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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins -

Sanford, Florida for the 2000 gathering, at
 ing, should have been. It was our
 17th annual get-together and it was a
 good one. Gail Bachman, with lots of
 support from Bill, put together a great
 schedule with some added entertain-
 ment for the kids with kite flying by
 Bonnie and Jim Culley. Then there
 was entertainment from the younger
 younger generation at the banquet by
 Dan Coffey's (Ohio) granddaughter
 (Dan Jr.'s daughter - Florida). Both
 families were there and after the
 pretty and talented young lady sang
 beautifully for us - The OLD man led
 the group in singing some golden old-
 ies. You just should have been there.

Oh, yes - we did see alligators, herons
 and some other wild life of various
 kinds - some human. I won't call any
 names on this one.

One more thing - the train never left
 the track and yours truly was reelected
 to the venerable post of President and
 Gail Bachman as Secretary.

Now is the time to plan to go to
 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI in 2001. Jack
 and Nelda Coffee are putting together
 the plans for this one and should be

another great gathering - but then,
 when the Coffee-Coffey people get
 together it is always a good time with
 all kinds of stories related to genea-

logical research as well as some that
 that one in mind and plan to be there -
 should not be printed. Anyway, keep
 it will be a great gathering.

As we go into the summer I hope
 all of you keep cool and that you may
 enjoy your pleasures of life that
 beckon. Until next time,

Cousin Jeff

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Dear Cousins,

I will never complain about too much material to print, but I do have some that wouldn't fit this time. I guess this last winter was just a good time to do research.

The big excitement this quarter has been the letters on the internet pertaining to John Coffey and Mary Jolliffe and the new research on the Peter Coffee line. I'm trying to print them in the order I received them and still have a lot of material on Peter Coffee from Dr. Carol Coffee. I have worked this up for the next issue and hope by then, Carol has found why Peter was exported.

Jim and I had a great time at the convention. The river cruise was fun for young and old. Of course, we knew that Gail, with the help of her family, would do a good job. We look forward to seeing lots of our Coffee/y researchers next year in Vicksburg, MS. It will be in late April. Mark your calendar. I'll write more about this in the next issue. Of CCC.

We discussed the idea of sending a questionair with the December issue of CCC for each subscriber to complete so you can add the ancestor you wish in the next subscribers list. It was also suggested by Jan Chamberlain that we include date of birth and/or death as an identfyer. It was thought to be a good idea.

Hope you can find some time this summer to do some research . Be sure to let us know what you find.

Your Cousin,

Bonnie

MORE DOCUMENTS

Ron Payne found the following in his perusals:

McCreary County, Kentucky
Court Order Book 1, 1912-1918
(pg 79) 5 Nov 1912
Results of an election held on this date:

Stearns #2
clerk: Gilson Coffey
judge: John Monroe
judge: Wm. Crabtree
sheriff: W.W. Stephens

(pg 289) 4 Feb 1914
B.F. Coffey registered his stock mark consisting of ___ under bit and smooth crop of each ear.

McCreary County, Kentucky- Marriage Records
18 Feb 1842, Mary Ann Coffee m. Henry Sellars, Whitley Co., KY

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NEW COUSINS

	<u>Ancestor</u>
Daniel E. Coffey Jr., 1158 N.W. 89Th Dr., Gainesville, FL32606	Chesley
Lavonne Brown, 1420 Byron St., Huntington, IN 46750	Cordelia
Betty Moss, 3007 Whispering Pines Ln. Fultondale AL 35068	Weightstill
Brad Howland, 502 Market St, Scottsboro, AL 35768	Jesse
Jessie Wilson, 7118 Bonito Dr., Tampa, FL 33617	Edward
Donald Mathes, 15105 ColumbineWay, Rockville, MD 20853	Meredith
Ellis Hawk, 645 Willow Valley Sq., Lancaster, PA 17602-4871	John
Leonard Corbaley, 118 Gill Way, Benicia, CA 94510-3157	

NEW COUSINS

address is in the new cousin **list**.

* Daniel E. Coffey, Jr. and son of Daniel Sr descends from Chesley Coffey through Nebuzaraden. Daniel Sr was a new subscriber last year. We look forward to lots of **info** on the Nebuzaraden line. Daniel Jr's address is in the new cousin **list** and **his** father's address is 2204 N. 3rd. Ave. E., Newton, IA. 50208.

*Ells L. Hawk descends from Meredith Coffey a son of John & Dorcas (Carter) Coffey. He is the grandson of John & Jane (Graves) Coffey. Ellis would like to hear from anyone working on this **line** of Coffeys. His address is in the new cousins **list**.

* Lavonne Brown found her **grand**-mother's name and great grandfather's name in the Coffey index on Jack's "Coffey" page on the internet. Lavonne's grandmother was Cordelia (Delia Coffey Ketron). She would **like** to hear from others working on this line and her address is in the new cousin's list.

* Len Corbaley is a 3rd great grandson of John Coffee (1772-1833) and his wife Mary Donelson of Tennessee and Florence, Alabama and associate of President Andrew Jackson. He would like to correspond with others working on this line. **His** address is in the new cousins list and email: CORB32@AOL.COM

* Brad Howland is honored with a subscription from his cousin Al Carhart. Al said that Brad is a great cousins and helper with their family research. Brad descends from Weightstill Avery Coffey. Brad's address is in the new cousins **list**.

*Jessie Wilson is the sister of Reams Goodloe. They descend from Jesse Coffey 1792 - 1835. We met Jessie at the Coffey Cousins Convention. Her address is in the new cousins **list**.

*Don Mathes descends from both Edward Coffey and Chesley Coffey. His



CONVENTION 2000
Hosted by Gail & Bill Bachman

This was not our largest convention but sure was a fun one. Of course our primary purpose is seeing old friends and meeting new cousins. Gail had plenty for us to do; walking tour of historical Sanford, genealogy videos, a program "Finding Family on the Internet" by the Family History Center, the river cruise and if we had any extra time, there was always my Coffee/y library. The Rivership Romance took us to see great scenery and we all enjoyed the good food. We had our annual group picture taken on the ship.

