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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

Sometimes you just don't realize how much fun you are having. Time has flitted by so fast that Bonnie had to ring my bell to get something out of me for this letter.

Your life, I trust, has been filled with many good things as we go into the holidays. It is a time for thanksgiving to all those Coffee/Coffey/Caughey/Caffee/Cofe/all the other spellings that gave us what we have today. This is a good time for reflection and giving thanks. I certainly have much to attribute to those ancestors, both known and unknown. Thinking about it is also a very humbling experience, but pleasant and exciting. I hope you have, or will, take to time to smell those roses.

Now, as I write this we are looking at the seasons that are so meaningful to so many people. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan, or other holidays that have spiritual meaning in your family - I would trust that the love and caring that is embodied in each will fill your life as we

enter what some say is the new millennium.

And now let's raise our glasses with the drink of choice and when the ball drops for Y2K - cheers and the hope of even better things to come.

Cousin Jeff

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Dear Cousins,

Jim and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to having most of our children and grandchildren home over the holiday. Then it's off to South Padre Island, Texas for January and February. We look forward to relaxing. We've had a lot going on here. Jim had some surgery in October and we got a new granddaughter and a great grandson.

January is always subscription renewal time and we hope to keep all of our cousins. I look forward to reading every letter. We do need to publish our Cousins Address list again. I plan to do it in the March issue.

Gail Bachman sent a lot of literature on our convention in Sanford, Florida. She has really done a good job and looks like a very exciting place to visit. It's 28 miles from Orlando Airport, 36 miles from Disney World, 18 miles from Downtown Orlando, 1 mile from Sanford Airport and much more. The hotel sounds really good (above and beyond). Be sure and get Gail your reservations. Reserve your room with the hotel and tell them you're with Coffey Cousins. You can cancel if necessary, but make sure you have a room. They will only hold our block of rooms till March 15. We love to meet as many cousins as possible.

I really enjoyed reading Dana Mireles' research on Elizabeth Coffey and am sure you will too. She had typed it in "Microsoft Word" and saved it to disk. Then I only had to move it to the page. I lost some formatting but it worked pretty well.

Let me hear how the newsletter can help your research and where you are

stumped in your research. It is always appreciated when you help another cousin, especially a new cousin. Merry Christmas to you and all of your family

Your Cousin,

Bonnie



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NEW COUSINS**Ancestor**

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 Jean B. Robinson, 304 Charmian Rd., Richmond, VA 23226 Ruckers
 Wilma Herndon, 1309 W. Elder#21, Duncan, OK 73533-4075 Larkin

NEW COUSINS

* Mike Ogden says that the line of his direct interest is Henry F. Coffey who married Elizabeth "Betsy" McDaniel Ogden (widow of Zachariah Ogden) ca 1848 in Amherst Co. Virginia. The Coffeys and Ogdens of Amherst Co. cross many times downward toward Mike. If you can help him, his address is in the new cousins list.

* Jean B. Robinson is a returned subscriber. She stays very busy researching the Rucker family. Jean is working on a new version of the family genealogy. It is a very large and old family. Jean is not a Coffey descendant but interested because of all the intermarriage of Ruckers and Coffeys.

* Wilma Herndon found a copy of Coffey Cousins' in her local genealogical library. She and her two sisters visited cousins in Moulton, Lawrence Co., Alabama where they roamed the Montgomery cemetery at Wren. They collected quite a bit of information from the Archives and relatives on the families of Montgomery and Coffey.

Wilma's grandmother (Mary Coffey Montgomery) was the daughter of Larkin and Tempie Coffey who was born in Georgia. Mary Coffey married Daniel T. Montgomery in Alabama. Wilma and her sisters need more information on the parents of Larkin Coffey and Tempie Gravitt. Wilma would appreciate any help. Her address is in the new cousin list.

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

Janet McGill has sent us some correction for Issue 76, page 17. She writes: I am a direct descendant of the Coffey's buried in Wolfe Creek Cemetery. I have been in this cemetery and have been researching this line for a number of years. Benjamin Franklin Coffey, Sr was the son of Nelson and Kizziath Watters, she was called Kizzie. Ben married Martha Cerelia Dobbs. My grandmother was named after Martha Dobbs and told me the middle name was Cerelia and it is a C on the headstone, not an L. James Perke Coffey married Clara Correll, who married a Phillips and is buried at Wolf Creek. I have the wife of Moses Coffey as Nancy Rue Graves and have not been able to find anything else on her. Tolbert's middle name starts with an N. I'm sure the N stood for Nelson, after his grandfather. It is an N on the headstone. He married Sarah Roberts, dau. Of Manasseh (Nass) Roberts. She later married Cader Worley. Manasseh shot and killed Tolbert. He died three days after he was shot. Sarah is buried in the Jones cemetery at Ritner. The shooting caused big trouble in the family and still can make people mad at the mention of it.

Janet has been trying to locate Dorothy Coffey, wife of Dexter. If anyone else needs information on this line, she would be willing to help. Address: 3601 W. Pinchot Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85019-4420.

DEAD END ROADS

*Marian Winn of Belmont, MA wrote:

"I rec'd this email address from the Mo. State Archives. I hope that you can help me. I am doing a genealogy project and many of my relatives lived and died in Schulyler county., MO. I have several obits that says they are buried in the Coffey Cemetery, just south of Downing, Mo. The ministers who presided over these services came from Queen City. (There is also mention of a Coffey Christian church, perhaps it is adjacent to the cemetery). So I am thinking it is located somewhere in between Queen City and Downing.

Later we received this email: Bonnie, "Since I wrote to you, I found a Charlotte Ramsey who identified some of my relatives in this cemetery and the funny thing is that, she called it the Bridge Creek Cemetery. She said that most everyone there knows it by that name. My obits all say Coffey, but they also say that there is a church there and Charlotte says if there was, it no longer exists. She inventoried part of the cemetery and from her list and photos, I found 2 relatives whose obits I had. I have since sent her the rest of my obits. She posted them on her webpage, as well as what she had on Bridge Creek/Coffey Cemetery. You can find all this at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/7991/index.html>

Also wanted to mention to you that when I was looking thru the census reports of 1850-1880, I noticed a Coffey family listed in Independence Township, Schulyer County, Mo. I don't know if there is any connection w/the church and cemetery, but this family seemed to have considerable land holdings. That might be some clue. I sure appreciate whatever help you can give me. Check out Charlotte's webpage.

