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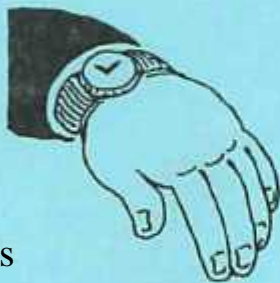
Founder: Leonard N. Coffey, b. Mar 21, 1930 - d. Jan 29, 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope to see you May 28-31 in Eugene !! Good hunting and good traveling.

Cousin

Jeff



Dear Cousins



How time seems to be flying by.- just over **THREE MONTHS** before we meet in Eugene, Oregon. If you don't have your reservations made, you need to make them **NOW !!!!!** Don't wait, get your money to Ruth Lanning for the banquet and sight-seeing trip in the mail also. She needs a reasonably accurate count of people to firm up the plans and be making some guarantees of how many. So, do your part in trying to make her job a little simpler by getting your reservations and money to her - **NOW - !!!!**

Also, we will need those invitations for the year 2000. As mentioned before, we need to be planning two years ahead to give our host(s) a chance to get facilities lined up before someone else gets there. Think Iowa 1999 - then, **WHY DON'T YOU INVITE US TO YOUR WORLD ?**

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Dear Cousins,

Jim and I have had a wonderful winter in South Padre Island, TX. The weather has mostly been in the 70 & 80 degrees. We got a lot of kite flying in. Jeff Coffey even paid us a visit and flew kites with us. We looked like real beach bums!!

Most of the cousins have renewed their subscription by now, but we're missing a few yet. We really don't want to loose any of our researchers. Let us hear from you soon.

I like Jack Coffee's idea (on page 16) to fight the passing of research errors on the internet. I have run into several really bad ones since I've been reading the Coffee/ey entries and have managed to get a couple changed/corrected - but how many more people have copied these errors and are sure they are fact. I hope as many of you as possible will answer his request for help.

If you know of any newspaper or genealogy publication in your area, we would appreciate it if you would send them information on our Coffey Convention, so as to spread the word. It is a good way to get new researchers. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in Eugene, Oregon in May. It sounds as if Ruth Lanning has an exciting week end planned for us. I look forward to seeing the northwest and hope to visit with some of our western cousins. This is the first time that the Convention has been held in the west and probably won't be back that way for a while, so I hope those living in the west will attend and take advantage of this first Western Coffey Convention.

Let us hear from you. Send your queries and what you have found in research lately.

Your Cousin,

[Bonnie



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NEW COUSINS

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Ancestor

Franklin
 Martin

NEW COUSINS

* Carol Coffey Haas is not a new cousin, just one that we haven't seen for a while. She says that, "she has been held hostage in the wilds of Corporate America for a number of years." She is trying to locate Franklin Coffey, born in KY ca 1803 - 1807 and died in Russell Co. KY in 1862. He married Martha "Patsy" McGuire. Franklin's children were: Eliza (Louisa?) Jane, Willis, John A., Cleaveland, Lucy Ann, Bonaparte, Pernetta, Margaret Susan, Theodore, William and James L. In 1850, Franklin is living by a Hester Coffey, age 74. Does anyone know who she is? He is also living by the Martin Coffey who Carol believes died in 1855 with parents listed as Joel and Hetty Coffey. Carol descends through Franklin's son John A. (Albert?) Coffey who married Elizabeth Popplewell of Adair Co. Next in her line is John Cleveland Coffey who married Martha Jane Hopper. If anyone has any information on Franklin or any of his children, Carol would really appreciate hearing from you. Her address is in the new cousins list.

* Tim Coffey wrote to us earlier and located his Uncle Harding Coffey through the newsletter. Tim did not list who and how far he is in his family research, but we have his Uncle Harding as working on the line of Martin Coffey, b. 1762. If you can help Tim ~~with~~ this family, his address is in the new cousins list.

MAIL BOX

* Fran and Bess Coffey are first time great grandparents. Tabitha Marie Baynard is the daughter of David and Pamela Marie Baynard of La Honda. Their granddaughter **Stacie** Turner married Brian Berry the week after Christmas in Toronto, Canada. Congratulations, Fran and Bess. (Hope we see them in OR this year. It's been a while!)

* Connie Piatt writes that she is looking forward to the convention since she lives in Eugene Oregon. She says that she hopes to put faces to some of the **names** she has read about so long. She also says that she thinks we have a mix up on aquariums for Kiko the whale. Possibly I wrote it wrong, but we will get it straightened out before convention time. She's looking forward to the trip to see the Sea Lion caves. She has planned to go sometime, but just did not get around to it. (We look forward to visiting with Connie too.)

* Virgil Coffee and his son Edwin spent three weeks driving about 3000 miles in East Texas to county courthouses in 23 counties. The major search was for the death site for Larkin and Amanda Coffee. They had no luck in that respect though they did acquire lots of information on their children. We will be looking forward to seeing Virgil's new records.

*We hope Lillian Harrell is feeling better. We miss her at the convention.

* Margaret Billing wrote: "I believe Darleen has found my Coffey. I have looked for several years. Certainly is not one that I would have checked on. We will see." (Coffey Cousins is definitely waiting with anticipation to hear more about this find! Let us know!)

