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Dear Cousins,

The year 1995 is about to end!!! I hope it has been a good year for you. Ours has been busy with 3 reunion trips and a couple of trips to the hospital—my doctors are giving me good news and I seem to be coming along very well. I am about 40 pounds lighter than when you saw me in Baton Rouge--weight lost by design.

Now we are looking forward to BAL-TIMORE, MD - APRIL 26-28, 1996. I hope you are planning to be there, too. Gail has been working hard and I am sure you will be glad you made **the trip** -SO —DO IT!!!!

VERY IMPORTANT!! — WE NEED for you to decide to invite the Coffey Cousins to your part of the country. Decide NOW that you are going to invite us & get your sales pitch prepared to convince us. Let's have several so we can have a choice and maybe even **plan** two years ahead. Don't be bashful — there are so many places we have not been.

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!

SEE YOU IN BALTIMORE!!!

Jeff Coffey

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from Bonnie & Jim Culley

Dear Cousins,

"My cup runneth over". This has been one of those exceptional quarters when I had so many interesting stories and queries that I just ran out of room. (I can begin the next issue tomorrow.)

An exceptional way to share Christmas would be, to help a new cousin with his/her research. You will definitely make a new friend. I still remember the help that Bennie Loftin and Ella Carpenter gave me when I was a new cousin.

Jim and I have been traveling again and I got a little behind with my correspondence. We flew our kites at a South Padre Island, TX kite competition and attended the National Competition at Tulsa, OK. We had a great time.

I sure hope all of you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and very happy New Year. I look forward to hearing from all of you in 1996.

Seasons greetings, **Bonnie Culley**

DOCUMENTS GALORE

Jack D. Smith of Elkhart Indiana has extracted some interesting Coffey stories.

ANNALS OF KENTUCKY Louisville Pub. Liv. Oct. 95 pg.624 Mercer Co. Residents in 1777 -

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From "an account-current of provisions purchased by Joseph Lindsay, commissary, for the use of the garrison at Harrodsburg, from Dec. 16 1777 to Oct. 16 1778," we gather the names of part of the residents of the fort at Harrodsburg and of the neighborhood at that early day; Spuire Boone. Ambrose Coffev "among others".

pg. 656 "Capture of Salt Makers"

On the 1st of January 1778 Daniel Boone with a party of thirty men, went to the lower Blue Licks, to make salt for the several different garrison's from which they had been collected. Jesse Coffee (Rev.), Benjamin Kelly, and Stephan Hancock were among the men surrendered.

pg. 128 Sept 4, 1863, <u>John W. Coffey</u> and <u>Christopher Coffey</u>, of 27th KY Inf (Federal), shot at Munfordsville, Hart Co. for desertion.

pg. 208 Dec 1871, <u>Beni. Coffev</u>, of Adair Co. a commission merchant at Lebanon, Marion Co. commits suicide on the railroad between Cincinnati and Louisville for the express purpose, it is charged, of securing to his family \$40,000. for which he had recently insured his life.

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Nathan Nathan Edward Weightstill Pheba

MEET OUR NEW CONSINS

* Patsy Castanon wrote us because Janet Tepera recommended our newsletter to her. She is the great granddaughter of John Nathan Coffey of Zephyr, TX. His father was William Saunders Coffey (b. KY) whose parents were Nathan Coffey and Mary Saunders. Patsy knows that William was married to Elizabeth Schuyler, probably in KY and moved to Alabama about **1830.** They left from Marshall Co. AL sometime between **1840** and **1845** and settled in what is now Titus Co. TX. Titus Co. was formed from Red River Co. in 1846. John Nathan Coffey was born in Titus Co. **21** Apr **1847** and died **13** Sep 1919 in Zephyr, Brown Co. TX. Patsy is interested in corresponding with anyone who can supply information on William, his siblings, John Nathan and his siblings. Patsy's address is in the New Cousins list.

* Carlita Brown asked for help in the last issue of CCC in tracing her ancestor Nathan Coffey who married Mary Saunders. She descends from their son Salathiel Coffey (1812-1892) who married Nancy Dunbar. Salathiel died in Collins Co. TX. Carlita descends through **Salathiel's** daughter Harriet Coffey b. 28 July 1844 in Russell Co. KY. Harriet died 19 Jan 1891 in Collins Co. TX. She married Robert Benton Whisenant on 3 Sept 1865 in Collins Co. Carlita says that she has scrawled across a couple of her group

sheets in sheer frustration. These families are so hard to separate. If you can help her, please write to the address in the new cousins **list** and not to the address listed in Issue 60. Carlita is in Friendswood with her husband who is hospitalized and not at her permanent address very often. She says "I just die thinking there's genealogy waiting for me down there."

* Karen Utley wrote us earlier and her query was in the last issue of CCC. She descends from 1) Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey, 2) John and Jane (Graves) Coffey, 3) Benjamin and Polly (Hayes) Coffey, also 3) is Thomas and Elizabeth (Smith) Coffey. Benjamin and Thomas were brothers. Their children (cousins) married making generation 4) William and Mary Polly (Coffey) Coffey, 5) Austin and Betsy (Hawkins) Coffey, 6) Joshua and Salina (Storie) Coffey, 7) Thomas Calvin and Mary (Huston) Coffey, 8) Cornelius Stanton and Laura Margaret (Faris) Coffey, 9) Clinton **Zelma** Christine (Coffey) Scroggins. The 10th generation is Karen Diane (Scroggins) Utley. Karen would like to correspond with others working on this line. Her address is in the new cousins list.

* Brad Howland comes to us via. Lillian Neighbors. His grandmother was Mary Hudson [Coffey] Howland and grandfather, Charles Shaw Howland. (Contd. next page) They were the parents of Brad's father, Robert Louis Howland, b. 19 May 1911 and d. 14 July 1992. Brad thinks his grandmother is the daughter of Weightstill Avery Coffey (b. 26 Aug 1837, d. 20 Jul 1898 Scottsboro, AL) who married Mary Ann Harris and is the son of Alexander Hamilton Coffey, son of Rice Coffey. He could use help and his address is in the new cousins list.