*Nancy Williams writes: "Wow! The power of the newsletter. Take a look at the email I got even before I had time to sit down and read the newsletter myself. I have run into nothing but brick walls regarding my grandfather, E.L. Coffey. I had decided that he probably didn't have parents and that he was just the 1878 version of a test tube baby. I need to know what information is available on Coffeys that moved to Alberta, Canada in the early 1900's? My search has been on the shelf since the 1st of Aug. We left for a trip and didn't return to Dallas until the 9th. Teachers had to report for inservice the next morning. I'm going to try to included two interesting attachments I have received as a result of your efforts in my behalf. I am not consistently successful in scooting around the net so if you don't get them this time, you will. Nancy Williams
Willco5@ibm.net and 7769 El Pastel Dr., Dallas, TX 75248-3120

*Sue Peck is helping her friend Tom Coffey and wrote: "A friend of mine recently found out about the death of his biological father, Thomas Henry Coffey who died in Dupage Co. Illinois Jan. 1994. He did not start his search for his father until the death of his stepfather last year when he found some personal papers and other information in his stepfather's belongings. Now he is on a search for an Uncle Edward and a possible brother named Thomas H. Coffey Jr. or Jerry.

The biological father, Thomas Henry Coffey was born Oct. 11, 1923 in Covington Ky., the son of Henry Jasper Coffey and Henrietta Hamley. Thomas Henry Coffey married in 1942 in White Co. Illinois to Myrna Cathey the dau. of Clement Cathey and Mattie Bell Ellison. They were divorced and she remarried but we are not sure who Thomas Henry

married. Thomas Henry Coffey graduated from Homes High School (KY?) in 1939; attended Eden Grove Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio. He then entered the army and was in the medical division as 2nd lieutenant. Later on he worked at the Avey? Drilling Machine Co. in Covington Ky. We do not know when he moved to Illinois but he lived in Oak Brook, Illinois and owned a funeral home there.

His father Henry Jasper Coffey was the son of Thomas Coffey and Anne King. We could not find this family in the census records 1900-1920 of Covington or Lexington Ky. Perhaps just overlooked it. We have been getting bits and pieces of information coming in over the last few months and need to sort things out in order, so hope this doesn't sound too "jumbled". Some information has Thomas H. listed as Thomas Harold instead of Thomas Henry and Thomas Jasper has been listed as Thomas Joseph at times. Please, any info. will be appreciated. Our friend was hoping his father would still be alive but at least he has hopes of maybe finding some siblings or cousins. You may e-mail me any info. and I will pass it along to our friend Tom Coffey. speck@egyptian.net

* Juanita Hatch forwarded the following query and by the addresses attached, there seems to be others in the path. Subject: Elisha Coffee, from: jobba@rose.net "Seeking info on Elisha Coffee, born July 27, 1801, South Carolina, died 1897 in Murray county, Ga. Buried in the Coffee cemetery, Murray county, Tenn, Ga. Elisha Coffee was married to Mary Morris. Their children were James, Elizabeth F., Effy, Thomas E., Martha C., Mary F., Eliza H., Sara J., Elizabeth A., Georgia A.. Seeking info on Parents of both Elisha Coffee and his wife, Marry Morris.

* Grace Posey, posey2@gte.net wrote: In your letter dated 5/14/98, you say: "I found Samuel Coffey in an index in Travis Co. TX in 1870 Purdenallis Pct., roll 1606 pg 173, also 1850 Franklin Co. Guilford Twp., roll 0, p.100." I am now interested in tracking these references down. What type of records do these indexes index? Thanks for your patience and help. (These rolls should be census rolls and can be viewed at any genealogy library. I found the list in a census index book for Coffee/eyes.)

* Norma Kley writes: "I will start where the Coffey's come into my line. I have a Mary (Polly) Coffey listed as being born 12-7-85. Her father was Nathan Coffey, born 1760, his father was Joel Coffey whose father was James Coffey, born 1729. James Coffey was married to Elizabeth Cleveland and that is where the Cleveland's come in. Some of this may be wrong. I would appreciate and additions or correction you may be able to provide. I have heard Chesley Coffey mentioned as a possible ancestor. My address: 503 Oakmont Ct, Wooster, Ohio 44691

* Murl Black has sent an update on her line. Her first query was sent quickly because of time. Murl is a very serious researcher and has found the following on her line of Coffees. James Coffee, b. 11 Apr 1795 Delaware Co., PA, d. 2 Oct 1878 Stony Point, Franklin Co. PA. He was married three times and had a large family. M. 1st. Abt. 1820- Nancy McCune, children of this marriage: 1) Maria, b. 4 Mar 1821 PA, d. 5 Feb 1896, m. Enos Rodgers; 2) Jane, b. 20 Dec 1822 Shippensburg, Cumberland Co. PA, d. 18 Jun 1908 Shippensburg, PA, married 17 Jan 1850 to Henry Hoch. M. 2nd. 25 Jan 1825 to Mary Highlands, b. Abt 1800 Southampton

Cumberland Co. PA, d. Abt 1836
 Shippensburg, PA. Children of this marriage; 1) Julia Anna, b. 26 Mar 1826 Cleversburg Cumberland Co. PA, d. 24 Sep 1903 Shippensburg, PA, m. 7 Aug 1851 to Levi Strohm; 2) William A, b. 3 Oct 1827 Shippensburg, PA, d. 5 Aug 1913 Carlisle, Cumberland Co. PA, m. 30 Nov 1856 to Agnes Galbraith; 3) John Highlands, b. 9 Feb 1830 Shippensburg, PA, d. 6 Nov 1904 Shippensburg, PA, m. To Elizabeth Rank; 4) George Washington, b. 22 Feb 1832 Shippensburg, Pa, d. 21 Apr 1918 Wilson, Elsworth Co. KS, m. Abt. 1857 to Catherine Ann Eckenrode; 5) Mary, b. 18 Mar 1834 Shippensburg, Cumberland Co. PA, d. 24 Mar 1915, m. John Noaker.

