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CONVENTION PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our Coffey Conventiomm Prsident, Jeff Coffey is in Scotland being awarded an Honary Membership in the Scottish Masonic Veterans Association. Jeff is a member of the Clan MacFie / MacPhee and he says that he will tell us more about it when he returns. We'll look forward to reading it.

Kitti Coffey, Jeffs wife, descends from the Clans MacCallum and MacNeill. She says that Jeff is doing pretty well at driving on the wrong side of the road. (It may not be safe to ride with him when he bets back to America though.) I'm sure they are having a great time.

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Dear Cousins,

I hope some of you have had a chance to do research this summer. While on vacation, it's always fun to visit the land and county court house of our ancestors. I visited St. Joseph, Missouri looking for **information** on my grandmother's maternal **side** and found some Coffey material by accident which I have printed later in **this** newsletter.

With the completion of Marjorie Smellzer-Stevenot's book, I hope that we **pick** up a few of the Coffcc/ys working on the northern lines. We have not had enough Information on these lines in the past to **help** the new researchers. Then **with** Marvin Coffey's book, **JAMES B. COFFEY, VOL II: ANCESTORS** with its additions, available **again**, we will be in a lot better shape to help our beginners. We're still looking for release dates for the book on Peter Coffee by Carol Coffee and another book on the **descendent** of Jesse Coffey by David Coffey. Bennie Loftin is working on a reprint of her book as she has found enough new information to warrant a reprint. We will let you know about these books as soon as we have the good news. We're so very fortunate to have these people willing to give of their **time** to record for posterity, our family histories.

If you have found anything new on the Coffcc/ys lately, be sure to share it with

your cousins. I do know it is hard to sit down and write in the summer but try to find a rainy day and let us hear all about it.

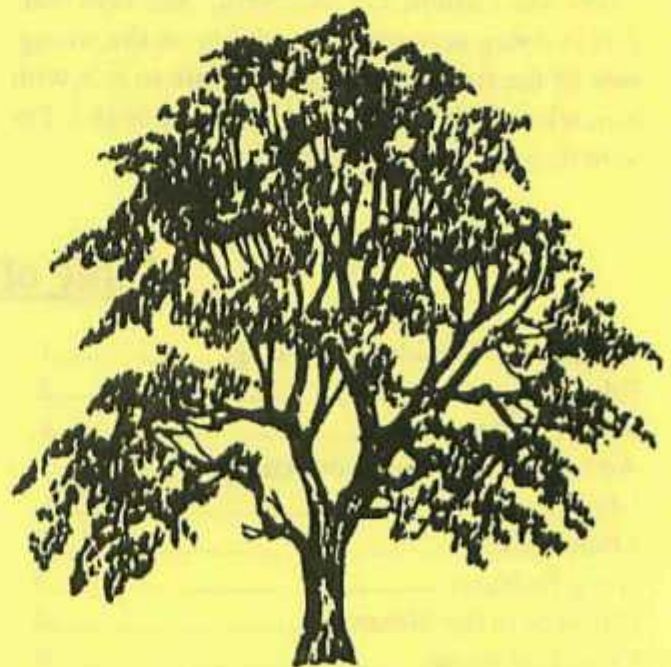
Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Coffey Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. April 28, 29 & 30, 1995.

Your cousin,
Bonnie



FAITH HEARING

"This morning," said the minister to the flock, "I'm going to speak on the relationship between fact and faith. It is a fact that you are sitting here in the sanctuary. It is also a fact that I am standing here speaking. But it is faith that makes me believe that you might be listening to what I have to say."



WELCOME OUR NEW COUSINS

Ancestor

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Frances C.

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Joseph

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Sally

BARBARA HESELTINE 1544 NE Tawney Dr. Lee's Summit, MO 64086

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MEET THE NEW COUSINS

JEANETTE LEWIS is trying to trace her great grandmother **Frances "Fanny" Codelia Coffee/y** born August 1856. She is also looking for **Liston Coffee/y** who Jeanette believes is **Fanny's** brother. According to family tradition, they came from Kentucky, but Jeanette has not been able to find any record of this. Jeanette's address is in the new cousins **list**.

JAMES A COFFEY is searching for any **information** on the **Joseph Coffey** family of the **Burke/Caldwell** County area of North Carolina. Of particular interest is Joseph and his wife **Isabella's** daughter, **Matilda Coffey**. James has data to share on this line. If you have Information on the Joseph Cofley family, contact **James** at **his** address listed in the New Cousins list above.

BERNICE TERRY HADLEY descends from **Sarah Jane Flannigan** b. May 8, 1840 in Hamilton Co. IL. Sarah was the daughter of **Sally Coffey** and **Ewing Flannigan**. Sarah Jane's first marriage was to **Marcus Johnson** on Oct. 18, 1858 in Hamilton Co., IL. Marcus died Aug. 4 **1863** in the Civil War and Sarah married again to **Martin J. Williams** in Franklin Co., IL. If you have informa-

tion on this Coffey/ Flannigan family write to Bernice at her address in the new cousins list.

TOM AND BARBARA HESELTINE are interested in learning about the ancestors and descendants of **Thomas Jefferson Coffey**. Thomas Jefferson was the son of **Ausbon Coffey**. Barbara is the daughter of Robert Coffey b. **1905**, who was the son of **Arthur Coffey** b. ca **1877**, who was the son of **Lee(ander)** b. ca. **1856**, who was the son of Thomas Jefferson Coffey b. ca. **1822**. Thomas Jefferson Coffey migrated from Grainger Co. TN to Rockcastle Co.. KY around 1855. If you have information for Barbara and Tom, write to them at the address in the new cousins list.

