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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

The **first** order of business is to apologize to Ruth and Thurman Lanning for not saying THANK YOU in the last letter for all they did to put together our reunion in **1998** in Oregon. Our first West Coast gathering and I think everyone enjoyed it. Thurman did lose control of the weather one day, though. The day of our sight-seeing he arranged for us to find out about the wind and rain in Oregon that time of year. But those bits of excitement add to the coziness of the trip. THANKS RUTH AND THURMAN - from all the Coffey Cousins.

The main exciting thing that has happened to me has been the shingles! I am still feeling them after 4 months. They aren't as bad, but still itch quite a bit and usually where I can't scratch (maybe that is fortunate).

The central focus now is planning for the **1999** Convention in Des Moines - if you have not marked you calendar - do it now - **APRIL 29-30, MAY 1, 1999**. I am told some great plans have been made and I know you don't want to miss them.

Besides, I won't get to see you if you aren't there!

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN DES MOINES, IOWA APRIL 29-30 AND MAY 1, 1999. COME ONE - COME ALL**

*Cousin Jeff*

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**EDITOR'S LETTER**

Dear Cousins,

I apologize for being a little late with this issue. Emily, our granddaughter, who celebrated her 1st birthday on Nov. 30, has been hospitalized twice in the last month. A grandmother's first priority is to keep sick grandchildren. She is better but still on medications.

There are several important things that I need to call to your attention. Be sure to read page 18 about the new Index and internet page progress. Also please read all about the plans that Darlene Clark has made for us at the convention and make your plans to attend.

I wish to thank Virgil for his work on collecting and compiling the Kentucky marriages. Virgil did not record which spelling of Coffee/Coffey was used in the record and suggests that you send for a copy of the original record before adding them to your research.

If I may make a Christmas suggestion, (a giving thing), write a new researcher or one you have planned to write for a long time. Offer your friendship and/or help. If I can help you, I will be glad to try. Send a query.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your Cousin,

*Bonnie*

**SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE  
JAN. 1, 1999**

Ann Landers "Gem of the Day" (Sent in by Kay Dickinson): This notice appeared on page one of a weekly paper in Clermont, FL: "If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes."



"I've asked Santa for a scanner for my computer." Now, have I been good??? We'll see!

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**NEW COUSINS****Ancestor**

Eric & Christine Chavez, 15931 Villa Nova Cr, Westminster, CA 92683  
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**NEW COUSINS**

\* Joyce Coffey Hodder descends from John Dowden Coffee who was born Nov. 10, 1760 and died Aug. 23, 1822 in Frederick Co., MD., buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. He married Darcus Roberts on Dec. 21, 1785, daughter of James and Mary Roberts. Their children are:

- 1) Phillip, b. 20 Oct 1786;
- 2) James, b. 3 Oct. 1788, d.17 May;
- 3) John A., b. 3 Jun. 1790, m. Nancy Snyder?, 13 Sep. 1832, Saline Co., IL;
- 4) Chloe R., b. 19 Oct. 1792;
- 5) Horatio Roberts, b. 5 Oct. 1794 Maryland, d. 24 Oct 1877 IL, bur Raleigh Masonic Cem.
- 6) Mary Ann, b. 30 Aug. 1799 (pos. m. Shullberg, moved to WI)
- 7) Coventon, b. 15 Oct 1800
- 8) Charles Grandison, b. 26 Aug. 1803, d. 1 Jan. 1847, IL
- 9) James A., b. 3 Sep. 1808 in MD. (It is presumed that the first James died early and this important family name was used again.) m. Miss Mahulda Baker, 13 May 1838 Gallatin Co. IL
- 10) Robert, b. 3 Sep. 1808 Horatio Roberts Coffee, (#5 from above) m. Juliet Mary Burnett, 22 Feb 1823, dau of William Burnett and Sarah Graham. Their children are:
  - 1) Adaline B., b. 1826, m. William Burkhart, 15 Oct 1854
  - 2) James C, b. 14 Feb 1828 IL, d. 1 May 1897 IL, burried Raleigh

Masonic Cem.

3) Allen B., 13 Jan 1830 IL, d.14 May 1907, bur Raleigh Masonic Cem.

4) Grandison Green, b. 20 Jan 1831 IL, d. 4 Dec 1906 IL, bur Raleigh Masonic Cem.

5) Sarah, b.1834, m. Alexander Hunt, 26 Feb 1854 Saline Co. IL

6) Susan, b. 1835, m. John H. Heathman, 6 Mar 1873 Saline Co. IL

7) Richard M., b. Aug 1839, m. Mary Catharine Upchurch.

8) Robert A., b. 1841, m. Mary C. Upchurch, 23 Aug 1863, m.2nd Nancy J. Moore, 1 May 1870 Saline Co. IL

9) Chloe E., b. 1848 Charles Grandison Coffee (#8 of John Dowden's children) m. Lucy Ann Young, 22 May 1836 Gallatin Co. IL  
 Known children:

1) James Hiram, b. Abt 1837

2) Perry C, b. Abt 1838

3) John Roberts, b. Feb. 1840

Joyce descends from Horatio Roberts through his son James C Coffee who married Matilda Hamilton, 12 Jan 1851, dau. Of William Hamilton. Their children are: 1) Charles H. b. 1852; 2) Miriam A., b. 1855; 3) Thomas L., b. 1857; 4) John Milton, b. Jan 1860; 5) George, b. 1862 IL; 6) Juliette L. b. 1864; 7) Luella C, b. 1866; 8) Elizabeth, b. 1870. Joyce descends, again, through George from this list of children. George m. Amanda Jane Abney, 20 Nov 1881, Raleigh, Saline Co. IL. She is the daughter of John

Abney and Permelia How. Joyce has a note saying that at this point the name changed the spelling to "Coffey". She also notes that Amanda Jane married twice after George died (before 1900). The 2nd husband is Sam Doris and 3rd was John Esterline who was very stingy with Amanda, permitting her no spending money of her own, bought her clothes himself, as cheaply and as large as possible. He died leaving her absolutely nothing and she spent her last years taking turns living with her sons who provided for their mother. After her death, her sons put the name Amanda Coffey on her headstone, saying that Mr. Easterline had not provided for her during her life and they would not honor his name on her death.