M. 3rd, 16 Feb 1837, Shippensburg, PA to Eliza Goudy Savage, b. 12 Oct 1804, d. 30 Aug 1871, Stony Pt., Franklin Co. PA. Children of this marriage; 1) Robert James, b. 14 Apr 1839 Shippensburg, PA, d. 11 Mar 1910 Delta, CO, m. Abt 1862 to Elnora Brown; 2) Elizabeth A., b. 24 May 1842 Shippensburg, PA, d. 4 Jan 1917, m. 21 Jan 1864 to George D. Foreman; 3) Margaret L., b. 21 Dec 1844 Shippensburg, PA, d. 7 Sep 1905 Shippensburg, PA

Murl would like any information you might have on this family and will also share with those interested. Her address is 1100 5th St., Lohrville, IA 51453-1041

* Tracy Towry is looking for help with her ancestor, Martha M Coffee who married Anderson Mote. Their Mote children: Thomas J., b. 1851; Charles Allen, b. 6 Aug 1854; Florence, b. 1860; Emma, b. 1862; Alice, b. 1869; Edward, b. 1872; Annie, 1875. The first five were born in Georgia. If you can help Tracy's address is 5017 NW 49th St., Redmond, OR 97756.

* Ruth Ratliff is working on the family of Elijah & Elisha, grandsons of Edward and Grace Cleveland Coffey. She would appreciate hearing from anyone who has worked on this line. Her address is Rt.1, Box 182, Hillister, TX 77624.

* Bennie Loftin forwarded a query from Elgin Morris. Elgin needs to be able to link from his Coffey families down to the roots. Elgin's grandmother, Mary Kirchner, married Benjamin T. Coffey when Elgin's mother was about 4 years old. Mary's first husband, Elgin McCart, was killed in an explosion/fire. Mary and Benjamin Coffey lived in Wayne Co., Iowa all of their married years. Mary's brother also married a Coffey (Anna). Anna is the daughter of Cleveland Cleophus Coffey. Bennie gave me an e-mail address of <morrisee@hotmail.com> or you may write Bennie at Rt. 1, Box 270, Kiowa, OK 74553

*Loren Jenkins is looking for roots. Loren's mother was Myrtle Mae Coffey, born in Wayne County, Iowa, a descendant of Rev. Newton Coffey, who is buried in the cemetery at Stonington, Illinois. Loren's address is 8417 Harbor Drive, Rogers, Ar. 72756



CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Al Carhart asked Coffey Cousins to review Mr. Whittaker's web site and correct some of his errors, primarily the one on John Coffey early 1600s. I wrote corrections and offered proof and received the following e-mail response. Mr. Whittaker took criticism like a gentleman and corrected his web site. He was using information that he had collected from other bad web sites, etc. We need to watch for errors that we find and try to get them corrected if possible. Thanks to Al this one came out nicely and will no longer pass bad information.

DEAR COFFEY COUSINS,
THOUGHT I WOULD FORWARD THIS TO
ALLOW DISCUSSION IF ANYBODY WANTS
TO. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS
HELPED ME WITH MY CHART.

I WILL BE POSTING A NEW CHART WITH
CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

– JEFF WHITTAKER

* Bennie Loftin wrote: "I have heard from the wife of Ben Coffey, so thought I would pass this on to you on THE COFFEYS OF WAYNE COUNTY, KENTUCKY. They still have books available at the cost of \$14.00 and it includes shipping." The address is: Rt.2, Box 4000, Monticello, KY 42633.

Bennie also says that If you are searching for a Civil War ancestor from Ky. you may want to take a look at the Down Home website. You can get to the site from the main page of the Down Home site or go directly there at: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/6808/jeffbarr.html>
Cumberland River Region History and Genealogy List. To reach Listowner; miles@usmo.com
CRRWebsite;<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/6808//XMP>

*Murl Black says; "As to your dilemma about how to balance the Internet connected with the non connected. I think you are on the right path to suggest that those of us who happen to be computer literate look up and supply information to those who are not yet connected. I'm 62 but I've spent my adult life working with computers so I'm a somewhat rare hybrid. It fits within the concept I see of our clearinghouse that we help each other. Comments?" 110 5th Street, Lohrville, IA 51453 or mblack@cal-net.net.

* Ilah Merriman went to Scotland this summer to attend a Mini-Gathering of the Clan Macfie Society. She said that they are a fun group of people and very welcoming. She is looking forward to attending our Coffey Convention next spring. While in Scotland she found a Coffee connection: "in 1506 the island of Colonsay was leased directly to "Malcolm MacKoffee". This quote is from the book "Colkitto" by Kevin Byrne, page 15. Previous to this entry he had been known as Malcolm MacDuffie and before that as Macfie. The names were spelled phonetically by whatever clerk was doing the writing. Ilah was told by a professor in a course in genealogy at the University of Glasgow that all Scottish Coffees were Macifes from the island of Colonsay.

*The Clan Macfie News gave Coffey Cousins' a nice write up. It listed our price and contacts. The Coffey Reunion Association of Texas are now members. Anyone interested in the Clan Macfie should contact Mr. Norrie MacPhee, 497 Boston Post Rd., Amherst, NH 03031. Membership in the Clan is \$7.00 a year.

* New York (AP) reported that "Five months after the departure of Lou Dobbs as head of CNN's business news coverage, Shelby Coffey III has been named as his replacement." Do any of you claim him? This sounds like a very prestigious job.

* Nancy Williams sent Spencer Coffey the following message. It made me very proud to get a copy.
 "Spencer, I really want to thank you for the tip you sent my way after reading the Coffey Cousins Newsletter. Today, after receiving a tip from my Fort Worth cousins that the Houston cousin may have moved to Crockett, TX. I talked with her for the first time since the day my mom died in 1985. She said she was six years old when she, and I guess her parents, accompanied EX. Coffey's body from Corpus Christi, where he died, to Austin where he is buried beside CL. and Almeda, his parents. Since your J.N. and our CL. were brothers, and I don't know how far you are taking your family tree. My next project is to find I.V. Crawford in Tyler. Thanks a million, Nancy Williams willco5@ibm.net

TEXAS, COFFEE-COFFEY _REUNION_2000

Coffey of Texas holds a family reunion every year. It will be held in San Antonio, TX on Aug 4-5, 2000.

