and eventually had to kill and eat their little hunting dog. With this scanty

supply and a few berries, they managed to hold out till they reached the settlements in a nearly famished condition. This whupping didn't set **will** with Cousin Ben and several months afterwards, he made up a party of chosen men who wended their way to the Cherokee towns, determined to recover the horses that had been taken from them. Cousin Ben applied to a noted Cherokee chief, known among the whites as Big Bear, who replied **that** the Indians who had his horses would be likely to kill him as soon as they should learn the object of his mission, but he added by way of compliment, "If you were to be killed, I should claim that honor, as one big warrior ought only to be slain by another." Big Bear sent an escort with Cleveland to the several towns to aid him in reclaiming his property. He succeeded without much difficulty except in the last case. The Indian having the horse showed fight, raised his tomahawk and Cleveland cocked his rifle. One of the friendly escort interposed and saved his red brother from a fatal shot by throwing him to the ground but not before he had hurled his battle axe at Cousin Ben, which happily did no other harm than cutting away a part of the bosom of Cleveland's hunting shirt. Then Cleveland, at the insistence of his Indian guides, mounted his newly recovered horse, which was at hand, and was riding away when a ball from the rifle of the enraged Cherokee wounded the animal, but Cousin Ben was able to ride away. Returning to Big Bear's Village, that chief increased the escort and Cleveland and party retired with their horses in triumph.

There were many more escapades but Cousin Ben's hunting days were about to end. Colonial taxation by the King and Parliament was abhorred and Cousin Ben was among the first to organize North Carolina into regiments and brigades and **in** September, **1775, he** was commissioned.

One of the heroes of King's Mountain, a

turning point in the Revolutionary War, cousin, now Colonel Benjamin Cleveland immortalized by the poet Haync

*"Now, by God's **Grace**," cried Cleveland, my noble Colonel he,
Resting to **pick** a Tory off, quite coolly on his knee,
"Now, by God's Grace, we have them! The snare **is** subtly set:
The game is bagged: we hold them safe as pheasants **in** a net."*

On October 7, **1780**, the battle was successfully though bloodily, won. Cousin Ben was awarded the British General Ferguson's prancing steed. There were many other raids and battles and escapades of Cousin Ben, whose career was replete with perilous adventures. Cousin Ben died in October, **1806**, 69 years old and is buried on his old plantation, beautifully situated in the fords of the Tugalo and Chauga Rivers. "Benjamin Cleveland—to all Tories, the terror of terrors, and to others, the jolly "Old Round-About of the Yadkin".

CREDITS:

(From King's Mountain and It's Heroes, by Lyman C. Draper, The Reprint Company, Publishers, Spartanburg, SC, 1982.) (From newspapers, diaries, manuscripts; the book originally published in **1881**). Ben survived his many excursions into Indian territory, fought fiercely against the British in the Revolutionary War, and his name is enshrined on the King's Mountain Monument at the battle site in North Carolina).

A good source for Cleveland information is **Thomas Lee Hair**, 631 Camborne Ave., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549, who wrote the book **THE LONG JOURNEY, A Family History 1687 to 1991**, on the Cleveland Family. Glora Roach informs us **that** it is **documented** and **well** wrtlen.

The following newspaper story was sent by Glora Roach. It did not include the name of the paper, but Glora has supplied the date, and the town is given. If you need a copy for your records, it shouldn't be too hard to find.

THREE GIRLS DROWN IN CREEK

Daughters of T.B. Coffey at Wanette drown while wading in stream

MOTHER NEARLY DROWNED

One Gets Beyond Depth, Others Die in Trying to Rescue Drowning.

Bryars, **Okla, May, 19 (1910/11** In 1910 census). Three daughters of T. B. Coffey, a blacksmith at Wanette, Jessie, Rosa and Sadie, their ages 16, 14, and 12, respectfully, were drowned in Pond creek, half a mile from Wanette at five o'clock this afternoon. Their (step) mother who sought to save them, was rescued by a man who chanced to be crossing the stream as she was sinking.

The three girls and their mother were wading in shallow water. Sadie, the youngest, ventured too far toward the center of the stream and was swallowed up on a pool fifteen feet deep. Nearest her was Rosa, who sprang into the deep water in an effort to save her sister, but they both went down together. While they struggled, Jessie the eldest girl, plunged also into deep water and sought to save the other two. She too sank.

