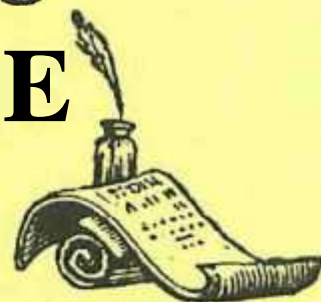




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

CALGARY! WOW! What a wonderful reunion Donna McDonald put together for us AND it was the largest turnout we have ever had - 81. About half were our Canadian Cousins and were mostly first timers. We also had a few first timers from the States - so, as usual, about half were first timers and half "old" timers.

Donna's plan really did come together beautifully and she arranged the weather fantastically! A nice bright sunny and clear warm day for the tour so we could see as far as our eyes would let us. Then Saturday when we were all inside telling stories and searching for ancestors, we had rain, hail and sleet — then overnight while we slept - snow! Can't beat that for full circle. We don't mind not having ice.

Now we look forward to May 1998 when we will meet in Springfield, OREGON. Ruth and Thurman Lanning will be putting it together for us. Should be a beautiful time of year to experience OREGON. Mark your calendars now and let's set a new record for the most people attending a reunion.

The train ran away down the track

sort of like it has for several years and you AGAIN have Jack Coffee as Secretary and me as President.

WESTWARD HO! ON TO OREGON!

Cousin Jeff

P. S. Kitti, she is still in Hospice Care and is doing as well as can be expected.

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Dear Cousins,

We wish to thank the McDonalds for a fantastic convention.

The Calgary Convention had the largest number in attendance (81) than we've ever had before. Donna & Lorissa McDonald (with the help of ALL of their family) did a super job. I wore my Coffey tee shirt with the family crest on the trip to Lake Louise. Those still in Calgary on Sunday were invited to an open house at J. R. & Donna McDonald's beautiful home, with tables loaded with tasty dishes. It was a great opportunity to get better acquainted with this very talented family. You should have seen the girls dancing the traditional Celtic dances, accompanied by a friend on his accordion.

Jeff Coffey has renamed J. R. He is *now* known as Junior (Jr.). Sorry, J. R. but you can now join my husband Jim. Jeff renamed him "Clyde". You know, for Bonnie & Clyde!

At convention, I asked the cousins to be sure to write to new cousin researchers and answer queries. We lose a few cousins every year and usually these are the ones who have not made contact with other cousins. Even if you only write to offer encouragement or a suggestion for their research. You could make some very good friends this way. (I have!)

The Coffey Convention Banquet was held on my birthday (age-old). Jim surprised me with a card good for the "new computer of my dreams". (I'm shopping!)

Now Ruth and Thurman Lanning ask you to start planning to attend the convention in May 1998 in Springfield, Oregon. This is the West Coast Cousins best chance to attend a convention on their side of the U.S. We hope all of those great Canadian Cousins will come back also.

Have a good summer and let me hear about your research.

Your cousin,
Bonnie Culley



Jim & I flew to Calgary

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NEW COUSINS

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NEW COUSINS

* Charles Howland was presented with a subscription to CCC by his brother Brad Howland both of Scottsboro, AL. They descend from Weightstill Avery Coffey. Brad has cleared up several mysteries that presented problems for the researchers of this line. I'm sure these same researchers will write to Charles and make him welcome.

* Paula Sandusky descends from Lewis M. Coffey. She says that she read with interest the article written by Fran Coffey regarding the Lewis M. Coffey descendants who traveled to Oregon in 1880s. Her grandfather Ernest Garfield Coffey was the first born son of James Norman Coffey and his wife Laura Hayes. Paula believes that Ernest was a few months old when the family left Iowa and headed west. Ernest Coffey married Ester Nelson and produced a number of children, one is Erna Louise Coffey who is Paula's mother. Paula produces a newsletter for this branch of the family. Sounds like Paula is doing a good job. Her address is 617 Cordelia Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687 and e-mail address: vernonls@com.net or vernonls@aol.com or sandusky-paula@sen.ca.gov

* Mildred (Brooks) LaSater descends from 1) Beatrice Jones & Leonard Brooks; 2) Ida Lilly Hill & Felix Jones;

3) Mary Elizabeth Coffey & Dave Hill; 4) William Coffey & Mary Elizabeth Kennedy; 5) Benjamin Coffey & Mary ?. She has a query in the Dead End Roads section.

* Jean Weathington descends as follows: 1) Edward & Ann (Powell) Coffey; 2) John & Jane (Graves) Coffey; 3) James & Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey; 4) John [1753-1825] & Mary(____) [1755-1825] Coffey; 5) Lewis [1777-1853] & Elizabeth (____) [1779-1853] Coffey; 6) Edmund A. [3 Mar.1810-28 Aug 1895] & Dianah H. (Bagby) Coffey; 7) Webster G. [20 Jan 1840-2 Feb 1911 & Louise E. (Tidmore) Coffey; 8) William Thomas Coffey[29 Dec 1869- 9 Oct 1957]; 9) Leao Thomas Coffey [7 Aug 1892- 19 Jan 1974]; 10) Marie Jean (Coffey) Weathington [b. 12 Nov 1928] and her child 11) Yolanda Marie (Weathington) Johnson, grandchildren, 12) January Marie and Dara Frances Johnson. She is looking for the families of 2 uncles who moved to Dallas Texas when she was young. They were John and Edmond Columbus Coffey and they were children of Webster and Louiza Coffey. If you can help Jean, her address is 215 Elliott Lane Rd., Gadsden, AL 35903.