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ADDRESSES CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

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MABEL COFFEY BUCKLEY
P.O. Box 3140, Martinsville, VA 24155

MAIL BOX



MABEL COFFEY BUCKLEY writes that she has moved to Martinsville, VA. Her new address is in the Address Corrections, but it will change again in September. She said that she had wanted to attend the convention **in** Richmond, but she just couldn't make it. She will give us a new address for the next issue and hopefully we will get to see her next year.

BENNIE LOFTIN writes that she has heard from Kathryn Johnson and that Kathryn has enough material for a Hayes family book. Kathryn has done so much work on this line that it would be wonderful to see it in print. The Hayes and Coffeys intermarried several times in North Carolina and Tennessee.

MARIE EASTON of Glendale CA writes that she only got the top cover of the June CCC. She had wanted to attend the Richmond Convention because Marie's grandma (who lives with Marie) says that her grandma told her that Richmond was built on some of the **Burkett** family land. That **Mary Burket** married **Hays Coffey** on Feb 1815 **at** the Trinity Episcopal Church by Rev. King. They then rode horse back to Adair - Russell Co. KY. Marie says that her four eye surgeries have not been successful enough for her to delve into all of the material that her grandmother and great grandfather has collected. We will look forward to Marie's revelations in the future. It should be interesting and worth waiting for.

Nova A. Lemons wrote to thank **me** for the complimentary copy of Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse. She did hear from a few of the cousins. She edits the **Eastep/Estep** newsletter and a quarterly on the **Flippen/Flippin** families. I know a few of our subscribers might be interested in the publications. Nova's address **is** 12206 Brisbane Ave., Dallas, TX 75234-6528

BERNIE COFFEY says that he sends a "special salute to John & Mary Ann Taylor for jumping in and making such a wonderful convention" Bernie had three of his cousins, Marguerite Yates, Mary Ann Hiesiger, and Ellen Mohr as **his** special guest at the convention. He also saw that they got the June issue of CCC telling of the events at the convention and listing them as guest. Bernie and Millie give us a lot of help in spreading the word as to what CCC is all about.

ELIZABETH COFFEE DOWNS made some great finds on convention week. She spent her Saturday transcribing "The commonplace book of Jeremiah White, **c1722**. It mentioned his **grandson Eppy**, (son of John Martin White) who was married to Catherine Hendon. They had a daughter who became Mrs. G.G. Rucker of Elberton, GA. This lady donated the "diary" to the Historical Society. Eppy also had a son named Edward Rucker White. Elizabeth says that she never knew that she had a Rucker connection until this convention.

RUTH LANNING wrote that she hated missing the convention, but **THURMAN** is Commander of **his** unit of Veterans of Foreign Wars **this** year and they are

keeping him busy. It sounded like Ruth might have had him a little buisy with remodeling too!

Ruth is planning to get her brother Bernie and his wife **involved** in Coffey research and bring them along to the Baton Rouge, LA convention next year. We hope the fires out west are all a very long way from their home.

WAYNE D. MOYER says "John did a great Job of putting the reunion together." He and Jean had a great time. They sure hope that they can make the convention next year **in** Louisiana, but they are hosting one of their own in Delaware for Jean's Hanson family and it may not all fit in. (The **Coffee/ys** are hoping that it fits and they make both reunions!)

NOREVA SHARR wrote that she was sorry that she had left the name of her sons off on her last **letter**. **Herschel Jr.** liven **in** Caliente, CA and Gary Lee lives in **Onterlo**, CA. Dale Sharr lives close to Noreva but is moving to CO. and her son Jim lives at home with her. We keep hoping that Noreva gets to come to a convention sometime so we can meet her. She says that she feels like she knows so many of us even if we've never had the chance to meet.

I received a forwarded invitation mailed to Leonard Coffey from **THE COFFEE - COFFEY REUNION ASSOCIATION** that meets in Amarillo, TX. I'm sorry that I got the notice after the June **issue** has already gone to press. I had thought I might beg an invitation as It sounded like they were going to have a lot of fun, but I **alrcady** had another commitment for that date. I do hope that they will let us print the invitation for their future reunions.

OBITUARIES

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

EDWARD BUCKLEY

We express our sympathy to the family of Edward Buckley who died September **15**, 1993. He and his wife Mabel lived in Phoenix, Arizona.

LOU ELLEN COFFEY

Lou Ellen Coffey, 81 of **Klowa**, OK died Saturday July 9, 1994 at her home. She was the daughter of Walter John and **Effie** Marie Smith **Smicox** and was born July 26, **1912** in Ashland. OK. On Feb. 9, **1933**, in McAlester, she married William **B.(Bennie)** Coffey. She is survived by Bennie Coffey of the home, a daughter Bennie Lou Loftin: a son, Kenneth W. Coffey; a sister, **Geraldine** Walker, all of **Klowa**. She is also survived by a brother **Olen Simcox** of Savannah. Interment was in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in McAlester. We express our sympathy to the family.

We received a book from Ron Payne that is extremely interesting for researchers of the inclusive lines. The title is:

**PAYNE RUCKER FAMILY TRAVELS
LEADING TO A UNION BETWEEN
MOSES PAYNE &
NANCY RUCKER
IN**

GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Several of Nancy Rucker's siblings married into the Coffey family. The Coffey, **Ruckers**, Hayes and Paynes are families of Grainger Co. TN that are very **internmarried**. Ron's address is Rt. 3, Box 20 Falkville, **AL** 35622.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

BONNIE AND CLYDE has a Coffey connection (and not the one where our president Jeff Coffey calls Jim and I "Bonnie and Clyde"). I would like to know who this particular Coffey is. The following is extracted from **ACROSS OUR WIDE MISSOURI** Vol I. by Bob Priddy. Bob is a regular on station **KLIK** radio in Jefferson City, MO. He gives short interesting history lessons and has published some of his best.

