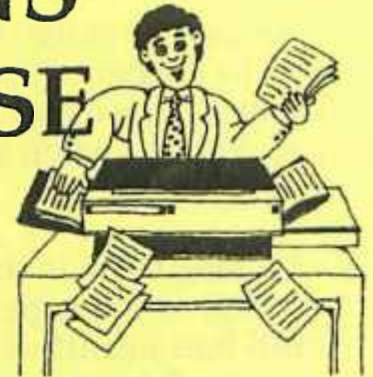




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

How time flies when there are things you should have done and have not!! Time has been flying very hot in San Antonio. A new all time record was established of 35 straight days of 100° or higher temperatures and along with it no rain! We have been very dry and on stage 2 of a water conservation plan. We have had some rain in August that has helped cool us down a bit, but we are sorely in need of more.

Don't know what all that has to do with the Coffey Cousins, but sometimes it helps to complain and get it off your chest. Speaking of Chest — Shingles! Yep, and after six weeks or so I'm ready for them to go some place else (not on my body).

I hope you have your calendar marked for Des Moines, Iowa for our 1999 reunion. Make reservations early and be sure you let it be known that you are part of the Coffey Cousins so we can get full credit to help insure our special rates and amenities. Darlene (and maybe Harold) have

been working diligently for us to have a good place and fun time and maybe learn more about Iowa than that is where the 'tall corn grows'.

Hope everyone has had a good summer and will look forward to seeing you in Des Moines !!!!!!!!

Cousin Jeff

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From: Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse

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Dear Cousins,

Jim and I visited 13 states on our trip to Eugene, OR. We saw so many tilings that we had trouble remembering them all when we got home. What fun!!

Eugene, OR was really interesting with all of the superb vegetation. Ruth had beautiful rhododendrons and the fox glove grow like weeds. I have tried so hard to keep them growing here. We sincerely thank Ruth and Thurman Lanning for hosting the 98 convention and for all of their work. I also wish to thank Harold and Darlene Clark Butz and Donna Coffey and Gail Bachman for accepting the challenge of hosting future conventions. I'm sure that Len Coffey realized many years ago that it was necessary to offer people a chance to meet the researchers they were corresponding with. (It's so much fun to get together with old friends and meet new ones.) We had 17 people in attendance who had never been to our convention before.

I must thank those who send us material to print in CCC. Please don't get discouraged if your material isn't in the next issue. Sometimes it's hard to make stories fit and I may have to hold it for a while. If it is really a large amount of material, I may have to make a book of it and take it to conventions for others to share. Sometimes I have to cut it down to smaller blocks. What I'm trying to say is "KEEP IT COMING". I'm the typist and bookkeeper. You are CCC's lifeblood.

I have had letters from several people with medical problems these last few months. Jeff hasn't been

feeling well since the convention. Virginia Coffey Is able to walk without her walker that she had to use at the convention and Kathryn Johnson has had eye surgery. Millie is improving all the time. We do wish everyone the best of health.

Have you ever felt that you forgot something but can't remember what?

Your Cousin,

Bonnie



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NEW COUSINS**ANCESTOR**

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NEW COUSINS

***Ralph C. & Bonnie Coffey and Ralph's sister Barbara Swett attended the Coffey Convention in Eugene, OR. They descend from Thomas Coffey and will let us know more about which Thomas Coffey later.**

*** Emma Whitnah descends from Elijah Coffey who married Betty Quinn, their son of Jesse Coffey who married Dorcus (or Lucinda) Burpo. Jesse was the son of Benjamin who married Exa Saphronia Stepp in 1816. Benjamin was the son of Reuben and Sally Scott. Reuben is given as born 1744 in Essex or Spottsylvania Co., VA. He is listed in Marvin Coffey's book "James B. Coffey; Ancestors as the 7th child of John and Jane Graves Coffey. Emma would like to correspond with others working on this line. Her address is in the new cousins list.**

***Bob and Betty Fansler are researching Betty's Nelson Coffey family. Nelson was born about 1818 in New York. He married (1st) Talitha Alice Smith, daughter of Nelson Smith and Jerusha Fox. He married (2nd) Betsy ?. Nelson & Talitha had 2 children: Lewis Nelson (b. 27 May 1867) and Elliza (m ?Cone). Nelson and Betsy had 3 more children:**

William S. (b. ca 1846), James (b. ca 1853) and Edwin (b. Ca 1856), all born in Michigan. Nelson first appears on land records in July 31, 1854 in Livingston Co. MI and again in the same county on Aug 3, 1854. There is also a land record the same year for Martin Coffey, Nov 22, 1854 in Livingston Co.

There were no Coffeys listed in the 1830 census for Livingston Co. MI, but in the 1850 census, Marion Twp, lists the Nelson Coffey family. Other Coffeys in the county and twp at that time are Sam'l Coffey age 34, b. VT, wife Louise, age 24 b. NY and 6 children all born in Michigan. Handy Twp. Lists Levi Coffey age 28 born NY and wife Julia age 26, b. NY and 1 son 1 1/2, b. MI.

Betty descends from Nelson and Talitha Alice (Smith) Coffey through their son Lewis Nelson and his wife Ruth Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of David and Phylura (Austin) Johnson. Next is their daughter Gladys Irene who married Albert Leonard Hinkle and 2nd Elmer D. Briggs. Betty descends from the first marriage. If you can help Betty and Bob with this line, write to them at their address in the new cousins list. They will be glad to share information on this line.

