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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

As this year comes to an end we can look back and reflect on what it has been for us. The latter part of this year has not been too kind to our ranks and it makes it a little difficult for me to look back farther and be grateful for what we have had.

We have lost three of our long time supporters and attendees at the annual gatherings——Kitti Coffey (my wife) died in August, Bernie Coffey (another Texan) died in Sept. and Iva Coffee (Virgil's wife) in Oct——On behalf of all these families as well as myself, I thank you for all the cards, letters and phone calls expressing your sympathies and support. Our days now are not to feel sorry for ourselves, though we feel the loss deeply, but to celebrate that we had all those good years together and remember the good times and build on those. We were blessed to have had many years together and I certainly am a better person because of Kitti being in my life.

We did have a great reunion in Calgary. Donna and JR did a truly outstanding job of making it all come together——and to the tune of the largest gathering we have had since Tulsa !!!!!!!

Now, look forward to OREGON and another good gathering. This will be our first on the West Coast. Get the word out and when you get the info about the hotel, banquet, etc. get your reservations in WITH YOUR MONEY. Ruth and Thurman have been working hard on getting it all set up and I am sure we will have another good reunion. Plan now——late May, 1998.

Also, think Iowa in 1999 !! AND NOW WE NEED INVITATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2000 !!!!!!! Start looking at having

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us to your part of the country and make that invitation known at our May 1998 meeting. So many conventions and gatherings are being planned over a year ahead that we are finding it difficult to get accommodations working just one year ahead. SO- we will be looking forward to your offers !!!!!!!

For all - I wish you a very happy Holiday Season. Let us not forget that we should be celebrating another life that was sent to us that we might have some patterns and directions that our lives might be more fulfilled. I pray yours will be.

Cousin Jeff



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Dear Cousins,

I'm a little late with this newsletter, with good cause. Our youngest daughter, Carol Workman had a beautiful little girl (Emily Gene) last Sunday. We kept her three year old Dean.

I do need to tell you that it's subscription renewal time again for those who haven't already paid for 98 and there are a few who have already paid. Your support and all of the letters and documents that you send to share is wonderful. I'm sure that no other family newsletter is as blessed as we are. The Coffey and Coffee families are happy, generous people.

I have enjoyed receiving letters by email but I sure could use a good class on the internet thing. I did move the email letters to the paper, but had a hard time with the formatting. There has to be an easier way than I used. At least I have 3 months more to learn.

Jim and I can hardly wait for the 98 convention. We have never been to Oregon. Our son Joe is trying to get off work so he can go too. I have made my reservations. HAVE YOU?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from your cousins,
Bonnie & Jim Culley



NEW COUSINS

Janie Cattoor, P.O. Box 261, Nine Falls, WA 99026-0261
 Ralph D. Coffey, 300 23rd St. E, Prince Albert
 SK S6V 1P7 Canada

Jack D. Smith 53569 Lane St., Elkhart, IN 46514
 Brunetta Stewart, 505 Powell, Pampa, TX 79065

David C. Coffey, 1507 State Rt.#28, Loveland OH 45140

Ancestor

Oliver Hill

Benjamin

NEW COUSINS

*Janie Cattoor is researching the Coffey line from Oklahoma for her children. I'm sure she will send us more information by the next issue. Her address is in the new cousins list.

*Brunetta Coffey Stewart is the sister of Roy E. Coffey. They descend from Benjamin Coffey son of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey. They are 2nd cousins to Bennie Loftin, therefore having similar lineage to **her's**. Brunetta's address is in the new cousins list.

*Ralph DeVere Coffey descends from Oliver Hill Coffey. Ralph is the father of Donna McDonald, our hostess for the 97 Coffey Convention in Calgary Canada. We had the opportunity to meet Ralph and his wife **Ina** and are very glad that they have decided to join the active Coffey researchers. (Ed. Note - I had the opportunity to look at the material that **Ralph's** mother had saved and that Ina had sorted and made usable for their family history. We would all love to have a collection like that.)

MAIL BOX

*Lois Bertram requested CCC for the Menard Genealogical Society and said that she has received information on her Benjamin Franklin Coffey from Janice Autry. Lois says about Janice, "She says that she hasn't been working on the Coffeys too long, but she has

certainly found a wealth of information for which I am **greatful.**"

*Donna McDonald sent the following email: The wedding went well. Lorisa was beautiful of course and the kilts and bagpipes added a lot of interest to things. The new Scottish relatives stayed with us for a week after the wedding and we toured them around Alberta. They were fun and easy to have visit.

J.R. and I have just returned from a week-end in Prince Albert. Mom had a 88th birthday party for my dad (Ralph DeVere Coffey). We saw my sisters and their families too, of course, so it was a big time. (Ye.Ed. We send our belated Happy 88th Birthday too!)

*Bob and Ellen Wagner have just returned from a trip down the Natchez Trace Parkway and crossed the John Coffee Memorial Bridge over the Tennessee River. Had a nice chat with the ranger at the nearby visitors center. He talked about the fact that John was much smarter than Andrew Jackson, and Jackson depended heavily upon him.

*Sue (Howard) Wiikerson says that my name was given to her by Jeff COFFEY here in San Antonio. Now & then, she is contacted by COFFEE/COFFEY researchers because one of her HOWARD women, Priscilla HOWARD, married William Fine COFFEY 24 Dec 1850 in Maury Co., TN. She will put those who contact her in contact with us.
waltw@electrotex.com

OBITUARIES**IVA F.
COFFEE**

Iva Coffee, a long time resident of McIntosh passed away on Saturday, October 18, 1997. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Virgil O. Coffee and her children: daughters, Iva F. Barclay, Barbara J. Gonzales and Patricia L. Britt; sons, Virgil O. Coffee, Edwin R. Coffee and Dale S. Coffee. She leaves 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Oct. 22nd at the Estancia Church of Christ, where she was a member.

Iva, with her husband Virgil Coffee attended nearly all of the Coffey Conventions and was loved by all.

**BERNARD M.
COFFEY**

Bernard M. (Bernie) Coffey born March 18, 1915 and left his wonderful life on Sept 23, 1997. Survived by loving wife of 41 plus years, Mildred (Millie) Coffey and son and daughter-in-law, Wesley J and Cathy Coffey of Garland, TX. Preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert Joseph Coffey. A native Dallasite, he was the son of Bernard James and Margarita Agramonte Coffey of New York state. Originally on their way to California, they came to the area and settled in Cockrell Hill where Bernie was born. He attended Cockrell Hill School, Sunset High School, Terrill Preparatory and

Junior College and NTAC in Arlington. Bernie had an obituary in the Dallas Morning News that extended nearly the full length of the paper's page, which highlighted: 38 years with Dallas Railways; a chest full of World War II medals and ribbons; organized Coffey's Coffe of Square & Round Dance; 70 years with the Boy Scouts of America; and many other organizations.