Gail ask those who were registered if they had any talents they would like to share and got a good response. For starters, Bill Bachman showed videos of past conventions. Nelda Coffee baked cookies and Mary Ann Hiesiger and Ellen Mohr furnished a "Coffee/y Cake". Things brought to raffle as a fun raiser for next year were; art work by Cecil Purcell, afghan by Virginia Coffey, ceramic angels, etc. by Marguerite Jobe-Yates and an afghan by Bonnie Culley. Then there was a "sing along of Irish music" by the Dan Coffey family. I'm sure there were other things that I failed to record and apologize for not doing so, but all was very much appreciated.

The highlights of the annual meeting, presided at by Jeff Coffey, were recognition for service to Virgil Coffee for his assistance to other researchers. Others recognized were: Jack Coffee for his Coffee/y web page, Reams Goodloe for the index of CCC, and "yours truly" for the newsletter.

There were 4 generations of the Yates / Bachman family in attendance and 3 generations of Virgil Coffee's family and Dan Coffey family.

Officers elected for the next term were: Jeff Coffey, president, and Gail Bachman as secretary.

Ila Merriman spoke on the Macfie Clan which will meet the 1st Sat in Aug., Residence Inn, San Antonio, TX.

Convention 2001 will be hosted by Jack and Nelda Coffee at Vicksburg, MS in late April, 2001. Convention 2002 is planned for Dallas, TX.

Pres. Jeff Coffey expressed our sincere thanks to Gall & Bill Bachman for hosting the convention. They had some very innovative ideas. There were 64 in attendance. Those registered were: Bill & Gall Backman, Michael & Geraldine Bachman, Harold & Darlene Clark Butz, Dale, Nola, Krysta, Jeremy & Dale Royce Coffee, Jack & Nelda Coffee, Virgil Coffee, Bill & Virginia Coffee, Dan & Dorothy Coffey, Dan Jr., Pam, & Lauren Coffey, Jeff & Glenna Coffey, Millie Coffey, Jim & Marguerite Coffey, Jim & Bonnie Culley, Reams & Virginia Coffey, Mary Ann Hiesiger, Bill & Marguerite Jobs-Yates, Jo Langwell, Ila Merriman, Ellen Mohr, Jan & LaVonne Morehead, Jim & Lorie Okel, John & Cecile Purcell, Tom & Betty Streets, Jessie Wilson, Donald Mathes.



MAILBOX

* Reva Raby had the opportunity to visit with Lillian Harrell when she went to Tennessee for the funeral of her brother Leland Coffey. We're sorry to hear about Reva's brother and hope Lillian is doing well. Reva's husband is entering their family genealogies on the computer. We received word of her death since this letter and her obit is on page 10.

* Donna McDonald and J.R. have been on the go, again. They spent three weeks in a travel study program in India. She writes that the whole family will spend Easter together and will celebrate her parents, Ralph and Ina Coffey's 60th wedding anniversary. We send our congratulations.

* Mary Coffey writes that she is settled now and is resting after some medical problems. We hope she is better and back into Coffey genealogy soon. She wishes she could make the convention too.

* Lillian Harrell had pneumonia this winter. Her sister Juanita takes her to Knoxville to the doctor. They are looking forward to spring weather and miss not getting to convention. We miss them too.

* Virginia Coffey wrote that Bill has had a heart attack in December but is doing well now. They also have good news as they have another great granddaughter. Congratulations!

* Mary Hethcoatt fell and broke her ribs. She wrote that she was much improved, but still hurt a little. We hope she is much better by now.

**DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS**

* Murl Black's address entry ran together. Her address is 1100, 5th St. Lohrville, IA 51453-1041. She descends from James Coffey, b. 1995 in Delaware, PA. He married Mary Highland.

* I knew I would have a few mistakes, but this is a big one. Loren Jenkins was listed as Lorene in the address list. My head knew better but my hands didn't! Please correct the March issue.

* Mary Coffey corrects the ancestor entry for her husband, John Clayton Coffey. It should read Jesse S. Coffey b. 19 Jul 1799, d. 8 Oct 1858 and married 22 Dec 1821 to Winniford Crumpton. He was the son of Thomas Sr. Coffey.

* Patsy Castanon wrote in regard to information in the March 2000 issue on page 6, an extract from The Elder Daniel Burford: His Ancestors & Descendants of America. Patsy enclosed a family group sheet that is more accurate than the info appearing in the Clearinghouse.

JOHN NATHAN COFFEY, b. 21 Apr. 1847 Titus Co. TX d. 13 Sep 1919 Borwn Co. TX, son of Wm. Saunders Coffey (1795-1875) & Eliz. Schuyler (Schooler) (1808-1871)

Mar. ca 1872 to Emma Mariañ McCown b. 12 Jan 1849 Lincoln Co. TX; d. 17 Nov 1933 Brown Co. TX

Both buried in Zephyr Cem dau of James P. McCown (1815-) & Lucinda Isaacs (1815-1905)

Note: Lavaca co. TX Marriage book C 1868-1882 #133 lists license of M.E. McCown and J.N. Coffee 14 Feb 1872. No actual date given for marriage.