* Ed C. Haley heard of CCC through Jack again, Daraleen! Coffey using America Online. Ed is searching for information on his great grandmother, Pheba (Pheve)
Coffee (Coffey), who married Richard Adams McAdoo in 1828, probably in TN. Ed believes that Pheba was born in TN in 1811. Richard Adams McAdoo was born in Greenville, NC but both he and Pheba died in TN in the 1870s, possibly in McMinn Co. region. Ed's address is 606 Weston Rd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.

MAIL BOX

Margaret Welsch writes that she has moved to my neighboring St. Joseph, MO. They have an excellent genealogy library there, I hope that Margaret will send us all of the Coffee/y material from this library. There were a number of Coffey families in that part of Missouri.

Bernie Coffey sent us two syllabus that were used in the Nov 10 & 11 work shop sponsored by the Dallas Genealogical Society. Bernie and Millie are sure lucky to have a genealogy society of this caliber in their neighborhood. Possibly we can get Bernie to let us know about their workshop before next years meeting.

Daraleen Wade says that Paul Summitt in his query in issue 60, pp 4 is correct in thinking that his Nathan is a son of Joel and Martha (Step) Coffey. Daraleen was sending him some material to work with. We can always count on Daraleen to help those who need help and are working in her line of Coffeys. She also helped Glendon T. Johnson with his Langston Coffey who was the son of James and Elizabeth (Coffey) Coffey. Thanks again. Daraleen!

Lillian Harrell has been on a trip out west with Lillian's son and his wife. She has been in all of the western states except Nevada. (Watch out Nevada!) Glad to hear that she is having fun.

Jack Coffee says that he and Nelda are anxiously looking forward to seeing all the cousins in Baltimore, Maryland in April. They plan to spend some time with their grandchildren in New Jersey on the way. Sounds like fun!

NEW ADDRESSES

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LOST AND FOUND

CLEVELAND — Received letters from two ladies this past summer regarding ALEXANDER and ELIZABETH CLEVE-LAND. Mis-placed the letters, will they please write again. P. H. Gillaspy, 727 Yerba Buena, Stockton, CA 95210. P. H. says "that if he can make contact with these ladies again, he has very interesting information for them".

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Bennie Coffey Loftin is helping with the PITTSBURG COUNTY (OK) HISTORY and says that when her part is done she plans to get her revised second printing on her Coffey Cousins book ready to go to the publisher. She is hoping that some of the descendants of Bennett and George Coffey would go through the old court records in East Tennessee to try to document their line to our Benjamin Coffey (1747-1834). Cleveland and Jesse T. Coffey are a good example of other Coffey families besides Benjamin's descendants living in that area. Cleveland's wife, Malinda Coffey, has not been documented as a daughter of George Coffey and wife, Margaret Rucker. We have assumed this because of their children's names. If you have any new material or are available to research these Tennessee records for Bennie, she would appreciate hearing from you at Rt. 1, Box 270, Kiowa, OK 74553-9727.

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Don Spencer would like to contact others working on his line. He descends from 1) Peter and Susannah Coffee Sr. (b. ca. 1705, d.bef. 16 Sep 1771). 2) William and Mary [McAllister] Coffee (b. ca 1740 King George Co. VA, Bu. abt 1798). 3) Abner and Christiana [Kelley] Coffee (b. 24 Dec 1768, d. 1838) Campbell Co., VA), 4) Holcomb L and Eliza Ann [Padgett] Coffee (b. 15 Jan **1807**, d. 30 Sep **1860** Bedford Co. VA). 5) Henry **Callabile** and Mary Blount [Goodman] Coffee (b.5 Apr. 1845, d. 25 Jun 1922). 6) Roberta Davis Coffee (b. 16 Dec 1869, Bedford Co. VA, d. 10 Dec 1937) **m.** William Wyatt May. 7) Charles Henry and Anna Lofland [Chapman] May (b. 4 Mar 1898 Goode, Bedford Co. VA, d.

1981, Roanoke, VA) who were the parents of Betty Wayne May b. 6 Jun 1925 in Bristol TN. Betty married Eugene Fleming Spencer 25 Mar 1946 Roanoke VA. She died 24 Nov 1984 also in Roanoke VA and is the mother of Don Spencer. He has a lot more information than we can print here. If you have information on any of this line, contact Don at 10705 Bradford St., Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

Ray Coffey is working on the family of Lincoln Sherman Coffey who died in 1933 in Platte Co. MO. He says that this is the same Lincoln Coffey that is listed in CCC #60 in the article by Daraleen Wade on page 6. Ray has 5 more children in the family of Jesse Coffey than Daraleen listed and says that he will send more on this later. Ray has sent the following newspaper article that he found on Jasper Hill Coffey in the Albany, MO. City library. It was extracted from the Albany Capitol Newspaper, Thursday, Sept, 1, 1921.