The one we are interested in is **THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR BONNIE AND CLYDE**, which tells how they got started in their crime rampage and how they nearly got caught in January 1933 in Joplin Missouri. It continues as follows:

"Late July found them in **Platt** City, Missouri, where motel operators became suspicious because the windows were curtained with newspapers and attendants weren't allowed in the rooms. They tipped police. **Sheriff Holt Coffey** and his deputies called in an armored car from Kansas City. They met a withering blast of gunfire when they surrounded the motel. Three of the lawmen were wounded. The sheriff was shot three times."

It continues on to tell of their final demise but who was the heroic Sheriff Holt Coffey of Platte City, MO? It also seems that quite a few Coffee/y men became noted lawmen.

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BARSHABA COFFEY JONES

Elizabeth Coffee Downs brought to my attention that there is an error in the book **MY FAMILY BOOK OF BOOKS**

about the Jones families. This book has Barshaba/Bashaba's father Jesse as part of the Thomas Coffey line (Edward', John*, Thomas', Jesse⁴). In the additions of **JAMES B. COFFEY, VOL II: ANCESTORS** by Marvin D. Coffey, it is evident that Barsheba's father Jesse is the son of Edward Coffey Jr. son of Edward and Ann Powell Coffey. Persons working on **this line** will benefit from Marvin's additions to his book.

Wayne D. Mower sent me the following information on a computer program that I thought was too good to keep a secret. It seems that Wayne used a program called **GEN - BOOK** to convert his **PAF** (Personal Ancestry File sold by the Mormon Church for only \$30.) to **Word Perfect** files. I have some of Wayne's prints and they are very good. I do not sell advertising and usually avoid recommending anything of this type, but if it could help our researchers, I'm for it. If any of you are planning a book sometime in the future and use the PAF data base to keep your records it would be worth looking **into**. Gen-Book cost \$59.95 from Clement Custom Programming, **2105** Country Lane, Auburn, CA 95603. As of this date, I have not checked to see if they make a MAC version, but if they do, I plan to try it.

Wayne also sent information on another program that is supposed to do the same type of thing called **KinWRITE** and **KinPUBLISH**. They sell for \$59.00 and \$49.00 respectively and are sold by LDB Associates, Inc. Dept. G, P.O. Box 20837, Wichita, KS 67208-6837.

(Ye OLD Editor) Thanks Wayne!

The following was sent by **Lorie Okel** and is placed here with the Documents Galore section rather than the Obituary section because it is not a recent death and as far as I can determine, he is not a family member of one of our subscribers. The complete obituary is in the **THE REFLECTOR**, Battle Ground WA. page A10, September 29, 1993.

MIKE COFFEY - Edward "Mike" Michael Coffey, 45, died Sept. 26, 1993. He was **born** March 16, 1948 in Portsmouth, VA and moved frequently with **his** Navy family who settled in Southern California in 1958. He was well read in the history of W.W. II and of Celtic and Irish culture and customs, and especially loved the music. He cherished his own bagpipes and loved to play them. Survivors include widow Marie, of the home in LaCenter, daughter Maureen, parents: Edward and Jerry Coffey, sisters: Barbara Cozad, Cecilia Cheshler and Eileen Grier, brothers: John and Joe Coffey all of California.

HISTORY OF THE COFFEE AND COLLINS FAMILIES

by Harry **Shelmire** Hopper
Genealogy Society of Pennsylvania

James Coffee married Rebecca **Winterton** on the 28th of May **1768**, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the Philadelphia Orphans' Court Records of May 8th, **1786**, are references to the children. 1)George Coffee, 2)Priscilla Coffee, 3) Isaac Coffee, and 4) Jonathan Coffey. They all lived in Southwark district except Priscilla who moved to Bucks Co., PA

1) George F. Coffee married Grace _____

and had children: a) Margaret Coffee, b) Sarah A Coffee, c) George F. Coffee, d) Thomas A. Coffee, e) James Coffee.

2) Priscilla married Ellas Morris

3) Isaac Z. married Mary Dare and had children: a) Maria Coffee, b) Jonathan Coffee, c) Mary Coffee. Isaac Z. married 2nd Hannah Fithlan and had children: a) Hannah Coffee, b) Hester Coffee, c) William Coffee, d) Abigail Coffee, e) James Coffee, **f**) Priscilla Coffee, g) Rebecca Coffee.

4) Jonathan married Sarah Dare and then Mary Collins. Their children were: a) Edward Collins Coffee (**1805-1811**), b) Charles James Coffee (1807-1810), c) Sarah Coffee (1809-1810), d) Joseph Ellis Coffey (1810-1869), e) Charles James Coffee II (**1813-1830**), f) Sarah Coffey II (1814-), g) Oliver Evans Coffey (1816-1816), h) George Wayne Coffee (**1817-1888**), **i**) Mary Coffey (1819-1820), j) Ann Elizabeth Coffee (1827-1892).

BOOK

JAMES B. COFFEY, VOL. II: ANCESTORS

Book bound with 69 pg addition.....	\$26.50
postage.....	\$ 3.50
Supplement only , bound.....	\$ 8.00
postage.....	\$ 2.00

Marvin D. Coffey
1018 Clay Street
Ashland, OR 97520

DEAD END ROADS

RICHARD H. COFFEY descends from **Martin Coffey (1762 -1867)**. Martin is Richard's Great great great grandfather. Richard says that since he lives in Mexico most of the year, he doesn't have access to the resources that he needs to continue his research on the Martin Coffey family. He is wondering if any of the Cousins have acquired any additional information during the past year regarding the parents of Martin Coffey. Many people speculate that he was the youngest child of Chesley and Jane Cleveland Coffey, but to Richard's knowledge, no one has proved this. If anyone has any Information for Richard, his address is 980 Crescent Drive, Boulder. CO 80303.