CHILDREN:

1) Mary Elizabeth, b. 9 Dec 1872 Hackberry, Lavaca Co. TX, d. 23 Mar 1958

Brownwood, Brown Co. TX, m. 27 Oct 1889 Brown Co. TX to William Burr Nesmith

2) William Saunders, b. 16 Jul 1874, d. 16 Aug 1877 both Lavaca Co. TX

3) Lucinda Collins, b. 30 Dec 1875, d. 6 Aug 1877 both Lavaco Co. TX

4) Cecil Isadora, b. 4 Sep 1877 Lavaco Co. TX, d. 11 Apr 1959 buried Mullin TX, m. 23 Sep 1894 Brown Co. TX to Andrew Frank Shelton

5) Martha T., b. Feb 1879 TX, d. 1949, m 1905 to Cecil McCutchan (son)

6) John Marvin, b. 8 Sep 1889 Brown Co. TX, d. 8 Dec 1918, Brown Co. TX, but Zephyr Cem., m. 19 Feb 1905 Zephyr TX to Mollie Couch

7) Zula Kyle, b. 1 Apr 1887 Brown Co. TX d. 4 May 1973 m. To Ivan L McCown

8) Zachariah Brooks, b. 1 Jan 1889 Brown Co. TX, d. 29 Mar 1967, buried Zephyr Cem., m. 30 Apr 1911 to Katie Marie Graves

9) Jessie Lowe, b. Jul 1892 Brown Co. TX, m. 26 Feb 1911 Zephyr, TX to Good Crawford Graves.

To correspond with Patsy, write to her at 12910 Park Forest, San Antonio, TX 78230.

* Reams Goodloe says that there is an error on page 3 of the March issue. Rice Abner was the son of Alexander H. Coffey and grandson of Rice Coffey (1766-1770. Reams and Grace Vaughn need to get together on this line.

* Robert Isbell, Joyce Hodder and Linda Roberts are researching different branches of the same line. This is a Coffey line from Maryland.

* Al Carhart says, he made a mistake in his lineage and Grace Vaughn's lineage. We are both descended from "James Coffey, Rice Coffey, Alexander Hamilton Coffey and his son Rice Abner Coffey, b. 1833.

DEAD END ROADS

* E. L. Hawk is looking for help with his Coffey lineage. His great-grandfather was Calvin Coffey, originally from Grainger Co. TN. He was the son of James Coffey and Sarah (Fielding) Coffey. E. L.'s worksheet show James as b. 1803, Grainger Co. TN; m. Dec 14, 1825 Grainger Co. and list him as a son of Meredith and Esther Coffey. He married Sarah Fielding b. 1803 in TN and was the daughter of James Fielding. Their children, all born in Grainger Co., TN were; 1) Joel Henry b. 1827, 2) Martha b. 1830 m. John M. Greer, 3) Elizabeth, b. 1834, 4) John Coffey, b. 1836, 5) Mahala, b. 1838, m. Sept 15, 1858 to John M. Greer, 6) Calvin, b. 1840, d. Feb. 22 1907 Rugby, IN, m. Apr 25, 1869 Bartholomew, IN, to Josephine Simmons, 7) Mary, b. 1842, d. Nov 27, 1877, Grainger Co. TN, m. James Samuel Whitlock, 8) Aquilla, b. 1848.

If you can help E. L. with this line, his address, 645 Willow Valley Sq., J-306, Lancaster, PA 17602-4871.

* Cheryl Harris sends some details about her suspected ancestor. She is hoping someone can confirm or deny relationship she believes exists with her great grandfather.

George W. Coffey was born about 1802 in Kentucky, son of Cleveland and Jane Witherspoon Coffey (Cleveland/Cleveland is part of the Chesley Coffey line). In 1820, George W. And Umphrey Coffey (another son of Cleveland) were in Bond Co., IL. By 1830, George W. was back in Kentucky, married to Nancy (?) and had two children, a boy and a girl. The family had grown by 1840 and, when the 1850 census finally listed the names of the entire family, the two oldest were no longer living with the

family. At this time (1850) Albert G. Coffey (age 25) appears living in a boarding house in the same area as George W., Jamestown, KY.

In 1854, George W. Coffey marries again (apparently Nancy had died between 1850 census and this marriage) in Adair Co., KY, and then on Aug 28, 1856, (age 55), he dies in Adair Co. The 1860 census lists his two remaining minor children living with Albert G. Coffey. An older sister of these children was married at the home of Albert G. Coffey, also. Cheryl is currently trying to find probate records or anything that would explain why these children were living with Albert in 1860. Was he the oldest son of George W.? Cheryl asks if anyone has further information on George, wife Nancy, or the two unknown children? She would also like any info on George's daughter Nancy who married Elijah Morris and as always, any of Albert's descendants. Her address is 3421 Lilac Lane, Rowlett, TX 75089. Email: charris575@aol.com

* Jerry Watley sends the following query:

DOROTHY ASH (DOVER) WATLEY
On April 5 1906 a woman identifying herself as Mrs. L.T.(F?) Ash entered one child "Dorothy" in the Missouri Baptist Orphan's Home in St. Louis, MO. Dorothy was born March 8, 1906. The only other information provided was "Father living - Springfield, IL - L.T. Ash. Mother - Methodist to pay \$10.00 per month."

In the fall of 1906 Dorothy was adopted by Enoch and Maggie (Payne) Dover of Marked Tree, Arkansas. The earliest memories of Dorothy was trips with the Dovers to St. Louis to visit with the Dan Coffey (Coffee) family. This probably would have been sometime 1910-1915. Any information that

might be available on Dan Coffey would certainly be appreciated. Jerry's address is P.O. Box 543, Cassville, MO 65625-0543

*Dorothy (?) of familypatchwork@hotmail.com writes: "My information on Margaret Coffey is quite limited. In 1816 Jethro Smith made an application for a land grant in West Gwillimbury, Ontario, in which he states he emigrated to Canada from the US in 1816 with his wife and seven children one of whom is presumed to be Margaret's husband Norman Phelps Smith. I found Margaret in 1861 census in W. Gwillimbury Twp., her birthplace given as Ireland, her age places her birth c1812. Her husband had already passed away in 1854. She died 23 Dec. 18.66 and is buried in Dunkerron Cem., West Gwillimbury Township, Simcoe Co., ON. Since there are also Coffy's in the Vermont area from where the Smiths emigrated that is another area to check. I have information on her descendants through her nine children, in particular her daughter Hannah, my ggrandmother, and her siblings some who went to the US, some staying in Simcoe Co., some to Lambton Co. and some to Manitoba, but am curious about Margaret's parents, siblings and origins. I also found some information on Coffeys in the book "Tecumseth Township, the unforgettable Past: a local history of Tecumseth Township" by Anderson but have so far been unable to make the connection between my gggrandmother and any of these folk mentioned. I would be pleased to exchange Information with anyone having connections with her family." Please contact Dorothy at familypatchwork@hotmail.com

* Norma Kley, writes: "I think I gave you some confusing information about

my Coffey lineage. I would like to correct the info In hopes that I may hear from someone who has similar lines.