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*Donald M. Coffey Jr is from the line of Jordon Coffey, Henry F. Coffey, John Woodson Coffey and Donald M. Coffey Sr. His father was born in Coffeytown, Amherst Co., VA in 1905. Don would like to hear from others working on this line. He is a new researcher with Family Tree Maker for his computer. He has a lot of information on the Coffeys from Amherst Co. VA. His address is in the new cousins list.

* Karen Utley isn't actually a "new" cousin. She has been busy with other projects in the last couple of years and has returned, to again research her Coffey line. She descends from Edward & Ann (Powell) Coffey through their son William Coffey. We are glad to have Karen back as a Coffey researcher. You can write to her at the address in the new cousins list.



ADDRESSES:

NEW ADDRESSES

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Ocala, FL 34476



MAIL BOX

Pat Christensen isn't well and her mother has breast cancer. If you would like to send Pat a "Thinking of you card", I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you. Her address is 7615 Somerset Bay, Apt.B, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Millie Coffey has moved and now lives at 2005 Flencrest Lane, Garland, TX 75040. She sent pictures for the CCC scrapbook and said she would miss seeing everyone at the convention, but wasn't up to this yet. The pictures remind me of how young we "used to be"!! Thanks Millie and hope we see you soon.

The Macedonia Community Association of Coffeytown, VA held a homecoming at the Macedonia Church on July 26. The service marked the 102nd year of the little church, built with Chesnut timber from the Coffey farm. They also held a picnic on the grounds of "Fiddler's Green", which is a flat shaded area on the mountain-side in front of a Coffey family log home. The Macedonia Community Association is seeking donations for the expenses of maintaining the church. The chimney fell down this last year and has to be replaced besides the usual expenses. If you are interested in the church, the address is 1408 Coffeytown Road, Vesuvius, VA 24483

OBITUARIES

ALMA L. WHITIS

Alma M. Whitis died April 22 1998 in Indiana of cancer. We received a letter from her husband in May. Alma has been a long time subscriber of Coffey Cousins' **Clearinghouse** and an avid Coffey researcher. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to all of her family.

HARROLD BEECH COFFEE

Harrold Beech Coffee, 75, a retired Air Force colonel died June 26, 1998 in Fort Worth, TX. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Mr. **Coffee** was born April 21, 1923 in Brunswick, GA. He grew up in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1951. He served as Wing Commander of the 28th Bomb Wing (SAC). He retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in April 1978 and received many military awards. He retired from General Dynamics after 13 years in International Marketing.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia Jeanne Davis of Fort Worth: son, Robert R. Coffee of Lake Forest, CA; daughter, Deborah Coffee Pevehouse and husband, Doug, and **Kimberly** Coffee Jones and husband, Douglas, all of Carrolltown, TX; sister, Joanne Patricia Coffee of McLean, VA.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 27 June 1998. Thanks to Mary **Ellen** May and Jack Coffee)

PARIS COFFEY

Parris Coffey died in Claiborne Co, TN on November 24, 1997. He was born January 29, 1912, Grainger Co. TN to Orlander and Orlena Cope Coffey. He married the late Leo Bolton in **1937** and leaves two children, Wayne Coffey and Francis Coffey Rasnic of Tazwell, TN.

Mr. Coffey was the brother of the long time Coffey researcher Ella Carpenter. She has **sent** much interesting material on him and his family which you will **find** in the "Currents in the Stream" section of this issue.

We do send our sympathy to Ella and Mr. Coffey's family.

DEAD END ROADS

* **Mary E. Pabarcus** is a new researcher working on the Morris and Stapp lines and found that she descends from **Martha (Patsy) Coffey**, daughter of **Edward and Ann Powell Coffey**. She would appreciate hearing from others working on this connection. Unfortunately she has also picked up a few of the errors being passed on the World Wide Web at this time. The two most notable ones are the erroneous "**John Coffey, 1620**" who we know to be a Coffin or Scoffin and giving **Ann Powell** a middle name "**Ester**". I assume that the man passing this on the internet assumes that **Annister** was named for her mother and this is a corruption of the two names, but we have found no document that gives **Ann** a middle name and in fact middle names were extremely uncommon until the middle of the 1700s. If you can help **Mary**, write to her at 2812 Arcola Ave. San Diego, CA 92117-3635.

* **James Edward Smith** descends from grandparents, **Robert J. Coffey** and **Rosemary Phillips**. Robert's father is **James Edward Coffey** and **Mary Ellen Oley**. **Mary** is the daughter **Martin Oley** and **Mary Ellen Cotter**. **Deanna Smith** wrote to us for **James**. She and **James** both work for the American Red Cross in Syracuse, NY. They learned of our Coffey Convention via browsing online. If you can help **James**, his address is 408 S. Terry Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219. You can also contact **Deanna Smith** on line at dee@borg.com

* **Ye Ed** found a web page for those working on the Coffey Payne connection. Paine family Web site: <http://www.paine.org>

COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION 1998

"The state of Oregon was everything that Ruth & Thurman Lanning promised and more. Unfortunately the day of our trip to the coast, it rained. This **only** made the steaming clam chowder at MO's taste even better. I'm glad they had an elevator at the Sea Lion Caves. The cliffs are hugh. Keko the whale who starred in "Free Willie" was being prepared to return to sea. I understand that he was released soon after we were there. The acquarium had some very interesting exhibits.

Many of the cousins attended this convention to meet Dr. Marvin Coffey and they weren't disappointed. He spoke on Saturday afternoon on his book and gave a program on his trip to Ireland at the banquet. We hope that after attending one convention, he and his family will make it a habit and come often. Marvin's slides of Ireland brought back good memories, for those of us who have been there.