* Sandra L. Schmidt, is the 3rd great-great-great grandchild of Mira (Coffey) and Haridman Sparkman. Her lineage

is from 1) Edward & Ann Coffey; 2) John & Jane (Graves) Coffey; 3) John & Dorcas (Carter) Coffey; 4) Meredith & Ester/Hester Coffey; 5) Hardiman & Mira (Coffey) Sparkman; 6) William & Margaret (Holder) Sparkman; 7) Leander & Sarah (Sparkman) Passons; 8) Earnest & Amanda (Passons) Taylor; 9) Paul & Margaret (Taylor) Nowak. Sandra has spent a lot of time in the Library at Salt Lake City. She says that she does not have a complete list of the children of John Coffey and Dorcas Carter/Nancy Richardson. If you can help her with this or add anything to Sandra's lineage, Sandra would like to hear from you. Her address is in the new cousins list.

* Betty K. Edgar is seeking information on Mary Coffee (1758-1843) and Chesley Coffee (1755-1818). They appear in different branches of Betty's family, but she suspects that they are related. She descends from Mary (Coffey) & John Gilbreath Sr. through their son James Gilbreath who married Elizabeth Baker. She also descends from Chesley Coffee and his wife Margaret Baldwin through their daughter Gracie Coffee who married Andrew Turnbow. If you can help Betty, write her at the address in the new cousins list.

Janice Autry is doing a great job of documenting her lineage but could use some help. Her lineage is as follows: Her parents are Joseph Walter Williams (28 Jun 1912 - 2 Nov 1982) & Nadine Elsie Dismukes (12 Feb 1912-19 Apr 1987); grandparents and parents of Joseph are - George Eli Williams (25 Mar 1890 - 28 May 1972) & Nora May Baldwin (25 Aug 1891 - 26 Feb 1974). George's parents are John Williams & Arminda "Minnie" Coffey (b. 11 Nov 1866 in Schuyler Co. MO -d. 11 Jun 1899, buried Hext Cemetery, Menard

Co., TX). Arminda's father is Benjamin Franklin Coffey, born 10 Mar 1843 in Schuyler Co. MO and died 18 July 1926 and is buried in Menard Co. Hext TX. His 1st wife's name is unknown but his second wife was L. E. whom he married 6 May 1919 Llano Co. TX. He served in the Confederate Army and applied for a pension. The MENARD MESSENGER contains an obituary of B. F. Coffey and says that he came to Texas in 1848 at the age of five. B. F. Coffey's parents are C. O. Coffey (b. 27 Oct 1796 & d. 23 Jan 1889 Menard Co. TX and is buried in Pioneer Rest Cemetery. He married Dianna Blansett b. 1814 and died 1902 buried in the Hext Cemetery Menard TX. Janice can verify three children. Benjamin Franklin, Arminda and Eliza Ann. If you can help Janice, she would appreciate hearing from you.



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OBITUARIES**HORACE MARCUS COFFEY**

Horace Marcus Coffey, 93 of Thorn Hill, TN died Monday, Feb. 17, 1997 at Morristown-Hamblen Hospital. He was the postmaster at Thorn Hill for 38 years before his retirement in 1973 and organized and helped finance the first permanent telephone system in Thorn Hill in 1938. He was preceded in death by brothers, Franklin, Carter Jackson, Gold Ballard, Jefferson Dice and James Everett, and sisters, Laura, Dulcena, Lou, Hattie Pearl and Lona. Surviving are a sister Myrtle Summers, and his daughter and son-in-law, Inez Marie & Stanley M. Koenke of South Carolina.

(Clipping from Lillian Harrell)

Dr. WARREN COFFEY, Ed. D.

Warren Chester Coffey, a resident of Elk Grove OR for the past 18 years, died at his home, Feb. 26, 1997. He was born Aug. 31, 1924 in Mc Minnville, OR. Mr. Coffey was a W.W. II veteran who flew the Hump from India to China. He was an educator who worked at state and federal levels. Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy Coffey of Elk Grove; his daughters, Mrs. Bill (Shirley) Land, Mrs. Steve (Sue) Stevens, all of Elk Grove; his son, Cliff Coffey of Scotts Valley; his sister, Frances Kaputof of Concord; 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

(Two Obit's from the EVANSVILLE COURIER from Warren Coomer)

BELLE COFFEY

Boonville, Ind. - Belle Coffey, 91 died at 8:22p.m. Sat. April 26, 1997 at

Huntingburg (Ind.) Convalescent Center. She was a member and former church pianist at Main St. General Baptist Church. Surviving are a daughter, Lucile Weyerbacher of Huntingburg; three grandchildren, Brenda, Debbie, and Ron Weyerbacher; and two great-grandsons. Her husband, Russell, died in 1995. She was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.

WILLIAM CALLIE COFFEY

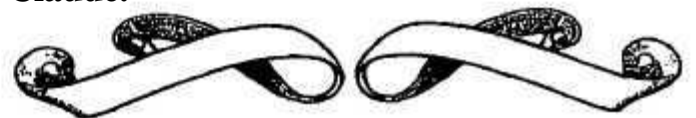
William Callie "Billie" Coffey, 97, of Newburgh died at 1:30p.m. Wed. May 14, 1997, at Regina Continuing Care Center. She was a member of Drakesboror (KY) Methodist Church. Surviving are two daughters, Rowena Travis of Evansville and Sybil Seller of Newburgh; a son, William Guy Satterfled of Evansville; a stepson, Donald Coffey of Yankeetown, Ind.; Her husband Cecil, died in 1980. She was buried in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

ELSIE MAE WILLARD COUCH

Elsie Mae Willard Couch, 90, Oak Grove, MO passed away May 9, 1997, at Oak Grove Health Care Center. She was the daughter of John Henry & Ida Mae (Hayes) Willard. She was buried at Mt. Tabor Cemetery near Odessa MO.

WILLIAM EUGENE COFFEY

(THE DENVER POST, 10, May 1997)
William "Bill" Eugene Coffey of Longmont, died Tuesday at home. He was 74. He was chief building inspector for the City of Greeley. He is survived by his wife Gerry, two daughters, Meghan and Amy; and a brother Claude.



**COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION 1997
CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA**

Calgary was everything that Donna McDonald promised it would be and more. The only problem is describing the convention in ONE page.

Friday: The bus trip to Lake Louise and it's glacier was fabulous! We rode a cable car (gondola) to the top of the mountain and ate lunch in a glassed dining room. Hot Springs, mountain goats & big horn sheep, waterfalls! Worth every penny! Even a Chinook wind kept us in short sleeve shirts & wind breakers.

Saturday: The cousins met, visited and helped each other with research. Donna sold tee shirts with the Coffee/ey family crest as a fund raiser to pay deposits for next year's convention. (Great idea!)

At the banquet, Donna and her family presented a "Murder Mystery" taken from the real "killing of Sheriff Coffey in Kansas" with awards for the best guess of who shot who. Lorissa McDonald gave lots of prizes - Reams Goodloe won the white cowboy hat (for good guys) and many of us got 'REAL CANADIAN' souvenirs - ROCK DUCKS. These were made of Canada rocks by Donna's father Ralph Coffey who's hobby is lapidary. and Jeremy Coffee son of Dale & Nola Coffee and grandson of Virgil & Iva won the afghan "Snow Flakes".

At election time, it was unanimous to keep the same officers, Jeff Coffey, President and Jack Coffee, Secretary. I reported that the Clearinghouse will stay the same size and price through 97 and asked for the cousins help by writing to new subscribers, to reinforce their importance as researchers of the Coffee/ey lines.

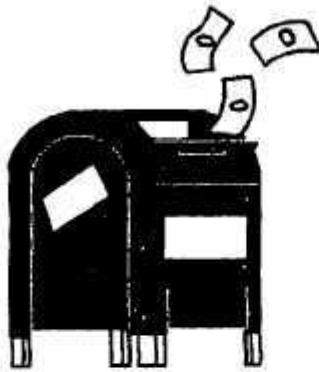
Betty Coffey, hostess of the first convention and secretary for many years was honored by a standing ovation.

Our most important decision was where to go next year. Ruth and Turman Lanning offered to host it in Springfield, OR and Dr. Marvin Coffey has agreed to be the guest speaker. The vote was - WESTWARD-HO! We're going to Oregon in 98.

Eighty one attended the convention with lots of 1st timers, people from 16 states, and several provinces. Attending were:

Arvid & Carol Andvaag, Charles & Betty Arnold, Bill & Gall Bachman, Jake Bates, Albert & Nancy Biggs, Harold Butz & Darlene Clark, Darren Christie, Dale & Nola Coffee & Krista & Jeremy, Ed & Phyllis Coffee, Jack & Nelda Coffee, Virgil & Iva Coffee, Annette Coffey, Bernard & Mildred Coffey, Dan & Dorothy Coffey, Douglas Coffey, Betty Coffey, James & Marguerite Coffey, Jeff Coffey, Ralph & Ina Coffey, Scofield & Gwen Coffey, Richard & Florence Coffey, William & Virginia Coffey, Paulette Coffey-Caraway, Jim & Bonnie Culley, Ralph & Margaret Davis, Michael & Dianne Davis & Tanner, Randy & Joanne Davis & Daniel, Maureen Donald, Kevin Donald, Reams & Virginia Goodloe, Kevin Hakl & Lucinda McDonald, Thurman & Ruth Lanning, Robert & Bennie Loftin, Dan Marushechka, Mitchell & Marie Marushechka, Pat Marushechka, Bob Marushechka & Donna Kowalchuck, J. R. & Donna McDonald, Ellen Mohr, Sean Norgard & Lee Ann McDonald, James & Loretta Okel, Keith & Lorrie Sinclair & Hilary, Graham Tait & Lorisa McDonald, Bill & Marguerite Yates Jobses.





MAIL BOX

HAPPY 90th Birthday to Marie Easton. She wrote that she has information that she wants to pass on, but she's quite busy with painters, taxes, etc for now. We hope she doesn't work too hard and catches up soon. We always look forward to her letters.

Betty Neimoyer wrote that she has had four months of chemotherapy and is doing well. She says, "You don't realize how much your hair is a part of you until you loose it" and I bet she's right. We're just glad that she's doing well and growing that hair back.

Myrtle Harwood says that her San Diego Genealogical Society is sponsoring a "search shop" on Sept. 13 & 14, 97. If you want to know more about it, call Myrtle at (619) 258-9007.

Elizabeth Chadwell wrote that with her move, she hopes that she still hears from others working the Jane Coffey Webb line. Her new address is in the New Address list

Jack Q. Williams wrote "I'll be out to see you 'al" and we plan to hold Jack and Willie to IT. We haven't seen them at a convention for quite a while now.

Mary Ann Hiesiger is going to miss the convention this year and we'll sure miss her. She is having some minor surgery. We wish her well and will look forward to seeing Mary Ann next year.

DEAD END ROADS

* Joan Wetzel needs help in her search for her grandmother's family from Philadelphia, PA. Her great grandfather was Richard H. Coffey who died 19 July 1910. Joan's address is P.O. Box 66, Spinnerstown, PA 18968 and e-mail: wetzel@enter.net

* Robert Turner heard of CCC from Jack Coffee and is trying to find members of his Coffee family. They are believed to have made it to Arkansas by way of Georgia or Alabama. Robert descends from William Coffee born in Alabama and Sarah (Sally) L. Fortune b. 1849 Dekalb Co. AL. Sarah was the daughter of William M. Fortune & Mary M. Coffee (b. 1821). William and Sarah (Fortune) Coffee were the parents of Julia Coffee, b. 4 Mar 1868, Alabama and d. 27 Nov. 1923 Memphis TN. She married Barto Bernard Bee Phillips in Coffee, AR. Barto Phillips was b. 24 Sep. 1861 S.C. and d. 15 Mar 1899 in Carlisle, Lonoke Co. AR. After his death Julia married a Mr. Vincent. Barto and Julia's children were: Effie Phillips, b. Jan 1885 AR, (m. Mike Cohen); Milton William, b. Jun 1886 AR; Floy, b. Apr 1888 AR; Dollie P. b. 2 Apr 1890 AR, d. 26 Dec 1975, (m. Lester Polk); Monroe, b. Dec 1891 AR, d. Miami FL; Forrest Oakely, b. 9 Aug 1894 Carlisle, Lonoke AR, d. 16 Sept 1972 Little Rock, AR, (m. Elizabeth Catherine Summer, 16 Oct 1916). If you can help Robert, his address is P.O. Box 789, Marianna, AR 72360