Mary (Polly) Coffey married Ellas Coffey & were apparently first cousins. Mary's Parents were Nathan Coffey and Mary Saunder

Eli's parents were Salathiel Coffey and Elizabeth Franklin (?)

Nathan Coffey and Salathiel Coffey were brothers and their parents were Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland.

My question is how were they related to Alexander Cleveland and Millie Presley?? To backtrack — My lineage continues from Elias Coffey and Mary Polly Coffey's daughter Cyrena (Sirena) Coffey who married Darius Campbell whose daughter was Nancy Jane Campbell who married John Y. Sullivan etc.

Thank you for taking the time to make these corrections. I am thoroughly enjoying the newsletter." Norma would appreciate help. Her address is 503 Oakmont Ct., Wooster, Ohio 44691

* Betty Moss writes: "I just wanted to tell you that I received my first Coffee Cousins' Clearinghouse newsletter. I am descended from Thomas Graves Coffee who married Mary Knight. Their daughter Elizabeth Woodson Coffee married Stewart Jackson. Their daughter Caroline Cordelia Frances Jackson married Carlisle Woodson Knight. I'm interested in any information on any of these folks - especially "cousins." Betty's address is 3007 Whispering Pines Ln., Fultondale, AL 35068-1029

*Joseph B. Comstock Jr. Would like to correspond with others working on the family of Eliza Coffey who came to Canada with three brothers and two sisters in 1833 from Down Patrick,

County Down, Ireland. Eliza married, in Canada to John McGlennon. They settled at Lakeport, Northumberland Co., Ontario, Canada. Joseph would like to hear from you at 650 Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

* Kim Moody 238 Brookside Dr., Georgetown, KY 40324 is looking for information on her g.g. grandfather, Albert Coffey. His daughter Myrtle Coffey married Alva Singleton from West Virginia. Albert's wife was Lillian Webb. Kim has pictures of them when they were young and as they grew older. She also has pictures from the White Oak School ca 1900. Albert was born about 1880-81 and is on the 1910 Morgan Co. Census and then on the 1920 Clark Co. Census. Lillian Webb's parents were William W. Webb and Mary Ann (Lewis) Webb. Lillian married a second time to C. W. Lanham. If anyone can help Kim, she would appreciate hearing from you.

Julie Welsch sends the following:
Coffey's from Limerick City, IRL, married in NYC — Bronx & Brooklyn:

John b. 1892, m. Catherine MADIGAN
Michael b. 1893 m. Dorothea
PACKWOOD
Margaret Mary b. 1896 m. Denis
McAULIFFE
Mary Josephine b. 1897 m. (1) Gerard
COYLE, (2) Patrick CARROLL
James Gerard b. 1899 m. Elizabeth
WALSH
Christine Nora b. 1900 m. Thomas
HORAN
Julia b. 1902 m. John MUNLEY
Denis b. 1903 m. Florence
FITZSIMMONS
Patrick b. 1906 m. May KELLY
Hilda b. 1910 m. Martin ENRIGHT

OBITUARIES**REVA COFFEY RABY**

RABY, REVA MARIE COFFEY- of Pontiac, Mich. died May 3, 2000 age 63, wife of Albert; mother of Janice (Mark)

Coleman of Waterford; grandmother of Justin Coleman; sister of Lela (Howard) Milligan of Waterford, Vernon (Lillie) Coffey, Raymond (Charle) Coffey all of Tennessee and Lemmie (Shelvy) Coffey of Arizona. Preceded in death by siblings Imogene Northern and Lee Coffey. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. [Knoxville, TN News-Sentinal] Albert D Raby

(A personal note from Mr. Raby: "Reva was born May 28, 1936 and we would of celebrated 40 years of marriage December 24, 2000. Reva's parents were James Nelson and Joycie Dalton Coffey. We never got to come to any conventions but wanted to after I retired from GM especially any in NC since I am from there. Reva got me this computer last year as a birthday gift as I had 5 notebooks of our family notes. I was the researcher for her and enjoy reading the CCC since 1988 when I saw # 1 from Reva's cousin, Lillian Harrell. I ordered all the back issues from Cousin Leonard then and will continue.")

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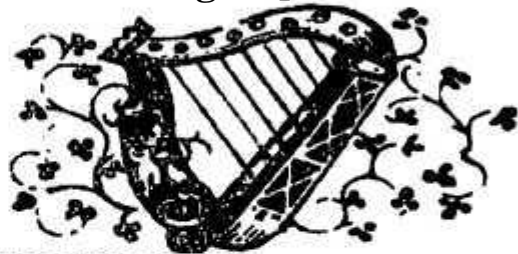
ALTON COFFEY

Alton Coffey, 72 died Feb. 13 at the Medical Center of Arlington, TX. He was born March 31, 1927, in Beebe, Ark., and attended the Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas after the end of World War II. He graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway in 1953 with a degree in education. He began his teaching career in 1952 in Cabot, Ark. And moved to Grand Prairie in 1956. He taught at Lee Junior High School until

1969, when he took a job as a biology teacher at Grand Prairie High School, later moving to South Grand Prairie where he taught until 1985.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Limuel C. And Betty L. Coffey and a younger brother Albert L. Coffey. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Jane Coffey, daughters Janet Patterson of Tyler, Shirley Ann Coffey of Grand Prairie, son Damon L. Coffey also of Grand Prairie, sisters Minnie Lee DeLano of Grand Prairie and Lola Fay Bolden of Houston.