* Donna and J.R. McDonald are taking a travel study program at the University of Calgary and will be in China from May 4 to 29, but plan to try to make it to Oregon in time for the banquet. We look forward to seeing them, even if it's only at the banquet.



NEW FINDS

We have great news, Bennie Loftin says her cousin, Sarah Coffey Poff, with the aid of trailers Jerry and Jereme Miller, have found their ancestors, Ausbon and Nancy Coffey's old home place in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. The family cemetery, with 15 visible graves, had the following marked stones. M.E COFFEY, BORN 18 JULY 1871, DIED 16 OCT 1884; N. COFFEY, BORN 28 APRIL 1837, DIED 4 NOV 1903; SIDNEY, SON OF ISAC & MOLLIE HARVEY, BORN 20 AUG 1891, DIED 26 OCT 1892; scratched on one rock was W.H. (this is the sibling of Elmer Hale, still living.)

Bennie is ready to go see this cemetery and the remains of the site of the old home place. (Say when!!)

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

* Lyla Stegall Roberts writes that her ancestor is Stanton PRESTON Coffey, rather than Presley as printed in the last issue. He was her Great grandfather. She is working on the following lines and would like to correspond with anyone with information to exchange. Saufley - Stegall - Neilson - Lyle - Cain - McClanahan. Her address is 2521 N.W. 119th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

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"GO WEST YOUNG MAN!"
To EUGENE OREGON, MAY 28 to 30th
Coffey Cousins Convention

OBITUARIES**IRENE HAYES**

Irene Theresa (Gudde) Hayes died in 1997 in Missouri. She married William Ernest Hayes, son of William Daniel Hayes and is the mother of Kathryn E. (Hayes) Johnson. Mrs. Hayes was a resident of Cass Co. Missouri. She also lost a son in the year 1997. We express our sympathy to the family. (Info: Kathryn Johnson)

CLYDE L. BELLAMY

Clyde L. Bellamy died June 26, 1997 in Oklahoma. He is the husband of Bonnie Bellamy and they would have been married 50 years, Aug. 30. We send our sympathy to Bonnie and her family. (Info: Bonnie Bellamy)

BUD HOWINGTON JR.

Bud Howington Jr., 59, of Asheville, NC died Sunday 16 Nov., 1997. A native of Buncombe Co. NC, he was a son of the late Bud and Bonnie Coffey Howington. He was an Army Reserve veteran having served in the 391th Engineering Battalion and was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 781. Bud and his wife Carolyn, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on Nov. 10, 1997.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Sitton Howington: son and daughter-in law, Bud and Carolyne Koster Howington III of Fletcher: brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Grace Howington of Asheville; and grandson, Dillon Tyler Howington of Fletcher. Burial was in Oak Forest Cemetery, Etowah, NC. (Obit: Citizen Times, Monday, Nov. 17, 1997)

KENNETH COFFEY

Kenneth Coffey, 70, of April Avenue, a retired sheet metal worker, died Nov. 3, 1997 at home. Mr. Coffey, a World War 11 veteran, was born in Nelsonville, Ohio, and came to this area in 1989 from Lake Worth. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Eagles Lodge, and the National Race Car Association. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Jr., Sanford; a daughter, Krystal Coughlin, Korea; a brother, Clarence E., Deltona; a sister, Juanita Lambert, Orange City; and two grandchildren. (From Reams Goodloe)

**CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

I. V. Crawford writes that several people have written her about John Coffee Hays. He was not related to the Coffee/eyes. {nor is he related to our Hayes of TN. YE ED}
The following is from: Chapter I, ref#1, Sketch of Col. John Coffey Hays, Texas Rangers, MS by J. Caperton

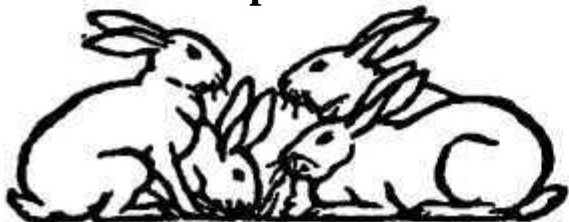
'In the quiet of his country home Harmon Hays remembered those strenuous campaigns, and he recalled with gratitude the kindness of his commander, General John Coffee. It was not unfitting, therefore, that when a son, their second child, was born to him and his wife Elizabeth, on Jan 28, 1817, the parents named him John Coffee Hays'
(His grandfather was Robert Hays.)

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Lorene Guthery says that she was especially interested in the December 97 issue of CCC, page 12, with the 1850 census of Bedford County, TN. It showed Elvira Coffey, age 14, born in TN, daughter of Henry B. and Sarah Coffee. She feels that this might be her great grandmother Elvira. The only facts that Lorene knew about this great grandmother was that she was born 1835 and died 17 April 1888. She married Joseph Nelson Cupp and she was living at Sheldon, IL in 9 Dec. 1873 when her daughter Emma Rosella (Cupp) Anderson was born. Elvira is buried at Belmont Cemetery which is five miles S.E. of Watseka, IL. If you can help Lorene with this line, her address is 1037 N.W. 100th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73114.