* Jo Ann Stanley is researching her husband's maternal gg-grandmother, Elizabeth C. Coffey born 16 Aug. 1836 in TN and was the daughter of David and Mary C. Coffey. David was born in Nov. 1805 in TN. Elizabeth Coffey married William C. Rainey in 1856 in

White Co. AR and died in **1894**. She is buried in Stoney Point Cemetery in White Co. **AR**. If you can **help** Jo Ann with this line, her address is 18546 **AR**, Hwy 5, Austin, AR 72007.

* Mildred B. LaSater says "Who is 'MY BENJAMIN?' **He was** born about 1793 in KY and was in Wayne Co. KY in **1820** & in Jackson Co. AL in **1830**. A William and Rutherford were with him in **Jackson Co. AL**. Mildred believes that he died the first part of 1859. Known children were James Andrew, William, Elizabeth, John, Benjamin, Jackson, Campbell, Lettia?, Martin and Cleveland. Benjamin's wife was Mary ?, she died in **1849**. The 1850 census says that he was a shoe maker. Mildred believes that her Benjamin is part of the Chesley Coffey line and probably a son of Martin. Does anyone have a list of Martin's children? Can anyone help Mildred with this family? Her address is **1007** Pleasant Grove Rd., Woodville, AL 35776.

Mildred also sent the following information on this family. The 1850 Census of Jackson Co. AL - #**119**, Dist. **21**

209-209	Coffee, William	21	AL
	Mary	21	AL

210-210	Coffee, Benjamin	57	KY
	(Boot & show maker)		
	Elizabeth	18	AL
	(daughter)		
	John	16	AL
	Benjamin	14	AL
	Jackson	11	AL
	Camel (Campbell)	9	AL
	Letitia	8	AL
	Martin	5	AL
	Cleveland	4/12	AL

211-211	Coffee, James A.	28	KY
	Elizabeth L.	21	TN
	James (L or J)	2	AL

In **1820** KY Benjamin Coffey was 26-45 and wife **16-18**, with 2 young sons. The lived near Rutherford, Martin & Marvil Coffey. (The ages seem to be the same as Mildred's Benjamin, but she says 26-45 **is** a big gap.

Benjamin appears in the 1830 census Jackson Co. **AL with** Rutherford next door.

1830 Jackson **Co. AL**

William Coffey #87 (Mildred ask who is he?)

1 male 5-10

1 male 30-40 1 female 20-30

Benjamin Coffey

1 male under 5 1 female under 5

1 male 50-10

1 male 15-20 1 female 15-20

1 male 30-40

(Mildred wonders about the oldest female being 15-20)

Rutherford Coffey

1 male under 5 1 female under 5

1 male 10-15

1 male 15-20 1 female 15-20

1 male 50-60 1 female 40-50

Children of Benjamin Coffey, Benjamin Jr., John, **Campell** (Camel), and James A. (James Andrew) were in the Civil War. John and James A. were killed and possibly Campbell was also. Mildred has lost Jackson after 1860. If you can help Mildred, her address is listed above.

* Timothy L. Coffey is starting to trace his family with the help of his sister, Allene Marie Wright. His father was Allen Pershing Coffey b. 18 Sept. 1918 in Kansas. He died in Whittier, CA on 3 Feb. **1973**. He was married to Dorothy Jean (Winters) in Los Angeles, CA in approximately 1940. Allen Pershing Coffey had a twin brother, Alvin F.

Coffey and two other brothers, Harding and Glenn. All 4 brothers were members of the Los Angeles Police Department in the 1950's & 1960's. Timothy's grandfather was Francis T. Coffey and was born in KY (unknown date) who married Nellie (Whitaker), born in IL Francis and Nellie moved to Los Angeles in 1927. If you can help Timothy with this family, his address is 6672 Vista Loma, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

* Beverly Hawthorne wants to know if anyone can help her with the the ancestors and descendants of Henry E. Coffey. He was born in New York and died in Alameda Co. California and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery Oakland CA. Beverly's address is 21875 Mel Mar Drive, Palo Cedro, CA 96073

* Marlene Bostrom is researching her 4xgrandparents Marvel & Rachel Coffey. She descends through their daughter Elizabeth Coffey b. Jan. 1820 in TN. She has documentation that their other children were: Lavina, Temperance, Irvin, William B., Squire, and Campbell. Elizabeth married William Petty in Gasconade Co., MO on Aug 13, 1840. Their children were William, Isaac, Samuel, Elizabeth, Jesse B., Asbery B., Mary and John. Isaac was Marlene's ggrandfather. He married Frances Estep in Taney Co., MO. If you can help Marlene, her address is 2611 Carpenter Rd. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Her email is MBost1931@aol.com

* JoAnn Coffee sends copies of the Confederate Military Record for W. Coffee/W. J. Coffee. He was a Private, Co. B, 12th Regt. Ala. Infantry. He has a hospital record from Chimborazo Hospital #2, Richmond VA He was wounded on 17 September 1862 and for "disease - V. S. Shoulder" and was furloughed Oct 8, 1862 for 40 days to P.O. Weogufka,

Ala. The medical records indicate that he had gangrene or blood poison. He was paroled at Headquarters Sixteenth Army Corps, Montgomery, Ala. (dated May 24, 1965) JoAnn thinks this is her Joel William Coffey of Sommerville, AL. He was a blacksmith by trade. She is still trying to find who his parents were. If you can help, her address is 304 Broadway, Coalgate, OK 74538.