[The *Dallas Morning News*, Tuesday, Feb 15, & 22, 2000, sent by Cheryl Harris & Jo Langwell]

**COMPUTER NEWS**

Visit Jack's Genealogy Pages at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6233/coffeycousins.html> and <http://members.tripod.com/~Jackey/family.html>

NEW

Some of our cousins have recently generously contributed some text files, and I have finally had time to convert them to html, and upload them to the webpage. You'll find them clearly marked on the text page with the "new" icon.

MORE NET MEWS

Reams Goodloe has graciously provided his massive work, an index to the Coffey Cousins' newsletter for publication on the web. Check the webpage at the above Coffeycousins URL, then click on the appropriate link. Indexed to issue 78.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

*Marvin Coffey wrote that his book is all sold out and he does not plan to reprint. He will, however continue to help others when he can with their research. Marvin has always been very generous with his large collection of data.

• Carlene Smith's email address is carlcoffi@aol.com. She descends from Reuben Coffey b. 1759 and would like to correspond with others working on this line.

* Sandra Otos says that Viril Coffee is helping her untangle her ties from Abner Coffey to John & Mary (Strange) Coffey. She is trying to get a copy of the Edmond Coffey Bible from Alabama. She hopes it will hold some clues. If you can help, her address is 1109 Fonthill Ave., Torrance, CA 90503-5139.

* Jean Chamberlain wonders if there is any way to encourage subscribers to submit, along with the names of their ancestors, the places of birth and/or residence and the approximate dates when their ancestors lived. Just a given name, without any other identifying information, is of little value to others who are trying to trace the different Coffey lines. Jean is still hoping to find someone connected to the Coffees of northern Vermont in the early to mid or late 1800s. Jean's address is P.O. Box 512, West Dennis, MA 02670.

* The *MARIES COUNTY GAZETTE*, Feb. 9, 2000, Vienna, MO.- NEWS BRIEFS LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS TO HONOR TOM COFFEY Heart of Missouri Girl Scout Council and area Girl Scouts have named Tom

Coffey of Vienna as Honorary Brownie Girl Scout. The Council is giving these awards to mid-Missouri men and women who are living out the principals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Coffey will accept the award at 2:00 p.m. On Sat Feb 12(1900) at the American Legion Hall in Vienna. Girl Scouts will give him the traditional Brownie Girl Scout Beanie, a certificate and a special copy of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Tom is a 94-year-old retired gentleman who does much for the community. The Girl Scouts are pleased to give him this award.

[Sent by James C. Coffey, Spring Lake, MI]

* P. H. Gillaspay says that he has some "40th Cousins" living in and around Jefferson City, MO (and I know a couple of them). His great grandfather, Robert Cleveland Gillaspay, was a brother to Thomas Jefferson Gillaspay, who lived in Paris, MO ca 1830s to 1850s when he moved to Columbia, Mo so that his children could receive a college education. Descendants, living in the area are all descendants of Ellizabeth Coffee Cleveland thru Martha Cleveland.

* Nancy Williams sends informaton on the Oliver Cemetery, twelve miles SW of Austin, TX, on Hwy 290. The community is called Cedar Valley, just before the Travis/Hays county line going toward Dripping Springs. Nancy was helped by Aster Blackshear and Kevin Coffey.

The following persons are buried in Oliver Cemetery:
5th. Child...of David Pleasant Coffey Charles L, b. Jan. 16, 1844; d. July 27, 1921 married Almeda Garvin, b. Feb. 8, 1852; d. May 18, 1929

(I believe the following 4 persons are their children. At the present time, these are the only ones I know about.)

1) Edward Lafayette Coffey, b. June 22, 1878 in Belfont, Arkansas d. April 10, 1938 in Corpus Christl, internment, Oliver Cemetery on April 11, 1938 at the foot of his father's grave. (No headstone marker except a rock about the size of a fully inflated football at the head along with another rock about the size of a toy soccer ball at the foot. This really makes me wonder if EL was the blacksheep. Regardless, he's my grandfather and I'm presently checking into a marker.)

2) William D. Coffey, b. Oct 11, 1880, d. Oct 26, 1935

3) S. Catherine Coffey, b. Dec 14, 1882, d. Nov 19, 1945

4) Sam Buchanan Coffey, b. Dec 3, 1884, d. Oct 4, 1952

I presently have no information on the relationship of the others who are buried beside the known members of CL's family.

August Coffey, b. Mar 12, 1884, b. Jan 5, 1911

John T. Coffey, b. Oct 9, 1922, d. Feb 27, 1935

ML Thurman Coffey, b. Feb 4, 1902, d. Nov 6, 1957

Abbie B (Coates) Coffey, b. Feb 13, 1893, b. Dec 11, 1973

Leola Coffey Dockery, b. Aug 12, 1908, d. July 23, 1992

NOTE: at the foot of her grave is another marker with Leola C. Slocum, d. 1992

With the exception of, CL, who has his original tombstone, and EL who has just rocks, all other members have matching grey granite, rectangular stones that were apparently set at the same time.

* John D. Coffey sent material of his and his sister, Wilma Robinson's lineage and lots of documentation. He descends from Cecil Lurett Coffey (1875-1944) and wife Martha Jane Spears (1889-1939). Cecil is the son of Richard M Coffee (1838-) and wife Gilly Ann May and the grandson of Mason W. Coffee (1811-) and wife Martha Ferguson. He is the g.grandson of William Coffey (1875-) and Elizabeth Lacy and g.g.grandson of Ambrose Coffey (1755-1820) and wife Aelsey. John would like to hear from others working this line. His address is 249 Sturbridge Rd., Columbus, OH 43228.

John sent the following news story from THE LICKING VALLEY COURIER. It is dated May 15, 1997 and written by Joe Nickell. I have extracted pertinent material.