*Jo Ann Hatch ran into this while researching another line and thought we might want it: FROM: Circuit Court Records of Stone County Missouri, in 1851 there was mention of a John T. Coffee (sic), Circuit Court Attorney, Judge of Circuit Court and also he was called "A gentleman of the bar."
Thanks Jo Ann

* Reams & Virginia Goodloe took a trip that through TN and KY. They found a 7 mile portion of TN state road 64, from U. S. 41A to Wartrace is named the RICE COFFEE HIGHWAY. There is a sign at the 41A end. He was one of Reams great Uncles. Also found that all births and deaths in KY since 1911 are indexed and are public record.

**DEAD END ROADS**

* Amie Finel was recommended to us by someone on the internet. She descends from Lewis (Levi) M. Coffey b. 1798 in Stokes County. She says that every year her mother's family have a reunion in Oregon which she attends. She would like to find something new to keep the family interested this year. We hope she will encourage them all to attend our Coffey Convention in Eugene. If you have information on this line, Amie's address is SCC Box 339, 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and her email address is afinel@mailexcite.com

* Jack Coffee has received a personal note, as well as a query on the Cousins' (computer) Page, requesting assistance with some research. The request comes from Robert Carter (RACAR@worldnet.att.net) who is attempting to help an elderly widower (Ed Yetman) of Ocala, FL, find information on missing relatives. Jack has been unable to find any info on Christopher in his files and, based on the circumstances, he thought he would ask the Coffey Cousins for assistance.

Ed, via Robert is seeking information on Christopher Coffey who married Elizabeth (unknown) c1888. In 1920, the couple lived at 17 Midland Ave., Yonkers, NY. They had children Christopher, Jr., Grace, Helen, Thomas, Elizabeth, May (married Lou Doty), James, and Roland, who married Jacqueline and died in Chula Vista, CA in 1982. As Jack understands the problem, Christopher Sr. had a sister Ellen Jane Coffee who is the grandmother of Mr. Yetman. If anyone can help, please respond to Robert directly or write to Jack Coffey at 10026 Hackbetty, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

* Jo Langwell was able to do some genealogy between Christmas and New Year. Her grandfather, on her father's side, bought land in Hunt Co. TX. Her father's birth certificate says he was born in Hopkins County, which is right next to Hunt County. She found an O. A. Coffey in Hopkins Co who owned a lot of land. He died April, 1954 and his will listed sons Howard, Leonard, Joe, and George. His daughters are Irene (W.E.) Jones, Geraldine (Filo) McCollough. At the time of O. A.'s death, his wife was Dora May. Howard was 32 and lived in Fort Worth. Leonard was 32 and lived in El Paso. Joe was 35 and lived Quincy, IL. George was 37 and lived in Ft. Worth. Geraldine McCollough was 48 and lived in Houston. Jo's question is, who is O.A. Coffey? Who are his parents and are they any relation to the Coffee's from Florence, AL?

During her research in Hunt County, she also found where her grandfather (A.M. Hauerwas) purchased 61.36 acres of land from R. F. Coffee and wife, Mattie Pearl Coffee dated Jan 15, 1918. Adam Martin (Ed) Hauerwas married Lucie Anne Coffee on 3 Jan. 1898. At that time they lived in Florence Alabama. Lucie's parents were Ninrod Thomas Coffee (b. 10 Feb. 1837 AL) and Mary Catherine Davidson (b. 11 Feb. 1838 AL). Their children were: Thomas Justinman, Mary Fielder Philpott, Catherine Davidson Massey, Queen Ada Johnson, Richard Fowler, Bessie Williams, Sallie McCauley and Lucie. Jo wants to know if the R. F. Coffee in the land sale above could be Lucie's brother Richard Fowler and if not who are his parents?

Jo also checked marriage records in Hunt County and found lots of Coffees but could not connect them to Ninrod's children.

Marriage records Hunt Co. TX

Henry Coffee to Ellen Wilson
Jan. 5, 1886
A.I. or A.J. Coffee to AB. Wilson
Dec. 1, 1889
Glenn Coffee to Rosa English
Aug. 30, 1911
LN. Coffee to A.F. McGlothen
Apr. 10, 189?
Lovella Coffee to Buss Pratt
Nov. 2, 1907
M.E. or M.C. Coffee to Alfred
Bludsworth Dec. 7, 1869
William Coffee to Elvira Pitty
Apr. 21, 1870
Wm to Mary Winningham
Nov. 31 1867
Isabell Coffee to Jefferson Fletcher
Jan. 18 1936
Martha Ann Coffee to Foster Kilgore
Nov. 19 1965
Jo asks, "Does anyone know who these Coffees are? Her address is 11802 Poplar Creek, Houston, TX 77077.

* Bonnie Belamy is still searching for William Coffee's parents. She can only go back to 1850 where he lived in Morgan Co. Alabama. He was later in Gun Town, Lee Co. Mississippi in 1870. Then in 1880, he was in Franklin Co. Alabama. After that he migrated to Texas and his family moved into Indian Territory near **Ardmore & Fishimingo**, Oklahoma in the 1890s. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Bonnie's address is Rt.1, Box 214, **Tecumsch**, OK 74873-0644.