They have a lot of things going in San Antonio. It is a beautiful city and their annual meal will be served on a cruise on the San Antonio River.

The deadline for reservations is Jan 1, 2000. If you are interested in more information on this reunion, contact Sharon Young 16625 Hwy. 16 South, San Antonio, TX 78264.

NEW ADDRESSES

Robert E. Coffey, 961 E. Loos St.,
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Mary E. Coffey, Chamberlain PL.,
1319 Mathew Dr., Mesquite TX 75149

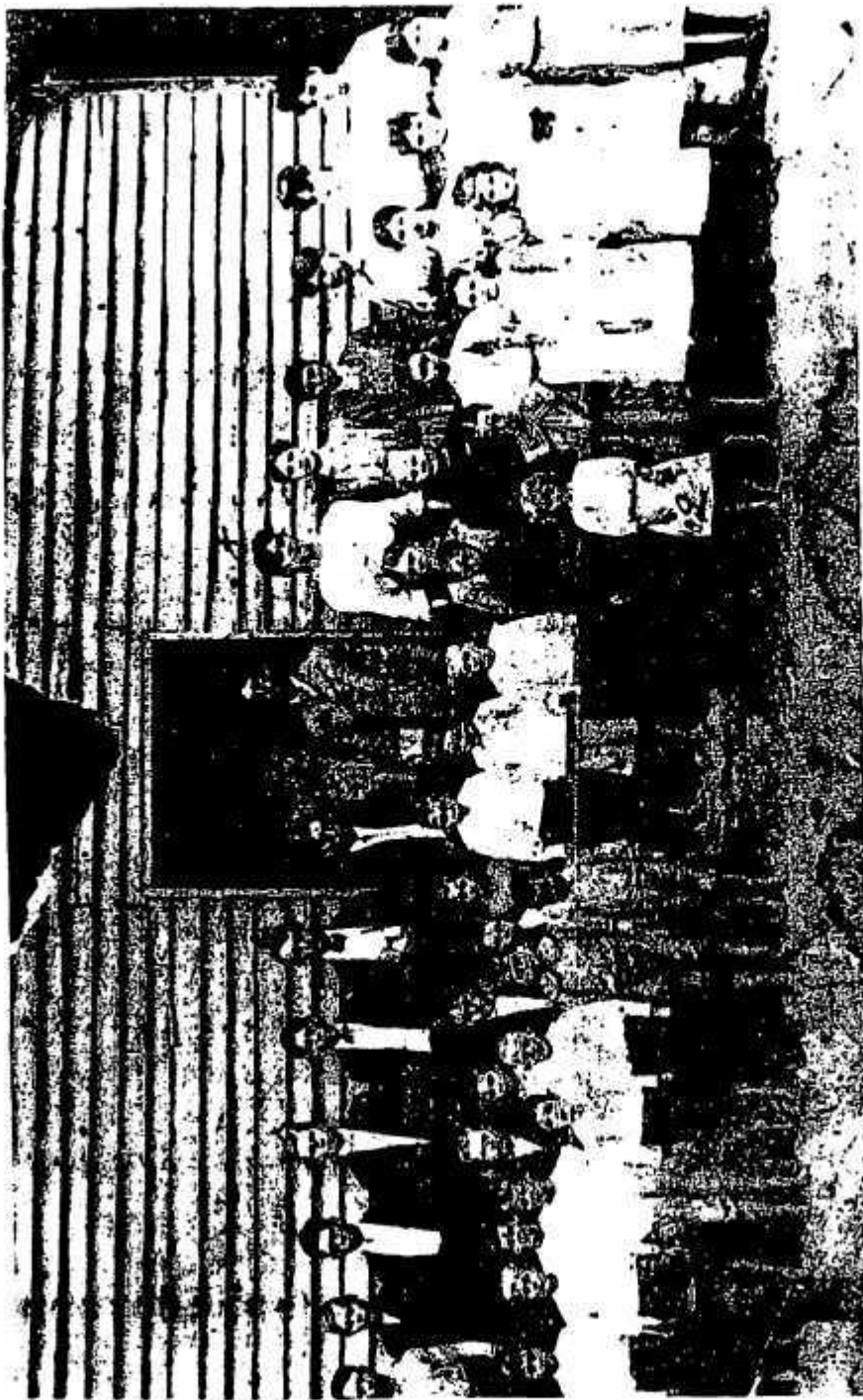


MAIL BOX

* Jim and Marguerite Coffey of Michigan are going to get my husband and I to one of their big kite flies that are held on Lake Michigan. Jim keeps sending enticing pictures of their meets. Jim Coffey descends from Marvel Coffey b. In TN and settled in Maries Co. MO.

* Dave Strange wrote: "Florence and I were in Ireland in October of 98 and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. It rained every day, but not hard enough to prevent any of our activities. The **book of Kells** in Dublin and the scenery, Ring of Kerry, the Barrens and the Cliffs of Moher were highlights. We found lots of Coffeys in the phone books. I introduced myself to Ray Coffey when I saw the name Coffeys above a shoe store in Wexford. He told me that there are many Coffeys in southern Ireland yet, but his family came from the Dublin area to Wexford in the early 1800's. He is the third generation of Coffeys to operate his store. His grandmother's name (surprise!) was Elizabeth Coffey. Makes you wonder why the Coffeys thought they always had to name one of their daughters Elizabeth. Dave and Florence's address is 4777 Hillsborough Dr., Petaluma, CA 94954

Lori Okel sent this picture. I think it will print. It was taken from "The Kentucky Explorer" Nov. 1997, page 87. Margie Coffey's (who donated the picture) maiden name appears to be Rodgers.