Jeff Coffey, our president, presided over the meeting. He thanked the Lannings for hosting this years convention.

It was determined that the convention for year 2000 would be hosted by Gail Bachman and Donna Coffey. We will hear more about this later **in** the year.

The 1999 convention will be in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 29, 30 and **May1**. It will be hosted by Harold and Darlene Clark Butz. They brought hospitality bags from Des Moines with maps and tour information. This was a creative way to invite all to attend the convention in Des Moines in 1999.

(Darlene is planning to reserve the room that Clint Eastwood lived in during the filming of "Bridges of Madison Co.")

Thurman and Ruth surprised us with table favors of Prayer Rocks and key chains from native Oregon stone.

Ruth sold ball caps with the Coffey family crest to provide funds for next years convention. We also sold chances on the afghan that was won by Gall Bachman.

Ruth and Thurman Lanning invited those staying over on Sunday to their beautiful home for a buffet spread. I'm sure she and her family put a lot of work into this. This gave us more opportunity to meet their family and visit. We extend a special thank you to Ruth and Thruman Lanning.

Those signing the attendance sheet: Thurman & Ruth Lanning, Raymond & Donna Coffey, Jeff Coffey, Glenna Horton, Jim & Bonnie Culley, Jim and Marguerite Coffey, Bill & Virginia Coffey, Mary Ann Heisiger, Ellen Mohr, Bail & Bill Bachman, Marguerite Jobses, Virgil O. Coffee, Dale & **Nola** Coffee and children, Krysta & Jeremy, Larry & Mary Bush, **Cal** & Emma Whitnah, Marvin & Wanda Coffey, Barbara Swett, Connie **Platt**, Ralph & Bonnie Coffey, Maureen Donald, Cliff & Sandy Otos, Jo Langwell, Donna McDoanld, Ralph & **Ina** Coffey. Harold & Darlene Clark Butz, Bernie & Wanda Woods, Mark Coffey, Jim & Lori Okel, Orvilla Ekberg and Tom & Betty Street.

Do you plan vacations ahead?

**Mark your calendar's for
Coffey Cousins' Convention
April 29, 30 and May1, 1999**



CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* **SANDY OTOS** has some interesting question for us and I quote:

"While researching for Cherokee connections, I noticed something strange in our data on William Coffey, son of John and grandson of James and Elizabeth Coffey of N. Carolina. His first wife's name is Sarah? Marvin says Sarah Ferguson. Regardless, she can't possibly be the wife Sarah on the 1850 census in Gwinnett Co., Georgia. That Sarah is twelve years younger than Edmond's (the first son) birth date. Jesse Coffey, Lewis Coffey, John Edmond and his brother Abner Coffey are on the 1830 census in Gwinnett Co., but William is not. By 1840, William is there, but Jesse and Abner have moved on. Abner went to Fairplay, AL. By the 1850 census, William and Sarah have Jane Compton living with them, plus a nine- year-old Sarah Findley. I believe William was married twice. His second wife Sarah might be a daughter of Jane Compton, or perhaps one of her sisters, Betsy Penley or Sarah Penley (p.40). I am also wondering over the similarity in the names Penley, Findley and Thomas Coffey's son Thomas's wife, Nancy Pendley. I think they all may be related and the same name. Since I am a novice, I would appreciate comments."

"On the Cherokee connection I found the following: On the Old Settlers roll in 1834, there is a man called Coffey, who was living in Hiwassee, TN. He was under 25 years of age. On the same roll there is a Thomas Fields living on Mouse Creek, TN, near the Bushy heads, prominent in Cherokee history. I do not know if there is any connection between this Thomas Fields and our Thomas Fields. I do know there was a prominent Cherokee by the name of Richard Fields. Maybe someone has looked into these coinci-

dences and can enlighten me. I do have copies of these rolls. If someone is interested, they can write to me at 1109 Fonthill Ave., Torrance, CA 90503."

If you have the answer to these questions, CCC would like to hear about them also. (YELED)

* **JOYCE A GRIGSBY** 1224 County Rd. 363, Lexington AL 35648 wrote that I printed her address wrong in the last issue and she says the Maury Co. TN census on page 16 must be 1850 as Nathan died in 1858. She would like to hear from anyone who has information on Nathan Coffee and his family. She descends from Nathan's son Calvin, but has no information on his brothers and sisters and their children. The sons of Nathan were Issac N., Hugh G. (Went to Poinsett Co. KS), William M. (Went to Ballard Co. KY) and Franklin I. The daughters were Margaret Davis and Caroline Todd.

Joyce asks if anyone has access or knows how she can get a copy of the newspaper article about the Harper brothers killing Issac the young son of Chesley Coffey Jr. In 1799. She know that the Louisville, Georgia Gazete printed an article about this April 1, 1799. She would be glad to pay the cost. Joyce would appreciate any help on this family and would appreciate hearing from others working on the Chesley Coffey, Jr. Family.

*We're glad to have Col. **GLENDON JOHNSON** back as a subscriber. He is still researching the family of Langston Coffey. If you can assist Glendon, write to him at 865 Scott Place, Abilene, TX 79601 4532

* **MYRILE HARWOOD** sent a News Release from the San Diego Genealogy Society. Since the annual event is taking place on Sept 18 & 19th, I doubt

if you will receive this information in time to attend, but if interested, you might get on their mailing list for next year. Some of the subjects available are: Photo & Document Preservation; Scandinavia Research Basics; U.S. Military Records; Cemetery and Mortuary Records; German Research; Getting Photos into your Genealogy Program; Genealogy on the Internet; Irish Probate Records; Windfalls in the files of the Southern Claims Commission - 1872; Land Records.