Death of Rev. J. H. Coffev

After a brief sickness, from heart trouble and other complications, Rev. Jasper Hill Coffey, one of the oldest and most widely known ministers of the Christian Church in north Missouri, died at the home of his son, R. K. Coffey, on South Hundley Street, last Sunday morning at 2:20 o'clock, aged 84 years. Of the four surviving sons and three daughters, all were at their father's bedside in his last days except **Omer,** who is somewhere in the west and could not be reached by message telling of his fathers condition. The other living sons and daughters are: **R.K.** of Albany: James of Miami, Okla.: Holt of St Joseph: Mrs. Hattie Hawk of (Contd. next page)

Oklahoma City, Okla: Mrs. Edna Lieriey of Salt Lake City, Utah and Mrs. Ethel Martin of Albany. Rev. Coffey had been for more than sixty years a minister of the Christian Church, having resided at Albany most of the time. After the death of his wife seventeen years ago, he had made his home most of the time with his daughters in the west and southwest and with his son Dick in Albany. He had officiated at more weddings,

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He had officiated at more weddings, conducted more funerals, preached to more people and won more men and women to the church and right living than most ministers, and the high regard in which he was held over a large section of this part of the state was probably best attested by the large number of warm friends who came from neighboring towns and communities to pay their last respects in the funeral service, which was conducted by Rev. J. D. McClure of Albany and Rev. Challey Graham of Oxford, at the Christian Church last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

panion who had preceded him. As a part of the funeral service, Rev. Graham read the following, which had been prepared by himself and by Rev. McClure, at the request of Rev. Coffey, some time ago:

"J. H. Coffey, son of Lewis and Harriet Coffey, was born In Monroe county, Indiana, on Aug. 6, 1838. He was reared on the farm where he was born and early in life learned to take care of stock and do farm work: and through his entire life took great pride in having a neat garden and in cultivation of small fruits, and was a blessing to every community. In Worth county in 1860, he was appointed school com-

The church was packed to overflowing, and the beautiful song service, the eloquent tribute of the ministers, the many beautiful flowers brought and sent by friends, told of the large impress which this good man had left on the community in which he had lived for over sixty years.

There were in the big audience one or two men who had heard Mr. Coffey make his first talk in Gentry county - at school house near where Gentry now stands, where his brother was teaching school when he first came out from Indiana: there was one or two who was present in the meeting when he united with the Christian Church, out at the 'Old Brick." There were a number of husbands and wives at whose marriages he had officiated: There were sons and daughters, children, grand-

children and great-grandchildren of couples whom he married. It was truly a gathering of friends who felt a great lover for, and a real sorrow at the going of this good, genial, kindly man who had given his life in service for his Master and his fellow-men. After the service at the church, the remains were conveyed to Highland cemetery, and laid by the grave of the wife and companion who had preceded him. As a part of the funeral service, Rev. Graham read the following, which had been prepared by himself and by Rev. McClure, at the request of Rev. Coffey, some time ago:

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Watkins, he would say, "These gray hairs have knocked me out of many years work in the prime of my life." He meekly accepted the situation and was content with the occasionally acting as a supply and speaking words of comfort on funeral occasions to those who were burdened with sorrow for the dead.

The greater part of his life as a minister has been spent in Gentry county and northwest Missouri. He never courted debate, but when in his judgment it became necessary, would willing stand in defense of truth. In 1868 he debated with John Shin, a Universalist minister in Dallas City, Ill. In 1870 he met a Baptist minister, by the name of Chenaworth in Gentryville. In about 1871 or 1872 he met Brother A. F. Dugger of the Church of God in a three day debate. He would say "If I am worth anything to the church, it is as an enlister, and I don't want to spoil myself by imbibing too much of the spirit of controversy." He believed that it was "more blessed to give than to receive" and was therefore liberal in his gifts for charity and to the church, and what remained of his income he willingly laid at the feet of his family, to which he was strongly attached and much devoted.

"Of all the college societies to which he belonged, he gave to the Sigma Chi, a Greek fraternal society a front rank, on account of the close relation existing among the members and a disposition on their part to help one another. But with him, no human institution or fraternity could take the place of the church, the only divinely appointed institution, showing God as father and men as brethren."



DEAD END ROADS

Sue Chaffin writes to tell us that her great great grandparents G. W. Coffee and Rebecca Ann Shackelford are the same as that of Jim Roach. Jim and Sue's mother, Cleo Odell were first cousins. Sue's grandmother and daughter of Martin Coffee (b.1855 KY) and Mary Bailey (b.1851 MO) is Nancy Mae Coffee, b. 16 March 1891

and d. 28 Mar. 1966 Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. She married Charles Henry Odell on 6 June 1914 Wayne, McClain Co., OK. Charles was b. 10 June 1881 Denton, Denton Co. TX and d. 2 Jan. 1941 McMillan, Marshall Co., OK. They are both buried in the Rollins Cemetery, Madill, Marshall Co. OK. Sue's mother and daughter of Charles H. and Nancy Mae (Coffee) Odell is Fannie Cleo Odell b. 21 Jan 1921 in Marshall Co. OK and d. 27 Dec 1994 Wilson, Carter Co. OK. She married William "Edgar" Stowers on 11 June 1939. Marshall Co. OK.

Sue is researching the line of Mary Bailey, wife of Martin Coffee. She is looking for the parents of Alford Alphard Bailey who married Mary Jane Smith on 9 Sept. 1852 in Franklin Co., MO. They had a daughter Mary born in 1851, who was listed as age 1 on the I.G.I. card in Salt Lake, UT. Mary had a brother named Alf on the 1870 Franklin Co. Census showing him as 10 years old. Both children were born in and around Franklin Co. MO and raised there. Sue asks also who Jane Smith was? Was she married to a Smith or born a Smith? She says that whatever anyone could help with would be most appreciated. Sue's address is 1006 W. Taliaferro, Madill,

OK 73446.

Betty Laurent is looking for: Anne Coffey born around 1827 in County Roscommon, Ireland (Obituary). She married John McDermott, date and place unknown. Betty can account for only one child: Annie McDermott, born around 1850 place unknown but probably in New Orleans. Anne Coffey died in New Orleans 30 Jan. 1894. She was connected in some way with Chicago as her obituary asks Chicago papers to copy. Census records indicate she may have also had a Missouri connection. If you can help Betty, her address is 3019 Madonna Drive, Alexandria, LA 71301.