We will miss him for his strong support of Coffey Cousins, promoting it at every opportunity. He and Millie attended almost all of the Coffey Conventions from the time they became members. We will especially miss his cheerful nature and big smile.

(Partially extracted from "The Dallas Morning News", Tues, Oct.2)

BOOK SHELF

Bill Coffey who founded in 1984 "The Irish Link, the Irish Family History Magazine Australia and New Zealand" which still has a very wide circulation in Australia, New Zealand and is read in every one of the 32 county libraries in Ireland has written his autobiography, "the Chaplain's War" by Bill Coffey. 'I am pure Irish, I haven't a drop of English, Scottish, Welsh or Continental blood in my body'.

The book consists of 370 pages and the Australian National Book Council said in it's assessment of the book "This is a fascinating manuscript;. Extraordinary events, tragedies, Irish parishes, Irish diaspora " etc. To purchase this book, send \$30 check to Bill Coffey, PO Box 135, South Melbourne 3205 Australia. This can be done as he has an account with the Bank of America, Los Angeles. The book will be sent to your address in an Australia Post, Postpak, having on it beautiful Australian airmail stamps. (Ed. Note - I couldn't put it down. Now Jim is reading it. Great book.)

DEAD END ROADS

* Judy Dye, 19305 S.E.243rd Place, Kent WA, is searching for any data regarding Lizzie Coffey / Coffee, who married Jordan Cook. She only knows of two children belonging to this couple: 1) Zula Cook Shelton and 2) William Claude Cook (1892 - 1960; married Mary Bessie Egbert

*Reams Goodloe sends the following: Joshua M.Coffee b.1789 Sep, 27, in or went to Smith County TN d.1842 Oct. 3, in McMinnville TN buried McMinnville grave yard. m. Jane Trousdale, daughter or niece of Gov. Trousdale, found on p.145 "TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS AND MONUMENTS" by Acklen and in "SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND JANE GRAVES." Marvin D. Coffey says that Joshua is of Peter Coffey descent, son of William and grandson of Peter, and that he had brothers Abner, David and Pleasant B. Since this is not our line we will summarize the information we have on this family here. Among Aunt Harriet's (HHR) papers were extracts from Warren County Records, showing that Joshua M. Coffee died intestate and insolvent, and William Black was the Administrator. Nov. 1842. p. 5 OF BOOK 1827-44. A settlement was made with Stockard W. Coffee for costs in the Guardianship of Silas Dean ??? in amount of \$34.88 p.608. "Money for the use and support of Mrs. JANE COFFEE Widow of the late J. M. COFFEE by the undersigned commissioners (P. H. Marbury, and William White, 15 DEC 1842) p. 608. \$ amount not in extract. A handwritten note in the HHR papers shows that a Mrs. Hendricks of Dowlstown, TN (DeKalb Co.) was Martha Coffee, daughter of William Coffee who had brothers Stockard, Joshua and Joel. The same note says that Martha Coffee Hendrick's father lived and died at **Bowlens** Branch near Gordonsville (no

state given, but there is a Gordonsville in Smith County, TN) and that she had siblings, William, David, Nancy, Elizabeth, Jane and Fannie. Another handwritten note says "My great grandfather was Joshua M. Coffee and my grandmother was Nancy S. Coffee married Dr. Chas. T. New. Apparent signature, Maude Frank, Woodbury, TN" - neither note is dated. Was the Stockard Coffee 1842 in McMinnville the grandson or great grandson of Peter? Was the David Coffee in the 1820 census of Smith County, TN Joshua M.'s brother? or son? **Reams'** address is P.O. Box 942, Ormond Beach, FL 32175 & email 102751.3473@compuserve.com

* Paula P. Kelley of 340 Sumter Dr., Belleville, IL 62221-5748 writes that she heard of us from Dollybear@aol.com. Paula hopes that someone can help her. Paula's husband's line goes as follows:

- 1) COFFEE, Grizel b:10 Jun 1752 Scotland, d:22 Jun 1807 in Barren Co. KY + HALL, John b:2 Feb 1748/49 Scotland, d:25 Sept 1809 Barren Co. KY
- 2) HALL, Michale Washington b:25 Jul 1780 Washington Co. PA + STOCKTON, Fanny b:15 Jun 1787 in Henry Co. VA m:4 Feb 1804 Barren Co. KY d:1 Feb 1816 Barron Co. KY (father: Robert Stockton)
- 3) HALL, William Warren + ATTERBERRY, Nancy m:22 Oct 1821 Barren Co. KY, (father: James Atterberry)
- 4) HALL, William W. B: abt 1820 in Barren Co. KY + 2nd wife: DICKERSON, Louisa b:abt. 1829 m:14 Apr 1848 Barren Co. KY (father: William Dickerson)
- 5) HALL, John b:4 Jun 1850 KY, d:6 Jun 1926 + DOSS, Cora L. B:2 Jan 1849 Barren Co. KY, (father: Chilton L. Doss)
- 6) HALL, Lizzie Lee b:10 Mar 1873 Barren Co. KY, Glasgow, d:27 Jun 1956

in Hammon OK

+ CAFFEE, John Luther, Sr. B:28Nov
1868 Campsville, KY, m:29 Nov 1891
Cleburne TX, d:22 Aug 1954 Hammon
OK (father Aaron Rice Caffee)

7) CAFFEE, Lizzie Merle b:7 Sep 1906
Hammon OK, d:14 Nov 1970 Hammon
+ KELLEY, Wiley Forest b: 12 Oct 1901
Carter OK, m:22 Sep 1926 Cheyenne OK,
d:28 Nov 1982 Libera KS (father: Rob-
ert Lee Kelley)

8) KELLEY, Wiley Wayne b:7 Aug 1928
Hammon OK

+ RICH, Juanita Faye b:9 Nov 1928
Canute OK m: 24 Nov 1948 in Wheeler
TX (father Allen B.H. Rich)

9) KELLEY, Kenneth Wayne the hus-
band of Paula, our Coffee researcher
and would like to correspond with
anyone with information on **Grizel**
Coffee Hall. Email kkelley933@aol.com

*Ron Payne sent a couple of very inter-
esting books. "A listing of Those With
the Surname Coffey/Coffee Who Served
in the Armed Forces of the Confederate
States of America". The second book is
the same except it is Rucker. It lists all
of the men alphabetically, separated by
state. Then it has a list of Military Or-
ganizations with more than one Coffey
member. Ron said that these records
came from the "Index to the Compiled
Service Records for Confederates"
which is listed on the National Archives
microfilm group. He said that it cer-
tainly does not represent any exhaus-
tive search, but as it contains almost
500 names it may be of useful. There
are undoubtedly many duplicate list-
ings for given individuals because of
different spellings and service in more
than one unit.