* Lillian Thomas writes that she is still searching for information on Francis J. Coffee, born 1832/3. He had a daughter **Ella** Coffee born about 1851 who married Jason J. Novell on 18 Dec. 1872 in Hickman Co. KY. She would like to find the parents of Francis and where they are buried. Lillian's address is 211 E. Schaumburg Rd., Steamwood, IL 60107-1460.

***Joe Carroll would like to make some progress with his Coffey line. He has searched for years for information on his great grandmother Eliza Coffey, born c 1821 in Tennessee who on June 25, 1850 in Maury Co, TN married Wyatt Walker. They had eight children. Eliza died c 1865 in Tennessee. If your Coffee/ey family lived in Maury Co. TN, please check to see if you have an Eliza or any similar name female born c 1821. Joe certainly would appreciate the help. His address is 465 Sunset Terrace, Cedar Park, TX 78613.**

*** Jack Coffee sends the following problem:**

Between Nov. 30, 1855 and Nov. 17, 1856, Lilburn (b c1823), Jessee and Joel Coffee/y settled land within a 4-6 mile radius of each other in Hempstead Co., AR. Land documents that Jack has found in that county show that John T. Coffee and Asbury Coffee witnessed the transaction for Jessee. There were no witnesses listed for Lilburn or Joel.

Joel died in the county in 1859 and Lilburn was called to testify at the probate of his will. No one except Joel's wife, Elizabeth was named in the will. Other county documents show that these men often came into contact with each other. John T., Lilburn, and Jessee are found in several county documents, including estray and tax records.

Asbury seems to have moved on quickly because Jack has found no records that show he homesteaded in Hempstead Co. Is this the Asbury Madison that went on to fame in Missouri? Lilburn remained in the county until his death in 1877. Jessee is gone by 1869 when he is listed as a non-resident of the county, and his property is sold for taxes.

In 1855 Jessee had some business

dealings with the Bennight family in Hempstead Co. In 1856, a Mary Coffee, age 19, married Jackson Bennight, giving rise to the thought that Mary was a daughter of Jessee..

John T. was in the county as early as 1854 and in 1857 he and his wife, Martha sold land they had homesteaded in 1856. And, it appears that they left the county after that.

In an attempt to put together a plausible connection of these men to one another, Jack has looked for early Coffee/y families that had children, or grandchildren with the same names, and in the same generation as those found together in Hempstead Co. The only one that Jack has found thus far is that of James and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey.

James and Elizabeth had children: John, who had a son named John, b1796; Ambrose, who had a son named Jesse, b1792; Eli, who had a son Asbury Madison, b1804; and a son named Joel. There are a couple of problems claiming that Joel and the grandsons of John and Elizabeth were the ones in Hempstead Co. For example, Ambrose' son, Jesse (according to Marvin's research) died in TN in 1835. So, Jack is looking for another Jesse in the same generation who is related to one of the sons of James and Elizabeth.

Given the apparent confusion in the records concerning Ambrose and his wives and children, and a tale handed down in my family, Jack tends to believe that all of these men, including Lilburn, come from the James and Elizabeth line, perhaps as descendants of Ambrose! The tale handed down in Jack's family comes from his grandfather Coffee (b1873, d1960) who told his older grandchildren that his father, Jack's 2g-grandfather was an orphan named Mills, and that he

had been adopted by the Coffee family. It is possible that Jack's cousins remember the tale accurately, but are a generation off. Perhaps it was actually Lilburn, his 3g-grandfather that was the Mills orphan.

Is it mere coincidence that all of these men with names who appear in the James Coffee/Elizabeth Cleveland family also appear at the same time in Hempstead County? Is it coincidence that confusion over the Mills surname exists in the Ambrose family? Jack says that he just needs a little help gathering a bit more evidence to assemble a more plausible connection, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Jack can be contacted by e-mail at jcoffee@bcnetcom.com, or regular mail at 10026 Hackberry Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2810.

*David Coffey noticed that we record which Coffey ancestor people are looking for. He is looking for Martin Coffey's parents. Martin was born 1762 and died in Russell County in 1867. David has tried all sorts of ways to get this info even looking in old newspapers down at the library at University of Kentucky, thinking that a guy who died at age 105 back in 1867 would have been newsworthy. Sadly, he can't find local papers from around 1867. Presently David is tracking down family Bibles and have been told of one down in Texas that mentions Martin's name. Hopefully his mom and dad are mentioned, too, but time will tell. How are the rest of the Martin researchers coming along? David's line goes from Martin to Andrew to John Wes to Alexander Cosby. You can write him at 1507 State Rt. #28, Loveland, OH 45140.