Elaine Obermayr wants to know if anyone has any more information on the Edward Coffey who died in prison in Jan 24, 1888. The story is in CCC. June 1994, Issue 55, p. 14. Elaine thinks that he might fit in one of her families. If you can help Elaine, her address is 376 Aquarina Blvd., Melbouren Beach, FL 32951

Lillian Thomas needs help! She is seeking parents and siblings of Francis (Frank) J. Coffee, born ca. 1833 in TN and wife Marie b. ca. 1839 in KY. In the 1870 Census, they were in Hickman Co., KY. Their children are 1) Ella b. 1857, KY, married Jason Novell, 18 Dec 1872; 2) Gertrude V. b. ca. 1859 KY; 3) Maria Bell, b. ca 1861, KY; 4) Joe /or Joshine, b. ca 1863 KY. If you can help Lillian, her address is 211 E. Schaumburg Rd., Steamwood, IL 60107-1460.

Ray & Donna Coffey both have Coffee/y ancestors and hope someone will recognize their lines and be able to help them. Ray is looking for information on John Coffee/y, b. March 1874 in Jefferson Co. KY. He married Mary Florence Gatewood, b. Dec. 1872 KY.

Donna is researching the line of Lincoln Sherman Coffey, b. 2 Apr 1865 in MO and married Emma Alice Gunter, b. 20 Feb 1871 also in MO. If you can help Ray and Donna their address is R.R. 4, Box 185 A, Stockton, MO 65785-0270.

Jeanette Lewis is looking for the parents, birth date and birthplace of her great, great grandfather, James L. COFFEY. He was born about 1824 or 1825 but Jeanette is not sure where. On May 29, 1849 he married Susan Bradshaw in Russell Co., KY. He appears on the 1850 and 1860 KY Census in Russell County with his wife and children. Jeanette's address is Rt. 2, Box 820, Ponca City, OK 74604.

Shirley E. Houk and a cousin have been looking for the remains of their g-g-grandfather for some time and have only run into dead-ends. He is: Jesse C. Coffey, b. 12 Jun 1833 in

Nelson Co. VA (Massies Mill)
Parents: Garland & Nancy Coffey
G-parents: William & Getsy (Giles)
Coffey

His siblings: William, b. ca 1826; Nancy, b. ca 1829; Reuben, b. ca 1830; Elizabeth, b. ca 1837; John W., b. ca 1839; Moses, b. ca 1842; Harrison, b. ca 1844; Alfred, b. ca 1846.

Jesse married Nancy F. (Allen)
Coffey, 22 Dec 1853 in Nelson Co.
Their children: Mary Jane, b. 8 Jan
1853; Joshua Elmo, b. 3 May 1857;
Beatrice Ann, b. 24 Apr 1860; William Garland, b. 3 June 1863; Nancy
Elizabeth, b. 21 May 1864; Allen F.
Sherman, b. 27 May 1866; George
Robert, b. 16 Mar 1869; Jacob, b. 4
June 1871; John Franklin, b. 20 Apr
1874; Emily Susan, b. 9 July 1878;
James Rucker, b. 22 Feb 1881.

They moved from Nelson Co. VA to Rockbridge Co. to Augusta Co. The last location found for Jesse was the 1870 Augusta Co. census (South River Twp, Fishersville). The next location for his wife, Nancy, was 1900 Augusta Co. census. His wife and most of his children wound up in Ohio between 1880 and 1910 (we've not been able to locate Mary Jane, William Garland, Emily Susan, or Rosea Bell). Family rumor is Jesse was murdered in the woods, possibly by one of his sons in Hamilton, Ohio but our feeling is he never got out of Virginia. (A cousin researched Hamilton but found no record.) Shirley says that she realizes there is a chance his body was left in the woods and never reported/ found; thus, no death record.

Shirley also says, that perhaps there just might be a COUSIN out there that just might have information on him or heard of the incident. Any bit of information or suggestion will be appreciated. If you can help Shirley, write her at: Rt.l, Box 52B, Pittsburg, TX 75686.

Joseph C Carroll's letter was forwarded to CCC. He is researching the line of his great grandmother, Eliza Coffee (b. 1821; d. c1865 in TN). She was the second wife of William Wyatt Walker (b. 29 Aug, 1805 in New Kent Co. VA; d. 12 Sept 1889 in Maury Co. TN). They had eight children with Jospeh's grandmother, Margaret Elizabeth Walker being the last child. He would appreciate any information that you might have on Eliza. Joseph's address is 465 Sunset Terrace, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

Geanellen Doty Kuranko's letter was forwarded to CCC. She is seeking information on her 2nd great grandmother Eliza Coffey Monda Doty. Geanellen says that she does not know much about Eliza except that she had been married to a Monda, and possibly had a son named James by Monda. In the **1860** Census of Iowa there is a James Doty listed in the family with Eliza and her 2nd husband Joseph Doty. Joseph and Eliza were married 30 Dec. 1852, Cass County Michigan. On the marriage certificate it lists their place of residence as Mishawaka, Indiana. Geanellen says that she has not had much luck in Mishawaka. The 1860 Iowa census indicates that Eliza A. was born 1826 in New York, NY. She died 30 Nov 1903 Woods Co. Alva, OK. If vou can help Geanellen, her address is 726 Carriage Rd. Box 260, South Prairie, WA 98385-0260

Mary Wheeler Hayes is searching for her great great grandparents. Francis Clara Faye Linder is Mary's mother. AlaMander Erwin Linder and Lucy Isabell Coffee are her parents. Lucy was born Jan. 1876 in Brown Co., TX. Her parents were Joshua Doss Coffee and Mary Blanton. Joshua was born around 1839 in Tennessee. Mary Blanton was born c 1841 in North Carolina. Mary's address is Box 150, Gotebo, OK 73041-0150.

Jack K. Coffee took a trip to Rusk, Jefferson counties in Texas and Miller and Hempstead counties in Arkansas. He didn't find much at all in the Texas counties. Cass was where my (Jack's) father was living when he died. Jack was unable to find a death record in Cass, however, on this trip, Jack found that he actually died in Jefferson Co. they had taken him to the nearest hospital and he died there which is in Jefferson county. While in Arkansas, Jack found some new records. They are extracts of Marks. Brands and Estravs of Hempstead County. Arkansa. 1819 - 1959. It was pub**lished** by the Hempstead County Genealogical Society in 1991. Lilburn Coffee is mentioned several times plus other Coffees' that Jack had not found in records in that county previously. Lllburn didn't arrive in Hempstead County until 1849-50. He appears in the estray records for the first time in 1853 as 'principal', that is, he was the one that found the stray animal. No other Coffees were mentioned in this record.