* Carol Coffee writes that his grandfather, Joshua Coffee, was born in 1810 in Smith Co. TN and immigrated with the Coffee/Wooten Expedition to what is now Stanislaus Co., CA, near the present city of Modesto. At the same time (early 1850s) Joshua's two sons, including Carol's g.grandfather, Joshua David Coffee, conducted an immigrant group of Tennesseans down the Natchez Trace to far west Texas where descendants of the family still live. Carol is still trying to fill some blanks in the California branch of the tree. He is looking for descendants of Joshua Coffee and his brother Joel or their sons. Joshua's first wife, Delilah Conger died in 1846 in TN but Joshua later married Sarah Hill. There were four children born of that union, including two sons, William Floyd and Robert H., all of whom were born in Stanislaus Co. The only other thing known of Joshua and Sarah is that they are buried in the Citizens Cemetery, Modesto, CA Carol is also looking for another group who possibly moved into California. (I quote): "Toward the end and after the Civil War, one of our Texas Coffees, Charles Franklin Coffee, descended from Col. John Trousdale Coffee, conducted large drives of Texas cattle and horses up into western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming. Descendants of Charles Franklin Coffee founded several large ranches in those areas and many of his descendants are there

today, in and around Chadron, NB and on Hat Creek Ranch of eastern WY." It is known that still other descendants of Charles Franklin moved on west into California. Anyone who recognizes these lines should write to Dr. Carol Coffey Ph.D., 2028 Bingle Rd., Houston, TX 77055-1453.

* Rev. Sam Coffey, 2321 W. College St., Junction, TX 76849, is looking for information on his grandfather, Charles Lenius Coffey born in TN. Sam Washington Coffey was born in Arkansas.

* Shawn Miller's gggg Grandmother is Susannah Coffey b. abt 1767 in SC, married to James McCoy Criag.. Susannah's father is John Coffey. Shawn would like to hear from anyone working on this line and Shawn's address is 35 Glenmoor Drive, Englewood, CO 80110.

* Gayle Carson is still looking for clues on her Daniel Coffey family. She says that her g.grandfather Daniel Coffey was listed in Allegan Co. MI along with his wife Mary and six children, Catherine, John, Daniel Jr., Robert and Eugene. Gayle's g.g.grandmother was also in the census in Kent Co. MI (Grand Rapids), Mary B. Coffey and she was residing with a son-in-law Joseph Kirkbridge.

Gayle says that her new information for this family is the burial place for several members in St. Andrews Cemetery in Grand Rapids, MI. Mary Bridget and Daniel Coffey came to this country in 1865 and were married in 1865. It's not know if they married in Ireland or America. Their first two children were born in Philadelphia, PA. If you have any suggestions on getting Gayle's research back to Ireland, write to her at 6207 E 26th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114.

* C. L Moore is researching the family of Martha Coffey and Joshua Stepp and would like to correspond with others working on this line. C. L.'s address is 220 Deana Lane, Blacksburg, SC 29702-9774.

* Dorothy L. England, 1039 Landon Lane, Arnold, MD 21012, is working on the Chesley Coffey line. She was told about CCC by Wayne Coffey of Albermarle, VA. Thanks Wayne.



* Scot W. Northrup, 1186 Oakland Ave., Columbus, OH 43212-2215 is hoping to find some distant cousins. He is looking for the descendants of George and Delia (Northrup) Coffey. It is rumored that the daughters have the Northrup family Bible. Scot is in need of the bible to connect some siblings and their parents.

George Elliot Coffey was born 31 May 1881 in Marion Cty, OH and married about 1904 in the same city to Delia E. Northrup. George's parents are listed as George & Anna (Elliot) Coffey. George and Delia had 5 children: Minnie Lucile, b. 24 Oct 1908, Opal, b. abt 1910, Wilfred b. abt 1914, Mary D. b. abt 1916 and Edgar E b. abt 1920.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Jack Coffee has a **COFFEE/Y PAGE** on the Internet at the following URL:
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6233/index.html>

Make sure that uppercase and lowercase are maintained. It is what his server requires.

His personal email address is jcoffee@ix.netcom.com

Nelda Coffee (Jack's wife) is NELDAL@worldnetatt.net Jack says that the upper or lower case is unimportant in their addresses, but he wants you to note the 'L' in Nelda's address. He gets lots of Coffee/y contact via the internet and sends them to us. We owe him a very big 'THANK YOU'.

* Coline Coffey sent a copy of Anna (Boone) Coffey's application for bounty land for William Coffey's War of 1812 Service. It gives a record of their marriage, 18 Oct. 1804 in Burke Co. NC and lists William's death date as 21 or 22 May 1839 Mulberry, NC. It was filed in Caldwell Co. NC on the 23rd of May 1856 and verifies that her maiden name was Anna Boone. Coline says that she is no closer to finding Benjamin & Polly (Hayes) Coffey's children than when she started. If you can help her, her address is 2195 Mulberry Creek Rd., Lenoir, NC 28645-9013.