DOCUMENTS GALORE

Linda Roberts has a great, documented genealogy to offer that we have not heard much of before. Horatio Roberts Coffee is only mentioned in Marvin Coffey's book on page 52 of the Supplement as an unrelated neighbor of William Dean Coffey in Galatin & Saline Co.s IL. We're grateful to Linda for this new information. I have compressed the material to save space. Linda has more, write her at 301 Harrington St. SW, Palm Beach, FL 32908-7422

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DOWDEN COFFEE

Generation No. 1

1) John Dowden Coffee b. Nov. 10, 1760 & d. Aug 23, 1822 in Frederick Co., MD, bur. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. He married Darcus Roberts Dec. 21, 1785, dau. Of James Roberts & Mary ? (Info from family bible. There was a Philip Coffee in the area that would have possibly been the age to be John's father. Spelling of Darcus/ Darcas is inconsistent. 1790 census: 1 free white male of 16 or over; 3 free white males under 16 years; 1 free white female and 3 slaves)

Children of John & Darcus

- i Philip, b. Oct. 20 (29), 1786
- ii James, b. Oct. 3, 1788, d. (Bible says 5/17 no year
- iii John A., b. June 3, 1790 (possibly m. Nancy Snyder 9/13/1832 Saline Co. IL)
- iv Chloe, b. Oct. 19, 1792
- 2 v Horatio Roberts, b. Oct 1794, MD
- vi Mary Ann, b. Aug 30, 1799, m. ? Shullberg (Rumors - she married a Shullberg and moved to Wisconsin prior to the 1850 census. Also brother Robert moved)

vii **Coven** tion, b. Oct **15, 1800**

3 viii Charles Grandison, b. Aug 26, **1803**; d. Jan. **1, 1847**, IL

ix James A., b. Sept **3, 1808**, MD; d. 1841-44, IL; m. Mahulda Baker, May **13, 1838**, Gallatin Co. IL.

(There is more than one James shown born to this family. It is presumed that the earlier James died early in life and this James was renamed with an important family name. It is also presumed that James & Robert(s) Coffee are twins)

x Robert, b. Sept. **3, 1808** (Supposed to have gone to Wisc.)

Generation No. 2

2) Horatio Roberts Coffee b. Oct **1794** in MD & d. Oct. **24, 1877** in IL bur. Raleigh Masonic Cemetery. He married Juliet Mary Burnett, Feb. **22, 1823**, dau. Of Wm Burnett & Sarah Graham.

Children of Horatio & Juliet

i Adeline B., b. Abt 1826, IL; m. Wm Burkhart, Oct. **15, 1854**, Saline Co. IL

4 ii James C., b. Feb. **14, 1828**, IL

5 iii Allen B., b. Jan 13 1830, IL

6 iv Grandison G., b. Jan **30, 1831**, IL

v Sarah E., b. Abt 1834, IL; m.

Alexander Hunt, Feb **26, 1854**, Saline Co. IL

vi Susan D., b. Abt **1834**, IL; m. John H. Heathman, Mar. **6, 1873**, Saline Co. IL

7 vii Richard M., b. Aug 1839, IL

viii Robert A., b. Abt **1841**, IL; m.

Mary C. Upchurch, Aug **23, 1863**, m.2nd Nancy J. Moore, May1, **1870**, Saline Co. IL

(Robert and Mary must have divorced prior to her marriage to Richard, brother of Robert)

ix **Chloe** E. b. Abt 1848, IL; m. James E. Barnes, Nov. **25, 1876**, Saline Co. IL

3) Charles Grandison Coffee, b. Aug 26,

1803, d. Jan **1, 1847** in IL. He married Lucy Ann Young, May **22, 1836**, Gallatin Co. IL (presumably Lucy is dead by **1847** as Grandison makes Horatio guardian of his children)

Children of Charles Grandison & Lucy

i James Hiram, b. Abt **1837** (indentured to Robert O. Johnson, probably abt the same time in 1848 as Perry, then it was canceled on 12/20.1852)

ii Perry C., b. Abt 1838 (Indentured to David M. Upchurch on **11/29/1849** and contract canceled 3/15/1852. Indentured to George W. Burkhart.

With John Oniet family in 1860 census, Gallatin Co)

8 iii John Roberts, b. Feb 1840, IL

Generation No.3

4) James C. Coffee, b. Feb **14, 1828**, IL; d. May 1, 1897, IL, bur Raleigh Masonic. He married Matilda Hamilton, Jan. **12, 1851**

Children of James C. & Matilda

i Charles H., b. Abt 1852

ii Miriam A., b. Abt 1855

iii Thomas L., b. Abt 1857

iv John Milton, b. Jan. **1860**

v George, b. 1862, IL

vi Juliette L., b. Abt 1864

vii **Luella** C., b. Abt 1866

viii Elizabeth S., b. Abt 1879

5) Allen B. Coffee, b. Jan 13, 1830 IL; d. May **14, 1907** IL, bur. Raleigh Masonic. He married (1) Lydia C. ? Abt 1856. He married (2) Harriet M. Grimes, Apr. **15, 1866**. He married (3) Sarah M Leach, Sept **10, 1872** in Saline Co. IL

Children of Allen & Lydia

i Arthur, b. Abt May **1856**

Children of Allen & Harriet

ii Ellen B., b. Oct. 1867, IL; d. Dec. 6, **1889** bur. Coffee/Big Saline Cem.,

Mountain Twp

iii Mary H., b. May 29, 1869, IL; d. Sept. 2, 1869, bur. **Roark Cem.**, Mountain Twp

6) Grandison G. Coffee b. Jan 30, 1831 IL; d. Dec 4, 1906 IL, bur. Raleigh Masonic. He married Nancy J. Simmons, Jan 15, 1857

(Note: Served in Civil War, Company E of the 110th Infantry, Mustered 1861. Sergeant, Served in same Co & Infantry as John R. Coffee.)