ZACK D.N. BENNETT is researching the line of his third great paternal grandmother. She was **Elizabeth Coffee** born about 1809 in South Carolina, probably in Pendleton County. She married **Thomas M. Garrison** about 1835 in Georgia. **Zack** does not know who Elizabeth's parents are but suspects that she descends from **Edward and Grace(Cleveland) Coffey Jr.** Zack would like to hear from others researching this line. His address is P.O. Box 280941, San Francisco, CA **94128**.

JULIANN MCGINNIS says that her grandmother, **Mary Eudora (Udora) Coffey** was born 18 July, 1872 in Arkansas. **Mary Eudora** told Juliann that her dad, **John Coffey** pierced her ears and put solid gold earrings in her ears. **Mary E.'s** mother died and her father remarried and had some more children. They lived in Ft. Smith Arkansas when grandmother, **Mary E.** was 5 or 6 years

old. They later moved to Texas where **Mary Eudora** met and married **John Taylor Triable**. **Mary Eudora** told Juliann that her father **John Coffey** farmed land in Bosque and Hill Co. Texas. They then moved on up to Oklahoma and "**she** did not see or hear from them any more". Juliann says "PLEASE HELP". Her address is Box **172**, Covington, TX 76636.

MARK PUTNAM found our address in the Genealogical Helper and is interested in determining who the descendants were of the first two generations of **Maritie (Mary) Pootman (Putman)** and **Steven Cofoooy**. (This possibly translates to Coffee/y, as the records appear to be Dutch.)

Maritie Pootman was born about 1680, probably, in Schenectady, NY. Genealogists and record keepers have listed her as having three husbands: **Steven Bedeut**, **Steven Mefoor**, and **Steven Dofoooy**. A look at the records shows that they were the same person.

First, the baptism of **Maria Pootman's** son **Niclaus** in **1700**, **Steve Bedent** was listed as the father.

Second, at the baptism of **Maria Pootman's** daughter **Ann** in 1703, **Steve Mefoor** was listed as the father. (Possibly this was **Cofoooy**.)

Third, in the division of the estate of **Maritie Pootman's** grandmother, **Catalyntje De Vos**, dated 29 August **1712** and recorded in **1715**, **Maritie** was listed as the wife of **Steven Cofoooy**. The authors of this agreement wrote in Dutch.

Fourth, in the final agreement of the division of the estate of **Catalyntje De Vos**, which was written in 1713 in English, the name of **Maria Pootman's** husband returns to **Steven Bedent**, the

same **spelling** originally **used** in **1700**. Possibly, the family later went by the Dutch name of "Coffee." Their children were:

1. **Niclaus** - **Niclaus** was baptized 10 April **1700** at the Dutch Reformed Church of New York. His sponsors were Francois Du **Femme** and Baria Brouwer the **wife of Barent** Van Tilberg. **Niclaus'** parents were listed as Steve Benent and Maria Potman.

2. **Cornelia** - Cornelia was baptized 29 May **1701** at the Dutch Reformed Church of New York. Her sponsors were Ficktoor Potman and **Marretje Post**.

3. **Anna** - Ann was baptized 19 September **1703** at the Dutch Reformed Church of New York. Her sponsors were Abraham Messelaer (Mayer) and **Catyntie** Potman. Her parents were listed as Steven Mefoor and Mary Potman.

If you can help Mark **Putman** identify any of these people, please write **him** at 315 e. Grant Street, Caro, **MI 48723**.

JANE BARNES wishes to know who were the parents and siblings of **Louisa Coffee** /Coffey who married **Aaron Bishop** and is found in the **1810 - 1830** Guilford, Co. NC census. They had a daughter Mary, who married there **in** 1832. If you can help Jane, her address is 280 Polk 68, Mena AR 71953.

BETTY McCORMACK is tracing her maternal great-grandmother. Betty says that she does not have much **information** on this **line** but is planning a **trip** to Kansas City, MO to visit an aunt and they are going to do more research while there. Possibly she has found more by now, but the following is what she sent us to work on: **Josephine**

Coffey was born June **1877/1879** in Missouri. She married **Jessie Elbert Ambers Freeman** in **1896/1897** in Mississippi Co, Arkansas. Josephine died in **1931** in Manila, Mississippi Co, Arkansas. Betty says, she thinks that Josephine had sisters who's names are Sarah, **Mollie**, Sophia, Elizabeth, Eleanora and Jane. If you can help Betty, her address is 945 Falkirk Road, Alma, **MI 48801**.

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NEW YORK COFFEYS BOOK
RELEASED SOON

The following is extracted from **THE NEW ENGLAND CONNEXION** P.O. box 621, Goshen NY 10924. It **is** from the Vol.2, NO.3, Newsletter, July 1994 and was written by our friend Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot. Marjorie says that her book, that she has researched so diligently, is at the press and **will** probably be out by the middle of September. We will have all of the information on this book by the next issue of CCC. We promised Marjorie that we would not print any of the material that she shared with us until her book had been released. This book will be as big a help to the Northern lines of Coffeys as Marvin Coffey's book was to the Virginia lines of **Coffee/ys**. We have been anxiously waiting for word from Marjorie and are so glad that it will be soon.

JOHN COFFEY FAMILY
from LEE, MA to Woodbury TWP, NY

John Coffey, Sr., who laid out a family cemetery before his death in **1818** on his farm in Central Valley (now Woodbury Common), NY lived in Lee

MA before **coming** to **Orange** Co., where he **is** listed in the **1790** census. Deeds show he purchased property **in** Lee and neighboring **Tyringham** in **1783** and sold it in **1785**. He was an assessor in Lee **in** **1781** and was named among the "ancient worthies of Lee" at **its** centennial. Known there as "the Irishman," he was probably born **in** Ireland. The Coffey Sept has been traced back by genealogists to royal lines **in** Spain and Gaul in the 12th century.