If you want on their mailing list, write to: San Diego Genealogy Society, 1050 Pioneer Way, Suite E, ElCajon, CA 92020-1943 or call (619) 588-0065

* **ELLA CARPENTER** has given us a lot of information on her family. Her brother Paris Coffey died and is listed in the Obituary section of this newsletter, but there was much interesting history in the clippings that Ella sent. I quote the newspaper clipping:

Paris Coffey was a long time influence on the community; by Cathy Casper Correspondent (Newspaper unknown)

Former State Representative and local businessman Paris Coffey passed away on Nov. 24, 1997 at the Clairborne Co. Nursing Home.

Coffey served in the 87th Congress as Representative of Claiborne, Grainger and Union counties in the late sixties. He was a past President of the Claiborne Co. Chamber of Commerce and along with others, was instrumental in obtaining Signal Knitting Mills and the Claiborne Co. Hospital.. He also helped to bring the New Tazewell Airport, public water and sewer works and many other services to Claiborne County.

Coffey was born in the Indian Creek area of Grainger Co. On Jan. 29, 1912. His parents Orlander and Orlena Cope Coffey, were farmers. His father

Orlander was also a woodsman and would often tell of cutting logs, tying them together and riding them down the Clinch River to Chattanooga.

Paris was one of eight children who carried a meager lunch and walked to a one room school heated with a pot-bellied stove in Thorn Hill.

Coffey attended Grainger Co. High School in Rutledge where he played basketball and was a starting guard for four years. He loved competition and the fast pace of basketball and was proud to graduate from the "new" gym at Rutledge which is now the Education Administrative Building.

Following high school he attended East Tennessee State University in Johnson City and graduated from John H. Gupton School of embalming in Nashville in 1936.

Coffey married the late Leo Bolton in 1937 and they had two children, Wayne Coffey and Francis Coffey Rasnic. They also had five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Coffey pursued a teaching career for four years in Grainger and Claiborne Co and in 1939 went to work with his brother, General Coffey, at Coffey Motors in New Tazewell. General and Paris started Coffey Funeral Home over the old Coffey Motor Company in late 1939. Paris lived in the upstairs apartment and also ran a wrecker and ambulance service from the apartment. In 1948 Paris purchased the Haynes Funeral Home, moving the Coffey Funeral Home location to Tazewell next to the Graves Drug Store where it stayed until the present location was finished in 1954. Eventually Coffey's children both joined him in the business and together they established Coffey Funeral Home in Harrogate across from Lincoln Memorial University.

Coffey was a sports advocate all his life. One of his proudest moments was

when he received a permanent basketball season pass from the Claiborne Co. High School Basketball program. He never lost his competitive spirit.

(Extracted from a letter to the Editor written by his children)

Thank you, Claiborne Co. Commissioners and the people of our community, for your kindness, thoughtfulness and love for our dad, Paris Coffey. Dad would be very proud of the honor you have shown him with the resolution that you passed last week in the commissioner's meeting.

Our dad loved you and you have loved him. As a kid I remember going with him to deliver messages for people. Very often someone would call and ask him to go to their home and tell their husband or wife that they would be getting home late from Knoxville or Morristown. Not everyone had a phone in their home during those days. Sometimes he would take me along when he was giving someone a ride home.

Dad always made sure that he had a pocket full of change to give to the kids. He had fun throwing the coins in the grass and watching the kids find them. He always carried a good pocket knife so that he could trade it with a kid for something of less value.

Dad took great pleasure in following the young people of Claiborne Co. In sports. He would often take a car full of the athletes to their games when they were playing out of town. He loved to compete, not to win, but to be with the ones he was competing with. The breakfast table was the consulting table for Frances and me. Dad would say, "There are no big I's or little you': smile and the world smiles with you: frown and you frown alone: you either add something to the world you live in or you take something away: always try to be a giver.

Ella also sent a chart of all of her family. They were from Grainger Co. TN
Orlando Coffey: b. 18 Mar 1879;

d. 1 May 1956

m. Orlena Cope: b. 30 Sept 1877;

d. 21 Jun 1975

Children:

1. General Coffey: b. 19 Oct 1897;

d. 2 Aug 1979

m. Phyla Dalton: b. 3 Aug 1897;

d. 29 Mar 1932

m. Jess Walter: b. 12 Oct 1897;

d. 14 Jan 1977

2. Emmett Coffey: b. 22 Jun 1902;

d. 9 Feb 1996

m. Birdie Laughormer:

b. 8 Jul 1917

3. Lillie Coffey: b. 7 Aug 1904;

d. 27 Dec 1988

m. Bloof Dalton: b. 18 Nov 1893;

d. 25 Jul 1982

4. Elsie Coffey: b. 16 Aug 1907;

d. 15 Aug 1989

5. Ella Coffey: b. 27 Oct 1909

m. Rector Carpenter:

b. 11 May 1895; d. 11 Sept 1986

6. Paris Coffey: b. 29 Jan 1912;

d. 24 Nov 1997

m. Leo Dalton: b. 9 Nov 19?;

d. 3 Feb 1988

7. Delta Coffey: b. 13 Feb 1914

8. James Carson Coffey: b. 9 Apr 1918

m. Beula Seals: b. 9 Apr 1925

* JO ANN HATCH asks what the opinion of the descendants of Rich Coffey was to the facts that Spencer T. Coffey and she set forth concerning Rich's parentage? She would like to hear from anyone on this line. Her address is P.O. Box 1123, Pinedale, AZ 85934. We would also like to hear from you here at CCC.