John T. Coffee appears in estray records in 1854 as principal. No mention of other Coffees in this record. William Bennight and Joseph Bennight are listed as appraisers. Lilburn appears in 1855 as an appraiser of stock found by another person.

In 1856 Lilburn is listed as an ap-Asbury Coffee. With John T. Coffee Principal is Joseph Bennight.

In **1860**, Lilburn along with his brother in law, David F. Taylor are recorded as providing security for the stock. Lilburn is recorded later in **1860** as being one of three appraisers in another estray record. No other Coffees are mentioned in this second record.

There was also mentioned a Jesse Coffee, whose daughter married one of the Bennight men. There is also an 1859 will for Joel Coffey. He names his wife, Elizabeth, but no one else. None of the other Coffee/y men witness the will. However, Lilburn, at the death of Joel, is called upon to attest to the signature of one of the witnesses who had since left the county.

Jack would like to ask the Cousins to help in identifying these new Coffee's: John T., Jesse, Asbury and Joel. Jack says that he is only aware of one

Asbury and that **is** Asbury Madison who became famous in Kansas and Missouri. Could he have wandered through Hempstead County, Arkansas enroute to those places? Most of these men settled property adjacent to each other in Hemstead County. Jack has sent for land records but says that it will probably be a long time before he receives them. The government is closing the Suitland, Maryland office where land records are held and moving them to the archives in DC. Jack would appreciate any leads or suggestions as to who these men are. His address is 10026 Hackberry Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2810.

VIRGIL'S BRAIN TEASERS

As is Virgil's intention, he certainly spurred interest oppiance their worth would um defined or thoroughly research will print his current letter and responses to his letter of last issue #60.

Virgil says: On page 13 of the Sept 95 CCC (issue 60) is my note about Salathiel Coffee's widow being a Noland. estray. They are also appraisers of the on pg 6, Dec. 1991, CCC, Ruby Buck reported that Newton Coffey witnessed a fand transaction between Nolands in Wilkes Co. NC in Nov. 1797. Newton was a son of Salathiel and Elizabeth and was married in 1797, marrying Sarah Meredith in 1802. Therefore, I (Virgil) contend that this Salathiel is the bushand of Elizabeth Noland the husband of Elizabeth Noland (known as Noland in the 1788 Chester <u>Co. SC court records).</u> Virgil also says that he has had a revision of thought: In the past, I (Virgil) thought that possibly a Nathaniel belonging to the Hugh Coffey family was in Chester Co. SC, now after reading Ruby Buck, **Tim** Peterman and Marvin D. Coffey, my conclusion is that the Salathiel and Nathan of Chester Co. SC are brothers; sons of Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland.
Virgil says, "My search for the parents of Larken Coffee /ey and Amanda **Triplett** do not seem very effective so I

work on others hoping that lady luck

may hit before I depart this vale of tears." My (Virgil) latest quest involves Darcus, the daughter of Meredith and granddaughter of John Coffey and Dorcas Carter. If she was in fact born between James born 1803 and Joel born 1806, we can assume she was born 1804/05. This would make her approximately 35 years old when she married Jubal Mitchell in 1840. The 1860 census of Grainger Co. TN reads thusly: Juba Mitchell, 66; Darkas. 59; Elizabeth Coffey, 14; Juba Mitchell, 12. I (Virgil) can't find them in the 1850 census. I did find a John Mitchell, 23; Darcus, 21; James, 3 and Gall, 2. John Mitchell and Darcus were married 24 Jul 1845. Juba and Darkas were married on 26 Jan 1840. The older Darkas is too old to fit as the mother of Elizabeth Coffey and Juba Mitchell listed with the Juba Mitchell family in 1860 census. Who do they belong to?

Sincerely, Virgil O. Coffee

Daraleen Wade writes: Did Virgil Coffee send a copy of the record from ChesterCo.SC re Elizabeth Noland? The way I (Daraleen) interpret what is in CCC is that she is the wife of Pearce Noland and was the widow of Salathiel Coffee. If that is so, then her maiden name probably wasn't Noland. Daraleen would like to see a copy of the original record so this can be clarified.

Marvin D. Coffey writes: Virgil's first item demonstrates that two people see things differently. He concludes that "Elizabeth Noland, late widow of Salathiel Coffee and Pearce Noland, Plaintiff against James Marion Gore, Defendant" indicates that this establishes Noland as the maiden name of Elizabeth. Another interpretation of these facts, which I think is more likely, is that Elizabeth, [recent] widow of Salathiel Coffee, had married (2nd) Pearce Noland and they were joining as husband and wife in this law suit. I do not think it likely that a widow's

maiden name would be used, especially after she had been married for many vears and had at least four children. 1 mention this because I don't think people should read Virgil's note and then take it for gospel that Elizabeth's maiden name is now proven to be Noland. I admit this is a possiblility but think my conclusion is more likely. As to Virgil's second note there definitely is a Nathaniel Coffey in the Hugh Coffev line in South Carolina and Nathan and Nathaniel are often used interchangeable. The Nathaniel in the Hugh Coffey line, son of John Coffey & Susannah Watson (see pp. 47-49 of my Supplement) was 6 years older than Nathan Coffey, brother of Salathiel of Wilkes Co. I have little Information about a Salathiel in So. Carolina so can't comment on this but Salathiel, brother of Nathan of Wilkes Co. NC, died in Wilkes Co. and his wife Elizabeth and children moved to Adair Co. KY. Nathan and family also went to the Adair Co. KY area, but later moved to Alabama where Nathan died. Perhaps there was another Salathiel Coffey who was in the Hugh Coffey line and lived in So. Carolina. If so both Salathiels had a wife named Elizabeth.