I will be willing to check the book for
anyone looking for service and Ron will
probably be willing to answer ques-
tions on his books. His address is 79
Payne Rd., Falkville, Al 35622-6236.
Thanks Ron (BC)

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

*Tom and Donna Bombaci are at
Cantina Acres, not **Dantina** Acres.
Tom says, "Thanks to your recommen-
dation to contact Marvin Coffey, I now
have a copy of his book which tells us
that Maude May's father was Lawrence
Lesenby, and as well further genera-
tions all the way back to Edward." Most
of all Tom is having fun looking up his
Coffeys.

* Betsy Pittmann, resident genealogist
of Burke Co. NC. We will send a sub-
scription to the Burke County Public
Library for the NC Room at her request.
Ms. Pittman is the compiler and pub-
lisher of the Burke Co. Tax List, printed
in CCC issue 67. She did have a correc-
tion for my poor typing - Dannel Moor
Espr. Had 409 acres of land rather than
490. Please make this correction in
issue 67. Also, she provided the stud
horse figures that wern't readable on
the copy that I had. You can also enter
these in your copy on page 9.

Len Estes Esq- Littel Mulbery
had 1 @ \$1.9

Coleman Puet -Mulbery
had 1 @\$1.50

Thomas Hays Ser. Do - had 1 @ \$1.50

The original tax list is housed in the
North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh;
stack reference: CR.014.703.2. Ms.
Pittman also invites our members to
join the Burke Co. Genealogical Society.
They publish a 32 page quarterly jour-
nal, which in 1995 won the North Caro-
lina Genealogical Society's award for
excellence in genealogical periodical
publishing by a local North Carolina
society. For more informaiton write to
Burke County Genealogical Society, P.O.
Box 661, Morganton, NC 28680

* Karen Baumann calls to our attention, a mistake that appears in Issue 58, pg.9, titled "Amos D. Coffey". Karen has corresponded at length with **Bill Shuman** and Betty Neimoyer and they have concluded James Martin Coffey is the son of Alfred Martin Coffey, NOT Amos D. Coffey. (Amos D. Coffey does have a son James, but he is not James Martin.) Karen says that it is confusing with 4 James Coffeys of similar ages in Monroe/Owen Counties of Indiana during the same time period. She has included documentation regarding guardianship and probate records to prove these **relationsips**.

- 1) Edward & Ann (Powell) Coffey
- 2) John & Jane (Graves) Coffey
- 3) Thomas & Sally (Fields) Coffey
- 4) Rev. Reuben & Polly (**Dowell**) Coffey
- 5) Alfred "Martin" Coffey, b. 1807, d. Ca. 1836 Owen Co. IN and married 14 Mar. 1833, Monroe Co. IN to Jane Graves Coffey, b.6 May 1811 NC, d. 24 June 1855 Richland Twsp. Monroe Co. IN bur. Vernal Mayfield Cem. Known children: James Martin and Christopher Columbus
- 6) James Martin Coffey, b. 13 Oct. 1837 Monroe Co. IN, d. 1861 Syracuse MO, (Civil War - bur. Stout Houston Cem Monroe Co. IN) married 31 Jan 1855 Monroe Co. IN to Margaret A Houston, b. 1833 IN, d. July 1898 (parents: Cairey A Houston & Jane Campbell)

James Martin & Margaret A. (Houston) Coffey had the following children:

- 1) William M. "Will" {b. 13 Mar 1855 Monroe Co. IN};
- 2) Lydia "Sara" J., {b. 10 Nov 1857 Monroe Co. IN, d. Bef 1880 & m. W.M. Edmondson};
- 3) Samuel W. {b. 15 Oct. 1859 Monroe Co. IN, d. 17 Dec 1936 Bloomington, IN & m. 24 Aug 1901 Green Co. IN to Mary Pugh};
- 4) Ellsworth "Ell", {b. 1861/1864,

d. 29 Dec 1919, Chicago IL}; 5) John A. "Johnny", {b. 24 Feb 1861, d. 27 Aug 1864 Ellettsville IN}

Karen sends the Estate records of Alfred Martin Coffey which reads:

The State of Indiana,
County of Owen, S ct.

The State of Indiana to Christopher C. Coffey & James M. Coffey minor heirs and Jane G. Coffey widow of Martin Coffey, late of Owen County in the State of Indiana, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas James W. Coffey, administrator of the estate of the said Martin Coffey deceased, has filed his memorial suggesting to our honorable probate court in and for said county, that the personal estate of the said deceased is insufficient to pay his debts and paying our said court for to grant an order for the sale of the real estate of the said deceased or so much there of as may be sufficient for the payments of the said debts. Now therefore you and each of you are hereby cited to be and appear before our said probate court at the next August term thereof to be **holden** at the court house in Spencer to show cause if any you can why the said real estate shall not be sold and made assets for the discharge of the said debts.

Witness, Thomas C. Johnson, Clerk of the Owen Probate Court and the seal of the said court hereto affixed at office the 4th day of June A.D. 1838.

Later document:

Joint answer of Christopher C. Coffey and James M. Coffey infants defendants to the Bill of James W. Coffey administrator of the estate of Martin Coffey late of the County of Owen, deceased

by Thomas C. Johnson their guardian ad litem.

And the said minor defendants by their said guardian ad litem now comes and for answer to the said bill of the said **Complainants** say (first reserving to themselves all rights & allowed them by the law of the land) that they cannot desay but admit the facts as set forth in said **complaints** bill so far as they are informed and ask to be discharged here from with reasonable costs. Do

Christopher C. Coffey & James M. Coffey by their guardian ad litem Thomas C. Johnson.

Then we have the Probate Estate of:

James M. Coffey 25 Feb. 1862
State of Indiana, Monroe Co. S.S.

I Margaret A. Coffey widow of James M. Coffey, deceased suras I verily believe that my late husband's property real and personal exclusive of incumbrances thereov, is not worth over three hundred dollars, as I believe, and I ask that the same be appraised.