*REAMS GOODLOE wrote that he recently visited the Tennessee Archives. He found in the Tennessee DAR Roster, Vol. II, p.470, an entry for the James Coffey who married Mary Leeper and

was mentioned in CCC#57 p.9, CCC#59 p. 12 and CCC//69 p.8 & 13. He is also listed in the Supplement to James B. Coffey Vol.II; Ancestors, p.50. The DAR entry is on the same page with James Coffey who married Elizabeth Cleveland. It lists and gives birth dates for all seven children, which agree with Noreva Sharr's corrections. It also says that Allen Coffey married Annie Miller. It lists Marie Christine Mount, DAR #435521, as a descendant of James.

We thank Reams for this information. He is creating an index for CCC. I hope he will let us know how it is progressing.

*BENNIE LOFTIN sent the following: In the book COPELAND, BOSTICK, PATTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES by Virginia, Copeland Jantz, 1981 on Page 348-349.

Named in the Will of Robert Thompson, born 15 Mar 1757 in Orange County, NC, died between 29 July 1838 and Feb 1839, when will was proven in Guilford County, N.C. is the list of children of Robert and Ruth (McQuiston) Thompson:

iv. Levina Thompson, whose name was shown as Levina Coffey in her father's will. She may have been the wife of Henry Coffey who was named as an heir in the will. Levina (Thompson) Coffey had one known child, Zilpha Coffey, who was named in her grand-father's will.

* VIRGIL O. COFFEE says that he is correcting many of his records after he physically visited the descendants of some of his family. He says that strangely enough, some of his records reflect the names that the family always used but the Social Security Death Records used another name that none of them had ever heard. Virgil

says to be aware of the fact that many people go by their middle name through life, but have a different birth or legal names. He also says that it is not generally known, but even if a person has a social security number, their death is not recorded in the Social Security Index unless someone applies for the "death benefits" (the \$225.00). Virgil is already making his plans to attend the convention in 1999. We can always count on Virgil.

DOCUMENTS GALORE

*JoAnn Coffee of 304 S. Broadway, Coalgate, OK 74538 is researching the Joel William Coffee line. In the process, she found the following document:

THE COALGATE NONPAREIL

for the week ending Friday, Dec. 8, 1893

The following list of unclaimed letters at the Postoffice in Coalgate, I.T. On the 7th day of Nov. 1893.

B. F. Coffee

(JoAnn gave us the complete list, but there was only one Coffee)

* Amherst Co. VA - 1769, July 3, Charles **Tylor, Pltf.** Against John Hays deft. On an attachment. The defendant having privately removed himself out of this county or so absconds that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him for one pound 13 Shillings and 3 pence therein said to be due from the defendant to the plaintiff by account and the sheriff having returned that he had executed the said attachment in the hands of Reuben Coffee and summoned him to appear at the next court. As a garnishee and the said garnishee **declaring** upon his oath that he was indebted to the said defendant one pound 4 shillings and 6 pence and the said defendant not appearing to replevy the same it is ordered that judgment be entered for the plaintiff against the said defendant for the said....

* **Albermarle** Co. VA - Plat Map - George Hays for 50 acres of land lying on both sides Ivy Branch of Tye river, surveyed 3 days 1757 but transferred to William Coffey.

**DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM COFFEY (1812-1893)
CALDWELL COUNTY, NC**

Prepared by John W. Coffey II of Raleigh, NC

He said that he hoped this would be of interest.

1. WILLIAM COFFEY⁵ (WILLIAM⁴, BENJAMINS, JOHN², EDWARD 1) was born 5 May 1812 in "on Yadkin River," near Patterson, Co., NC, and died 8 May 1893 in near Patterson, Cladwell Co., NC. He married **MARGARET ROBBINS** 2 June 1836 in Caldwell Co., NC daughter of Thomas Robbins and Mary Morphey.

Notes for William Coffey:

1850 US Census lists Willilam Coffey, wife Margaret and seven children. Also one servant, Mary Hawkins, age 21 and illiterate. William Coffey's occupation is given as farmer, and his real estate valued at \$100.

1860 US Census, Patterson Twp. lists William Coffey, wife Margaret and ten children (infant daughter Sarah having died in 1854). No servants listed. William Coffey's occupation is given as farmer, and his real estate valued at \$410 and personal worth at \$400.

1870 US Census, Buffalo Twp lists William Coffey, his wife Margaret, and six children: Bar tie tt (age 28, farm laborer), Elizabeth (24, at home), Thomas (20, farm laborer), Mary (18, at home), William (14, farm laborer, cannot write), and Margaret (12, at home, cannot write). William Coffey's occupation given as farmer with property valued at \$600, and personal worth at \$300.

To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic: Died at his home on Buffalo, in Caldwell county, May the 8th, 1893, William Coffey, aged 81 years and 8 days. His wife, Margaret, also departed this life

April 26th, 1882, in the 66th year of her age. The Lord blessed them with a family of twelve children of which seven remain to bourn their loss. Brother and Sister Coffey joined the Baptist church in 1847; was soon ordained in the office of Deacon and Deaconess, which offices they executed well. They both lived consistent christian lives. We were present at the funeral of Sister Coffey, and remember hearing Brother Coffey express his desire to be asleep in Jesus with his companion. Since that time his greatest delight has been in the worship and service of the house of the Lord, often expressing a strong desire to be freed from the temptations and perplexities of this life, and after an illness of about 6 months he fell asleep in the full triumphs of faith and was gathered to his loved ones that had gone before. Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord, M.C. And J.H.J. [Obituary, Lenoir (NC) Topic, March 28, 1894]

William and Mary Coffey were charter members of Green Rock Baptist Church, Buffalo Cove Road. The church as constituted March 16, 1889 and for a time met at William's home [The Heritage of Caldwell County, NC, Vol.1, 1983]

Notes for Margaret Robbins:

Family record in a smaller Coffey Family Bible notes that a "Mrs. Marget (sic) Coffey was born [blank] died April 24, 1882."