Myra Baker responds to Virgil's questions regarding Nathan Coffey: "Nathan (son of Chesley and Jane Cleveland Coffey and brother of Salathiel I) is of my (Myra) line and I had nothing on him being in Chester County, SC until I read what Virgil had found. He did not as far as I know go to Texas with his wife Mary Saunders. He died in Jackson Co., AL around 1823. The daughter of Nathan and Mary, Mary "Polly", married her cousin, Eli, son of Nathan's brother Salathiel but they didn't make it to Texas eather. However, Eli and Mary "Polly"'s son Salathiel II did and ended up in Collin Co. Texas.

CLEVELAND

The following is from the newsletter **''CLEVELAND FAMILY CHRONICLES** RESEARCH SOCIETY', pertaining to the Cromwell / Cleveland connection. I found it very interesting reading, but before you update your worksheets, Vikki Cleveland, Editor of Cleveland Family Chronicles says that there is another researcher that will send a rebuttal that he hopes will disprove this article. If you are working on a Cleveland line, you will find this newsletter very helpful. To subscribe, write: Vikki Lyn Cleveland, 328 Vincent, Salem, IL 62881-1831. I have copied the story exactly as Vikki printed it with a couple of exceptions:

by Vikki Cleveland

Recently I (Vikki) received a letter from a subscriber requesting clarifying information on a couple of genealogical puzzles dealing with the Southern Line of Clevelands: 1. the rumor that we have a blood connection to Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, and 2. the controversy over whether the original immigrant of the Southern Line was Roger or Alexander Cleveland.

Since the formation of Cleveland Family Cronicles Research Socity, my genealogical role has become more that of "Keeper of the Clearinghouse" than of actual researcher... which is fine. Keeper of the Clearinghouse is important enough, and it's work I enjoy. (There are some who think "Organization" is my middle name.) However, I do rely more heavily on the kindness of others to share their research discoveries with me. Consequently, I wrote to Grace Green, because I knew she was a thorough and painstaking researcher, especially in matters dealing with the Cromwell / Roger / Alexander problem, and because she is

very careful about documentary evidence.

Grace graciously shared with me some interesting material I am now, in turn, sharing with you. Almost all of the following Information came to me via Grace, but I did consult the Encyclopedia Britannica for additional details about the life of Cromwell. Unless otherwise noted, however, the material you see here came from Grace's patient research. Though there are many interesting details in Oliver's life, I am focusing only on those that may pertain to our Cleveland genealogy.

Grace based some of her Cromwell research on Volumes I and n of MEM-OIRS OF THE PROTECTORAL-HOUSE OF CROMWELL, by Mark Novle F.A.S. of L. & E., the third edition, with improvements. The group sheets she sent to me refer to Cromwell as "Oliver WILL-IAMS alias CROMWELL" The Williamses, an ancient family, were lords of Scotland since before 1066. Oliver's paternal great- great- greatgrandfather, Morgan WILLIAMS, is said to have belonged to a respectable Glamorgan family and to have accompanied King Henry VII from Wales. Kathryn Cromwell, Sister of Lord Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex, married Morgan Williams. Because Lord Thomas Cromwell and his wife, Lady Elizabeth Pryore, had no surviving male heirs, all his estate went to Sir Richard Williams, son of Kathryn Cromwell Williams and nephew of Lord Thomas, IF RICHARD WOULD CARRY ON THE NAME OF CROMWELL, as was the custom in those days. Oliver, however, did sign his name as Williams in the parish register.

Oliver was born 15 April 1599 in Huntingdon, County Cambridge, England, to Robert Willliams (alias Cromwell) and Elizabeth Steward. Elizabeth's ancestor was Alexander, Lord-High Steward, of Scotland. She and King Charles I were eighth cousins **Visitation of Cambridgeshire Records** of Ely, England]. For purposes of the original immigrant question, it is interesting to note that Elizabeth had a brother named Alexander and a sonin-law named Roger.

The family rumor that has been handed down through generations claims that the American Cleveland line is descended from Cromwell through a court beauty, Elizabeth Cleveland, who attracted first the attention of King Charles I. She subsequently won the sympathies of Cromwell when he assumed control of the government. According to the family rumor, she became Cromwell's mistress and had a son by him. This son, Alexander Cleveland, wrote a book called THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF 1657). This has been penned through. MR. CROMWELL. THE NATURAL SON **OLIVER CROMWELL**

Many historians have dismissed this rumor as romantic speculation. They cite Oliver's strictly Puritanical standards as reasons why Oliver would never have had an extra-marital affair. However, Alexander Cleveland was born c1620, when Oliver was about twenty-one years old. Oliver did not marry until August of that year (Elizabeth Bourchier, by whom he had five sons and four daughters). According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, "During his early married life Cromwell, like his father, was profoundly conscious of his responsibilities to his fellow men...., but he was also the victim of a spiritual and psychological struggle that perplexed his mind and damaged his health. He does not appear to have experienced conversion until he was nearly 30; later he described to a cousin how he had emerged from darkness into light Yet he had been unable

to receive the grace of God without feeling a sense of 'self, vanity, and badness.' He was convinced that he had been 'the chief of sinners' before he learned that he was one of God's Chosen." A note on Grace's group sheets says that Oliver "was known as a troublemaker and womanizer in his vouth." Grace wrote the following in 1987.