Margaret A. Coffey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of February A.D. 1862.
Davy Carson, Clerk. Perry Woodall and John E. Farmer appraisers

Karen's address is Box 415, Hammond, IN 46325-0415.



CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

*Reams Goodloe says that in CCC. Issue 68, p.7. He think with some degree of certainty (Location, proximity to father and brothers, dates, unusual initials) that the I.L. Coffey shown as the father of Willie Elmo Coffey, is the **Isom** Lane Coffey listed by Clifford Sharpe Coffey as one of Henry Bradford Coffey's children. Marvin D. Coffey does not show **Isom** Lane in his list of Henry Bradford's children, but he does show an **Isham**, which Clifford Sharpe does not show. "I (Reams) wonder if Isom Lane and Isham could be the same person?"

(Reams and Virginia went through Bell Buckle TN on their trip this summer. It is a very small town and they could not find a library. Just a few antique shops.)

Reams says that they are afraid the late date knocks them out of the Convention next year as they have promised to be at their grand daughters graduation which is May 30.

*Revd H. W. Coffey noted that in CCC Issue No. 68, Sept. 1997, pg.7 that Brad Howland has a relative named Calvin Leeper Coffey and that Brad is probably a relative of his. Mary, daughter of James and Mary (nee Blair) Leeper of Pausa USA married on 5 April 1787 to James Coffey born 17 August 1759 in Chester County PA, son of John Coffey of Ireland who arrived at Philadelphia in the small snow brig "George" and was the son of John Coffey of Cordarragh, County Fermanagh who married Sarah Moffit. James Coffey and wife Mary (nee Leeper) went to Cumberland County PA. Rev. Bill's father and all of his Coffey ancestors were born on the same Cordarragh farm back to 1715. If you wish to write to Revd. H. W. Coffey MBE MA,

his address is P.O. Pox 135, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205, **Augtralia**.

*JoAnn Hatch responded to Spencer T. Coffey's material in Issue 67 pertaining to the ancestry of Rich Coffey. JoAnn is from the Rich Coffey family, (his sister Elizabeth Coffey Beddo) and she believes that Spencer is correct in his deductions as to who the parents of Rich are and she has never accepted James as the father of Rich. JoAnn writes:

"Spencer and I believe that William B. and Delisey (**Delilah?**)**Trentham** Coffey are his (Richs) parents. To add to the evidence that Spencer set forth in his letter, I would like to add the following items:

1. I recently received a copy of information from the family Bible of Absolom Trentham, father of Delisey Trentham who married William B. Coffey in Hall County Ga. on 17 March, 1822. The birth of **Deliley** (Delisey) Trentham is recorded as 23 Nov. **1804**. Also recorded in that same bible is the birth of Richardson Coffee, b. 14 Feb, 1822. That is the only Coffee birth recorded therein. (Rich Coffee's name was Richardson. That is on his marriage license.)

2. In the 1880 Coleman County census, the birth place of Rich Coffee's parents is given as Tennessee. This may not be correct, but it indicates to me that the family at least had ties with that state, and someone thought his parents came from there when they gave the info. (This goes along with Spencer's evidence.)"
JoAnn's address is P.O. Box **1123**, **Pinedale, AZ 85934**
email - jahatch@whitemtns.com

*Wayne Coffey sent me the following by email and his webpage is well worth reading. He said:

"Got the current newsletter Friday and the best news was that you are now online. ***smile*** I know I've been promising for over a year that I was going to send you what I have on my line which is through Edmund F. Coffey (my 3rd great grandfather) but I just haven't gotten around to it. However, thought I would let you know **that** I have my line on a webpage so maybe you could mention that in the December issue." The address is: <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/7979/coffey.html>

* David Coffee sent a copy of the **1870** and **1880** census to add more verified information to the family tree of **GEORGE W. COFFEE**. George was born in **1869** and married Mary (Williams) Coffee who was born August 6, 1874. (Not 1894 as we had in the last issue) David wrote about this family in issue 68, pages 15/16.

The 1870 census, Lancaster Co., South Carolina, page 33, family 258/290 all born in South Carolina

Coffee, Alex	38 M B	Farm Laborer
		200 Personal Prop.
Sarah	35 F B	Keeping House
Sallie	11 F B	At Home
Benj.	10 M B	"
Mary	7 FB	"
Harriet	2 FB	"
George W.	1 MB	"
Wood, Van	73 M B	Farm Laborer

1880census Lancaster Co. SC

Gilla Creek Twp.

Coffee, Alex	50 M B	Farm Laborer
Sarah	45 F B	
Sallie	23 F B	
Benj	19 M B	
Mary	14 F B	

Harriett 12 FB
George 10 M B
Ella 4 FB
John 2 M B

If you recognize this family and can help David Coffee, his address is 319 E. Euclid, San Antonio, TX 78212.

* Virgil O Coffee reports that a number of our researchers are working on the lineage of a Jesse Coffey who married an Ann A. Hackett.

Virgil says that he believes that everyting written isn't necessarily true and what is written should always be verified by a written document. In one record Virgil read says: Anne K. Hackett married Jesse Coffee, gr. {Written to the side is Sept. 9, 1817. Virgil acquired a photo copy of the actual record which was of good quality and very readable. It which reads:

RHEA COUNTY TENN.
MARRIAGE LICENSE
Sept. 9Th 1817
This day issued to
Joseph Coffee
to marry
Anna R. Hackett
D. Rawlings, clerk
RErURNS
STATE OF TENNESSEE
RHEACOUNTY

I solemnized the rite of Matrimony between the written named parties on the 9th day of Sept. 1817
/S/ Matthew Donald, M.G

(Could the son of Ambrose be Joseph and not Jesse?? What do others have to add to this??)

Virgil is really good at questioning what he reads. To write to Virgil:
P.O. Box 2, Mcintosh, NM 87032.



*Bennie Loftin found someone last night (on the internet) in her Obediah Snow and 1st wife Malaney McMurray family but the surprise was in "Sam's Page", in the Lane family. Bennie says she only looked at Lanes because that is Virgil Coffee & Charles Arnold's connection to each other. Their grandmothers were Lane sisters. Charles has heard from Edwin Coffee, Virgil's son. Bennie didn't say what the surprise was, but I bet she will send it for the next issue. (Just shows that we never know where our next lead might be.)

**SECOND AND THIRD ? WIFE(S) OF
AMBROSE COFFEY, SON OF JAMES.
by Reams Goodloe**

REFERENCES:

- (A) JAMES B. COFFEY, VOL. II. ANCESTORS pp 60 AND 61 AND SUPPLEMENT (p.25)
(B) REF: 27 cited in above
(C) COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE # 62 p.13
(D) COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE # 63 p.16.
(E) WAYNE COUNTY KY MARRIAGE RECORDS 1814, cited in (D).
(F) FAMILY RECORDS FROM H. H. REAMS.