1860 US census notes that the 44 year old Margaret Coffey "cannot read or write."

There is some confusion about Margaret Robbins Coffey's parentage. John O. Hawkins in his unpublished genealogy of the Robbins family, lists Margaret "Peggy" Robbins, born about 1790, Wilkes Co., NC, married 15 Aug 1829

to William Coffey.... The data is contradicted by the presumably more reliable information in the Coffey Family Bible. Hawkins apparently came to the same conclusion, for in his short article on the Reubin Robbins Family in *The Heritage of Caldwell County, NC*, Vol. 1, 1983, he lists "Margaret who married William Coffey" among three "Believed to be children of Thomas and Mary [Robbins] but unproven."

Marriage Notes for William Coffey and Margaret Robbins:

Though the Coffey Family Bible notes the date of marriage as 2 June 1836, the Index of Marriage Bonds of North Carolina, 1753-1868, gives the date as 15 Aug 1829. The bondsman is given as John Robins and witness a W. Davenport.

Children of William Coffey and Margaret Robbins were all born "On Buffalo Creek," near Patterson, Caldwell Co. NC. And are:

1. Elbert Coffey, b. 3 Jan. 1837; d. 16 Jay 1863, Civil War
 2. Elijah Coffey, b. 20 Aug 1838; d. 6 Oct. 1891, near Patterson, Caldwell Co. NC
 3. Larkin Coffey, b. 7 Jun 1840; d. 4 Aug 1864, Point Lookout, MD
 - 4.. Bartlett Coffey, b. 26 Feb 1842
 5. Cornelius Coffey, b. 27 July 1844; d. 1901
 6. Elizabeth Coffey, b. 28 Apr 1846
 7. Thomas Coffey, b. 22 Aug 1849
 8. Mary Coffey, b. 26 Sept 1851
 9. Sarah Coffey, b. 4 Nov 1853; d. Sept. 1854
 10. William Coffey, Jr., b. 1 Dec 1855
 11. Margaret Coffey, b. 13 Apr 1858
- Notes for Elbert - He married Eliza E. Powell 9 Dec. 1860.

Elbert Coffey kept a daybook during his service in the Confederate Army. The small leather-bound book, now in

the Coffey family archives, mainly notes the movements of his unit. It records that he volunteered for the army on July 5, 1862. There are indications that he served with his brother Elijah & Bartlett; they are both mentioned in what I [John W. Coffey] interpret as lists of debts. They were assigned to the 58th NC Regiment, Co. E, attached to the Army of the Tennessee. He reportedly died in service and was buried near Big Creek Gap, TN. Eliza Powell Coffey applied for a widow's pension from the State of North Carolina, July 4, 1887.

Elbert and Eliza Powell Coffey had one child, Monroe Coffey
Notes for Elijah - He married Mary Ann Nelson 20 Jun 1867 in Waldwell Co., NC, daughter of John Nelson & Elizabeth Pendley.

1870 US Census lists Elijah, age 31, his wife and two children. His occupation is "farmer/millwright" with property valued at \$500. Also, 2 illiterate white servants: Elizabeth Beach, age 20, "domestic servant"; and Porter Beach 13, "farm laborer."

1880 US Census, Patterson Twp. Lists Elisha Coffey age 41, wife Maryann 36 and 5 children.

Elijah served as private in the Confederate Army 58th NC Infantry Regiment, Co. E, 1862-65. Wounded with loss of finger at Battle of Resaca, GA, 14-15 May 1864. Other battles include Missionary Ridge, Dalton and Bentonville. Elijah made Master Mason, Dec. 1866. He was a member of Yadkin Grove Advent Christian Church, organized 1878 near Patterson and disbanded before 1927. His obituary was published in an unknown Caldwell Co. Newspaper, Oct. 1891 and the Lenoir (NC) Topic, 1891. Mary Nelson Coffey's obituary is published in the an unnamed Lenoir NC newspaper, Jan 6, 1929. Mary Ann Nelson Coffey's will, dated June 12,

1915, recorded Jan 8, 1929, appoints son Lee T. Coffey as executor. Leaves her half of the Lenoir house to daughter Mary E. Coffey. [Caldwell Co. Courthouse, Vol.D 222-223]. As the widow of Confederate veteran, Mary Ann applies for a pension from the State of NC, Feb 2, 1925 and states that she doesn't have "property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of five hundred dollars..." Elijah and Mary Ann Coffey are both buried in Harper's Chapel churchyard, Patterson, NC. Their children, all b. Patterson are:

1. Harriet E. Coffey b. 15 May 1868, d. 16 Nov 1954, Enid, OK
2. John William b. 18 Jun 1869, d. 11 Jun 1960 Raleigh, NC
3. Lee Thomas b.24 Jun 1871, d. 15 Apr 1952, Minco, OK
4. George Nelson b.17 Jan 1875, d. 4 Oct 1967, Wooster, OK
5. Mary Etta b.18 May 1880, 25 Jul 1971, Enid, OK

Notes for Larkin - Larkin enlisted in the Confederate army on March 19, 1862 and was assigned to Co. A of the 22nd NC Infantry Reg., attached to the Army of Northern VA He was wounded and captured, probably at the Second Battle of Manassas. He was exchanged and returned to service. On May 23, 1864 he was again captured and imprisoned at Point Lookout, MD. He died in prison on Aug 4, 1864. Cause of death unreported. [NC Troops, 1861-65, Vol.7]

Notes for Bartlett - He married Mary Hix Messick.