Mrs. Colleen Coffey, PO Box 112, Columbia, KY 42728, shares this photo of the Cool Springs School in western Adair County, around 1900. The group is standing in front of the school building. From left to right, back row: Bradford Parnell, Gid Coffey, Less Hubbard, Clarence Gowens, Bonnie Rodgers, Ed Gowens, b) b) c) d) e) f) g) h) i) j) k) l) m) n) o) p) q) r) s) t) u) v) w) x) y) z) aa) ab) ac) ad) ae) af) ag) ah) ai) aj) ak) al) am) an) ao) ap) aq) ar) as) at) au) av) aw) ax) ay) az) ba) bb) bc) bd) be) bf) bg) bh) bi) bj) bk) bl) bm) bn) bo) bp) bq) br) bs) bt) bu) bv) bw) bx) by) bz) ca) cb) cc) cd) ce) cf) cg) ch) ci) cj) ck) cl) cm) cn) co) cp) cq) cr) cs) ct) cu) cv) cw) cx) cy) cz) da) db) dc) dd) de) df) dg) dh) di) dj) dk) dl) dm) dn) do) dp) dq) dr) ds) dt) du) dv) dw) dx) dy) dz) ea) eb) ec) ed) ee) ef) eg) eh) ei) ej) ek) el) em) en) eo) ep) eq) er) es) et) eu) ev) ew) ex) ey) ez) fa) fb) fc) fd) fe) ff) fg) fh) fi) fj) fk) fl) fm) fn) fo) fp) fq) fr) fs) ft) fu) fv) fw) fx) fy) fz) ga) gb) gc) gd) ge) gf) gg) gh) gi) gj) gk) gl) gm) gn) go) gp) gq) gr) gs) gt) gu) gv) gw) gx) gy) gz) ha) hb) hc) hd) he) hf) hg) hh) hi) hj) hk) hl) hm) hn) ho) hp) hq) hr) hs) ht) hu) hv) hw) hx) hy) hz) ia) ib) ic) id) ie) if) ig) ih) ii) ij) ik) il) im) in) io) ip) iq) ir) is) it) iu) iv) iw) ix) iy) iz) ja) jb) jc) jd) je) jf) jg) jh) ji) jj) jk) jl) jm) jn) jo) jp) jq) jr) js) jt) ju) jv) jw) jx) jy) jz) ka) kb) kc) kd) ke) kf) kg) kh) ki) kj) kl) km) kn) ko) kp) kq) kr) ks) kt) ku) kv) kw) kx) ky) kz) la) lb) lc) ld) le) lf) lg) lh) li) lj) lk) ll) lm) ln) lo) lp) lq) lr) ls) lt) lu) lv) lw) lx) ly) lz) ma) mb) mc) md) me) mf) mg) mh) mi) mj) mk) ml) mn) mo) mp) mq) mr) ms) mt) mu) mv) mw) mx) my) mz) na) nb) nc) nd) ne) nf) ng) nh) ni) nj) nk) nl) nm) nn) no) np) nq) nr) ns) nt) nu) nv) nw) nx) ny) nz) oa) ob) oc) od) oe) of) og) oh) oi) oj) ok) ol) om) on) oo) op) oq) or) os) ot) ou) ov) ow) ox) oy) oz) pa) pb) pc) pd) pe) pf) pg) ph) pi) pj) pk) pl) pm) pn) po) pp) pq) pr) ps) pt) pu) pv) pw) px) py) pz) qa) qb) qc) qd) qe) qf) qg) qh) qi) qj) qk) ql) qm) qn) qo) qp) qq) qr) qs) qt) qu) qv) qw) qx) qy) qz) ra) rb) rc) rd) re) rf) rg) rh) ri) rj) rk) rl) rm) rn) ro) rp) rq) rr) rs) rt) ru) rv) rw) rx) ry) rz) sa) sb) sc) sd) se) sf) sg) sh) si) sj) sk) sl) sm) sn) so) sp) sq) sr) ss) st) su) sv) sw) sx) sy) sz) ta) tb) tc) td) te) tf) tg) th) ti) tj) tk) tl) tm) tn) to) tp) tq) tr) ts) tt) tu) tv) tw) tx) ty) tz) ua) ub) uc) ud) ue) uf) ug) uh) ui) uj) uk) ul) um) un) uo) up) uq) ur) us) ut) uu) uv) uw) ux) uy) uz) va) vb) vc) vd) ve) vf) vg) vh) vi) vj) vk) vl) vm) vn) vo) vp) vq) vr) vs) vt) vu) vv) vw) vx) vy) vz) wa) wb) wc) wd) we) wf) wg) wh) wi) wj) wk) wl) wm) wn) wo) wp) wq) wr) ws) wt) wu) wv) ww) wx) wy) wz) xa) xb) xc) xd) xe) xf) xg) xh) xi) xj) xk) xl) xm) xn) xo) xp) xq) xr) xs) xt) xu) xv) xw) xx) xy) xz) ya) yb) yc) yd) ye) yf) yg) yh) yi) yj) yk) yl) ym) yn) yo) yp) yq) yr) ys) yt) yu) yv) yw) yx) yy) yz) za) zb) zc) zd) ze) zf) zg) zh) zi) zj) zk) zl) zm) zn) zo) zp) zq) zr) zs) zt) zu) zv) zw) zx) zy) zz)

COMPUTER NEWS FROM JACK

Visit my Genealogy Pages @
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6233/coffeycousins.html>
<http://members.tripod.com/~Jackey/family.html>

A couple of Cuzzins have told me that they can't find the new query page. I agree that I wasn't very clear at defining where I hid it! Actually, it's disguised under the label "View and Sign Guestbook". But, if you want to go directly to it, bypassing the Coffey Cousins homepage, just click on the following link:

<http://www2.bravenet.com/guestbook/show.asp?userid=hy291269>
 Incidentally, the Coffey Cousins website has gone over the 20,000 hit mark. That's since June, 1997, and in my opinion a very good milestone for a website designed around a single surname.



MORE NET NEWS

Reams Goodloe has graciously provided his massive work, an index to the first 75 issues of the Coffey Cousins' newsletter for publication on the web. Check the webpage at the coffeycousins URL, then click on the appropriate link.