George and Abney Coffey's children were: 1) Ernie, 2) Jim, 3) Tommy, 4) Everett, b. 10 Oct 1885 near Harrisburg, IL, d. 12 Jul 1959 bur. Triplett (South Pleasant Valley) Cem., 5) Lawrence, b. 20 Jun 1886, Harrisburg, IL, d. 20 Dec 1961 Poplar Bluff, MO bur Taylor Cem. Stoddard CO, 6) Otto, b. 31 Mar 1894 Harrisburg, IL, d. 14 Oct 1960 bur. Dexter City Cem. Dexter, MO.

Joyce's grandfather is Lawrence (#5 of George's children above) who married Nora Warren. They had 5 children who mostly live around Dexter and Essex, MO. Joyce's father Loren Coffey who married Opal Irene LaRue. Joyce has a lot more on this family than I can print here. If you would like more, write to her at the address listed in the New Cousins list. She would like to correspond with other working on this line.

\* Pam Birdsall said that our old friend, Gene Brewington suggested that she contact us for help. Her gr. gr. grandfather is Joshua David Coffee, b. 1839. She descends from Joshua's first daughter Mary Alice Coffee b. 1864, Pam's great grandmother. Mary Alice's daughter, Mary Louisa Illian (Owen) is Pam's mother. She would like to correspond with others working on this line. Her address is in the new cousins list and email: [pbirdsall@earthlink.net](mailto:pbirdsall@earthlink.net)

\* Judy K. Dye says that she has very little data on her "Coffee" line. She has several census records ordered so hopefully will have more soon and will let us know what she has found, but if anyone can recognize her Lizzie Coffee who married Jordan Cook and is the mother of Zula Cook and William Claude Cook, born 15 May 1892, Somerset, Pulaski, KY. William died 6 Jan 1960 Oklahoma City, OK. He married Mary Bessie Egbert on 12 Feb 1923 in St. Louis, MO. Judy's address is in the new cousins list.



#### NEW ADDRESSES

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**CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

\* Bob Isbell recognized the Moniteau Co. MO divorce listed in Sept. Issue 72, p. 16. He has sent the information that he has on this family. Henry T. Coffey b. 1844, Wayne Co. KY, m. Martha A and divorced him in Moniteau Co. MO in 1890. Henry T. Is the son of Henry B. Coffey who m. 24 Jan 1838 in Wayne Co. KY to Sarah Ann Isbell, (dau of Thomas Isbell & Leah Francis) b. 1818 Wayne Co. KY. Henry B. must have died early as she married Joshua Tindle on 18 June 1846 in Moniteau Co. MO. Henry B. died in Macon Co. MO and his wife died ca 1890 in Moniteau Co and is buried at High Point Cem. Henry B. Coffey is the son of Reuben Coffey and Sally Scott. For more information on this line, write to Bob at 230 N. Catalpa, Dexter, MO 63841.

\* Bennie Loftin thought we would be interested in the this information: The Grainger County Heritage Committee announced that an order has been places with the publisher for an additional 150 Co. History books. The books are expected to be in by the second week of December. The books will be available in all branches of Citizens Bank and Trust for \$56.00. If you prefer you may order the book for \$59.95. Send check or money order to Grainger County Historical Book Committee, P.O. Box 322, Rutledge, TN 37861.

\*Carole Colenbaugh says: "I haven't had too much luck on my Coffey research, but I did find in the local newspaper where my great-

grandmother, Henrietta Daulton Coffey, widow of Wm. Coffey, had a heart attack on the street in Covington, KY (Kenton Co.) at the age of 55, December 24, 1909. Henrietta was born in Mason Co., KY in 1854. William was the s/o John and Mary Long Coffee. Both of them were born in 1824 in Ireland. They married 18 Oct 1851 in Maysville, KY (Mason Co). John and Mary had the following children: William b. 1853 (my great-grandfather), Patsy, Michael, Bridget and John. It's like hitting a brick wall to get beyond 1860. I think John might have been in Covington, KY in 1850, but married to an Eliza. So the mystery goes on....Thanks'', Carole Colenbaugh, 450 Oakwood Road, Kerrville, TX 78028 [clcr@ktc.com](mailto:clcr@ktc.com)

\* Tom Veale of Ireland has sent information that could help Carole Colenbaugh and others who are researching Irish immigrants. The organization is the IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INTL. They have research material not commonly available and are building a large library of Irish research material. The cost is \$15.00 a year and their address is P.O. Box 16585, St. Paul, MN 55116-0585. It is unlikely that you will find an ancestor who immigrated from Ireland prior to 1800 unless they were very wealthy. If your research falls into the proper time period, Irish Genealogical Society possibly can help.