John's wife Experience was a member of the Congregational Church in Lee. The Coffey's four older daughters were Baptist **in** the church there. John Jr. went back to Lee for a bride, Rachel Bassett, youngest daughter of Cornelius and Remember Bassett, Mayflower descendants. Many of the settlers **in** Lee came from Cape Cod. John and Rachel were married at the Congregational Church **in** Canaan, New York, just across the Massachusetts' border.

John, Sr. was a prosperous farmer, surveyor and supervisor of the Town of Monroe in 1805. In his **will**, **his** occupation **is** listed as "gentleman." **His** son John Jr. gave the land for the Methodist Church in **Southfields** and maintained a popular summer boarding inn near Monroe Works. Other family members leased mining rights on their extensive properties to the Parrotts.

The Coffeys, their descendants and the **Coffey/Galloway** Cemetery (also known as **Dickerman/Peckham** Cemetery) are the subject of a book in preparation by Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot of 150 Johnsonstown Road, Sloatsburg., NY, who submitted **this** article.

DOCUMENTS GALORE

On a trip to St. **Joseph**, MO, I visited the local Genealogical Library and was pleasantly surprised. They're extremely helpful. I only had a limited time that I could spend but with the help I received, I collected documents at a mad pace. The society is called **NORTH-WEST MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL SOCETY**. **Dues** are \$10.00 **a year** and the address is P.O. Box 382, St. Joseph Mo. If you write for information, please include a S.A..S.E. Their base is the Northwest nine counties of Missouri. They print a very large Semi-annual Journal which you receive as a member. This **is** a good buy if working this area.

I have found the following in my first Journal:

William Coffee, born in Ireland and 65 on Apr 1874 when he was admitted to the Buchanan County Poor Farm. He left in June 1874 and was readmitted the same month only to be released in Sept. 1874. He was back in Jan **1875** and left again in March 1875.. *I gather that **this** was the end of **this** one volume. I **did** not see a volume two.*

Willis Coffey is listed in the Dekalb Co. MO **1860** Slave Census. He owned one male black slave who was 7 years old.

Phillip B. Coffey is in the list of persons who has a letter remaining in the Post Office at Savannah, MO on the 1st day of July 1857, which if not taken out in three months will be sent to the General Post Office as a dead letter. **This** was taken from the **North-West**

Democrat in Savannah, Andrew County, MO. Vol I, No. 52, Saturday July 4, 1857.

Coffey & Grolhment is listed in the "list of Dram Shop Licenses in Buchanan Co. MO between 21 July 1883 and 30 July 1883" **Their's** was from Apr to Oct. and was on the corner of 6th & Jackson. (*Probably St. Joseph?*)

The Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society also publishes and sells **WORTH COUNTY MISSOURI DEATH NOTICES FROM AREA NEWSPAPERS 1900-1903**. It has a Coffey deaths as follows:

COFFEY, Mrs. J. H. —died 12 March 1903 at her home on Bethany Heights in south Albany, MO., aged 57 years, 1 month & 22 days. She was the **wife** of Rev. J. H. Coffey & was known in Grant City. Burial at Highland cemetery.

COFFEY, JUDGE R. L. —died 2 May 1901 at his home in Nashville, **Ind.**, aged 66. He was a brother of Rev. J. H. Coffey. When Worth Co. was organized, he was appointed by Gentry Co. to settle the affairs between the two counties.

In the book **GONE HOME** a Directory of Deceased and Items of History of Holt Co. MO 1837 - 1981 by Eileen **Derr**, we find the following. *This is a well written book.*

OLD Mound City Cemetery

COFFEE - Mary, b. & d. Apr 17, 1883 aged 11 hours. dau. PJ & LH Coffee

Jessie May, Feb 2, 1885 - Mar 22 1885, dau PJ & LH Coffey.

LAFAYETTE CO. MO Davis township, 1860 Federal Census page 33

No. 88

Coffee	Benjamin F.	40	m	w
			KY	Farmer
	Lucy A.	25	f	w
			MO	wife
Ennis,	William S.	18	m	?
			MO	farm-
hand				

In household NO. 87 was James F. Larkin 45 male **b.Ireland**. Since we have several researchers looking for Larkin Coffee. I thought I needed to add this information.



GATHERED BY THE RIVER by Adiel J. Moncrlf Jr.

A History of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, MO

From page 38: "The custom was to hold **associational** meetings over the week end with Sunday as a day of continuous gospel preaching. The minutes of 1852 carried the following announcement: "Sabbath, 10 O'clock A.M. Elder R. Alexander, from 2nd chapter from Paul to the Ephesians, 8, 9 and 10 verses: "For by graces are ye saved through faith," &c. Followed by Elder J. D. Black, from Paul to Hebrews 7th chapter, 26th verse: "For such a high priest became us," &c. After one hour's recess it **is** stated, "the congregation assembled at the stand again and was addressed by **ELDER R. N. COFFEE** from **the** Book of Daniel. Night preaching was announced at four different places by the visiting ministers."

(*Good old **days!***)

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Katie Taggart Dunn sent a large pack of documents. Two of these were copies of material written by Penelope J. Allen and printed in **THE CHATTANOOGA NEWS** and **LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY TREE...COFFEY**. Her book is under copyright and contains many of the errors from the Rice Coffey material. Since we do not wish to infringe on her copyright or perpetuate the errors found in many of the early genealogy works on **this** family, I will let you write to Katie for copies of these two documents if you have need of them. Her address is 348 Raywood Drive, **Piney Flats**, TN 37686.

Following **is** the last document and one that I have not seen before. Kathle says that the original, in her possession, is hand written. She is the great **grand**-daughter of **Alfred Alfonso Coffee**, the subject of the following autobiography.

PARTIAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY by A.A. COFFEE

Transcribed by Katie Taggart Dunn, Great Granddaughter of Alfred Alfonso Coffee. (Comments in italics are hers. The rest is **exactly as** A. A. Coffee (Coffey) wrote it.

I was borned in Wilkes County, N.C. May 10th, 1831. My father's name was **Elijah**, a native of N.C. My mother was reared near Nashville in West Tenn. Her maiden name was **Heulme**. My Father moved to Georgia about the last of 1839 and settled on what is known as Little **Betties** Creek in Raburn CO., 7 miles north of Clayton. I lived there on the farm until I was **21 years** of age. going to school a few months of each year at which time I commenced going to school to Philon P. Brown's at the Academy at Clayton at which time I

went 4 times through arithmetic, 4 times through English, 4 times through dictionary, and partly geography. After this, I worked in dry goods store for John **Wyley** for a time. After **this**, I went to Atlanta and clerked in the Records office in the State Depot for the W & A R(all) R(oad). Also the Depot at Resaca for a while at which time i went to Running on the Road in the capacity of Conductor. This was **in** 1854. Continued on the Road until the first of **1856**, at which time I left the Road and went West and was in the Kansas **Trouble**. (*Note: Alfred Alphonso's **cousin**, Col. Asbury Madison Coffey went to Kansas sometime between 1850 and 1859 where he was appointed Indian agent by President Millard Fillmore. Coffey County Kansas was named/or Col. Asbury Coffey. Therefore, it **is** quite likely that A. A. Coffey went with Col. Asbury Coffee to Kansas.*) Was in the Battle at Hickory Point against old John Brown by whom I was captured but afterward relieved by Summers commanding US Troops. I am the only living man I have any knowledge of that was in that battle. Brown kept up his deviltry until captured at Harpers Ferry and was executed. [*Note: John Brown was **obsessed with the idea of taking overt action to help the black people. In 1855, he followed five of his sons to Kansas Territory to assist Anti-slavery forces. With a wagon laden with guns and ammunition. Brown settled in Osawatimleand soon became the leader of anti-slavery guerrillas in the area. Brooding over the sack of Lawrence, Kansas by a mob of slavery sympathizers (May 21, 1856), Brown concluded that he had a divine mission to take vengeance. Three days later he played a part in the Kansas struggle by leading a nightme retaliatory raid on a***

pro-slavery settlement at Pottawatomie Creek in which five men were dragged out of their cabins and hacked to death.)
 I returned from Kansas the latter part of 1856. In 1857, I married **Julia Dawkins**, daughter of **John Dawkins** of N.C. Her mother was **Mary Wheeler**. They resided in Habersham County, 4 miles south of Tallulah Falls on Panther Creek. In 1858 and 1859, I clerked in the GA Legislature, one session in the House and one in the Senate. In March, 1862, I enlisted in the Confederate cause. I was mustered in to service at Big Shanty. I was standing nearby when Andrews and his followers stole the engine from Bill Fuller. In the fall of 1866, I came to Walker Co. GA and remained there and Catossa County until **1879**, at which time I came to Chattanooga. I have lived here ever since. I haven't gone into detail as I might have done.

P.S. I was discharged from service on account of disability. I went home and was appointed tax assessor of tax in kind for 3 counties by quartermaster Bacon of Georgia. I taught in the first colored school ever taught in GA.

R. A. Coffee

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DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

Jean B. Robinson is the grand daughter of Sadie Rucker Woods, not her daughter as I reported in the last issue. I hope she accepts my apology. I did not read cardfully enough.



COLONEL JOHN COFFEY HAYS

Jerry Coffey gave us the following a while back. He states that it is the most accurate writing that he has found on Jack Coffey Hays. Jerry says that he read elsewhere that Jack Coffey Hays moved to Mississippi at the age of fifteen after his parents died of yellow fever. He lived **with** an uncle and **stud-** led surveying before he moved to San Antonio, Texas. Jerry says that he hadn't documented the fact yet, but Hays mother was related to General John Coffee's wife in some way. He is still pursuing the relationship of the two men.

The following is taken from **THE TEXAS RANGERS, A Century of Frontier Defense**, by Walter Prescott Webb and is printed by the University of Texas Press, P.O. Box **7819**, Austin, TX **78713-7819**. Jerry only sent the following excerpt:

**"The Captain Comes:
 John C. Hays"**

Thus far there had developed no well-recognized and permanently established corps of Rangers. There were no

captains, apart from **the regular** military **establishment**, who **were** looked to for protection, who were always ready to **ride** on the Indian trail. There were a number of men fitted to do this, chief among them perhaps being Matthew Caldwell and Edward Burleson, but both belonged to the army. When Houston became president, he practically abolished the regular military force in the name of economy. There was one point, however that always needed some sort of military force, and that was San Antonio. Every Mexican force that entered Texas struck or hoped to strike that place, and **it** had to be guarded constantly. The man who was finally selected to perform **this** task was John Coffee Hays.

John Coffee Hays, known in Texas as Jack Hays, was born at Little Cedar Lick, Wilson County, Tennessee, on January 28, 1817. He was from the same section of the country as the McCullochs, Sam Houston, and Andrew Jackson, and was the same adaptable sort of person. It is said that Jackson purchased the Hermitage from Jack Hays's grandfather, John Hays, who served with Jackson in some of his Indian wars, and who built Fort Haysboro. Jack's father, Harmon Hays, also fought with Jackson and named his son for General John Coffee, one of Jackson's trusted officers.

Hays came to Texas **in** 1837 or in the early part of **1838**— then about twenty-one years of age — and took up his residence at San Antonio. Some accounts say that he joined the Texas Ranges and fought Indians and Mexicans under Deaf Smith and Henry W. Karnes. In February, 1840, a group of San Antonio citizens recommended him to President Lamar as one competent to survey the boundary of Travis County

in which **Austin**, the capital, had just **been** located. **He** is a gentleman of purest character and of much energy and ability.