*Daraleen Wade writes that she doesn't think that Mahala Coffey, who married James Coffey, is the daughter of Fielding and Celia (Coffey) Coffey. It doesn't appear that Mahala, their daughter, ever married. For one thing, she was named the guardian of her three youngest siblings (see Russell Co. KY Court Orders, V2, pg392) and in those days it was pretty unusual for a married woman to be named guardian, even of their own children - especially

if she had remarried. Also, Mahala, Fielding's daughter, is pretty consistently found in the census records with her siblings, several of whom apparently never married. Daraleen says that she suspects that Mahala, the wife of James Coffey, was probably a Coffey, too, but she has no idea which of the several Coffey families she belongs to. "What a tangled web this family wove!" If you want to write to Daraleen on this subject, her address is 4305 Toni Ave., N.Salem, OR 97303

*From the book "Gone Home" a directory of the deceased and items of history of Holt Co., MO. 1837-1981, by Eileen Derr. page 73

OLD MOUND CITY CEMETERY

Mary - b. & d. Apr 17, 1883 aged 11 hrs. dau. P.J. & L.H. Coffee
Jeffie May - Feb. 2, 1885 - Mar 22, 1885, dau P.J. & L.H. Coffee

* Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot was recently recognized in the **SUNDAY RECORD** of Monroe, NY for her work in preserving the Coffey/ Galloway Cemetery. She researched the occupants of the graves and found the John Coffey family. Her book "Ye Olde Coffey Grounds" area a result of this research and is still available for \$10.95 plus tax and postage. Write her at 150 Johnstown Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974.

* Myrtle Harwood gave us the following from the Tennessee Genealogical Magazine:

STRONGCOFFEY

From the Pulaski Citizen, Giles Co., TN - Reprinted in the Memphis Weekly Public Ledger, Memphis 20 Feb. 1888. "The Coffey family of Maurey County appear to have honored their father and their mother with amazing reverence, judging from the following facts which reveal their remarkable life tenure:

They were born in South Carolina and came to Tennessee in 1817 very poor and scarcely able to buy lands as cheap as they were, settling near Campbell's Station in Maury County.

-Mrs. Caskey, the sister, lived long in Giles County, but now is in Texas and in her 88th year.

- William Coffey in his 86th year,
- H. Wiley Coffey in his 84th year, and
- S. W. Coffey in his 82nd year are as spry and active as many at 60.

These four constitute an entire family, unbroken by the ruthless hand of death, and we doubt not this case is without parallel. They were all born in the months of September and October, notwithstanding it is said that persons born between September and March attain greater age. They are all Democrats and never voted any other ticket."

RICH COFFEY

We're getting the Rich Coffey lineage straightened out with the help of Johnnye Brown, Marie Davee, Virgil Coffee and Gene Brewington. Johnnye sent a copy of the marriage record of Rich and Sarah Greathouse, married in Chattooga Co. GA 5 Oct. 1848. I spent a day in the Missouri Historical Society library, (part of the University of Mo. Library) in Columbia MO. I did find Richard Coffey in Chattooga Co. GA, 5 Sept. 1850 in the Summerville Dist. page 364. (Federal Census) Rich was 28, a farmer and born in GA. Sarah A was 28, also born in GA. Infant (assumed to be Elizabeth P.) was 1/12 years old and born in GA. In the same county, same district and on page 358 are his parents. William B. Coffey, listed as 50 years old, born in South Carolina. He was a farmer with value of real estate owned as 1600. His wife is Delia age 45, also born in South Carolina. Children listed were Jane 21, John 18 and Thursa M. 16 all born in GA. Then in the same household is Elizabeth Beddo

24 and her sons James A. 8 and William A. 5 born in GA

1 hand copied the 1840 Chatham County GA Census.

William Coffey:

Males

1 - 5 to 10 (John would have been 8)
1 - 15 to 20 (Rich would have been 18)
1 - 30 to 40 (this is William age 40)

Females:

2 - 5 to 10 (If before her birthday, Jane would have been 10 and Thursa was 6)
1 - 10 to 15 (this is 14 year old Elizabeth who married the Beddo)
1 - 30 to 40 (Delilah or nickname Delia)

In one of the Coffee/ey books : **THREE COFFEES FROM TEXAS, RICH, HOLLAND & JOHN TROUSDALE** by Gene Brewington on page 109 says that William Coffee is on the 1840 U.S. Census of Chattooga Co., Georgia. (I found this record with the spelling of Coffey.) The book goes on to say, "the land records show William selling 320 acres for \$1600.00 in 1851. This was evidently about the time the Coffey family moved to Texas, because in 1860 they appear in the Parker Co. Texas Census. They are the only Coffee family in Parker County. (I tried to get this census, but my library had the roll of microfilm out on Library Loan.) The book 'THREE COFFEES FROM TEXAS' says that the Coffee household in 1860 consists of William Coffee, age 60 and his wife D. Coffee, aged 53, and J. Coffee age 25. The book also says that in 1860 Richard Coffee and his family are shown in Brown County Texas which is not far from Parker Co. It also lists a proof of Elizabeth Bedoe and Rich being siblings was that Fog Coffey in a later printed story calls the Bedoe boys "cousins".

We also know that James & Delilah (Ferguson) Coffey never left North Carolina. James died at his son, Marvel

Coffey's home and they are buried in the Hull Hill Cemetery, Wilkes Co. NC. Therefore they could not be the parents of Rich Coffey born in GA. Marie Davee says that the 1870 Colman Co. TX census lists: Richard Coffey a white male, 47 years old - his profession was raising cattle. His wife Sarah was 40, keeping house. John, William & Bell were 15, 13, & 11. Richard (Fogg) was 6. Margaret married to James Bedoe was 23 and keeping house. Marie says that she remembers seeing her great grandpa, John and his brothers Bill and Fogg(Richard). Now if only we can find parents for William B. born c. 1800 in South Carolina! If you can help, write YE. ED., Johnnye Brown, P.O. Box 272, Harper, TX 78631, Marie Davee, 402 N. 12th St. Junction, TX 76849.

MORE RICH COFFEY

Were we pleasantly surprised when we received a large packet of material from Spencer Coffey on the Rich Coffey connection. He reminded us that Jo Ann Hatch and Don Gann have inquired about this family in the past and we have ran queries in CCC in 9/91; 12/93; 9/96 and 3/97. Spencer says that if we should determine that William B. Coffey is Rich's father, rather than James and Delilia Ferguson Coffey, than this family fits into his family tree. I quote:

Sometime around the late 1870's, my grandfather, Robert "Bob" Exum Coffey (1858-1939) left his home in the Ozark Mountains of Boone Co., Arkansas and traveled to Texas, where he stayed for some time with his relatives, Rich and Sallie Coffey. The reason for grandfather's trip remains a mystery, but there was a hint that Bob Coffey had got himself into a jam in Arkansas and had gone to Texas to let the incident "cool off" for a while.