\* Al Carhart wrote about a problem that has been bothering me a lot lately. I wrote to one of the home pages, but received no answer to this question. Al has proved just what I expected and appreciate the time that he spent on a small but important matter. He states: "There seems to be a little controversy as to Ann (Powell) Coffey's correct given name. I first found her name to be "Ann Ester" in several home pages on the internet. I have since found her name to be 1.) "Anne", in the "Essex County VA Wills and Deeds Book, Page 669" in Edward Coffey's will dated Feb. 14, 1716, (probated Nov. 20, 1716, 2.) "Annie" in "Powell Families of VA & South" by Mortimer Seabrook Lucas, pages 411 & 418 (edited by Rev. Silas E. Lucas Jr.) and finally, 3.) "Ann" in Marvin D. Coffey's "James B. Coffey, Vol. II: Ancestors" on pages 4, 6, and 18. I could find no proof of an Ann "Ester" (Powell) Coffey other than from the internet with no sources given. (ED. Note: Middle names were not commonly used until after 1700.)



## DEAD END ROADS

\* Lillian Thomas isn't having any luck with her Coffees. She can't find where they came from in TN & KY. They were in Hickman Co., KY after the big flood - what county did they go to in Tennessee? She is searching for Francis (Frank) J. Coffee, born 1832/3 and his wife Marian. Their children are:

- 1) Ella Coffee b. abt 1851 TN, m. Jason J. Novell
- 2) Gertrude V., b. 1859 KY
- 3) Maria Bell, b. 1863 KY

Lillian says the information is from the census. She would appreciate any help. Her address is 211 E. Schaumburg Rd., Steamwood, IL 60107-1460

\* James Manees is researching the family of Henry Coffey, sent the following letter:

"I want to thank you profusely for your input dealing with my hypothesis on the lineage of my Gr. Gr. Gr. Grandfather Henry Coffey. Ms. Joyce Evetts of Ft. Worth, TX, whose address you sent me, was kind enough to send back a short family history put together by Annie V. Urquhart Klayder in 1991 entitled Urquhart, Parker, Coffey, etc., Genealogy and Family History which, for all practical purposes, proves your equation of the Henry Coffey born in 1748 and mine in Nashville, TN, vicinity in the 1790s. There seemed to be a rather strong Separate Baptist connections between my ancestor James Menees and the family of the Rev. James Coffey in Amherst Co., VA. This, plus several other associations, lacking primary

evidence, led me to an erroneous conclusion, and I am indebted to you and Ms. Evetts for your kindness in bringing unknown extant information to light.

It appears that Hugh Coffey (1700?-1767) of Ireland who married one Mary, possibly with the Scottish surname of Ramsey, who would be the daughter of John Ramsey of Augusta Co., VA (though this is yet to be proven). Hugh had three known sons, John, William and Benjamin. John m. Susannah Watson of Augusta Co and their children are delineated as Henry (1748-1798), Hugh (1750-1827), John Jr. (b. 1752), Nathaniel (b. 1754), Elizabeth, Mary, Jonathan, and possibly a Rebecca. Henry seems to have married one Mary Hutchinson, the sister of Elizabeth Hutchinson, the mother of future Pres. Andrew Jackson. In addition to Henry and Mary having a son John who m. Elizabeth Cocks, he had daughters Ellender, who m. John Menees, Jane, who m. Henry Anderson, Mary, who m. Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth, who m. Richard Cocks. A gravestone in Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery in South Carolina also identifies a daughter Margaret (1771-1795) as his daughter. She m. One (?) McMann. These children were first cousins of Andrew Jackson, if the Hutchinson connection is correct.

Henry fought hard in the Revolutionary War as a private, lieutenant and captain. He is said to have been present defending Charleston at its bloody bombardment and fall to the English in Bobby Gilmore's Moss' Roster of SC Patriots in the American Revolution. (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1983). If you have any additions or corrections contact James at <[jmanees@aol.com](mailto:jmanees@aol.com)> or write him at 5418 S.W 38th Ave., Miami, FL 33175



**REJOICE**

\* Bennie had a query for the Coffey researchers on the internet which she couldn't answer so she is passing it on to us. If you can help "Glitz" with this problem, contact Bennie. It will be appreciated and help with our Coffey research. Glitz's message went as follows: Hi—my name is Glitz and I am looking for a female ancestor of mine. She was either born a Marler or married a Marler not for sure which. Her name is Elizabeth Coffey/ y Marler. She was born in either TN or SC anywhere from 1800 to 1809. She married Solomon Basham in 1819. She died in Ark after 1870. It is said that her mother's maiden name was Coffey. Would appreciate any/all help you can provide. Thanks Glitz

\* Susanne Cannon wrote: Here are the pieces of information that might be useful in finding out more about my mother's family. Lee Curtis COFFEY, married Virginia Barnett, date and place unknown. They lived in Wynnewood, Indian Territory at the turn of the century. Daughter Lillie May COFFEY, born January 16, 1901, Wynnewood, Indian Territory Lillie Mae married Edwin O. Booth in Little Rock, Arkansas, Aug 28, 1920; Four children (Edwin, Katherine, Dorothy, Robert) Katherine is my mother. she knows nothing about her grandparents or aunt and uncle except their names and these dates and places.