1870 US Census, Buffalo Twp. Is still home with father William and is listed as "farm laborer".

Children of Bartlett and Mary Messick Coffey are: Bynum, Thomas and Ada. Notes for Cornelius - He married Bettie Greenfield in Feb 1868. Their children are: Larkin, Elbert, Louisa, John, Mary, Annie and George.

Notes for Elizabeth - She married James Robbins.

1870 US Census, Buffalo Twp., lists Elizabeth, 24, "at home" in household of her father William.

James and Elizabeth Coffey Robbins children are: William, Larkin and Margaret.

Notes for Thomas - The name of Thomas' wife is unknown, but he did have one son, Louis.

Notes for Mary - She married Larkin Robbins and their Robbins children are: Marguerite, Ida (m. Bell Triplett), Mary (m. Lee Miller), James (m. Nannie Curtis), John (m. Arlee Bradshaw), Rufus (m. Hattie Curtis), Nancy (m. Lloyd Pipes), Alice (m. John Nelson), Lawrence (m. Gertrude Craig).

Notes for William, Jr. - He married Martha Sharp and their children are: Millard, Richard, James, Jesse, Annie, Bessie, Bertha, Gertrude and Ruth.

Notes for Margaretta - She married Thomas Coffey and their children are: Lula, Finley (m. Effie Turnmire), Jesse (m. Ruby Hawkins), Bessie (m. James Coffey), and Bertha.

John W. Coffey II has a lot more information on this family than space would permit us to publish here. For more, write to him at 622 Smedes Place, Raleigh, NC 27605.

E-MAIL LIST

I hope and expect you to send corrections and additions until we have this usable by those cousins who wish to contact others. These are new addresses that I have collected since the last publication. I hope that I haven't missed anyone.

New Addresses

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Bill Auton provided CCC with an extract from the book **JOHNSTON STAPP AND ALLIED FAMILIES** by Jennie F. Downing Crow of North Platte, NB (1979)

POWELL

The name Powell is of Welsh origin and was originally Ap Howell, being gradually contracted to Powell, this being done by abbreviating Ap Howell, leaving out letters A and H.

From "Powell's in America" by Charles S. Powell, we are told that the first family of Powell's lived in Brechnockshire, South Wales, now known as Breconshire.

The Powell's are descendants of the Royal Family of Wales, coming from the sons of the old King of Wales.

Castle Madoc Brecon, in the County of Brechnoc, Wales, was their home.

Three of the family were Judges on the Kings Bench in England.

The year 1087 is as far back as the Powell family has been traced. It was in this year that his Lordship "Lord Brecon" whose name was Bleddyn Ap Maenyrch Ap Driffyn Ap Hwgan", was invaded by Bernard Newmarch, (a Norman). In this battle Lord Brecon was slain and his body was carried by his two sons to the Abbey of Strata Florida, Cardiganshire and there buried.

The lands of his Lordship were divided by Newmarch (the Norman), between himself and his followers; Except a small part, which the sons of his Lordship were allowed to retain.

From one of the sons, named Bleguryd, descended the line to the Powells who came to America. A Captain Nathaniel Powell came to Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. He wrote much of John Smith's "History of Virginia", and it was he who made the first Map of Virginia and sent it back to England, where it is now preserved in the British museum.

In 1618, Capt. Nathaniel Powell was Governor of Virginia for a short time. Capt. Powell and all his family were massacred by Opechanough at Powell's Brook, March 22, 1622.

There are a number of Powell's mentioned in Virginia and it is most likely that they are all related some way.

We do not know when Thomas Powell and wife Mary Place Powell came to America, but sometime during the 1600s. Following are the children of the Powell's, who came from Dinsdale.

1. Place Powell
2. Thomas Powell
3. William Powell
4. Frances Powell
5. Honnor Powell
6. Elizabeth (Powell) Salmon, wife of John
7. Anne (Powell) Coffey, wife of Edward (The Johnson/Stapp connection is through Edward & Anne (Powell) Coffey's daughter Martha Coffey who married Joshua Stapp.)

THOMAS POWELL'S WILL

Essex County, Virginia Deeds & Wills no. 10, p.75, 1699-1702

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Powell of the Parish of _____ in the County of Essex and Colony of Virginia and being very sick & of perfect memory blessed and praised be to Almighty God for the same Doth make & ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner and forme following - First I recommend my Soule unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping by the meritorious death & passion of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full remission of al my Sins and a Joyful resurrection at the last day and my body to be decently and Christianly buried at the Discretion of Exec. Here-after named. As for ye worldly goods that God hath lent me I Will & bequeath

them all as followeth.