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Another View on the Maiden Name of Elizabeth, Wife of Salathiel Coffey

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Although some researchers have postulated that the maiden name of Elizabeth, wife of Salathiel Coffey who died about July 1784 in Wilkes Co., N. C., was Noland or Gore, other research gives a different view on her maiden name. The Coffey family that Elizabeth married into probably originated in early Virginia. Certain assumptions on this family have been generally accepted by most researchers but are not fully proven. The assumptions are as follows:

Assumptions

1. A Chesley Coffey married a Jane Cleveland.
2. They had at least **five** sons, Chesley Jr., Joel, Nathan, Nebuzaradon, Salathiel.
3. Salathiel married Elizabeth and Nathan married Mary-
4. Salathiel and Elizabeth's children included at least Newton, Eli and Grace.
5. Nathan and Mary's children included at least Rutherford and Mary.
6. Of the above children, Eli married Mary and Rutherford married Grace. They were first cousins.

Names and places in early court documents were spelled in different ways. For consistency this essay will use the following spelling for names and places, unless quoting from a document or record: Coffey, Eli, Nathan, **Nebuzaradon**, **Noland**, Pierce, Rutherford, Salathiel.

Possible Maiden Names for Elizabeth Coffey

First, it is unlikely Elizabeth's maiden name was Noland. In the minutes of

the county court of Chester Co., S. C., January 1794, Elizabeth Noland late widow of "Selathial Coffee and Pearce Noland" is a plaintiff in a case against James Mannion Gore, defendant. The reading of this record would only indicate that Elizabeth was married to "Selathial Coffee" and is now probably the wife of "Pearce Noland".

Second, it is unlikely that Elizabeth's maiden name was Gore. The will of Elizabeth Gore of Chester Co., S. C., 25 November 1788, in part reads "to my beloved daughters Mary Sanders, Easter Wood and Elizabeth Knowling". The name Noland is often seen as **Nowland**, **Nolan**, **Knowland**, and **Knowling** in court records. This Elizabeth Knowling is more likely the wife of Sampson "Nolan", who witnessed the above will of Elizabeth Gore. In a Chester Co., deed of March 1784, Sampson Noland and Elizabeth Noland, his wife, sold land to Patrick McGriff on the Sandy River.

Third, it appears probable that Elizabeth Coffeys' maiden name was Franklin. This essay will show through both recognized genealogies on the Coffey families and court records not previously cited, why Franklin is more likely to be Elizabeth's maiden name.

Salathiel Coffey

The following is known about Elizabeth and Salathiel Coffey. In Wilkes Co., N. C., 27 July 1784, an administration bond for 200 pounds was issued on the estate of Salathiel Coffey deceased. Elizabeth Coffey was administratrix and Joel and Nathan Coffey were bondsmen. There is mention of Salathiel Coffey in several other records in North and South Carolina. In Burke Co., N. C., 8 September 1778, in the miscellaneous papers of civil and criminal cases, an attachment was issued in the case of James Roddy vs. Salathiel Coffey. An historical account

of a skirmish occurring during the Revolutionary War, about June 1780, on Broad River, Chester Co., S. C., involved the commander of a Tory scout. This commander's name was Sale Coffey. Although the Coffey family and Cleveland family were staunch Whigs and many served their country on the American side in the Revolutionary War, it is an interesting thought that perhaps one served the British side.

Noland Family

A short genealogy of the Noland family may help in understanding their relationship to the Coffey, Gore and Saunders families. The Gore, Noland and Saunders families were originally from Frederick County, Maryland and that part of Virginia directly across the Potomac. They lived near each other and intermarried. About 1760 there was a migration of these people from the Frederick Co., Md. area into North Carolina and eventually down into South Carolina. Examination of court records in Maryland will produce a wealth of information for those researchers interested in connecting these families further.

Pierce Noland

Pierce Noland, second husband of Elizabeth Coffey, was the son of Peter Noland of Wilkes Co., N.C. Peter Noland died about 16 April 1796 in Wilkes Co., N. C. In his will, he names daughters Martha Carrel, Delilah Davis, Sarah Carrel, sons Henry, Moses, and Pierce. Pierce was one of the executors of his father's will, along with John Brown. On 4 November 1797, "Pearce Noland", executor of Peter Noland deceased sold to his brother Henry Noland 50 acres on Beaver Creek, Wilkes Co., N. C. This land was where

Pierce Noland then lived and was part of a larger tract of 200 acres originally granted to Joel Coffey who sold it to Peter Noland about 1789. This deed was witnessed in part by Newton Coffey, supposed son of Salathiel and Elizabeth Coffey. The above Joel Coffey appears to be one of the sons of Chesley Coffey and brother to Nathan, Nebuzaradon and Salathiel. Peter Noland may also have been the father or the brother of the Sampson Noland mentioned as a witness in Elizabeth Gore's will. In March of 1784, Peter Noland of Camden District, S. C. sold to Sampson Noland of the same county, land on the Sandy River, Chester Co., S. Carolina.

Pierce Noland, apparently did not leave a will and died shortly after his father Peter. An inventory of Pierce Noland's estate is found in Wilkes Co., N. C. Will Bk. I, 1797, but with no month or day. It is assumed he died late 1797/1798. Pierce Noland was married previous to his marriage to Elizabeth Coffey and his son Pierce Noland and again, John Brown, were executors of his estate.

From just these few will and land records, it can be seen that the Coffeys, and Nolands were moving **back** and forth from early Wilkes and Burke county areas in North Carolina to the Chester county, South Carolina area, buying and selling land. These families migrated down from Maryland and continued to stay close to one another in North and South Carolina. There are many other court records on these people in the above mentioned states, too numerous to mention in this short essay.

The Five Sons of Chesley Coffey, Sr.

It is known that two of the sons of Chesley Coffey Sr., died in Wilkes Co., N. C. Joel Coffey died 1789 and

Salathiel died 1784. It is known that another son, Chesley Coffey Jr. left the North Carolina area about 1780 and moved to Tennessee and that son Nebuzarden Coffey moved to Madison County, Kentucky about 1794. We have left son Nathan Coffey whose whereabouts in early North and South Carolina has never been fully accounted for. His movements and that of his wife Mary are important to the evidence that points to his sister-in-law Elizabeth Coffeys' maiden name.