"An entry in the Register of St. John Baptist Church, Huntingdon, England, dated early 1621 of a personal nature is recorded. Oliver Cromwell was rebuked for ill-doing and did penance. The nature of the wrong is not specified. Another entry made seven years later in 1628 has the same wording. Another one (not dated) has 'adulterer-Cromwell's bastard' written beside it in a different handwriting (probably after **M**so in the same Register is written beside the entry of Cromwell's birth in 1599, 'England's plague for 5 years.' This has also been scored through with a pen. [Ref.: Register of St. John Baptist Church, Huntingdon, Eng., later called All Saints Church]

"In writing his story of his life, perhaps because of the circumstances surrounding his birth, Alexander Cleveland tended to be more passionate and elaborate, especially where his Mother was concerned. Most persons would do the same. This has caused at least one British author, Rev. Mark Noble, when writing MEMOIRS OF THE PROTECTORAL-HOUSE OF CROMWELL.

Birmingham 1787, to comment, 'Cromwell probably had natural children, but these Adventures, are too marvelous to be true.' (Most likely referring in part to the fact that Alexander said Elizabeth Cleveland, his mother, was a beauty and a daughter of an officer of the Palace of Hampton Court in the time of Charles the First.)

"This statement was quoted by Lyman for Virginia, but, for whatever reason,

C. Draper in his KING'S MOUNTAIN AND they were not allowed to leave En ITS HEROES. Cincinnati, OH 1881. Mr. gland. It was an unsettling time in England and in Cromwell's life in 163 exceedingly doubtful that the Clevelands descend from any such questionable origin, they (the Clevelands) being such an ancient famiy.'

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"Amazlng!....since, according to Mr. Draper himself, family tradition says Col. Benjamin Cleveland, one of the heroes of King's Mountain, fathered an illegitimate daughter, Jemima. Other

sources seem to support this."

'The naming of descendants of Alexander Cleveland tells another story, since over a hundred of them, both male and female, carried the name Oliver Cromwell as a first or middle name (in my records alone, and I'm still counting) for over 200 years, from the early 1700's to 1900."

"The Scots-Irish had a strict naming code, that was almost always followed in every generation. The first son was named for the father's father, the first daughter was named for the mother's mother. Also it became very common for the first son or daughter to also carry the surname of the mother in later generations."

"Alexander Cleveland's book was printed in several different languages. So there must have been many published. Hopefully someday one of us will find one."

Oliver was not elected to Parliament until 1628, and King Charles was not arrested until 1648, with Oliver summoning the first Protectorate Parliament of his Commonwealth of 1654 [Encyclopedia Britannica[. Any Cromwellian liaison that might have produced Alexander Cleveland happened well before Oliver's rise to power.

In 1635, with his cousin John Hampden, Oliver was about to set sail England and in Cromwell's life in 1635. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, "Cromwell also had financial worries until, at the age of 39, he inherited property at Ely from his mother's brother. Like other lesser gentry, he contended with bad harvests and a variety of taxes and impositions, such as ship money, exacted by the monarchy not only to pay for the upkeep of the navy but to sustain the lavish tastes of the court. Though in 1628 he had been elected a member of Parliament for the borough of Huntingdon, King Charles I dissolved the Parliament in 1629 and did not call

another for 11 years. During the interval, country gentlemen like Cromwell accumulated grievances. The Cromwell family was but one of a network of dissatisfied gentry who belonged to what one might call the political nation: for example, John Hampden, the wealthy Buckinghamshire squire who brought a test case against the crown over the levying of ship money, was Cromwell's first cousin."

Also in 1635 [Samuel] Cleaveland, a brother of the Cavalier poet John Cle(a)veland, left England for the American colonies. Some researchers think that Samuel was really the Moses Cleveland, who founded the Northern Line of Clevelands, from which the President was descended. Alexander Cleaveland left at about the same time (1629) with Sir Henry Skipwith of Cotes and Henry Herrick of Bean Manor Park, "so the story goes."

Another Cleveland-Cromwell connection exists between Oliver and the aforementioned poet John Cleveland. John was a fierce supporter of King Charles I and "a loyalist," Grace writes, "when it was a dangerous virtue."

When Oliver came into power in England, he ordered that John, and many others, be thrown into the Tower for treason. Some of the imprisoned literary notables never returned. Author Mark Noble states, "John Cleveland was later released while others were left to rot." Did Oliver demonstrate this unexpected mercy for "old time's sake," because of another Cleveland in his past? Surely John did little to bring about his own release. Of Oliver he wrote, "This Cromwell should be a bird of prev, by his bloody beak, his nose is able to try a young eagle whether he be lawfully begotten, but all is not gold that glisters."

In August 1658 after his favorite daughter, Elizabeth, died of cancer, Oliver became ill with malaria and was taken to London to live in St. James's Palace. However, he died in Whitehall on September 3. His body was secretly interred in Westminster Abby on November 10, thirteen days before his state funeral. In 1661, after the restoration of King Charles II. Cromwell's embalmed remains were dug out of the tomb and hung up at Tyburn, where criminals were executed. His body was then buried beneath the gallows. But his head was stuck on a pole on top of Westminster Hall, where it supposedly remained until the end of the reign of Charles II [Encyclopedia Britannica].

Grace reminds us that there is enough circumstantial evidence to study the following group sheet information seriously:

Husband: Oliver WILLLIAMS alias CROMWELL

Occ: Planter and Brewer

Born: 25 Apr 1599, Huntingdon, Co. Cambridge, ENG

Note1: Mar 1628, enters House of Commons as MP for Huntingdon, 1643 made Gov. of Elv

Died: 3 Sep 1658, Whitehall, London,

ENG (skeletal head was found in 1960) Buried: 1660, the pit under Old Tyburn, ENG (junction of Connaught Place and Connaught Square, head was chopped off)

Ad Info: 16 Dec. 1653, London becomes Protector of ENG (May 1657 rejects offer of Kingship, June installed as Lord Protector).