In later years Bob Coffey told his own

children stories about his stay in Texas with Rich and Sallie, of Rich's problems with the Indians, of John Coffey's bloody and bullet-shredded shirt, about Fogg Coffey, etc. Some of these tales I later heard on separate occasions from my father Carl (b. 1904) and my Aunt Delia (b. 1895). That there was a very close family connection between Bob Coffey and Rich Coffey, there seems little doubt. My father seemed to consider them closely related cousins. Aunt Delia on the other hand thought the relationship to be closer. In 1978 Delia typed her memoirs and wrote that her father, Bob Coffey "...had bros. David, Rich and Fog in Texas...." Partly true; David - yes, but Bob Coffey and Rich Coffey were NOT brothers, and Fog was Rich's son. Nevertheless, her assumption, wrong though it was, serves to reinforce the idea that my family considered the relationship between Rich and Bob to be a very close blood connection.

The challenge (?) to James Coffey being Rich's father first came to my attention in CCC 9/91, followed by the 3/97 issue, which gave the names William B. and Delilah (Trentham) Coffey. Now, if we remove James from Rich's ancestral line and insert William, there is an immediate connection between Rich Coffey and my grandfather, Bob Coffey. William B. of GA/TX, becomes the "missing" William of TN, son of John (1773-1843) and Margaret (Baskin) Coffey.

a) William of TN was named 2nd in sequence of children of John and Margaret. It is known that David P., the 4th in sequence, was born in 1805. It would appear then, that William B. of GA/TX was also born in 1800.

b) John & Margaret, parents of William of TN, were earlier from SC. According to census records, so was William B. of GA/TX.

c) Rich, son of William B. of GA/TX, & Bob, son of Col. J. N., were obviously closely related by blood, based on the stories told me by my Dad & Aunt Delia. This theory would connect them as "first cousins", both grandsons of John & Margaret

d) Col. J. N. named one of his sons William B.; was he named for the Col.'s brother, William of TN, perhaps identical with William B. of GA/TX?

Spencer continues to say that if Rich's descendants really do have some doubts about his previous lineage but don't yet have a better theory, maybe this one would suggest new avenues of research in ironing out the "James vs. William B." issue.

Spencer Coffey's address is 8220 S. Russell Rd., Oak Grove, MO 64075.

COL. J. N. COFFEY

The following was sent by Spencer Coffey and is an extract from OF THE OZARKREGION.

This worthy old pioneer deserves the most honorable mention within the pages of this volume, for he has ever been a representative of the honorable, industrious and law-abiding class, and has done his full share in helping to make Arkansas one of the most favored States in the Union. He was born in Lincoln Co., Tenn., April 15, 1819, a son of John and Margaret (Boskin) Coffey, both of whom were born in South Carolina, the birth of the former occurring in Lancaster District. It is supposed that three brothers of the Coffey family came from Ireland and settled in this country prior to the Revolution, and it is a family tradition that John Coffey, the paternal grandfather, was a member of the Colonial Army and took part in that struggle. John Coffey, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a participant in the Florida War, was an early settler of

Williamson Co., Tenn., afterward of Lincoln Co., and later removed to West Tenn., dying in Fayette Co., in 1843, at the age of seventy years. After his death his widow removed to Woodruff Co., Ark., in 1848. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and throughout a well spent life he followed the occupation of farming. Their children are as follows; Elizabeth, William, Hugh, David P., James, Jonathan N., Jane, Susan, Isabel and Margaret, and one who died young. The subject of this sketch is the only one of the family that is now living. He made his home with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, grew up on a farm and received such education as the primitive schools of his day afforded. He was married in Tenn. to Miss Parmella Cloyd, a daughter of John Cloyd, who died in Tenn. After his marriage he moved to Arkansas and settled in Woodruff Co., where he made his home until 1850. He then spent six years in White Co., Twelve years in Newton Co., and then moved to the farm where he now lived, containing 100 acres, three miles southeast of Harrison on Springfield road. When he first came to the State he entered some Government land at \$1.25 per acre. He had been successful from a business standpoint, was engaged for some time in the tannery business in Newton Co., but has always followed the occupation of farming. He was elected to represent Boone Co., in the State Legislature in 1874-5 and has always been active in the support of the men and measures of the Democrat party, with the exception of the time that he was an Old Line Wig in an early day. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is an elder in same, is active in all church and school work and all moral measures are heartily and substantially supported by him. By his first wife he became the father of the following

children: John, Tandy, William B., David, Spencer and R. F., Cofey and after the death of his wife in 1863, he in 1864 wedded Elizabeth McPherson, to Whom six children were given, three of whom are living: Oscar, Garland and Leno I. In 1879 the second wife was called to that bourne whence no traveler returns and for his third wife he espoused Mrs. M. A. Wynns a native of North Carolina and a daughter of William and Anna (Spencer) McCarver, both of whom are dead. The present Mrs. Coffey came to this county from Texas in 1865 with her first husband, Joseph Wynns, who died in Boone Co., in 1867. They had four children: Bird, R. B., Fannie A. and J. C. all residents of this county.

THE COFFEE - COFFEY SCRAP-BOOK

by Gene Brewington page 5

(From: The Peters Colony of Texas, by Texas State Historical Association, 1959; copied 1971, at Okla. Hist. Soc.)

Eli Coffee came as a single man prior to July 1, 1848. He was issued Fannin Third Class Certificate No. 1571 for 320 acres, which he sold unlocated and which was later patented in Grayson County. He was Illiterate.