Nathan Coffey

The 1782 tax list of Wilkes Co., N. C. shows three Coffeys in Capt. Sloan's District, Joel, Isaac and Nathan. In Burke Co., N. C. records, there are names of many Coffeys, including Chesley, Salathiel, Joel and Nathan. In a Burke Co., suit of the State versus: Nathan Coffey, March 1785, he is found guilty. There are other records in the Wilkes and Burke Co., N. C. areas on Nathan Coffey, unfortunately the court records do not give any particulars on what the cases involved.

On 7 January 1793, Nathan Coffey appears in Chester Co., S. C. deeds when John Gore and his wife Mary sell to Nathan Coffey, of Chester Co., 126 acres of land. The names in this deed are interesting for they show close ties to Gore and Noland families. One of the bounding landowners is Sampson Noland. The land was originally conveyed by Zachariah Isbell to James Gore, deceased and by James Gore in his last will and testament to the above John Gore. This man is John Ashford Gore, son of James Gore. Philip Noland proved this deed.

On 4 February 1794, Sampson Noland conveyed to Nathan Coffey, both of Pinckney District, Chester Co., S. C., 50 acres of land on the Sandy River.

On the 14th October 1795 Nathan

Coffey and his wife Mary Coffey sell to Eliazer Gore, 126 acres on the Sandy River. This was the above 126 acres sold to Nathan Coffey in January 1793. This deed shows Nathan and his wife Mary in Chester Co., S. C. in 1795. Both Nathan and his wife Mary sign the deeds with their marks. Nathan's mark looks like a loop or half bow and Mary's mark is a crossed T. Jeremiah Kingsley and Patrick McGriff witnessed this deed. The deed was not recorded in Chester Co. until February 1805. There is another brief mention of land that Nathan Coffey owned. On 28 December 1802, Jeremiah Kingsley and John Humphries, both of Chester District, S. C. enter bond to make title to land conveyed from Nathaniel Coffey to Charlotte Kingsley. This was probably the other 50 acres that Nathan Coffey owned on Sandy River.

Sometime after 1795 Nathan Coffey moved from Chester Co., S. C. to Green Co., KY. In the "Second Census of Kentucky, 1800", Nathan Coffey and Elizabeth Coffey appear in separate households. There appears to have been a migration of Coffey families from the Carolinas to Kentucky in the very late 1790's and early 1800's. Tax lists and county records, particularly for Adair, Green, and Wayne counties, Kentucky give the names of many of the Coffeys of North and South Carolina.

Marriage Records of Green Co., KY.

Examination of the original marriage bonds of Green Co., Ky. establishes the relationships of Elizabeth Coffey and Nathan Coffeys' children. The abstracted marriage records published by various sources do not always show the exact wording. Often the original document will give additional information, important for proving genealogies. There are four marriage bonds or documents that were examined. The

original spelling and wording were kept as written.

1. Reatherford Coffee and Ely Coffee give bond for the marriage between Reatherford Coffee and Elizabeth Coffey, bond date is 17 March 1801 and both Reatherford Coffee and Ely sign their names with their marks and seals. The signatures do not appear to be made by a court clerk but are original signatures. The signatures are Retherford Coffee and Eli Coffee.

2. The consent for this marriage reads "this is to satisfy that I have no objection against Retherford Coffee marry my daughter Gracey Coffee given from under by hand and sele this the (day is very hard to read, it could be 14 or 17) day of March 1801 Teste Ely Coffey Newton Coffey (signed) Elizabeth Coffey" (with her seal).

3. Ely Coffey and Newton Coffee give bond for the marriage between Ely Coffee and Mary Coffee; bond date is 17 March 1801. Again Ely and Newton appear to sign their own names and use their marks and seals.

4. The consent for this marriage reads "this is to certify that I am of age over twenty one years old and so willing to mary Ely Coffey given under my hand and seal March the 12 th 1801 Test Newton Coffey Reatherford Coffey (signed) Mary Coffey (with her seal)

Possible Conclusions

from these Marriage Records

Several points are important from these records.

1. These people could write their names, and had their own marks, and seals.

2. Rutherford's wife's name was Elizabeth Gracey (probably Grace) Coffey and she is referred to in succeeding court records as Gracey.

3. Gracey's mother's name was Elizabeth Coffey and she gave consent for

her daughter's marriage to Rutherford Coffey. Gracey was evidently under age and required her mother's consent. 4. Mary Coffey was at least 21 years of age, which would put her birth date at about 1780 or earlier.

Under the assumptions stated in the beginning of this article and from the information contained in the Green Co., Ky. marriage records:

If Elizabeth and Salathiel Coffey were the presumed parents of at least Newton, Eli and Grace,

the marriage consent of Elizabeth Coffey for Grace, stating that Grace is her daughter, would confirm that Newton and Eli were also children of Elizabeth and Salathiel Coffey.

Elizabeth Coffey and Nathan Coffey it is known that Elizabeth Coffey Noland was in Chester Co., S. C. in 1794 by the court records of her suit with James Mannion Gore. It is also known that Nathan Coffey and his wife Mary were in the same county in 1793 and sold their land by 1795. Both Nathan and Elizabeth Coffey appear as head of households in Green Co., Ky. in 1800. It would seem logical if Nathan and Salathiel were brothers, that Nathan's widowed sister-in-law, Elizabeth Coffey, after the death of her second husband Pierce Noland, followed Nathan and some of the other related Coffey families to Kentucky, particularly Green, later Adair counties. Why did she go by the name Elizabeth Coffey instead of Noland? Her children by Salathiel Coffey lived with or near her, she likely had no children by Pierce Noland and it may be simply she preferred to use Coffey.