JEAN B. ROBINSON provided us with the following clipping from the (VA.) **BEDFORD DEMOCRAT**, June 29, **1977**. She says that **it** was an anniversary issue. The title fine states "Footprints **in** Bedford County Clay:"

COFFEY'S COUNTRY STORE ONE OF FEW OPERATING

Remember the country store, with its pot bellied stove **in** the middle of the room emanating cheer and brightness, the wood and glass cases loaded **with** penny candy and the shelves lined **with** canned goods, the counter crowded **with** bags of flour and jars of more candy and the walls lined **with** rope, hardware and other essentials? Such establishments belong mostly to the memory now, but there are still a few which continue their friendly, personal service on a community basis.

One such store is the H. D. Coffey Store located at Norwood near Forest. Its proprietor **is** Mrs. H. D. Coffey, who **operates it with the help of her children** and daughter-in-law.

Active, Alert

Despite her **91** years of age, Mrs. Coffey **is** an active, alert woman. She rises early and is in the store by 7:30 a.m., ordering the supplies and managing the business. She is unable to wait on customers, so she sits by the pot bellied stove and quietly knits, crochets, makes colorful wire baskets or braids plastic bread wrappers into ingenious items both useful and attractive.

The store was built in **1921** by her

husband, a 48 year old farmer from Cifax. They operated the store together until Mr. Coffey died in 1946, and Mrs. Coffey has kept it going ever since.

Meeting Place

When the children of the community began riding buses to school, Mrs. Coffey invited them into the store to keep warm on cold days. Sometimes there would be piles of boots and wraps in the store during the days while the children were in school.

The ladies of the area also found cause to gather in the store. They would meet at the Coffeys' for a "quilting party", which was quite a popular event in the 1920's. Mrs. Coffey's own homemade quilting frame was well used during those days.

One item of interest in the store is a 72 year old sewing machine on which Mrs. Coffey sewed complete wardrobes for herself, eight daughters and one son. During the 58 years the Coffeys have lived in the community, a number of homes have been built and young families have brought new life into the area. Now Bethany United Methodist Church, Norwood Baptist Church, the Bellevue United Methodist parsonage and Virginia Memorial Gardens are located around the community. Mrs. Coffey is the oldest member of Bethany United Methodist Church.

Harold G. Elrod gave us the following information. He says that in addition to sources quoted below, considerable information concerning the children of Ambrose was supplied (1991) by **Reams Goodloe** of Ormond Beach, Florida, much of which was procured earlier by his aunt Harriet Reams.

Harold **descendancy is** from William Mills, son of John and Ally Coffey Mills,

then their son John (& Ally) Mills, and their son William (& Lydia Orick) Mills. They then have a daughter **Ely** (Ally) who married George Elrod. Harold wants to know if anyone else is working on this line. He is especially interested in anything that would assure him that he has found the right Ally Mills for George Elrod's wife. His address is 14 Cromwell Ct. Old Saybrook. CT 06475.

AMBROSE COFFEY is said to have served in the Revolutionary War (perhaps because of confusion with another Ambrose. See below. He lived in Wilkes Co., NC until about 1804.

On 10 Dec. 1795 he was witness/bondsman along with Charles Cordon for the marriage of Lewis Coffey to Bedunt Moore.

The following land transaction is to be found on p. 377. Wilkes Co., NC, Deed Book, C-1 (1782-1803). 21 May 1802. Ambrose Coffey sold John Townzen of Burke County, NC, for 15 pds. 25 acre tract entered by Benjamin Coffey adjacent to Thomas Coffey. /s/ Ambrose Coffey "X" (his mark). Witnesses: **Eli** Coffey and Thomas Coffey.

On p. 378 we find that on the same day Thomas Coffey sold to John Townzen, Burke Co., NC, for 5 pds. 1 acre part tract formerly belonging to John Coffey on North side of Yadkin River near Mill Dam. /s/ Thos. Coffey.. Witnesses: Eli Coffey and Thomas Fields.

On p. 384 of the Deed Bk. we find: 21 May 1802. Thos. Fields sold Ambrose Coffey for 10 pds. 40 acres South side of the Yadkin River adjacent Laurance Ross and Joshua Murry. /s/ Thos. Fields. Witnesses: Eli Coffey and Thos. Coffey.

We now quote virtually verbatim from "James B. Coffey, Vol II: Ancestors" by

Marvin D. Coffey, (1993):

According to tradition, **Ambrose lived** in Tennessee for a short **time**, and then went to Kentucky about 1806. His widow petitioned there for letters of administration and for the allowance of dower in September and November of **1818**, respectively.

On Sept. 2, **1818**, (just before his death) Ambrose and his wife sold 90 acres of land in Pulaski Co. (purchased in 1816) to Vincent Garner. The balance of Ambrose' land (157 A.), which fell to the widow and children as heirs was finally sold on April **18, 1826**, also to Vincent Garner. The settlement mentions that there were 12 children, but does not name them.

In **all** of these petitions and deeds, Ambrose' wife is listed as Polly. Since **this** name **is** not a diminutive of Elizabeth, it seems likely that Ambrose had a third **wife**. In the **indenture** of 1826 she is listed as the **wife** of John Mills, but *Harold Elrod did not find a record of her marriage, nor does he know her maiden name.*

Harold Elrod, Editor states "some doubt concerning relationships is **here** expressed. It **is** believed the obscurities to be resolved in the manner described below."