Son; Ivy Lee COFFEY, born August 29, 1904, married "Nan?" and had three children. James Doyle Coffey, b Nov 16, 1933; Joe Forrest Coffey, born 1937; Herman Charles Coffey, birth

date unknown. Last known address for Ivy was Bauxite, Arkansas

Daughter; Virginia Effie COFFEY, born August 25, 1906 (date may be August 5) Virginia Effie used Barnett as her last name and may have lived in Chicago in the 1920s. Married name may have been Clavey. One child, Lorraine born 1925

If you have any suggestions for finding more on Susanne's family, her address is: Susanne Ethridge Cannon, 166 West Goethe, Chicago, IL 60610

Bennie Loftin forwarded the following inquiry.

\* Nancy Cooper recently received some information from a woman in Brownsville, Haywood Co., TN, in the form of a family ledger, which contained the names and birth dates of her husband's earliest known ancestor's siblings. Cader COOPER, Sr. was found in NC counties of Onslow, Pasquatank, and Bertie in land records, wills (witness, and testator) and jury duty from the 1770s until he married his second wife, Nancy O. JERNIGAN in Bertie Co. in 1803. His son, Cader, Jr. married Sarah BYARS in Christian Co., KY in 1816 and died in AL in 1842. So we know they were in that area. In the ledger is the notation that Cader, Sr. and Anney CRITCHIT, his wife, were the parents of Fanney (Frances) b. July 28, 1770. It also said, "Fanney Cooper and Joseph COFFEY was joined in wedlock November 25, 1794."

I am wondering if you have ever seen, these names before?? Even though they are not our direct line, I would be most appreciative if you could add anything on them, since they would



still be cousins, and I would be glad to share what further I have from the COOPER end. Also, I don't know if it would add anything to help with identifying the family, but the woman who actually has the ledger is a MATHIAS, and it was found in her husband's grandmother's trunk. She was reportedly "from the Jernigan side". As far as the info in the ledger reveals, the only surviving child of Cader and Nancy Jernigan Cooper was William C Cooper, b. Oct. 9, 1809. If you can help Nancy, her address is 4013 Starlite Lane, Corpus Christi, TX 78410 & [miminbc@sprynet.com](mailto:miminbc@sprynet.com)

\* **Tamala** Jackson has been researching her family lines since she was 16, but now she is doing her husband's family. His grandmother is Maxine Coffey daughter of Vera A. Coffey, who's father was Green Monroe Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey, son of Nebuzaradon Coffey, son of Chesley and Jane Cleveland Coffey. Tamala says that she lives an hour away from more Coffeys than she can count, but she is trying to piece together more than just names and dates. She got into tracing the Coffey family by accident and in an unusual way. It seems that she has 3 teen-age sons. Her husband didn't pay much attention to his grandmother's maiden name. Then her 16 yr. old came home from school talking about "this great girl that he had asked to a dance". They became good friends. A year later her 15 yr old comes home and once again this one is talking about the great girl he'd like to ask out. Then later it came out at a

family dinner where **Tamala's** mother-in-law and her sister were attending that this "great girl" Bridget Coffey is their cousin!! The in-laws said "of course she's a great girl, she's a Coffey, isn't she?" The boys were surprised to find that the girl they both wanted to date was related and Tamala decided she had better trace her husband's line before one of them decided to marry a relative!! Tamala was surprised to find how many cousins went to her boy's high school.

As for the great girl, she graduates this year, and her brother Triston graduated with Tamala's son Michael last June. Michael is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO a little over an hours drive from the Culley home. Tamala would like to correspond with others working on this line. Her address is 810 S. Holladay Dr., #22, Seaside, OR 97138



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**OBITUARIES****WILLARD ISRAEL**

Willard Israel died March 2, 1998. His sister, Eleanor Woodruff, stated that he had an intense interest in genealogy. He was a big supporter of our efforts and will be sincerely missed.

**JOHN COFFEY Jr.**

Major General John Coffey Jr., retired, 77 of Edmond, OK. Graveside services were held on June 23, 1998. He served the National Guard in Haskell, Chandler, Ardmore, Enid and Edmond before becoming the Oklahoma State Adjutant General in 1975, serving under Gov. David Boren. He served until retirement in 1979. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Gertie Coffey and a sister, Marna LaFerry of Haskell. He is survived by his wife Melba Martin Coffey; a daughter, Ann McGuire and son-in-law, Vernon McGuire of Edmond OK, a sister, Arlene Champagne of Broken Arrow and Lorena Henderson of Eureka, MO.

**BETTY VANDER WEGEN**

Betty Vander Wegen a subscriber of CCC passed away September 22, 1997. She lived in Union, WA We send our sympathy to her family.  
Information from Carol Vande Voorde

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Faye Coffey McQuilling sent a group of obituaries for Coffeys of the Russell Co. KY area. She did not say what paper they were extracted from. Her brother who still lives in KY had forwarded them to her.

**HOLLIS E. COFFEY**

Hollis E. Coffey, age 74, of Columbia (formerly of Russell Co.) died on Friday, Sept. 6, 1996 at Rockcastle Co. Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife - Thelma Brown Coffey of Columbia and two sons - David Coffey of Columbia and Haven "Buck" Coffey of Russell Springs: two daughters - Ruth Lane of Brodhead and Ada Loper of Indiana  
Interment was in the Dixon Cemetery in the Union Chapel community.