Reviewing Reference (C) got me to thinking and reviewing the other references.

No where do I find either the date or place of the death of Ambrose's second wife. None of the family records mention a third wife, nor do they have the correct name of the second wife. One early writer had Lucinda Day, but we know from reference (C) that this is incorrect.

Giving that the Wayne County 1814 marriage record (reference D) of Ambrose Coffey, widower to Mary Cooper, widow, is correct, and that reference (B) is correct: then I suggest

that the maiden name of the second wife was Mary Elizabeth Rice. Further, lacking any record of the death of Mary, I suggest that she was still Ambrose's wife at his death, and had become known as Polly.

Where Vincent Gardner fits in, other than as purchaser of the **land**, I do not know, but do not see that it is necessary for my thesis. Neither do I think that this affects the conclusions of Harold Elrod regarding Ally Coffey, the oldest child.

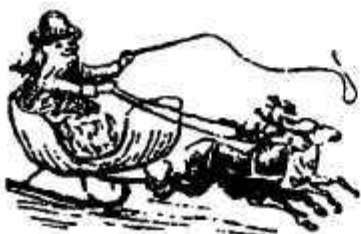
Since there was only 4 years and 4 months between Ambrose's second marriage in May 1814 and his death in September 1818, and the wife was still of child bearing age in 1815 (when Christopher Greenup was born) there is reason to believe she could have **out-lived** him, and even married a third time.

QUESTIONS:

- 1). Other than that one reference gives Elizabeth as the second wife's name, and the widow is listed in court records as Polly, what is the basis for assuming a third wife? Especially since we know his second wife was named Mary.
- 2). If Ambrose left NC in 1804, who was the Ambrose on the Wilkes Co. Tax Roll in 1805?
- 3). What is the basis for reference (B) giving Elizabeth Rice as the second wife's name?

IT WOULD HELP IF A RECORD OF MARY'S MARRIAGE TO COOPER COULD BE IDENTIFIED.

Reams says "FEEL FREE TO COMMENT". His address is P.O. Box 942, Ormond Beach, FL 32175 or 102751.3473@CompuServe.com



DOCUMENTS GALORE

I have a garden club and genealogy buddy, Bobbie Reihsen, who sent the following list that she found while doing some of her research.

MARRIAGE INDEX 1790-1850, MONROE CO. IN

COFFEYS,

Allen to BASKET, Susan-17 Jun 1830

Celia to SHARP, James 19 Jun 1827

Isom to SMOCK, Martha-10 Aug 1832

James W. to COFFEY, Malena 16 Apr 1833

Jane Groves to COFFEY, Martin-14 Mar 1833

Louisa J. to STANSBURY, Elisha 8 Jan 1832

Minerva to NAIL, Gilbreth-5 Sep 1833

Nancy to FULLER, John J.-3 Sep 1829

Rebecca to FALKNER, Emanuel F.1 Jan 1830

Rebecca to WILSON, John-24 Sep 1828

*Reams and Virginia Goodloe took a trip and stopped in Tennessee to collect some records for us. Reams says that the Bedford County TN court records show the division of Rice Coffee's estate and names his Yell grandchildren. His research in Bedford turned up several Coffees that he has not been able to place. Sallie Coffee b.18 Dec. 1867, d. 25 Apr 1917 (mother of Mrs. T.F. Woodward), informant Mrs P.C. Coffee, Thomas W. Coffey was in the court records several times in 1850s as was James W. Coffee (sometimes spelled with ee & sometimes ey). Thomas and James were on the same committee at least once. R.E. Coffee & Mary K. Coffee b.22 Nov 1856, d.8 Sep 1939 are buried in the family cemetery Wartrace. Reams thinks most of them must be Rice Coffee descendants, but Mary Coffee Harris, sister of Gen. John Coffee was also mentioned in the will and Rice did get his land from Gen. John Coffee.

ESTATE RECORDS - BEDFORD CO. TN

1854 January Term

pg. 204 - John R. Coffey and others vs Henry C. Yell and others. Petition of division of land. Rice Coffey died seized and possessed of a tract of land in Civil District #3, about 250 acres. He left as his children, Henry B. Coffey, John R. Coffey, B.B. Coffey, Mary Kindle and A. H. Coffey who are living and that his daughter Martha Yell died leaving as her children Jane Robinson wife of (blank) Robinson, Henry C. Yell, Mary E., Nancy E., and Archibald Yell, who are entitled to the share of their mother, making in all 6 shares. Land to be divided.

pg. 204 - John R. Coffee, Henry B. Coffee, Alexander Hamilton Coffee, B. B. Coffee and Mary Kindle and others vs (blank) * Petition to divide land. 1854 April Term

pg. 258 - John R. Coffee admr and others. Petition for division of land. A. H. Coffee gets Lot #1, Henry B. Coffee gets Lot #2, John R. Coffee gets Lot #3, Mrs. Mary Kindle gets Lot #4, Benjamin B. Coffee gets Lot #5, the heirs of Martha Yell, deceased, gets Lot #6 vested in Jane Robinson wife of M. Robinson, Henry C. Yell, Mary E. Yell, Nancy E. Yell and Archiband Yell, children of Martha Yell formerly Martha Coffee.

1853 October Term
pg. 154 - John R. Coffee admr of Rice Coffee. Petition to sell slaves. Rice Coffee departed this life leaving 13 or maybe 14 heirs and that he left them 13 negro slaves. The slaves will need to be sold to divide proceeds among the heirs.

Pg. 154 - This day the petition of the citizens of the Town of Wartrace Depot in Bedford County, was filed in Court which petitioners of the Town of Wartrace Depot in said County, petition your worship to grant us the privildge of encorporation said Village, running one quarter of a mile in every direction

from the center of said Depot ground so as to elect officers to carry into effect the laws provided in such cases, and for the benefit of the good citizens of said village, for which your petitioners will we pray, this the 3rd day of October 1853.