IMPRIMIS: It is my Will that my Lands be devided into three equall parts and That my Two Sons Place Powell & Thomas Powell have each of them one Third part of my said Land and that my wife Mary Powell during her natural life possess the other third part of the Land and forthwith after the departure of my said wife out of this Life that the said Third of my Land descend on my Sonne William Powell. And it is my Will that my Land bequeathed at _____ to my Sons Place Powell, Thomas Powell & William Powell descend after their or either of their descease upon the heirs of their body lawfully begotten & for want of _____ heirse that then it descend upon the next of my name and Lineage and go from heirs to heirs till both my name and Lineage be extant -

ITEM I give unto my Son William Powell half my _____ cattle and all their male increase & my Will is that the Male goes to the persons that hath the Adm. Of my Son William Powell till he shall come to age of twenty one years of age and further

ITEM, I give unto my daughter Frances (?) Powell two cows called Rose & Nannie with their increase-

ITEM, I give unto my Sonne Honnor Powell & my Daughter Elizabeth Salmon & my Daughter Anne Coffey, each of them one shilling and as for the rest of my Estate and the other half of my Cattels I Will & bequeath it for my loving wife Mary Powell as Long as she remains a Widow or decease out of this mortal life and then it shall Equally be Divided. - Between Place Powell, Thomas Powell, Elizabeth Salmon, Anne Coffey. Also it is my Will that my two Sons Place Powell & my Son-in-law John Salmon be Exec. Of this my last Will and Testament hereby nullifying & making void all former Will by me at any time, Signed Sealed

or published & witnessed whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seals, 2nd of March anno Domini 1700 Signed, sealed and Published in the presence of us Teste

His

Edward Coffey

mark

her

Sarah Miller

mark

his mark

Thomas Powell

Probated by the oaths of the witnesses _____ in Essex County Court 10th day of April 1701 & hereby recorded.



* The CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTEAU
CO. MO

Circuit Clerk minutes Books, March
Term 1876 to 20 July 1900

Plaintiff - Marth E. Coffey

Defendant - Henry T. Coffee

Date - 15 Jul 1890

Comment - Divorce

*1767 Land record - Amherst Co. VA
Robert Hays of Amherst Co. To Jon.
Coffey of Amherst Co. - 16 pounds for
80 acres. Lines: creek side. Pat. 1764.
Witnessed by Edmond Coffey, Reuben
Coffey, George Bell.

Margaret Welsch sent this clipping dated Feb. 10, 1998.

PATTONSBURG PREPARES FOR NEW KIND OF DEVASTATION

Old town gets facelift, will be Lawrence, Kan., in Civil War movie.

By Mike Jones, St. Joseph News Press
Although flood relocation sealed the fate of most of Pattonsburg's old downtown, some urban renewal is going on anyway.

The temporary flirtation is with show biz, as the deserted city prepares to be the site of much of the shooting of "To Live On," a movie about the Civil War. The film is based on a novel by Missouri author Daniel Woodrell.

"We're putting bathrooms and some heat and power in the old Coffey bank building and the A.J. Coffey insurance building," said Mike Teeter; who is contractor building offices for the movie makers associated with Universal Studios. "Later; sets will be built in the old firehouse and Hardware USA building; they have plenty of room."

The idea is to dress up old downtown Pattonsburg to look like Lawrence, Kan., in the 1860s, then re-enact William Quantrill's infamous raid.

The August 1863 episode, in which Frank James participated during his guerrilla soldier years, burned and blasted Lawrence to the ground and killed about 150 people, according to historical accounts.

A cross street that doesn't exist will be created in the middle of the downtown business area, to help develop a more accurate portrayal of what

Lawrence looked like 135 years ago, city officials said.

In a related move, the Missouri Department of Transportation this week temporarily closed most of the old main business district street, which is a block of Missouri Route PP going north from Missouri Route Z. Two blocks of Route Z will be closed later; when shooting gets underway, said James Robertson of the MoDOT office in Bethany.

"It looks like they'll be shooting for about six weeks, maybe beginning in late April," Pattonsburg City Councilman Gene Walker said, "So they'll probably be here into June."

As it stands, the city will receive a \$40,000.00 basic site fee from the movie-makers, who also will hire area residents for work associated with the film. Mr. Walker said.

"It's a period piece, so they're probably going to need horse wranglers and some livestock." Mr. Walker said, "We've got all kinds of cowboys around here."

The movie is scheduled to be directed by Ang Lee, who also directed "Ice Storm" with Sigourney Weaver. Names of the scheduled lead actors weren't available.

Actors and others associated with the making of the film are expected to find motel rooms mainly in Bethany and Cameron.

Old Pattonsburg was largely abandoned after a state and federal disaster relief program moved the city to higher ground about three miles to the northeast. The city in Daviess County was twice devastated by flooding of the Grand River in 1993. Much of it had been scheduled for demolition.



THANK YOU**Mr Jack -**

I am in awe. I was working on the internet and as usual ended up at my favorite place - the Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse! I was checking out all the info and logged on to the Forum.

You are just a walking encyclopedia of Coffey/Coffee information and I had to e-mail you to give you a pat on the back. (If it was in person you'd get a big hug). Between you and Miss Bennie, I would never have found out some of the fascinating stories dealing with my ancestors. It's amazing.

My Mom's (b: 1934) whole Coffey clan is in for a big surprise. She has 5 siblings left and most of them have children. I plan to make them each some kind of book to track their Coffey roots. We never got to know my Coffey grandfather as he died before most of us were ever born. I'm picking everybody brains for stories and it's fantastic to find out what they remember.

Thanks again for helping all us new researchers and if I can help you with anything, please ask. Take care - Dolly Sandors

(This letter was written to Jack Coffee by a Coffey researcher, who he helped through the Coffey web page. We get many new subscribers through Jack's web page. If you haven't seen his pages lately, you are in for a real surprise, as I was. J (YE ED)

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6233/coffeycousins.html>

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