**ELMO COFFEY**

Elmo Coffey, age 63 of Russell Springs, died on Monday Feb. 12, 1996 at his home. He was born Dec 24, 1932, to William Findley and Esther Thornton Coffey, both who preceded him in death.  
Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Coffey of Russell Springs: three daughters, Connie Brenner, Teresa Hines and Sherry Neal: one son Philip Coffey, all of Indianapolis, IN. Other survivors include five brothers: G.R. Coffey of Arizona, Oris Coffey of Phoenix, AZ, Dravo Coffey of Dallas, TX, Airl Coffey of Shelbyville, IN, and Leon Coffey of Greenwood, IN: three sisters - Dimple Young of Louisville, Lois Kinbler of Borden, IN, and Ann Lyons of Louisville.  
Interment was in the Lucenda Cemetery.

**SALLIE C. DUNBAR**

Sallie C Dunbar, age 59 of Russell Springs, died Monday May 12, 1997 at the Russell Co. Hospital. She was born in Russell County on Jan. 18, 1938 to Thaddius and Bonnie Thomas

Coffey, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Elijah Coffey.

Mrs. Dunbar is survived by her husband, Thomas "Sam" Dunbar of Russell Springs; one sister, Dallie **Hadley** of Jamestown. Interment was in the Square Oak Cemetery.

#### **ODRA POPPLEWELL**

Odra **Popplewell**, age 89, of Russell Springs, died Monday, June 2, 1997, at the Russell Co. Hospital. She was born in Russell Co. On Aug 22, 1907 to William King and Azella Dona Dunbar Coffey. She was preceded in death by her husband, R.V. Popplewell. Mrs. Popplewell is survived by one daughter Vernice (Mrs. Wilbur) Wisdom of Russell Springs.

Interment was in the Flanagan Cemetery.

#### **MILDRED HAWKINS**

Mildred Hawkins, 68 of Jamestown, KY, died Thursday, June 19, 1997 at the Russell Co. Hospital. She was born in Jamestown, on Aug 31, 1928 to **Gobel** and Liddie Coffey Grant, both of whom preceded her in death. Mrs. Hawkins is survived by four sons, James Hawkins, **Lyle** Hawkins and **Timmy** Hawkins, all of Jamestown, and Roy Hawkins of Russell Springs; five daughters, Mary Shrader of Cattletsburg, Fran Schott of Louisville, Martha Maynard of Huntington, W.VA. Other survivors include one brother Edwin Grant of Glensfork and one sister, Verna Compton of Oak Dale, TN.

Interment was in the Jack Lawless Cemetery in Jamestown.

#### **OKLE MAY COFFEY**

**Okle** May Coffey, 80 of Russell Springs, died Tuesday Aug .4 1998, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. She was born in Pulaski Co., on Aug 30, 1917, to Thomas Newton and Agnes **Flynn** Gosser. Mrs. Coffey was preceded in death by her husband, Cassius Clay Coffey. She is survived by six children; Imogene Cain of Nancy, Jennie Lou Hart, the Rev. Donnie Coffey, Paul E. Coffey and Jimmy Clay Coffey, all of Russell Springs, and Doug Coffey of **Atlanta**, GA; two stepchildren, Ed T. Coffey, and **Ilith** Whittle both of Russell Springs.

Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

#### **JAMES G. BURTON**

James G. Burton, 89, of Louisville, died Monday, June 30, 1997. He was born Jan. 16, 1908 in Russell Co., to Elijah Robinson and Elzonia Coffee Burton. Mr. Burton was preceded in death by his wife **Eithel** Deen Burton, two brothers Taylor Burton and Earl Burton. He is survived by one son, Donald E. Burton of Louisville; one daughter, Jimmy Louise Kroger of Palm Springs, CA; one sister, Mary Sullivan of Russell Springs.

Interment was in the Evergreen Memorial Park in Louisville.

#### **ONIS R. COFFEY**

Onis R. Coffey, 84, W. Hwy 80, Russell Springs, KY, died Wednesday July 16, 1997, at Russell Co. Hospital. **He** was born in Russell Co., on March 20, 1913 to E.R. And Nona Canada Coffey. Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife Exie Stephens Coffey of Russell Springs; two sons and daughter in laws; Wendell and Nancy Coffey of Shelbyville, IN,

**Jimmy D. And Rita Coffey of Russell Springs. Other survivors include two sisters, Thelma Coffey of Fairbury, IL and Nellie Coffey of Pontiac, IL. Interment was in the Bethlehem Cemetery.**

#### **ELSIE EASTHAM**

**Elsie Eastham, 90, of Jamestown, KY, died Sunday, June 22, 1997. She was born in Russell Co., on Mar. 21, 1907 to Willis S. And Lola McKinley Coffey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Omri Eastham. Mrs. Eastham is survived by one son, Donald Eastham of Laurel, MD; one daughter, Jan Stocksdales of Urbana, OH. Other survivors include one sister Katherine Landon of Covington; one brother, Jack Coffey of Jamestown. Interment was in the Jamestown Cemetery.**

#### **ED T. COFFEY**

**Ed T. Coffey, 78, of Russell Springs, died Friday, Aug 21, 1998, at Fair Oaks Nursing Home. He was born in Russell Co., on Sept 27, 1919, to Cassius Clay and Talitha Taylor Coffey. Mr was preceded in death by one daughter, Meredith Coffey. He is survived by his wife, Dicy Roy Coffey of Russell Springs; two daughters, Tena Coffey of Jamestown and Janice Clem of Louisville; four brothers, the Rev. Donnie Coffey, Jimmy Clay Coffey and Paul Coffey, all of Russell Springs, and Doug Coffey of Atlanta, G A; three sisters, Ilith Whittle and Jennie Lou Hart, both of Russell Springs, and Imogene Cain of Nancy. Interment was in Union Cemetery.**