- Daniel Stephens
- Robert Buchanan
- N. C. Harris
- T. A. Prince
- T. C. Mills
- C. M. Norville
- T. P. Ganaway
- B. Z. Ganaway
- Josphe Sherwood
- M. Payne
- A. M. Keller
- W. H. Clark
- R. E. Coffee
- Wm. H. Sims
- R. P. Ganaway
- John A. Ganaway
- John R. Coffee
- Robert Erwin
- A. T. Garrett

BEDFORD COUNTY. TN

Brad Howland gave us a large collection of files which was partially listed in CCC68, pg.7. We continue here:

1850 CENSUS. BEDFORD COUNTY, TN

49-50	Coffey Rice	84 m	Farmer	VA
	Kindle Mary	42 f		NC
	" Aresna	25 f		TN
	Zell Nancy	13 f		TN
	Pruett William	24 m	Physician	TN
	Coffey Alexander H.	46 m		TN
	" Rice	16 m		TN
	" Weightstill	13 m		TN
	Coble Phillip	56 m		NC
	" Penelope	51 f		NC
	" John	16 m		TN
	Coffey Henry B.	54 m	Farmer	VA
	" Sarah	41 f		VA
	" Richard	17 m		TN
	" Elizabeth	19 f		TN
	" Jane	16 f		TN
	" Elvira	14 f		TN
	" William	12 m		TN
	" Mary	10 f		TN
	" Martha	8 f		TN
	" Garland (Rice) M.	5 m.		TN
	" Isham	1 m		TN
120	Coffey Benjamin	60 m	Farmer	NC
	" Nancy	48 f		TN

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE

	"	Sarah Ann	17 f	TN	Jane P/ wife of John W. Tilford , 4-20-1835/ 8-20-1872
123	Coffey Thomas	55 m	Famer	NC	Robert W., son of Wm & M. Tinsley, d.4-10-1865 / age 9y, 6m, 5d
	"	Prlscilla	43 f	NC	
	"	Louisa	20 f	TN	<u>OLD SALEM CEMETARY Bell Buckle. TN</u>
	"	William T.	10 m	TN	Jerusha Coffey, dau of Rice & Sarah Coffey, 5-4-1872/3-10-1810 (first buried in this cem.)
	"	Elizabeth	8 f	TN	
	"	John H.	4 m	TN	
	"	Benjamin	2 m	TN	
8	Coffey James	36 m	Blacksmith	TN	Elvira Coffey, dau of Rice & Sarah Coffey, 5-14-1794/7-20-1849
	"	Luvina ?	29 f	TN	Sarah Coffey, consort of Rice Coffey, 6-22-1770/9-3-1840
	"	Luvina A.	5 f	TN	Nancy E. Coffey, consort of A.H. Coffey, 8-24-1810/10-29-1841
	"	Sarah A.	4 f	TN	N.B. Coffey, son of A.H. & N.E. Coffey, 9-28-1829 Bedford Co. Tn
	"	Thomas P.	2 m	TN	2-13-1856 Jackson Co. AL
	"	Mary F.	7/12 f	TN	(p-114 , no marker ****)Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey, wife of James Coffey & mother of Rice Coffey & sister of Benjamin Cleveland - 1727/1827
90	Coffey Thomas Esq.	62	Farmer	PA	<u>OFFICIAL MARRIAGES OF BEDFORD CO. TN 1861 - 1880</u> Vol. 1
	"	Mary	55 f	NC	Ben Coffee & Eliza J. Coble, 7-28-1866 - Bob Tillman
	"	CinthaE.	31 f	TN	Weston Coffee & Catherine Snelling, 7-24-1866 - Wm. Gilbreath , Security
	"	Thomas W.	26 m	TN	Malcome Campbell & Susan Coffee, 4-19-1867 - G.R.Wood, Security
	"	Calven L(eeper)	20 m	TN	James A. Neill & Mary M. Coffee, 10-17-1877 - W.F. Neill, Security
	"	Matilda Ann	16 f	TN	Clem Coffee & Martha Osborne, 7-31-1866- Jno. Douglas, Security
	"	Andrew P.	14 m	TN	Levy Coffee & Harriet Peacock, 9-4-1865 - Jo Robertson, Security
	"	Martha A.	10 f	TN	J. E. Brown & A. E. Coffey, 3-21-1878 - A.S. Coffey, Security

DEATH RECORDS.BEDFORDCO.TN
 PAGE 234, WOODWARD, Mrs. T. F. #311,
 19TH Dist. B. 12-18-1867 Marshall Co;
 D. 4-25-1917;bur. Round Hill; Father J.
 E. Ensley; Marshall Co; Mother Sallie
 Coffee, Bedford Co.; White Female; md.
 Informant T. F. Woodward.
CEMETARYRECORDSOF BEDFORD CO. TN
 Marsh R929.3M

Page 159#38 Coffey Cemetery Map #8
 Barthena, wife of W. P. Raney 10-13-
 1827 /6-1-1888
 G.R. Coffee, age 69 -d. 2-10-1916
William E.Coffee2-26-1838/3-25-1887
 Nannie dau of W.P.& Barthena Raney
 1-14-1862 /8-10-1882
 R. E. Coffee, 6-15-1833 /10-10-1910
 Mary A. Coffee, 11-11-1840 /3-1-1901
 P.C. Coffey, 1885 / 1962
 Mrs. Sallie B. Coffee, 1882 / 1972
Sallie A.Coffee(y)4-3-1807/3-31-1892
 Martha Coffee 5-18-1845/10-16-1891
SEVERAL UNMARKED GRAVES
 Rice Coffee, b. 4-1766 in Amherst Co.
 VA, d. 7-29-1853
 Mary C. Kendall, dau of R. & S. Coffey,
 10-12-1797/10-22-1878

James A. Neill & Mary M. Coffee, 10-
 17-1877 - W.F. Neill, Security
 Clem Coffee & Martha Osborne, 7-31-
 1866- Jno. Douglas, Security
 Levy Coffee & Harriet Peacock, 9-4-
 1865 - Jo Robertson, Security
 J. E. Brown & A. E. Coffey, 3-21-1878 -
 A.S. Coffey, Security
 Charles Hamilton & Annie Coffey, 10-
 11-1876 - Jno. Broiles, Security
 W. T. Shearin & L.A. Coffey, 5-7-1877 -
 J.A. Neill, Security by J.A. Woods, MG
 Cary H. Woods & Matilda A. Coffey, 5-
 30-1870 - Bedford ensley, Security, by
 R. J. Creswell, MG.
 James M. Dysart & Mary F. Coffey, 2-
 28-1870 - W.A. Hunter, Security, J.
 Watson MG.
 R. T. Coffey & E.(?) R. Haynes, 12-28-
 1866 - R.(?) Clark, Security

JESSE BOONE

Extracted from "Jesse Boone, His Ancestors and Descendants" by Dr. J. E. Hodges, of Maiden, North Carolina, 1953.