Children of Grandison & Nancy

- i Elizabeth Sarah, b. Abt 1859
- ii Infant Coffee, b. July 31, 1860; d. 1865-69
- iii Henry, b. Aug, 1860 il; d. Dec 24, 1922 IL, bur Raleigh Masonic
- iv Allen, b. Abt 1868
- v Amanda A., b. Abt 1869 (Allen in 1880 census??)
- vi Daniel Edward, b. Nov 20, 1870 IL; d. Mar 29, 1943 IL bur. Raleigh Masonic Cemetery

7) Richard M. Coffee, b. Aug. 1839 IL; d. 1918 bur. Bethel Creek Cemetery. He married Mary Catharine Upchurch.

Children of Richard & Mary Catharine

- i Ethan, b. Abt 1865
- ii Wallace, b. July 1871 IL; d. 1951 IL, bur. Durham
- iii Lewis, b. Dec. 1873; m. Bessie
- iv Female Coffee, b. Jan. 17, 1881

8) John Robert Coffee, b. Feb 1840 IL; d. bef. 1910 IL, bur. Rhine Cemetery with Tennessee Groaning. He married (1) Nancy C. Rhine, Oct. 10 1861 in Saline Co. IL, dau of John Rhine & Mary ?. He married (2) Tennessee A Groaning, Dec. 28, 1879 in Saline Co. IL. (There was no record of John being indentured to any family, however, he was with the John Rhine family in

1850 census and stayed with them until he was an adult and married. Nancy Rhine, his wife left a will. Box 55-30. He served in the Civil War and did not start a family until he returned

Children of John & Nancy

- i Ety Julia, b. Sept. 10 1866 IL; m. Francis M. Mathis, Oct 1, 1884 Saline Co. IL
 - ii Edward, b. Abt 1867
 - iii Eda Frances, b. July 15, 1868 IL; m. Joseph Smith, Sept. 20 1891
 - iv William, b. Sept 15, 1870; d. July 24, 1917 IL, bur Rhine Cem
 - v Silas, b. Dec 5, 1872 IL; d. Bef. 1900
- Children of John & Tennessee
- vi James Arthur, b. 1880 IL; d. 1941
 - vii Emma, b. Apr 1883; m. Elias Roberts.

*Jennifer Dunn wrote the following email query to Jack Coffee:

"Bradley Berry (d. 1795 in Virginia) was married to Elizabeth Fields (b. March 4, 1755 in Virginia, d. May 24, 1824 in Buncomb Co., NC). Elizabeth was the dau. of Richard Fields and Elizabeth Murrell of Amherst Co., VA. Bradley served in the 4th Virginia Company in the American Revolution and **apparently** he was wounded and infirm. He and Elizabeth had one child, Franklin Berry, born bef. 1789.

But, after Bradley became infirm, Elizabeth "slept" with this mystery man, Rice Coffee. They had two children, William Coffee Berry and Mary Berry. They were Berry's since Elizabeth was still married to Bradley Berry, but **Rice** Coffee acknowledged them as his own children. William Coffey Berry, (my ancestor) later wrote a manuscript about this. So, if anyone can **help** me identify Rice Coffee

fee, I would be forever indebted to you. Thank you very much!!!! - Jennifer Dunn" (To answer Jennifer, contact Jack Coffee)

{Dates indicate that Bradley Berry would have been dead before Wm & Mary were born! Ye Ed }

This is the story William Coffey Berry gave to his family.

**A BIOGRAPHICAL ACCOUNT OF
THE BERRY FAMILY**
By William Coffey Berry
January 30, 1870

Richard Fields married Elizabeth Murrel, the sister of Drury Murrel ...all natives of Amherst County, Virginia. After marriage, Mr. Fields settled in Albemarle County, Virginia where Mrs. Fields became the mother of four children: 1Thomas, 2Joel, 3Elizabeth and 4Sarah. Mr. Fields died and his widow married a second time. Her second marriage was to John Gilliam, by whom she became the mother of three sons: 5Epaphroditus, 6Cornelius and 7John. IThomas (Fields), her oldest son, married Elizabeth Coffee and emigrated to Wilkes County, North Carolina, where he lived to an advanced age and died, leaving a large and respectable family behind him.

2Joel (Fields) died in the 21st year of his age and left no descendants.

4Sarah (Fields) married Thomas Coffee. They emigrated shortly after the close of the Revolution to N.C. and settled in Wilkes County. She became the mother of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Her second son, Reuben Coffey, was a distinguished Baptist clergyman. He emigrated with

his family and two of his younger brothers and their families to the state of Indiana, and settled in Monroe County near Bloomington, where all those brothers have since died. Reuben, (along with) Lewis and Larkin Epaphroditus Gilliam, emigrated from Virginia to Wilkes County, North Carolina ... and married Sally Israel, daughter of Michael Israel, and moved with his family to Clay County, Missouri, where he has since died. He was a local Methodist preacher.

6Cornelius Gilliam married a Miss Wood and moved to Kentucky, where he accumulated a handsome property and died without any children.

7John Gilliam (Jr. ?) married, lived and died in Virginia.