#### **DOCUMENTS GALORE**

**\* Robert C. Coffey wrote that the Austin Coffey family is buried in the Greene Cemetery on County Road AC, which is in the Macks Creek, Camden Co. MO area. Joshua & Selina (Storie) are buried there also.**

**\* VIRGIL COFFEE has been on another genealogy trip and found more NEW information for us.**

**In September 1995, page 13, Virgil wrote that he had established the name Noland as the maiden name of Salathiel Coffee's wife. Virgil says that "his face is red" as he now finds this to be an error after reading the will of Elizabeth Gore who died in Chester Co. SC, dated 25 Nov 1778. She names one of her daughters as Elizabeth Noland; therefore Elizabeth Gore was the wife of Salathiel Coffee who later married Pearce Noland. From the Order Book B of Chester County Court Minutes 1785-1799, Elizabeth Noland in her case against James Mannion Gore, lists all the jurors who decided against her. Her case was against her brother.**

**Next Virgil submits material questioning entries in several books about Ambrose Coffee, his wife Mildred Moore and their children. In Hinds Co. MS, the following entries are made pertaining to the children of Ambrose and Mildred. (Please note the record shows Coffee). Malinda G. (Groves) Haley married Thomas J. (Jefferson) Coffee, Hinds Co. MS on 17 July 1827  
G.W. (George Washington) Coffee married Mary C Isler in Hinds Co. MS on 30 Sept 1827  
Greenup Coffee married Lewesa (Louisa) Green in Rankin Co. MS on 8 Oct. 1840**

Hiram J. Coffee married Elizabeth Ann Woolridge in Hinds Co. MS on 5 Jun 1828. Hiram died in Jan 1836. Will probated in Feb 1836 term of court.

License 18 Mar 1837 is for E.A. Coffee to Thomas W. Hay. (This could be Elizabeth the sister of the brothers listed above.)

Virgil says that he thinks that many of the family of Ambrose & Mildred Coffee must have moved to Mississippi. Hiram Coffee was in Hinds Co. and Thomas S. Coffee in Rankin Co. The census does not list an adult in the household in either county which is peculiar. Virgil thinks that the H. M. Coffee of Adam Co. is the same as the Hiram of Hinds Co. MS. The 1830 census lists his wife as 26 to 45 and they had 9 children at home. Virgil asks, "where was Hiram when the census was taken?" He died 19 Jan 1836 in Hinds Co. MS.

It is possible that this Hiram may not have gotten married until 5 June 1828 when he married Elizabeth Ann Woolridge in Hinds Co., MS. In his will dated January 1836 and probated in the 1836 court session of Hinds Co. MS, he mentions no children of his own. He left the following in his will: Wife Elizabeth Ann Coffee, twenty thousand dollars. Half brother Greenff(Greenup) Coffee, fifteen thousand dollars. Nieces and nephews, the children of brother - in- law William A. Edmundsen, dec'd, one thousand dollars each. Ex Thomas J. Coffee, Joseph A. McRaven. Wit. Oren C. Dow, Colley McDaniel, D.W. Haley.

(William A. Edmundsen was the spouse of Hiram's sister Myra.)

Note that a Mary C. Coffee married Franklin Plummer in Rankin Co., MS on 27 July 1846. She was born 1810 in KY. In 1850 census, she and Franklin Plummer had three Coffee children who were born in Michigan(Mic. this is probably a transcription error and should be Mis). They were Allen 15, Holland 12, and Cornelia 9, all attending school in Hinds Co. MS.

In "James B. Coffey, Vol II: Addendum" by Marvin Coffey, Rod Coffey of Denver Co. says that he doesn't know the name of Ambrose Coffey, Jr.s second wife. According to Virgil, she is Margaret Norman. They were married in Bath Co., KY on 18 Dec. 1823.

Holland Coffee had two wives before Sophia Sutterfield, which is not commonly known. His first wife was Betty Lobdell, a cousin. His second wife was Mrs. William Henry Kerr, (Julia Gordon Law) of Memphis, TN. He and Julia had two daughters Virginia and Camilla. Virginia Coffee married Paul Tietgens of Gainesville, FL and Camille Coffee married Malcolm F. Ewen of Evanston, IL. Virgil said that he could only find Sophie's marriage to Holland in print, but he may have used his full name, Thomas Holland Coffee. (Virgil extracted these marriages for "Lost Links", page 98)

Virgil extracted the following information from a segment written by Delma Turnbow Freeman: Jesse Coffee, born 1796 in NC, brother to Holland Coffee was living with three of his sons and their families in Red

**River Co., TX in 1860. The sons and their families are:**

**1) John S. Coffee (b.1825), wife Martha (b.1829), children Elizabeth (b.1845), William (b.1851), James (b.1854), and Susan (b. 1858).**

**2) Ashby Coffee (b.1822), wife Eliza (b.1828), children Robinson (b.1848), America (b.1854) and Margaret (b.1857).**

**3) Joel Coffee age 64 and wife Polly born 1842 in AR.**

**Virgil checked the Red River Co. TX census and determined that this Joel is actually Jesse and the Polly is probably his daughter. The record is one of those written with a "p" for the first "s" and was probably read wrong by Mr. Freeman. Virgil also states that it is commonly held that this Jesse Coffee died in TN as early as 1853 and wonders if Mr. Freeman has stumbled onto something.**