Apparently the real danger did not impress the mother until she heard the choking screams of the girls. She was nearly drowned when Louis **Melo**, who was crossing the stream, saved her. An hour later George Adams and Peter **Decott** took the three bodies from the bed of the stream. They lay side by side.

(Glora adds that Louis Melo was not crossing the stream, he was working his field and heard the screams for help, Glora's mother-in-law ran 3/4 mile into Wanette to get help. The entire town turned out, even leaving the bank door open.) end.

The following was given to us by Bill & Virginia Coffey. It was given to Bill by a friend, so he does not know it's source. It is obviously from a newspaper, probably Pittsburgh PA.

OFFICER BENJAMIN EVANS SHOT TO DEATH

The **city** of Pittsburgh has never known a more desperate criminal than Edward Coffey. In the early morning hours of August 4, **1885**, a pistol shot rang out on the still air, at Penn Ave. near Sixth Street and **police** officer Benjamin Evans dropped to his knees with a cry, "Boys, I'm shot!" Edward Coffey, with smoking revolver in hand, darted into Library Alley, followed by officer Dennis Sweeney. For the moment the murderer escaped, but half an hour later he was taken at the Robinson House.

Coffey was a typical desperado. The son of respectable parents, Deputy Mayor **Gripp** and Assistant Superintendent **O'Mara** were among the playmates of his boyhood, and expended some useless effort in later years in endeavoring to direct him toward a straight and law-abiding career. Magistrate Gripp is said to remarked to Coffey on the occasion of some youthful act of lawlessness, **that, if** he did not reform, "he would end his days on the gallows." This remark was not prophetic, though it came very near fulfillment. Coffey had a taste for **neatness**, and even elegance; he was an expert penman, and he read with interest of the day. **But his bent** was criminal, and he did not combine with his criminal instincts the prudence and cunning which often act as a safeguard for the professional violator of the law.

In company with a person known as "three fingered jack," Coffey robbed the **Workingmen's** Bank in Allegheny, seizing a large sum of money before the eyes of the astonished clerk. The latter grasped a pistol and pursued the robbers, firing at Coffey, who halted in his **flight** to send a bullet in return. The two desperadoes

ran along Ohio and Chestnut Streets, jumped **into** a skiff and escaped. **Detective** Roger O'Mara brought Coffey back from Chicago. He was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary. He had been but a short time out of **Joliet**, where he served a term for passing **counterfeit** money, when he killed Officer Evans. Coffey was assaulting a man and Evans approached to arrest him. "Don't come near me, or I'll kill you!" exclaimed Coffey, drawing a revolver. Officer Evans also drew a **pistol**, stepping behind a telegraph pole, for he felt that Coffey meant murder. "Put up your weapons," instant Coffey fired, and Evans sank to the pavement mortally hurt.

"The Police of Pittsburgh," remarked Coroner Dressier at the inquest, "do not have proper protection. If the officer had shot this fellow down there would have been a great cry about it. As it is, the ruffians seem to have more sway than the officers of the law". Coffey was held for willful murder. In the Jail he dressed with an elegance that excited the surprise of the average prisoner, and roast chicken and other delicacies supplied by those who loved him notwithstanding his crimes, helped to make confinement tolerable. Coffey was convicted and sentenced to death.

The struggle to save Coffey's life was as persistent and prolonged as able lawyers and **influential** friends could make it. Among those who addressed the board of pardons in behalf of this desperate criminal were the heads of several of the leading religious **institutes** in the country, and some of the petitions were not only touching, but beautiful in language. But it was all in vain. The board decided that Coffey must die.

"What does the death-watch mean?" inquired Coffey, with seeming indifference, one day in January, 1888.

"It means," was the reply, "that as soon as the news arrives that there is no hope of commutation of sentence, the condemned is removed to another and iso-

lated cell, thoroughly searched for weapons, or anything with which he might do himself injury, and a watch kept over **him** day and night."

Coffey said no more at that time.

About half-past one, on the afternoon of January 18th, Lawyers Marshall and C.F. **McKenna**, Coffey's counsel, received word from Harrisburg that there would be no interference by the Board of Pardons with the execution of the death penalty. A messenger at once conveyed the information to Coffey.

"Is that all, does that end it?" asked Coffey, **with** blanched face, "Is there no hope?" "None," was the sad reply. And the bearer of the fatal tidings turned away.

Two minutes later Warden Berlin had returned from closing the main door. A prisoner ran up exclaiming, "Quick! Coffey has cut himself!"