Of Int: 1635, London was about to sail for VA with his cousin John Hampden but there were not allowed to leave. Father: Robert WILLIAMS alias

CROMWELL

Mother Elizabeth STEWARD

Elizabeth CLEVELAND (She was never married to Oliver Williams alias Cromwell)

Born: c1602, Normanton, County York, ENG [Church of the Latter Day Saints, County York Parish records] Of Int: Listed 1615 in Loughboro Parish, County Leicester, ENG Father. William CLEVELAND Other Marriage: c1635, James BRIDGAR Children: Alexander CLEVELAND

[Virkus' Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy and family tradition]

Occ: Gentleman

Born: C1620, probably Loughboro Parish, County Leicester, ENG
Married: c1645, probably Chickacoan
(later Northumberland Co. VA), to Lady
—?— AXMINSTER/ARMISTEAD [Virkus]
Died: c1700, probably Occupuan, Prince
William Co. VA

Immigrated: 1629 to VA from Loughboro Parish, Co. Leicester, ENG

Husband: Alexander CLEVELAND, b. c1620, son of Elizabeth CLEVELAND and Oliver WILLIAMS alia CROMWELL

Wife: Lady —?— AXMINSTER/

ARMISTEAD

Born: c 1625, probably London, ENG Died: c 1680 probably Occoquan, Prince page 16

William Co. VA

Children:

1) Roger CLEVELAND (believed to be a son of this couple)

Born: c 1650, probably Occoquan,

Prince William Co. VA

Married: c 1683, probably Gloucester Co. VA, to Dorcas —?- (second wife)

2) Alexander CLEVELAND II [Orange Co, VA Land Records: Alexander Cleveland (alone) deeds John Taylor, Nov. 22, 1752, 100 acres, part of a patent granted to Lawrence Franklyn for 400 acres, consld. 5 shillings; cross mark to Cleveland's name to deed. Same to same, Nov 23, 1752, 100 acres, part of patent to same party, consld. L1 2.108.] Born: 1659, probably Occoquan, Prince William Co. VA Married: c1694 probably

Northumberland Co. VA to Milley Presley (Alexander and Milley/Milly Presley Cleveland advanced the Southern Line of Clevelands, who migrated westward into primarily Southern states like Georgia, the Carolinas, Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas, etc. Alexander and Milley/Milly are fairly well accepted as "authentic." the controversy and questions lie with the father of the Alexander who married Milley/Mily Presley.)

Died: 1770 probably Blue Run, Orange

Co.VA

Buried: probably Blue Run, Orange Co. VA

Ad Info: 6 Feb 1764, Orange Co. VA bought 100 acres from Lawrence and Mary Franklin, part of 400 acres patented by Lawrence [DB 13,p.49]

Husband: Roger Cleveland Married 1st: unknown Married 2nd: c1683, probably Gloucester Co. VA, Dorcas —?— Children by 1st wife: John CLEVELAND, b. c 1675 [Ref: George a Martin, 1958] Children by 2nd wife: Elizabeth CLEVE-LAND, christened 31 Oct 1684 in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., VA [Ref: Parish Recoeds, 1678-1761, p.8]; and Alexander CLEVELAND, christened 31 July 1687 Abingdon Parish, married c 1711 Abingdon Parish to Mary —?-[Ref: Parish Records].

In her research Grace also located a group sheet with an Alexander Cleveland, born "about 1579" of St. Andrewthe-Great, Cambridge, England (no parents listed), married to Priscilla Cantrell (no parents listed) in 1604. "That," Grace says, "would make them perfect to be the parents of OUR Alexander Cleveland, b circa 1620, next county in Leicester.... For documentation it says....Names and relationships of direct-line family members or family representative or heir are listed in the original temple records; Film #447868 p 7663 Logan Temple." this information, submitted to LDS in 1993, may be downloaded from America Online. Please note that this Alexander is only a possibility open for further speculation and research. Nikki further states that she is deeply grateful to Grace Lee Smith Green, 92 Alpine Drive, Cisco, GA 30708, for her diligent research, her generosity in sharing her material, and her continu-

I received a letter from Tom Veale of Dublin, Ireland. He apologized for not letting us know that the list of Baptisms listed in issue 60 are from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church only; There is also a St. Mary's Church of Ireland (Anglican Communion in Yougal, whose records were not included. I also made a typo error the marriage of Ellen Coffey to Laurence Veil was 1853 (not 1852). These are Tom's great grand parents. He sent more for next issue.

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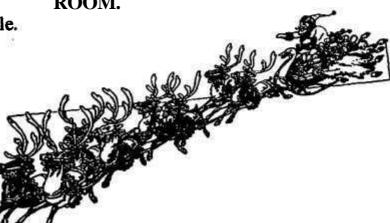
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WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN THE MARCH ISSUE

Gail has reserved the banquet space for Saturday night and is working on a city tour and genealogy workshop. She will let us know more about these arrangements in the March issue.

NEW FINDS

I received material too late to include it entirely in this newsletter, but Rod A. Coffey has collected some very interesting documentation for Ambrose Coffey b. 1759, Ireland and Ambrose Jr. I felt that it was too interesting to be edited severly enough to fit in this issue. It will be in the next issue.

Rod has asked for help from the Cousins in finding the family. Rod says: Elijah b. 1817 had a son Ezekiel b.1850 in Missouri who married Juley Mabley and had 5 sons. David b.1877, Walter b.1883, Murphy/Murray b.1886, Ezekiel b.1889 & Elijah L b.1891. Elijah also had a son, James B. b.1858 in Texas. Ambrose Sr. was supposedly the son of Wm. Coffee & Sarah Raliegh. Anyone have anything on this?

Elijah's twin, Ezekiel, never married, but who did his brother Reubin and sister

Irena marry?

Rod found a Reubin in 1850 thru 1880 Greenup Co., KY, married to an Emily__?, This Reubin is about the right age to be Elijah's older brother. Does anyone else claim him?

Rod found in the soundex 1900 Kansas, two boys named Coffey in a Soldiers Orphans Home and Rod would like to know if any of the cousins know anything about eather of them - Elmer G. b. 1893 and Bert b. 1895 in Oklahoma? Rod's address is: 1729 So. Downing St, Denver, CO 80210.