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**\* JoAnn Hatch just received a letter written by Sarah Greathouse Coffey, wife of Rich Coffey. It was written October 9, 1871 from Coleman County Texas to her brother Augustus A. Greathouse in Georgia. JoAnn has retained all spelling and punctuation.**

**Coleman County Texas, October the 9 in 1871**

**Dear brother and nephews and neises I take my pen in hand to drop you a few lines to let you know that we are well at this time and hoping when these few lines come to hand that they may find you all the same. I have nothing of interrist to write all though we have had no rain this yeare to amount to anything. flower is wourth from 7 to 8 dolars pur hundred, coarn is worth from 1**

**to 2 dolars pur bushel. We have had bad luck this yeare. John and William Beddo was gethiring a heard of cattle to drive to mexico and the indians capturde it the first of June. one thousand head of cattle and 45 horses. John and three more men was herdin the cattle when they sean the indians cumin his way in about 60 yards of them when they started to run. one man run to the house. John run to a branch and jumped off of his horse got under the bank of it and the indians kiled one of the men in about forty yards of John and skelped him. they kiled the other one still farther off. John had his Winchester rifle and they was afraid to foller in the branch but they kep him in the branch about too hours. John ses they was about one hundred and fifty indians. I will drop this now. We have moved abot six miles from wher we lived last yeare. we now live at the mouth of Concho river. Elizabeth still lives near us. Helen lives about thirty miles from us. John has gone to see her now. all of the children want to see you and the children and i want you to tell Elizabeth that i have not forgot her and i want her to rite to me and tell Briant i would like to get a letter from him. rite where John is. I can not rite but if i see you i could talk. Rich is out in the yard plaing marbles with the children and he is goin to start to mill in 7 or 8 days. he has to go about one hundred miles. well I will close for this time so rite soon and often. i have had no letter from you in years. Direct to Browning Co. Brownwood, P.O. 11  
So long  
I remain your sister until death  
Sarah A. Coffey**

**This letter came from Beth Sauceman of LaFayette, GA, who said it was found in "the old Clements house". [The first John**

she mentions is her son, John Coffey. The William Beddo she mentions is the son of Elizabeth Coffey Beddo, sister of Rich Coffey. JoAnn can identify most of the other people Sarah mentions, if anyone is interested.] JoAnn's address is P.O. Box 1123, Pinedale, AZ 85934, or [jahatch@whitemtns.com](mailto:jahatch@whitemtns.com)

### KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

Virgil Coffee has copied marriages for Coffee and Coffeys married in Kentucky. I typed and sorted them. There a great many of these marriages. We **will** print a few each issue until we have printed them all. If we are unsure of the accuracy of a record, there will be a ? mark following the record. We suggest that you get a copy of the original record if you **plan** to use these in your records. You will then have the actual spelling, dates etc. You probably will **find** more than just a date.

| <u>FIRST NAME</u> | <u>SPOUSE</u>            | <u>DATE</u>         | <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>QUESTION</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| A.E.              | Rebecca Williams         | <b>Dec 29, 1892</b> | Rockcastle    |                 |
| A.G.              | Annie E. Campbell        | Nov 4, 1869         | Lincoln       | ?               |
| A.G.              | Matilda Marlow           | <b>Dec 22, 1865</b> | Clinton       |                 |
| A.W.              | Maud Watson              | Jan 6, 1913         | Casey         |                 |
| Abraham           | Polly Beard              | Sep <b>20, 1808</b> | Adair         |                 |
| Abraham           | <b>Si</b> they Ann Sharp | Jul <b>7, 1884</b>  | Madison       |                 |
| Absolom           | Polly Beard              | Sep <b>20, 1808</b> | Adair         |                 |
| Agnes             | Ronald <b>Bell</b>       | Apr <b>18, 1956</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| <b>Ailsey</b>     | Elijah Brown             | May <b>10, 1824</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Albert            | Lottie Ann Denney        | Aug <b>20, 1911</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Albert G.         | Annie E. Campbell        | Nov <b>4, 1869</b>  | Lincoln       | ?               |
| Albert G.         | Elizabeth F. Goodhugh    | Sep <b>17, 1851</b> | Russell       |                 |
| Albert H.         | Lilly Webb               | Jul 20, <b>1903</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| <b>Alcey</b>      | Elijah Brown             | May <b>10, 1805</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| <b>Alen</b>       | Emily Mason              | Dec <b>27, 1852</b> | Rowan         |                 |
| Alfred            | Sally Austin             | Dec 1, 1819         | Wayne         |                 |
| Alfred            | Sarah H. Burton          | Dec <b>9, 1819</b>  | Wayne         |                 |
| Allen             | Palina Staton            | <b>Oct 20, 1831</b> | Russell       |                 |
| Alonzo            | Bessie McClure           | Sep <b>9, 1922</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| Alwilda           | Edward D. Hamilton       | <b>Mar 9, 1895</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| Amanda            | Hayes Pack               | <b>Mar 14, 1931</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Amanda            | John Lykins              | Jan <b>5, 1854</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| Amanda            | Layfayette C. Smith      | <b>Apr 24, 1883</b> | Cumberland    |                 |
| Amanda            | Z. T. Hall               | Mar <b>16, 1874</b> | Lincoln       |                 |
| Ambrose           | Elizabeth <b>Walters</b> | May <b>10, 1846</b> | Morgan        | ?               |
| Ambrose           | Elizabeth Walters        | May <b>6, 1846</b>  | Morgan        | ?               |
| Ambrose           | Louisa DeHaven           | Sep <b>9, 1888</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| Ambrose           | Lucinda Day              | Nov 8, 1812         | Floyd         |                 |
| Ambrose           | Margaret Norman          | Dec <b>18, 1823</b> | Bath          |                 |
| Ambrose           | Mrs. Mary Cooper         | <b>May 27, 1814</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Ambrose           | Nancy Hacey              | Jul <b>19, 1832</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Amos              | Nannie Adams             | <b>Mar 21, 1903</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Amos D.           | Nancy Jane Williams      | Dec <b>29, 1849</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Amos D.           | Pollie Robertson         | Sep <b>13, 1885</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Andrew J.         | Martha J. Spann          | Jan <b>8, 1850</b>  | Wayne         | ?               |