It was true. Half the neck had been severed. A pen knife was the weapon. Coffey lived six days, most of the time **conscious**, and breathing through a tube. On January 24, death rescued him from the gallows. The jury of inquest exonerated Warden Berlin from blame.

Editors note: *The above article, provided by Sgt. William Burke, Chairman of County Allegheny Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Committee, pointedly alerts us that back in the 1880s there was a segment of society that coddled criminals even though they took another persons life.*

Bernice Terry Hadley is searching for information on her great grandmother, **Sarah Jane Flannigan** b. May8, 1840 Hamilton Co. IL, daughter of **Sally Coffey** and **Ewing Flannigan**. Sarah Jane's first marriage was to **Marcus Johnson** Oct. 18, 1858 in Hamilton Co.,IL. Marcus died Aug. 4 1863 in Civil War. Sarah m. 2nd to Martin J. Williams in Franklin Co. IL. and appeared in 1870 census there. **Bernice's** address is **2817** Harrison Blvd., **Odgen**, UT 84403.

NOVA A. LEMONS writes that she is not a Coffee/Coffey descendant but found several connections between them and her ancestors. They all lived in the counties of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson in Virginia before migrating to Casey County, Kentucky. Later they ended up in the counties of Gallatin, Franklin and Hamilton in Illinois. So far Nova has found two marriages and would like to know more about them. And **if** there are other connections. Nova descends from **James Mattherw(s) Hatter** through his daughter Lucy who married **James Sneed**.

Jesse Coffee sold land to **James Hatter**, son of **John M. Hatter**, in Casey Co., KY in 1802.

Lewis P. Coffey was the first husband of **Nancy Ann C. Laswell** (married 5 Oct. 1842, Hamilton Co. IL). She married second to **Elridge Sneed** on 25 Oct. 1853 and he died in **1857**. Nancy did not **marry** again. Her children were: **Sarah J. Coffey**, **Sophonra (Coffey) Hicks Griswold**, **Louisa (Coffey) McGill**, and **Ladonia Sneed**. Nova would love to hear from their descendants. The daughters were born in Hamilton Co., IL and probably lived there all of their life.

Melvina J. Coffey, daughter of **Eli Coffey**, married on 22 Feb. 1882 in Hamilton Co., IL to **Alexander Frank Laswell**, son of **Andrew Jackson** and **Mary Jane (Sneed) Laswell**. Mary Jane was the sister of **Eldridge Sneed**. Nova also would like to hear from their descendants. Melvina was born circa 1855-56. Nova would like to hear from you if you have anything on her Hatter and Sneed families. She would be more than glad to exchange information. Nova A. **Lemons'** address is 12206 Brisband **Ave.**, Dallas TX 75234-6528.

BENNIE LOFTIN sends the following :
TENNESSEE CONFEDERATE WIDOWS AND THEIR FAMILIES by Edna Wiefering and published by Cleveland Public Library Staff & Volunteers, Cleveland, TN 1992.

#3850 Nancy Cazort (**Whitsett**) of Grainger Co. TN. She was born Grainger Co. TN in **1840**. The name of the soldier was James W. Cazort born Hawkins Co. TN. They married in 1888 in **Grainer** Co. TN. Her name at marriage was Nancy Dalton and James died in Grainger Co. TN. (Ed. Note: This is the Nancy Whitsett Dalton, Cazort that was the daughter of Elizabeth Coffey and Nathan Whitsett)
#4380 Mahala Greer (Coffey) of Grainger Co. TN. She was born in 1838 in Grainger Co. TN. The soldier was John M. Greer of Grainger Co. TN. They were married in **1858** in Grainger Co. and he died in 1902 in Grainger Co. TN.

Bennie also visited the DALTON CEMETERY and clarifies some reading from the book **NORTHSIDE OF CLINCH MOUNTAIN**. Cemetery Book of Grainger Co. TN. (Bennie is very good at reading between the lines and determining what these things actually say.)

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CARTER DALTON (should read) March 1837, July 31, **1877** scratched on field stone.

ADD:

WILLIAM DALTON born Sept **15**, 1900 field stone.

Matilda Dalton born Aug. 15, 1839, died 1900, field stone.

Bennie copied the following marriage records pertaining to these families in Grainger Co. TN:

Wm Coffee to Eliza Nash

issue 20 Feb 1858

Henry Wolfe to Elvira Coffe 29 Oct 1859

Carter Dalton to **N.C. Whitsett 22 Jan 1860**

R. Coffee to Serena Coffee 3 May 1860

Chas Wolf to Sarah Whitset **11 Nov 1860**