3Elizabeth Fields married Bradley Berry of Albemarle County, Virginia, by whom she became the mother of a son and called his name Franklin. After his birth, his mother, Elizabeth Berry, moved with her infant son Franklin to Wilkes County, N.C. ...where she became the mother of Mary and William, the avowed and acknowledged offspring of Rice Coffee.

(Several lines here were erased or obliterated by someone who couldn't stand the idea of this ancestor being illegitimate. It was likely Ruth Parker, who was the custodian of this document in 1971. Her qualification as a DAR would be in question if she could not trace a direct bloodline back to a Revolutionary War soldier, and being a DAR was very important to her. She even gives her DAR registration number, 489910, along with her signature.)

When William C. Berry was in his 13 th year (circa 1809), {b. 1796 Ye Ed} his

mother moved with Mary and William to Buncombe County, N.C, where she lived until her death. This aforesaid Elizabeth Berry was born March 12th, 1755 and deceased on Monday, May 24th, 1824. Mary was born February 5th, 1789 and was married in February 1810 to Mr. David Rodgers, by whom she became the mother of nine children: Three sons and six daughters. Named as follows: (Sarah), Fawniah, Hugh, Mary, Jane, Robert, Elizabeth Emily, Margaret Minerva and David. The oldest was born December 16, 1811 and the youngest January 21, 1830. All are still living at the present date, 1870. Mary Rodgers, their mother, died April 21, 1857. She lived beloved and died lamented.

The three sons, Hugh, Robert and David and five of their sisters are living in Jackson County, N.C. and all are in easy circumstances. The other sister, Mary, married Mr. Jason Chasteaux. They are settled on Tobacco River, Fanning County, Georgia and are in affluent circumstances.

William C. Berry was born October 19th, 1796, and on the 30th day of April, 1816, was married to Miss Letticia Woody, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Woody, by whom he became the father of 12 children, six sons and six daughters: **Thomas F**, Elizabeth, Mary, William M.C., Larkin M., Marian Louisa, Lewis Franklin, Sarah Elviry Emily, Martha Ann, Ephriam Moor, Joseph Manning, and Letticia Minerva June.

1Thomas F. was born February 2nd, 1817 and died July 18th, 1878.

2Elizabeth was born October 29th, 1818. She married William Bishop of Spartanburg, South Carolina May 16th,

1844, and became the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters. She departed this life on April 1st, 1864, aged 46 years, 5 months, 2 days.

3 Mary Berry was born March 22nd, 1820, and was married to James B. Sutton (?) January 13th, 1842. She became the mother of ten children, two of which died in infancy. She lived to see six grandchildren and died November 22nd, 1869, aged 49 years and 8 months.

4William M.C. Berry was born February 27th, 1822 and was married to Clarisa Williams, daughter of Frederic & Martha Elizabeth Williams of Spartanburg, S.C, by whom he became the father of four children, two sons and two daughters. He yet lives and recently visited his aged father, who now resides in Jackson County, N.C. at the close of the year 1869.

5Larkin M. Berry was born April 12th, 1824 and professed religion in his 13th year. He became a preacher in the Baptist denomination at age 17, and was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry December 24th, 1848. He has attained the character of an able, popular, efficient preacher. He married Miss Martha Bishop of Spartanburg May 16th, 1844 and became the father of four children, three sons and one daughter. He located himself and his family in the city of Lacon, Illinois in the spring of 1869 where he now lives on January 30th, 1870.

6Mariah Louisa was born April 10th, 1826 and married John Bishop of Spartanburg, S.C. on August 31st, 1848, by whom she became the mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters. Her husband, John Bishop,

died near Richmond in the Confederate Army in the spring of 1864. She is now living in Jackson County, N.C. in 1870.

7 Lewis Franklin Berry was born May 25 th, 1828 and found the baptist church at Boiling Springs, Spartanburg, in October 1844. He married Sarah Lewis of Spartanburg, by whom he became the father of seven children, five sons and two daughters. He emigrated to Morgan County, Alabama and settled three miles north of Summerville (?). ...professed to be a preacher of the gospel.

8 Sarah Elviry Emily Berry was born March 1st, 1830 and married John Crook, Jr. She died December 28th, 1865, aged 34 years, 9 months, 27 days. She left but one child behind to perpetuate her name.

9 Martha Ann was born May 3rd, 1832 and died on Friday, July 5th, 1834

10 Ephriam M. Berry was born August 9th, 1834 and professed religion on October 27th, 1850, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Refugee Baptist Church in Henderson County, N.C. He married Miss Matilda Jenkins in the spring of 1853. His wife, Matilda, lived seven months after their marriage and died of consumption on

Monday, December 24th, 1853. In the year 1863, said E.M. Berry emigrated to the northwestlocated himself in the state of Indiana, where he has attained some degree of notoriety as an M.D. and an Elder in the Christian Church.

11 Joseph M. Berry was born December 11th, 1837, made profession of the christian religion October 26th, 1850, and was baptized into the fellowship of

the Refugee Baptist Church in Henderson County, N.C. on Friday, November 8th, by his father, Elder William C Berry. After the death of his mother, Joseph M. located in Greenville, S.C where he married Susannah Owens, by whom he became the father of one

child, a daughter bora January 1st, 1861. In the spring of 1863, he emigrated to the northwest, locating at Bedford, Indiana. He became a student of the high school at that place and has since attained to high distinction and notoriety as a scholar and a clergyman in the Christian Church.