EARLY MARRIAGES AND MINISTRIES

When Morgan Co. (KY) was officially organized on Mar 10, 1823, there were few ordained ministers in the area. This fact was acknowledged at the following, April, term of court when five of the county's twelve magistrates were authorized to "solomize marriage" in their respective neighborhoods, the court order noting that there was no ordained minister therein.

In fact the first recorded marriage in the new county - that of Enos Leach and Elizabeth G. Montgomery on March 31, 1823 - was performed by Justice of the Peace Edmund Wells. This is fitting, since Wells is considered the "Founder of Morgan County" and there are numerous other firsts to his credit. Other early marriages were by William Coffee, Holloway Powers, Mason Williams and others, many of them Justices of the Peace.

The first marriage in Morgan County conducted by an ordained minister was that of James Elam to Rebecca McGuire on Sept 11, 1823. It was performed by William Coffey, who had produced "credentials of ordination in the Baptist Society" at the October 1816 term of court in one of Morgan's two parent counties, Floyd.

As early as 1809 William Coffey had been a member of the Old South Fork Baptist Church. This church was organized on Dec 17, 1808, and originally was called "the Church of Jesus Christ on White Oak Creek" (in what was then Floyd County). The church's "moderator" at that time was Daniel Williams, the famed Morgan County pioneer who tradition says came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone and was a veteran of the Battle of Blue Lick. The church joined with seven or eight others in 1813 to organize the Burning Springs Association. The association, too, chose "Elder" Daniel Williams as its first moderator, and he was re-elected several times. Association records for 1824 to 1836 are missing but in the latter years William Coffey was elected moderator. He served every year from 1836 to 1857 except for the year 1852.

The Rev. William Coffey reportedly was of Irish ancestry. (Indeed, the surname COFFEE means grandson of cobthach "victorious") Coffey was born about 1785. The first (1830) Morgan County federal census shows him, a wife and eleven children - five girls and six boys. The 1850 census list him as age 65 and as having been born in Kentucky. His wife Elizabeth, a year younger, was born in Virginia; two of their children, Nancy 21 and Amos 20, were living with them. William Coffee apparently died sometime after March 8, 1860 when he performed his last marriage and Eliza-

beth seems to have preceded him in death (or else they moved away), neither being listed on the 1860 census. Their place of burial is unknown.

DOCUMENTS GALORE

Linda Roberts sent the following hoping it might help someone else.

Maryland Calendar of Wills 1753-1760
Volume 11 Family Line Pubs 1992

Coffey, Michael Dorchester Co., MD

16 Feb. 1754

2 Mar. 1754

To wife Sarah Coffey, personal estate; extx.

Wit: Rachel Layter?, Ann Baker.

Probated by Rachel Layton and Ann Baker. 29. 142

Maryland Calender of Wills 1764 -
1767 Volume 13 Family Line Pubs
1992

Layton, Mary, Dorechester Co, MD
9 Feb, 1759

25 Jun, 1766

Absolom Hobbs (written Hoobs), son of Noble.

Bathsolena Taylor, alias Layton

Molly Tay, alias Molly Layton

Nancy Tay, alias Nancy Layton

Betty Coffey, wife of Solomon Coffey

Rody Coffey, dau. of Solomon Coffey

Tracts: "Vinson Discovery."

Wit: Henry Champlen, Wm. Thomas,
Nutter Adams. 34. 112

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John Coffey/Mary Jolliff

Do they or don't they exist!!
 These two, so long used as our first Coffeys in America, are back with a vengeance. I for one am still waiting for proof. I agree with the following excerpt from Jack Coffee.

Although I would like to maintain an open mind, I know of nothing right now that shows the John Coffey/Mary Jolliff union to be anything other than pure fiction. It should remain fiction until someone presents a scholarly research paper documented by traditionally recognized sources, and not some undocumented source that someone has typed in on the internet.

Jack Coffee has copied postings made by Rick Reid, Virginia Beach, VA concerning the existence of John Coffey and Mary Jolliff, on the internet genealogy exchange GENFORUM in the COFFEY forum <http://genforum.genealogy.com/coffey/>

There are some other exchanges in the forum on this subject, but he picked the ones that he thought we would be most interested in.

First:

The existence of Mary Jolliff/Jolliffe/Jolliff, has been brought into question by some over the years. **THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS WOMAN EXISTED!** Now, telling you she was John Coffey's wife, that's something else.

The Jolliff family lived on the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River in South-eastern Virginia. There is a "Jolliff Woods" neighborhood and a "Jolliff Road" located there. Mary Jolliff appears in her father's Will, Norfolk County, Book "C" f.30, dated 2 Sept. 1652. Her father, John Jolliff, is listed

on the passenger list of the "Tristram & Jane", passage of 1637, as "John Jolliff". The other passenger that appears on this voyage is Peter Riglesworth. Peter's daughter, Mary Riglesworth married John Jolliff. John Jolliff and Mary Riglesworth had a daughter named Mary who is reported to have married John Coffey. Here, on the "Tristram and Jane" we have Jolliff/Jolliff, the Riglesworth name, and we have a John Coffin, who has been reported as Coffey. John Coffin's name does not appear anywhere else in the timeframe in any Virginia Record I reviewed, however, a Land Patent for a John Coffey/Coffee, 1637 does show. This does not "prove" that there was a marriage between John Coffey and Mary Jolliff. However, to dismiss this info "out of hand" does no one any good. To take a firm stand either way on this dispute based on what is known is premature. I like many of you want "proof, I still have an open mind at this point. Has anyone found anything else to support the John Coffey connection? I'm sure I'll hear plenty dismissing it (smile)

Second:

Jack, while going through thousands of records, some original, some abstracted, you will find variant spellings as you know. In many cases, scribes and Court officials mis-spelled surnames in many ways in the same document. It then would not be unheard of for a Captain of a ship or Port official to change a spelling which he heard orally from people who could only make "a mark" on documents because they couldn't spell their own names.

Indeed, the lack of education of the general public at the time is responsible for the many variant and different ways to spell surnames today.