It can be shown by the deeds of Adair Co., Ky. that the Nathan Coffey of South Carolina mentioned above, is the same one appearing in land records of Green and Adair counties. There were

two other Nathan or Nathaniel Coffeys in the above Kentucky areas in the late 1790 and early 1800's. One of these had a wife Sally, probably the Nathaniel, b.1788, d. 1834, married to Sally Meredith and in Adair Co. by 1806. His father was Joel Coffey, brother to Nathan. The other Nathan had a wife Betsy, probably the Nathan b. 1780 and married to Elizabeth Gilbreath. His father was Chesley Jr., another brother to Nathan Coffey. The land records show that the only Nathan that signed with a mark was Nathan Coffey Sr., referred to as Sr. and signing his deeds with a loop or half bow. Other Nathan Coffeys' had reference in their land deeds to their wives, Sally or Sarah, and Betsy or Elizabeth. Interestingly, in Nathan Coffey Sr.'s land records, there is no reference to his wife Mary. Perhaps she died in South Carolina, before Nathan Coffey Sr. moved to Kentucky.

Eli, Newton and Rutherford Coffey

The following court records show the close relationship between Eli, Newton and Rutherford Coffey to Nathan Coffey Sr. In Adair Co., Ky., 23 August 1802, Nathan Coffey and Eli Coffey witness a deed from Benjamin Bristow to Joel Coffey for land in Cumberland Co., Ky. On 2 May 1803, Nathan Coffey of Adair Co., Ky. sells to John Cox for \$266.00, 86 acres on Reynolds Creek a branch of Russell's Creek. Nathan Coffey signs his name Nathaniel Coffey with his mark a loop or half bow. There are other documents in Adair Co. with Nathan Coffey/Nathaniel Coffey signing his name with his mark.

On 3 October 1805, Newton Coffey appears in court records of Adair Co., Ky. Ephraim Ellison of Adair Co. appoints Newton Coffey of Adair Co. to act as his attorney to receive an obligation from William Dula and Thomas Robbins

of Wilkes County, N. Witnesses were Joel and Ely Coffee.

In an indenture, 18 October 1809, Levi Conover and Jane his wife sell to "Reatherford Coffey, assignee of Nathan Coffey Senr." land in Adair Co., Ky., on Russell Creek.

Settlement of Elizabeth Coffeys' Estate

The settlement of Elizabeth Coffey's estate is mentioned in an Adair Co., Ky. court record, dated 5 October 1807. "On the motion of Reatherford Coffee who and according to law and executed and acknowledged bond with Nathan Coffee, Joel Coffee and George Bellow his securities in the penal sum of 100 lbs. conditioned to the admin of the estate of Elizabeth Coffee **decd.** is granted him". This record shows both Nathan and his son Rutherford involved in the administration of the estate of Elizabeth Coffey. The Joel Coffey is most likely a nephew of Nathan and cousin to Rutherford.

Elizabeth Coffee's Maiden Name

The court document that establishes Elizabeth Coffeys maiden name is also found in Deed Book B of Adair Co., KY. It reads as follows:" whereas by the will of the late Benjamin Franklin of Albemarle County State Virginia we the heirs of the late Elizabeth Coffee of Adair County State of Kentucky are entitled to one third part of the above mentioned Benjamin Franklin's Estate now in the hands of James & William Sudduth as executors of the late Patience Sudduth **decd.** formerly Patience Franklin Wife of the said Benjamin we the underwritten being at a distance so as makes ill convenient for us to attend to the settlement we therefore have thought to appoint Benjamin Dowell our attorney in fact and every payment made to him shall be as obligatory as if made to us. Given under our

hands and seals this 10th day of October 1810." This document is signed "Rutherford Coffey and Martin Gryder".

The Benjamin Franklin referred to in the above document wrote his will on 17 August 1751, in Saint Anns Parish, Albemarle, Co., Va. It reads in part "Item to Patience wife one third of my whole estate... Item to four daughters, Elizabeth, Anne, Mary, Dorcas, remainder of estate to be divided equally on the day of their marriage or their coming of age whichever come First to be paid to them by my executors..." Patience Franklin was one of the executors. The inventory was taken 12 November 1751.

There are some questions that the above documents raise. Benjamin Franklin had four children, all daughters. Yet the estate settlement refers to three heirs, Rutherford Coffey (for his wife Gracey) is one of them and the other mentioned is Martin Gryder (sometimes spelled Grider). There are several possibilities.

1. Only three of the daughters lived to maturity and had children to inherit.
2. Two of the heirs referred to above were Martin Gryder (sometimes Grider) and Rutherford Coffey.
3. There is no mention of Elizabeth Coffeys' other children, Newton and Eli. It may be possible Rutherford was acting for all of Elizabeth Coffeys' children in the settlement of her father Benjamin Franklin's estate, not just for his wife Gracey.
4. Elizabeth Coffeys' other children may have already received any portion of inheritance due them.

More research is needed too clarify Elizabeth Coffeys' settlement records.

Possible Conclusions from Adair and Albemarle Court Records

If we continue under the assumptions stated in the beginning of this

essay the following conclusions can be reached:

1. The marriage records of Green Co. and Adair Co., Ky. establish the relationship of Elizabeth Coffey to her daughter Grace and by that connection to her sons Newton and Eli.
2. Elizabeth Coffey wife, first of Salathiel Coffey and second Pierce Noland, moved with her children, Newton, Eli and Grace from either North or South Carolina to Green, later Adair Co., Ky. around 1800. She most likely came with, or followed shortly after her brother-in-law Nathan Coffey.
3. Nathan and his son Rutherford along with Elizabeth Coffeys' son Newton were involved in the settlement of Elizabeth's part of her father Benjamin Franklin's estate and Rutherford acted for his wife Grace as one of the heirs of her mother Elizabeth Coffey.
4. The court records of Adair Co., Ky. establish Elizabeth Coffey as the daughter of Benjamin and Patience Franklin of Albemarle Co., VA.

It is not possible in this short essay to provide an in depth genealogy of Elizabeth Franklin Coffey. There is a wealth of information contained in the court records of Albemarle Co., VA and other early Virginia counties for those interested researchers. It is to be noted that the Franklin family from which Elizabeth descended, was intimately involved and lived close to the early Coffey family of Edward Coffey Sr. and Alexander Cleveland of Virginia.

It is understand that not all readers of this essay will agree with the conclusions reached. Further research is needed in the original court records of those states and counties cited. Perhaps interested researchers will make additions or corrections to this essay and the genealogies of the early Coffey families. Comments are welcomed.

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