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|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Ann               | David Spears               | <b>Aug 9, 1841</b>  | Campbell      |                 |
| Anna              | James Bryant               | <b>Apr 22, 1873</b> | Casey         |                 |
| Anna              | William Smith              | <b>Mar 29, 1852</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Annie             | Pierce Dobbs               | Sep <b>8, 1898</b>  | Wayne         |                 |
| Arabella          | George Milton Foster       | <b>Apr 7, 1901</b>  | Wayne         |                 |
| Arabella          | Richard Martin             | Sep 13, 1903        | Wayne         |                 |
| Arlene W.         | Billie Sandlen             | Sep 18, 1957        | Wayne         |                 |
| Artemisia         | William Kelsey             | Sep <b>10, 1835</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Arthur A.         | <b>Calie</b> Givens Ramsay | <b>Jun 28, 1859</b> | Rockcastle    |                 |
| Asa               | Sidney Ann Harrison        | <b>Mar 1, 1848</b>  | Christian     |                 |
| Ausbun            | Martha Campbell            | Nov <b>1, 1866</b>  | Estill        |                 |
| Basheba           | Moses Wiley                | Dec <b>18, 1819</b> | Green         |                 |
| Bell              | S. Crowell                 | Oct 14, <b>1875</b> | Boyd          |                 |
| Benhena           | William M. <b>Foble</b>    | May <b>24, 1876</b> | Casey         |                 |
| Benjamin          | Caroline Ramsay            | Aug 10, 1858        | Montgomery    |                 |
| Benjamin          | Elizabeth M. Beath         | <b>Aug 9, 1854</b>  | Adair         |                 |
| Benjamin          | Polly Coffey               | May 23, 1821        | Wayne         |                 |
| Benjamin F.       | Martha L. Dobbs            | Dec 5, 1872         | Wayne         |                 |
| Benjamin F.       | Mary Ann Worsham           | <b>Oct 11, 1843</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Benjamin F.       | Sallie Belle Clark         | <b>Nov 11, 1902</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Bessie Marie      | Willis David Boiler        | Feb 19, 1921        | Russell       |                 |
| Betsey            | Richard Cullom             | Mar 16, 1819        | Wayne         |                 |
| Betsy             | James Lester               | Dec 14, 1819        | Pulaski       |                 |
| Betsy             | Robert Duncan              | Apr 16, 1821        | Russell       |                 |
| Bettie            | M. F. Taylor               | Jun <b>18, 1885</b> | Casey         |                 |
| <b>Bryant</b>     | Rosa Powell                | Aug 17, 1889        | Pulaski       |                 |
| Buford            | Edna McGraw                | Jan <b>5, 1935</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| C.N.              | Eva <b>Clift</b>           | Oct 13, 1892        | Rockcastle    |                 |
| C.N.              | Mahala Coffey              | Oct <b>18, 1894</b> | Rockcastle    |                 |
| Caleb             | <b>Zerilda</b> Twiford     | <b>Jul 28, 1853</b> | Wayne         |                 |
| Caroline          | George Thomas Smith        | Jun 16, 1962        | Wayne         |                 |
| Caroline          | John E. O'Brian            | Dec <b>17, 1877</b> | Johnson       |                 |
| Cassie            | Lester Stace               | <b>Nov 4, 1916</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| Catherine         | William Morris             | Nov <b>1, 1852</b>  | Greenup       | ?               |
| Catherine         | James Thomson              | Jun 26, 1840        | Christian     |                 |
| Catherine         | John A. Turner             | Jan 2, 1851         | Wayne         |                 |
| Catherine         | Thomas M. Underwood        | Feb 14, 1840        | Russell       |                 |
| Catherine         | William Morris             | Jan <b>11, 1852</b> | Greenup       | ?               |
| Celia             | Isaac F. Brown             | Nov <b>28, 1889</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Celia             | Martin Smith               | Jul 15, 1810        | Adair         |                 |
| Charles D.        | Rachel A. Sweeney          | Nov <b>23, 1899</b> | Estill        |                 |
| Charley           | <b>Almiranda</b> Griffith  | <b>Oct 9, 1888</b>  | Morgan        |                 |
| Charlie           | Lona <b>Barnett</b>        | <b>Feb 21, 1814</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Chesley M.        | Evalander Long             | Jul <b>5, 1855</b>  | McCracken     |                 |
| Clayton           | Melanie Coffee             | Feb <b>10, 1947</b> | Morgan        |                 |
| Clemmie E.        | William H. <b>Helm</b>     | Aug <b>1, 1889</b>  | Russell       |                 |
| Cleo              | Ray Richards               | May <b>27, 1927</b> |               |                 |
| Cleo              | Warren Jones               | Aug <b>28, 1937</b> |               |                 |



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