I do not doubt that Coffin/Scoffin was on the document, however since no record of a John Coffin/Scoffin can be found for the period, and since other passengers were aboard that were said to become relatives, along with other associated data, this Coffey name surfaced. On a small point for researchers, Nicholas Hill was not listed as a "Master" or purchaser as it were for John Coffin. It is true that he obtained "headright" credit for John. However, Hill actually "purchased" the services of John Coffin/Coffey from a John Davis. On yet another subject that may be of interest, There appears in the post 1715 Court Records of Elizabeth City County, VA. A suit brought by a black man who appears to be a "free-man" at the time, named John Coffey. His suit was against a Robert Taylor for an assault on his person. This could mean that he was from a black slave family from an earlier generation of Coffey's in the County. Just another small Coffey trivia fact at this point. I have not said that I AM CAST IN GRANITE about this Coffee/Jolliffe union. People have their own feelings about it. Sometimes in Genealogy that's all we are left with. Rick.

Third:

Dear Jack, Thanks for asking me for a summary/piece for the Coffey Cousins Pub. and it is most generous to offer space on the website for this info. As I stated I will be glad to provide you with something once it's in a final stage of completion. I have so many business pressures here, I have just purchased a networked system of computers for my business because of y2k. The old system was a 1988 vintage mini computer from Texas Inst. and couldn't be upgraded and , of course, not y2k compliant! The install is nearly complete but training 15

operators plus myself isn't. This genealogy thing is a hobby with me, it does not pay any bills.:-)

I am hoping however, to have this completed by the middle of March. The transfer and conversion of all records should be complete, people trained and all info and dependence on the "old" way of doing things finished by then. There are about 35 people that work there and they will all have to be "schooled" in the "new" way of doing business. We are slower than we should have been in implementing this change but I blame the software developers for that. Anyway , I am sorry that I can't meet with your deadlines but I can offer something for you later on if the offer is still good at that time.

Thanks Again, Rick.

Bennie Loftin sent the following email;

Here is what Leah posted on July 29, 1999 as a reply to Rick Reid. Well, I have Coffey family in Ireland and they were able to go thru old records they had and they show John Coffey's father as name: Hugh Coffey born 1598, son John being born 1620.

Glenda Bell-Clark posted on July 11, 1999, Well folks I found the proof everyone has been searching for: Mary Jolliff and John Coffey did exist You can read about them at the site below
<http://cgl.aros.net/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/sanbachs/nfCDILO1.pl>

REBUTTALS

I (Bonnie Culley) sent the emails to a couple of our experienced researchers to see what they could find and the results are as follows:
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Marvin Coffey writes: "This letter is in reference to the one you sent me from Rick Reid regarding John Coffey - Mary Jolliffe. I looked up the reference he gave, Norfolk co., Book C, f. 30, dated 2 Sep 1652 in regard to which he says Mary Joliffe appears in her father's will, then mentions her father as John Jolliffe. Actually this is the will of Peter Riclesworth in which he mentions a daughter Mary. I presume this is the one he says married John Jolliffe. I did not find a John Jolliffe or a Mary Jolliffe in Norfolk co. But I am not saying they didn't exist. John Jolliffe had a land grant in Isle of Wight co. In 1653. I found no John Coffee(y) but there is a John Coffin in Isle of Wight co. in 1697 & several Coffers, including a John about this time. I also did not find a John Coffey or any Coffey in Norfolk co. or Elizabeth City co. where he is supposed to have landed, nor any other nearby county except for John Coffe(?) on an inquisition or jury in 1669 in Surry co. There was also an Antony Koffey(?) on a jury in 1654 in Surry. There was also a John Coffer in Surry co in 1665 & 1712. It is difficult to tell what was the real name of this man in Surry co. I also did not find a John Coffin in Elizabeth City co. nor the patentee who paid for his passage, Nicholas Hill. Perhaps Mr. Hill lived somewhere else & just came to Elizabeth City co to get John Coffin. And by the way, it is John Coffin on the original record and was misreported as John Coffey (ee). I wonder if Mr. Reid has read the material in my book regarding this. I am certainly not dismissing "out of hand" the possibility of a Mary Jolliffe or even a marriage with a John Coffey, nor am I taking a "firm stand" on this matter. I am merely reporting what has & has not been found and suggesting that we don't have enough infor-

mation to conclude that there was a John Coffey who married Mary Jolliffe. Lancaster & Northumberland counties have a few names of **interest**. In the former there **is** a Davyd Coffin in 1666 (also David Coffin in Northumberland in 1668). There is a John Coffin or Coffins in 1669-70. He had property & servants. Then there is Tho. Coffin in 1694 and Frances Coffey in 1689. Hugh Coffee(ey) appears in 1711 & 1717. He is in Northumberland in 1705. Northumberland also has a Coll. Coffe in 1658 & a Fan() Coffin in 1657. There **is** an Abraham Coffee in Old Rappahannock co in the late **1600s**. Then of course there is Edward Coffey & **his** family in Essex co from 1699 to 1716 and then his sons John & Edward in Spottsylvania in the 1730s & 1740s. Others follow later.

To sum this up, I would certainly like to see any references Rick Reid has & so far I see no urgent need to change my feelings on this matter. While admitting that it may have been possible to interpret Coffee(y) as Coffin or Cofer I see no distinct indication of this; in fact, the latter names seem to be mentioned in the 1600s more than does Coffee(y). And finally, even if there was a marriage between Mary Jolliffe & John Coffee(y) there seems to be no tie to Edward Coffey whose passage was most likely paid by **William** Mosely in Essex co. We definitely know that Edward was a servant of Wm. Mosely (D.& W. 10:26). In the meantime lets keep an open **mind** regarding the entire matter." Marvin **P.S.** Ask them what is their source? If they say Greer or Nugent or any source coming from these two books then ask them to go back to the original Virginia Land Patents and **look** up the name. They will **find** it is John Coffin, not Coffee or Coffey. The Virginia Land patents are available on microfiche from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

JOHN TAYLOR ON THE SAME SUBJECT!