12 Leticia Minerva June Berry, the youngest of her father's family, was born March 4th, 1840 and professed religion October 25th, 1850, and was



baptized into the fellowship of the Refugee Baptist Church in Henderson County, N.C. on Friday, November 8th, 1850 by her brother, Elder Larkin M. Berry. She remained at home with her parents until her mother's death, and she was then placed under the care & control of her Aunt Mary Rodgers. After the death of Mrs. Rodgers, Minerva returned to her father, who married Miss Charlotte Osbourn, daughter of Jermiah & Ann Osbourn. She remained with her father and stepmother until June 23rd, 1863, when all were driven to the necessity of leaving home as refugees to seek a destination of safety in the state of South Carolina. Minerva then went to East Tennessee, where she was still living when last heard from by the writer, her father and her mother ().

Letticia Woody was married April 30th, 1846 and died April 14th, 1855, aged 56 years, 10 months, 22 days. She had lived many long years a pious and exemplary christian life, and died in the full triumphs of the christian faith. Jonathan Woody, her father, was the son of William Woody, a native of England. He married Sarah Persel, an English lady. They immigrated from England and settled on the Potomac River in the state of Virginia, where Jonathan was born. After his birth, the family moved to South Carolina where Jonathan married Mary Lovel, by whom he became the father of eight children, four sons & four daughters. Three died in infancy. Their father, Jonathan Woody, moved when nearly 100 years of age to the state of Iowa, and died at his youngest son's place, Berry Woody. Jonathan Woody had three brothers and four sisters: William, Talton, James, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah and Mary.

William married a Miss Watkins.

Nancy married John Slaton. Sarah married Abner Norrce and Mary married John Davice, nicknamed "Jack of Diamonds". William Woody, brother of Jonathan, had 13 children, nine sons and four daughters: John, Talton, William, Killis, Silas, Nicholas, David, Joseph, Washington, Nancy, Elizabeth, Kizzias (Polly) and Mary. Nancy married William Miller. Elizabeth married John Gasperson. Polly married a Mr. Cook.

NOTE: William C Berry wrote this account for his son, Joseph M. Berry, who carried it to Oklahoma, where it passed to Joseph's daughter, Lillie Belle Berry Clark in 1917. in 1951, Lillie entrusted it to Ruth Hope Parker Lessley, her niece whom she had raised from infancy. Ruth is the daughter of Laura Berry Parker, Lillie's sister, who died in 1907. In January, 1971, Ruth lived in Paducah, Kentucky.

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I'd like to use the Coffey Cousins web page to start debunking some Coffee/y research myths, such as the one about John Coffey and Mary Jolliffe. My concept includes posting the top five or ten myths, or how many we can get on the web page.

Do you suppose you might have room for a notice in the next CCC to members about that idea, and include my e-mail address? Readers could send their favorite myth directly to me, and I'd post it on the page. **Jack Coffee** (e-mail below/ reg. mail: 10026 Hackberry, Baton Rouge, LA 70809)

{There are some terrible mistakes being pushed on the web by people copying old books, etc. We need to make a concerted effort to clean up some of this. Please send Jack your favorite myth. I know they are out there and we hear about them frequently. Bonnie}

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I know that this first list of addresses is not complete or probably very accurate. I hope and expect you to send corrections and additions until we have this usable by those cousins who wish to contact others with the computer. I highly suggest that you check the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse Page set up by Jack Coffee. We can't thank him enough for this service. We have acquired numerous new cousins because they saw the page on the computer. Check it out at:
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Ron Payne visited the library in Cleveland TN and found the Confederate pension files for Tennessee on microfilm. He selected two Grainger Co. Coffeys, Ira and John. He made photo copies of the files that appeared to be interesting and sent us copies. (We thank Ron for the help.)

John **Coffey** filed for pension May 29, **1907**, Washburn, Grainger Co. He served in Co. C, **12#** Batt. Ten Cav. CSA. He was born in Grainger Co. TN 1843. He enlisted in July 1862, Boxes Co., Major Adran. He fought at Murphysborough, Tenn. & Peavill, KY (spelling per record) He was parol led out of prison at Camp Chase, OH, June 10, 1863 & he took the oath of allegiance. His wife is 60 yrs. old and he is raising a 10 yr. old boy. Mrs. Coffey was insane. His farm is valued at \$500 & personal property at \$300. **A.C.** Corbin was with John Coffey, bout 6 miles out of Morristown when he was captured and took from his Command. J. W. Bunch of Lexington, KY swore that he was with John Coffey at Chase OH as a prisoner. His pension was denied because of the value of his property.

Ira Coffey filed for pension Aug 28, **1891**, Washburn, Grainger Co. He served in Co. D, 26th Tenn. Regt. and was wounded at Chickamanga - gun shot in the hip and right thigh. He was born in Grainger Co. TN and enlisted **July 2**, 1862 at Thorn Hill under Capt Wm McConnell, Col Litard, Gen. Brown & Capt. Levi Mobley. He fought at Chickamanga. He has a 61 year old wife & 32 year old boy at home. Wm Dalton & Wm. Larkin were with Ira when he was shot.