I received copies of this Jesse Boone book from two cousins, **Coline** Coffey and Jim Coffey (of MI). Coline descends from William Coffey and Anna Boone. She lives a few miles down the creek from where Jesse Boone and William Coffey lived. Coline **also** stated that Benjamin Coffey, b. 1747 would have been in Tennessee in 1813 when Marvel Coffey and Rachel Boone's marriage bond was signed, so couldn't be the Benjamin signing it. Jim sent a copy of a family group sheet from LD.S. Listing Marvel Coffey as Asbury Marvel Coffey!!! Does anyone have any documentatin for this information? Coline found the Jesse Boone story in the Family Files in the **Coldwell** Co. Library, Lenoir, NC. I have extracted the following:

In the year 1790 the county of Burke NC consisted of the territory now constituting the counties of Caldwell, portions of Avery, Watuga and the greater part of the other counties west to the Tennessee line.

The first Federal census taken that year, shows that somewhere in that vast territory resided Jesse Boone and Jonathan Boone, both with families consisting of their wives and seven children, each family recorded with three sons and four daughters.

When the "Boone Family," a monumental work of genealogy of seven hundred pages was compiled by Mrs. Hazel A Spraker, of Buffalo, NY., she recorded little of Jesse Boone.

When the question of Jesse Boone's parentage began to arouse interest, by careful elimination, it was reduced to either Jonathan or Israel Boone, as it was found that none of the other broth-

ers had a son named Jesse. Then in 1920 Mrs. Spraker's "Boone Family" appeared, quoting an excerpt from the Draper Mss., a statement from Mr. Enoch M. Boone, a son of Spuire Boone, Jr., who was a brother of Daniel Boone and Jonathan Boone. He remembered that his uncle Jonathan came to Kentucky early, and was tending Squire Boone's Mill in 1783. That he finally settled on the Wabash, in Illinois, and died there about 1808. Also, of his three sons, John settled in Kentucky, Joseph in Mississippi and Daniel at St. Antonie(sic) TX, where he was killed by the Indians. This eliminates Jonathan as the father of Jesse, and left none of Squire Boone's sons who could have been the father of Jesse except Israel. Still we have no documentary evidence saying that Jesse Boone was the son of Israel.

It will be recalled that Squire Boone brought his family from Pennsylvania to North Carolina in 1750, and settled on the Yadkin river in what now is Davidson County, then Anson County. History tells us that he had the following children: Sarah, b. 1724; Israel, 1726; Samuel, 1728; Jonathan, 1730; Elizabeth, 1732; Daniel, 1734; Mary, 1736; George, 1739; Edward, 1740; Squire, 1744; Hannah, 1746.

Until recent years the only published history on Israel Boone was that in the records of the Exeter Quaker **Meeting**. in Pennsylvania, where he was testified against for "**marrying** out" on Dec. 31. 1747. Therefore he married sometime in 1747, but no record of his wife's name has been found.

In 1823, Jesse Boone left North Carolina and settled down for the last time in McMinn County, TN. I (Dr. Hodges) located some of his descendants there and visited them in June 1952. Mrs. Walter Copeland, a great-great **grand**-daughter of Jesse Boone, who lives on a portion of the land entered by Jesse in

1824, told me she had always been taught that their family descended from Israel Boone and not from Daniel, the old hunter. Mrs. Copeland knew her grandmother, the wife of Allen Boone, who was a young girl when Jesse died, and was familiar with the family history.

The following unless otherwise noted, is from the Draper Mss., in possession of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

DR. DRAPER ENTIRELY CONVINCED

After long and painstaking investigation in which he interviewed dozens of Boones and Bryans, closely related to Israel Boone, only a few of which we quote herein, Dr. Draper heads his "Notes on Jesse Boone" with this direct unmodified statement of his own: "Jesse Boone was a son of Israel Boone, a brother of Col. Daniel Boone."

Statement of Daniel Bryan, son of William Bryan & Mary Boone Bryan, & nephew of Israel Boone: "When Squire Boone returned to Kentucky, Jesse Boone & Alexander Neely came with him. Jesse Boone was a son of Daniel Boone's brother Israel."

Another statement by Bryan in Appendix sketches #4: "Israel Boone, born May 9, 1726, married in Exeter out of order in 1747, went to N C. with his father where he died early of consumption, caught from his wife who died of that disease before him. They left a son Jessee.***"

Samuel Boone, son of George Boone, another brother of Daniel and Israel, told Dr. Draper "Israel Boone, brother of Col. Daniel Boone, never came to Kentucky, but died in North Carolina. He had four children, two sons and two daughters."

Dr. Draper notes on Jesse Boone, page 197: "Jesse Boone was a son of Israel Boone, an older brother of Col. Daniel Boone. Israel Boone was born May 9, 1726, died and was buried near

Mocksville, formerly Rowan, now Davie County, N.C. And C. Harbin's letter (among the Bryan Papers) shows that he died June 26, 1756, aged 30 years." "Capt. Samuel Boone says, 'Israel Boone died in North Carolina when about 30 years old, leaving 4 children, two sons and two daughters.' Israel Boone was married in 1747, one child born 1748, one in 1750, one in 1752 and one 1754. The two daughters may have taken the consumption from their mother and died early." "If Jesse was the oldest and born in 1748 that would have made him 22 in 1770, when he went to Kentucky with Squire Boone with supplies for Daniel Boone. If he died in 1829, he would have been 81 years of age. It will be seen that Jesse made his will Nov. 23, 1829, though he may not have died till in 1830.

A bit of additional evidence is contained in the Moravian Records as to the cause of Israel Boone's early death. The Moravians made their first settlement near Winston-Salem in 1753. This was only about twenty miles from the Boone and Bryan settlements on the Yadkin. In the first group of settlers was a young doctor, Hans Martin Kalberlahn, who had obtained all the medical education available at that period, and in proficiency, was fifty or seventy-five years ahead of his time. These Moravians kept careful diaries, recording the happenings of each day. The diary for 1755 contains the following entry:

"August 26. A consumptive came with his mother and asked to remain two weeks for treatment and we could not refuse."

"September 1. The consumptive was taken home by his brother, who came for him last evening. He - Mr. Boone - returned on the 6th accompanied by his father, who remained over night. On the 15th his brother came for him and he left, there being small hope for



MAHALA COFFEY

by Daraleen Wade

(Daralee has done a great job, as usual, of straightening out another mess where we have several Coffee/eyes, all with the same first name.)