(I had asked John to check the land patents as well and I thank him for his efforts. His answer was: "I did check all the Coffey and variant spellings of Land Patents and Grants. There was nothing there relating to a John Coffee/ey. Maybe it exists but it is certainly not in the index. It does occur to me that John Coffee, if he arrived in 1637 at age 18, would then have been born in 1619. If he had a child when he was 50, that would have been in 1669. Edward, if he was John's son, would then have married at age 30 and died at age 48. If John were any older upon arrival he would have to have been very old to have had Edward, or Edward was very old when he married and had many children. This all seems unreal to me. If John Coffee existed and was at all related to Edward Coffey, it seems there would be another generation in there somewhere."

(I hope none of you will add this to your records as an ancestor YET, but keep the information as a possible, when and if something positive is found in the future. If you have time by all means LOOK. All help is appreciated and do let us know what you found - both positive and negative. Bonnie)

Char Mabry, nanacat@glade.net sent the following on her line. I only printed the first 2 generatios as there could be people still alive in the 3rd.

Descendants of Samuel R. Coffey**Generation.No.1.**

1. SAMUEL R.1 COFFEY was born June 01, 1829 in Tennessee, and died May 17, 1886. He married MARY JANE RANKIN Nov 08, 1848 in Marshall Co, TN. She was bora Jan 17, 1826 in

Tennessee, and died Sep 02, 1873.

Children of SAMUEL COFFEY and MARY are:

- 2.(i) RICHARD SCOTT JAMES2 COFFEY
- 3.(ii) JOHN COFFEY, b. Unknown; d. Unknown.
- (iii) THOMAS R. COFFEY, b. 1865; d. 1926.

Generation.No..2

2. RICHARD SCOTT JAMES2 COFFEY (SAMUEL R.1) was born Feb 16, 1850 in Tennessee, and died Jan 17, 1909. He married CATHERINE SARAH FRANCIS DYER Dec 02, 1869 in Navarro County, TX, daughter of BENJAMIN DYER and FRANCIS BENNETT. She was born Sep 24, 1847 in Texas, and died Sep 05, 1923 in LaMarque, Galveston, Texas.

Children of RICHARD and CATHERINE are:

- (i)VICTOR SCOTT3 COFFEY, b. Sep 06, 1870; d. Oct 16, 1870.
- 4(ii)HENRY SALINE COFFEY, b. Nov 07, 1871; d. July 04, 1939, Houston, Harris, TX.
- (iii).BABY COFFEY, b. Feb 1875; d. Feb 1875.
- 5(iv) FRANKLIN MONROE COFFEY, b. April 10, 1876, LaMarque, Galveston, TX; d. Abt. May 22, 1941, Galveston, Galveston, TX.
- 6(v) INEZ JEANNETTE COFFEY, b. Ma 29, 1879, Cedar Bayou, Chambers, TX; d. Jun 02, 1969, Galveston, Galveston, TX.
- 7(vi) DANIEL BUFORD COFFEY, b.Oct 25, 1881, Galveston, Galveston, TX; d. Unknown, Houston, Harris, TX.
- (vii) JENNIE MATILDA COFFEY, b A u 18, 1884; d. Sep. 08, 1900.
- (viii) ABNER ELMORE COFFEY, b. Novr 11, 1886; d. Bet. 1886 - 1887.
- 8(ix) BEULAH CATHERINE COFFEY, b. Dec. 28, 1887, Texas; d. Nov 25, 1960, Schulenburg, Fayette, TX.
- (x) SARAH TEXAS (TEKIE) COFFEY, b. Sep 17, 1890; d. Dec 21, 1891.

3. JOHN2 COFFEY (SAMUEL R.1)

Children of JOHN COFFEY and ? (COFFEY) are:

- (i)MARY ALICE COFFEY, b n, Marshall, TN d. Modesto, CA; m. FRANKLIN D PRUITT, Dec 23, 1875, Freestone Co., TX; b., Marshal Co, TN
- (ii)MARGARET COFFEE, m. THOMAS BRADFORD

Lett Corbray says: A friend in England went to the Public Records Office, sometimes called the Kew in London to research Peter Coffee. Several cousins have information that Peter Coffee (also Coffy) had been transported to the colonies as an indentured servant in 1730 or thereabouts. What she found in three different reference books that Peter Coffy was tried in court and sentenced to 14 years and transported to the colonies in October 1730. He was sent on the ship "Forward" to Potomack (Potomac) shore in Virginia. The ship's Captain was George Buckeridge. We don't know what he was charged with. The reference books are;

"Original Lists of Emigrants in Bondage From London to the American Colonies 1719-1744."

Marion & Jack Kaminkow. Editors. Magna Carta Book Co, Baltimore 1967. Page 33

"The Complete Book of Emigrants in Bondage 1614-1775." Peter Wilson Coldham.

Editor. Genealogical Publishing Baltimore 1988.

"The King's Passengers to Maryland and Virginia"

Peter Wilson Coldham, Editor. 1997. Page 46

The ship Forward landed in Virginia Jan 1731.

There is a apparently a registration of ships arriving at Port South Potomack, Virginia. CLRO mss 57.8.35 PRO Ref #T53/35/80 Peter Coffee 14 years. PRO means Public Records Office (Kew) CLRO means Central London Record Office. CLRO no longer houses these records. There is another office near King's Cross in London called London Metropolitan Archives at mail address 40 Northampton Road London EC1R OHB There is a section in Family Tree Maker on finding ship name with passenger lists.

London Metropolitan Archives has a web site.

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/archives/lma>
The PRO has a site at <http://www.pro.gov.uk/leaflets/ri2234.htm>

See Glenn Lees web site, <http://members.home.net/leeyukon>

I searched the web for a ship called Forward and found only the Forward Galley. I also looked for points of departure and arrivals in all ports in the colonies and came away with nothing. Other evidence indicates that Peter Coffee transacted business in 1730 in Virginia.

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