AMBROSE COFFEY died after June 22, 1818. His household goods were appraised on Oct. 17, **1818**, and then sold on Nov. 25, 1818. Among Ambrose's papers were found a note bearing the name of James Whiteside (then resident of Overton Co., TN), and "Also \$800. by assignment the 23 March **1818**, a part of a bond executed by E. C. **Faris** & T. Quarles to George Norton which was assigned to Vincent Garner, and from said Garner to said Coffey \$800". Among the purchasers at the sale were

Michael Elrod, Polly Coffey, Joel Whiteside, **Eli** Coffey and Sale Coffey.

On June 25, **1821**, the proceeds from the estate of Ambrose Coffey were divided between Polly Coffey, **his** wife and administratrix, and **his** twelve living children. On July 7, 1821, a Polly Coffey married James **McHenry**, Vincent Garner, surety.

On April 18, **1826**, the heirs of Ambrose Coffey acknowledged Vincent Garner's title to land for which **he**, Vincent, had contracted with Ambrose Coffey in the latter's lifetime. Mentioned in this indenture are "John Mills and Polly his wife and Polly his wife the former Polly Coffey. Jesse Coffey. Hiram Coffey, Betsy Coffey, America Coffey, Wina Coffey, Jefferson Coffey, Washington Coffey, Greenup Coffey and Emily Coffee". A negotiation dated 23 March **1818** is mentioned in this instrument.

The foregoing information is interpreted as follows:

1. The agreement of June 25, **1821**, was made to divide up Ambrose's estate prior to Polly Coffey's (Ambrose's widow) marriage to James McHenry. — Notice the timing — Just one week before the marriage.
2. The agreement of April 18, 1826, was between the children of Ambrose Coffey, and was intended to give Vincent Garner clear title to his land. The text and signatures from the Court Records are all in same handwriting. It is evident that we are not looking at an original document.

In selecting the crucial text from the copy of the indenture, we have deliberately inserted "**and Polly his wife**" twice, as it was so entered in the Deed Book. However, the second "**and Polly his wife**" was crossed out by the transcriber. But he/she was tired and so misread and mls wrote "Ally as "Polly". Everything

makes sense **when we** recognize **this** error. Ally, **the** wife of John Mills, was indeed the former Ally Coffey, and one of the children of Ambrose!

Marvin Coffey says that many genealogists have mistaken "our" Ambrose with the one in **the** battle of Fort Boonesboro, KY, with Daniel Boone. He states that a deposition taken in **1809** in Madison Co., KY, proves that the latter Ambrose was not the same man as ours. **This** other Ambrose was born about 1759 in Dublin, Ireland, and came to **this** country as a young boy. **He** is undoubtedly the Ambrose of Fayette Co., KY. census of **1790** and the Montgomery Co. census **in 1800**, and the Rev. soldier stationed at Fincastle, KY. in **1776**.

MILDRED "MILLIE" MOORE - 1st wife of Ambrose Coffey, was born **31 Mar 1770**. **She died 1812** probably in Pulaski Co., KY.

Mildred was a resident of **Burk Co.**, NC, the daughter of Jesse and Alice (Johnson) Moore *many of whose descendants now live in KY*.

Following Mildred's death, Ambrose married Elizabeth **Ricc**.

On p. 164 of the Wilkes Co. Deed Book. **C-1 (1782-1803)** we find: **17 Nov. 1795**. Mary Coffey. **Admx** and **Jessc** More. **Admr.** of Jas. Coffey **deccascd**, sold Reuben Coffey for **100** pds. **103** acres part tract purchased of Francis Bishop mouth Warrior Creek Admx (her **mark**), /s/ Jess More, Admr. Witnesses: Eli Coffey and Wm. Hulme.

Children of Ambrose & Millie Cofee/y
1) Alice "Ally" b. **1788** NC, d. after 1850 - **m.** 19. Mar 1804 Wilkes Co. TN to John Mills.

2) Elizabeth "Betsy" b. abt. **1790**, d. Jan **1843** Warren Co. TN - **m.** George Washington **Jewell**. (**Some** say his last name was Mills.) *Had daughter that*

lived with Uncle Holland for a while.

3) Jesse b. **1792**, d. Feb 1835 - **m.** abt **1819**, Ann Amelia **Hackett** from Rea Co. TN

4) **Hiram** b. **1795**, d. **19 Jan 1836** in MS.

5) America b. **1801** Burke Co. NC, d. 1872 - m. Samuel Lusk

6) **Mira** b., d. 3 Sept 1835 in TN - **m.** _ Edmundson

7) Thomas Jefferson b. 16 Feb 1805, d. 1 Nov 1858 in Brazoria Co., TX - m. Malinda Graves Williams Haley.

8) George Washington b. abt **1806**, d. 17 Mar 1840 in Jackson, MS - m. Mary Catherine **Isler**.

9) James Madison b., d. 25 June 1833 **in MS**.

10) Holland b. 15 Aug 1807, **d.1 Oct 1846** in Red River, TX - **m.** Sophia **Sutenfield**.

11) Mildred

Coline Coffey is looking for information on Rev. Cleveland Coffey who was the pastor of North Catawba Church in Burke Co., NC. He was on the 1790 census but left **the** area after **1793**.

Where did he go and does anyone have names for his **childre**?

Does anyone have names of the children of Edward Coffey Jr. and Grace Cleveland?

Coline descends from Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey's grandson Thomas Coffey through both her mother and father. Her father, **Wilburn** Carey Coffey, descends from Thomas Coffey's son **William** Coffey who married Anna Boone.

Coline's mother, Jennie Christina Woods Coffey descends from Thomas Coffey's daughter **Polly** Coffey who married William Coffey (distant cousin). Coline's address: R1. **10 Box 313**, Lenoir, NC 28645.

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Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to **attend**. Jack and Nelda Coffee are working hard to make it a memorable event. Baton Rouge is a beautiful part of the country that we have not explored before. It is also closer for all of the Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado cousins. Hope to see as many there as possible.



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