One of the problems we face in doing COFFEY research is trying to identify which person of a given name belongs in which family. To complicate matters, because of inadequate research and/or the lack of records, individuals get placed in a family simply because it has been suggested that a particular family group had an individual of that name. This seems to be the case for **Mahala** Coffey too. It has **long** been suggested that Mahala Coffey, who married James Coffey, was a daughter of Fielden/ Fielding Coffey. However, in looking more closely at the records, it appears Fielding's daughter Mahala (who was born **1807/1808**) never married, she appearing in the **1840** and **1860** census as head of the household. In **1850** she is in another household with no known connection to the Coffey family. Fielding's household, in **1830**, has 2 females between 20 and 30 which accommodates Mahala and her sister Elizabeth, who likewise was still single in **1860**. The most convincing evidence, as far as I'm concerned, is that she was named the guardian of Celia, Lewis and Alice, her youngest siblings, after their father's death in **1833**, with her siblings Fielding and Elizabeth as her bondsmen. For a woman to be named guardian of minor children, in those days, usually meant she was not married at the time and we know that the other Mahala was married then and living with her husband.

his recovery."

The Boones came into that region in 1750. Squire, the father, did not die till **1765**, and none of his sons died in the Yadkin County except Israel. This consumptive Boone, who went to the Moravian doctor for treatment, could have been none other than Israel. The Moravians said there 'was small hope for his recovery,' and Israel died the next year- 1756.

Jesse Boone was probably born in **1748** as he seems to have been older than his brother, Jonathan. He married Sarah McMahan, daughter of James McMahan, of Rowan Co., NC about 1772. Just when he and Jonathan came to Burke County is unknown, though he first entered land there in 1777. He entered four tracts of land between 1777 and 1801. Jonathan first entered land in 1779 and by 1805 had entered five tracts of land chiefly on Mulberry creek and waters thereof. (Records in Land Grant office, Raleigh NC)

To Jesse and Sarah Boone were born the following children: Jonathan abt. 1774; Daniel, 1776/7; Israel, 1780; Sarah, Hannah, Anna, Celia, **1790**; Rachel. Dates of the births of the daughters unknown, except Celia who was born 1790 & died 1874.

Israel youngest son of Jesse, married about 1804, Elizabeth Moore, b. 1787, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Stone) Moore, of the Glove region of **Calwell** County. Jesse's daughters married - Sarah to Jonathan Wilson; Hannah to Smith Coffey; Anna to William Coffey; Celia, to William (Buck) Gragg; Rachel to Marvel Coffey, this latter in 1812.

Some time about **1810** Jesse settled near Coffey's Gap of the Blue Ridge where he remained till the autumn of 1823. A creek flowing through that section into Watauga river is still known as Boone's Fork.

So who was Mahala, the wife of James?

With this **Mahala's** birthyear appearing to be **1803** or 1804, based on the **1850** and 1860 census records, she being 47 in 1850 and 56 in 1860 (and the 1830 and 1840 census put her in this age range, too) a look at the **1810** census for Adair County KY, where she is thought to have been born, seems to be in order. In the 1810 census there are eight Coffeys with a daughter under the age of 10 years. Of these eight, some of whose families have been reconstructed, although, admittedly, probably not documented, only three Coffey families have an unidentified female in this age group - Richd (who is probably Rutherford), Cleveland and Joel. Joel is ruled out since he is the known father of James (the husband of Mahala) being identified as in his (James') death record in Russell County when he died in 1857. Cleveland also seems to be ruled out by deeds in Adair County in 1825 (Book F pg.355) and Russell County in **1836** (Bk C pg.276) which name his heirs - neither deed includes Mahala.

Richd (the census spelling) is the only one remaining as a candidate to be Mahala's father. As I referred to above, I believe "Richd" is really Rutherford since we've found no other reference to a Richard Coffey in this area and Rutherford is noticeably missing from the census records although he appears in the tax records in Adair County from 1802 thru **1811**. The census data for "Richd" fits Rutherford's age bracket (26-45) and the children enumerated, including 3 girls, are all under 10 years of age, fitting nicely with the 1801 marriage for Rutherford - he married Gracey Coffey in March 1801 in Green County, KY. {The actual marriage record for Rutherford in Green County, clearly identifies his bride as Gracey Coffey - not Elizabeth Graney, a name which comes from a

published marriage listing.}

Unfortunately, I have never seen a projected family for Rutherford but, the fact remains, he seems to be the only one who could accommodate Mahala - unless there are some Coffeys who were not enumerated in the **1810** census (in comparing with the tax rolls, they all seem to be accounted for). Rutherford was enumerated in Wayne County, KY in 1820, the census data accommodating 4 of those enumerated with Richd in 1810, and in Jackson County, AL in 1830. The AIS census index doesn't list Rutherford anywhere in 1840 or 1850 and I know nothing more about him. The older children would probably have been gone from home by **1840**.

If my theory is correct, both Mahalas appear to have a Coffey line through both their father and mother. Fielding Coffey, the father of the unmarried Mahala, is said to be the son of Nebuzaraden and Elizabeth (Hayes) Coffey. He married Celia Coffey, thought to be the daughter of Joes and Martha (Step) Coffey. Rutherford, possibly the other Mahala's father, is said to be the son of Nathan and Mary (Saunders) Coffey. He married Gracey Coffey (commonly referred to as Elizabeth Graney), thought to be the daughter of Salathiel and Elizabeth (--) Coffey. Nebuzaraden, Joel, Nathan and Salathiel are thought to be brothers, sons of the elusive Chesley and Jane (Cleveland) Coffey.

{Daraleen wrote that she had a phone call one day, from Mildred Lasater, while she (Daraleen) was gone. She hopes that Mildred has done research in the land records in Jackson Co. AL, since that is where Mildred lives. "Those records could shed a lot of light on relationships of all the Coffeys who lived in that county early on."



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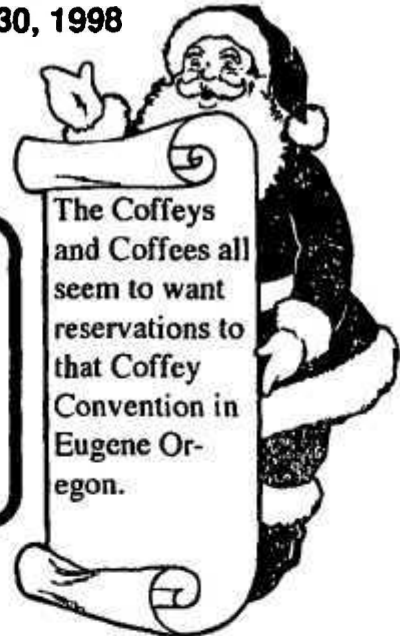
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