Hiram Coffee migrated to the colony as a family man prior to July 1, 1848. He received a certificate from Thomas William Ward, and his heirs patented 640 acres in Cooke County (Fannin Third Class No. 1315). He was listed on the 1850 census (Grayson County, family no. 206) as a 50 year old farmer, with four children. Born in

Tennessee, he came to Texas from Indiana.

James S. Coffee migrated to the colony as a family man prior to July 1, 1848. He was issued Fannin Third Class Certificate NO. 588 for 640 acres, which he sold unlocated and which was later patented in Grayson County. He is listed on the 1850 census (Grayson County, family No. 251) as a 27 year old farmer, with three children. Born in Indiana, he migrated to Missouri, then to Cherokee Nation, then to Texas.

Washington Coffee migrated to the colony as a single man prior to July 1, 1848. He was issued a land certificate by Thomas William Ward in 1850, which was sold unlocated and was later patented in Grayson County (Fannin Third Class No. 1345).

He is listed on the census of 1850 (Grayson County, family No. 206) as a 21 year old laborer, born in Indiana.

William Coffey was issued a certificate for 640 acres by the county court of Cooke County in 1853 which he patented in Parker County (160 acres, Robertson Third Class No. 4325; 63.7 acres, Robertson Third Class No. 3762). Since the remainder of the

certificate was never patented and since the claim was disapproved in 1857, it is doubtful that Coffey was a bona fide colonist.

(Could the last one have been William B. Coffey? He sold his land in 1851 in Georgia and is assumed to have moved to Texas at this time.)



JESSE S. COFFEY

Little is known about this Jesse (one of many Jesses) some sources say that he died young and some say he never married. According to census and marriage records, these claims are in error.

The Jesse S. Coffey of this line was born 19 July 1799 in N. C. The most probable parents of Jesse are Thomas Coffey and his second wife Sara (Sally) Fields. Thomas Coffey was born in 1742 in Essex Co. VA and died 1825 in Wilkes Co., NC.

Thomas and Sara Coffey did have a son Jesse, but no Jesse was mentioned in the will of Thomas Coffey. For this reason some feel that Jesse died single before 1825 or left the area and never was heard from again, or that Thomas Coffey gave Jesse his inheritance before he moved from Wilkes Co. N.C. to Georgia.

Jesse Coffey did marry Winnefred Crumpton, 22 Dec. 1821 in Wilkes Co. N.C. A Larkin Coffey was one of the bondsmen. Thomas Coffey had a son, Larkin that would have been a younger brother of Jesse but old enough to be a bondsman. Also, Jesse's first son was named Thomas (which was a custom for a man to name his first son after his father.) Another custom was to name children the same as his father's children. Thomas Coffey had sons with similar names to the sons of Jesse Coffey.

Jesse S. Coffey is buried in the Long Swamp Cemetery, in Marble Hill, Pickens Co. GA. His tombstone indicates that he was born 19 July 1799 and died 18 Oct 1858.

Jesse Coffey and Winnefred Crumpton (or Compton) were married in Wilkes Co. N.C. 22 Dec. 1821., both Jesse and Winnefred were born in N.C.

Winnefred Crumpton was born 20 Nov. 1801 and died 11 Nov. 1863. She

is buried beside Jesse in Long Swamp Church Cemetery. Her parents were Jane and Hezekiah Crumpton.

Hezekiah died after 1818 in Wilkes Co. N.C. and Jane Crumpton still lived in 1853. (In May 1853 she withdrew her letter from the old Suawnee Baptist Church, Gwinnett Co).

The Jesse Coffey family was in GA by 1824 therefore this probably could be another clue that Thomas Coffey who died in 1825 gave his son Jesse his inheritance before he died and before Jesse moved from N.C. to GA

The 1830 Federal Census shows Jesse Coffey family in Gwinnett Co. GA. In the 1832 Cherokee land lottery, Jesse S. Coffey, Lewis and Edmond Coffey all were awarded 160 acres of land.

Jesse Coffey and family were listed in Forsyth Co. GA's 1832 Census. He was listed as a member of the Petit Jury of Forsyth Co. several times.

The 1860 Pickens Co. GA Federal Census list Jesse's wife Winnefred living with her son, John Gordon Coffey and his wife Mary. (Jesse died in 1858)

Rev. Willie W. Coffey of Alabama gave further info on Jesse S. Coffey and his marriage. He states Jesse's wife's name as Winnefred Crumpton Broom and it was assumed she was a widow. Joan Hudgins also gave similar info, stating the name either Crumpton Broom or Broom Crumpton however, the marriage record only gave Winnefred Crumpton. (Marriage Record, grooms List Film #8 county 104. Wilkes Co. N.C. read by Mary Coffey, at the Dallas Library, Dallas, TX. July 16, 1981)

The above information was gathered from several researchers by J. C. and Mary Coffey. Others were Lucille Seaman Coffey, James Coffey Jr., Marvis Dilbeck, W. W. Coffey & Joan Hudgins.



*Mary Bush says that it's taken her a while to get "around to it" but she has an answer for Rod Coffey's question in Issue 62, March 1996 on page 13. Rod asks if any cousins know anything about Elmer G. b 1893 and Bert Coffey b. 1895. Mary has located them on a soundex of the 1900 census (Kansas) living in the Soldiers Orphan's Home. She is fairly certain that these are two of the 8 or 9 children born to Tatum Parthemer and Francis Artimisha (Brown) Coffey. The oral family history states that when Arti died, Tate could not deal with it. He "farmed out" the children and left for Colorado. Tatum was the son of Isaac Vance and Catherine (Parthemer) Coffey who are noted in the March 1984 issue of Coffey Cousins. Mary is fairly certain of the connection because the Administrative Judge with access to these records has not answered several letters. Mary's husband is believed to be a son of Bert Coffey. Mary's address is 200 N. Roop St., Susanville, CA 96130 or maryb@psln.com