



# COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

WOW! If you were not there you really missed a lot. Of course when you talk about Texas, there is so much to see and talk about that even if you were there you missed a lot. Jo and daughter Becky put together one big convention gathering for us. Excellent accommodations and if you were bored it was your own fault for not checking to see what was going on. Thanks JO and BECKY!

Guess I should say that if you are not satisfied with me as President, it's your own fault for not being there - 'cause the train roared thru again and I'm it for another year. The same train carried Gail Bachman along as Secretary. With the approval of all present the 'Board' of our non-organization was expanded beyond ye President, Secretary and Editor to include Jack Coffee, our web-site guru, Reams Goodloe, our indexer of the newsletter, and the host of this years convention and the host of next years reunion. Right now that adds Jo Langwell as 'this' year and Bennie Loftin as 'next' year.

Now that I have mentioned Bennie Loftin as next year I guess you need to know why there was a change. Marguerite had to withdraw her offer to host us in 2003. Bennie stepped in and volunteered to host us with the help of her Kentucky Cousins in Berea, in 2003. Thanks Bennie for helping Coffey Cousins out of a difficult bind. So, plan now to be in Berea, KY. the first week-end of May in 2003

Beyond 2003 we are looking forward to 2004 in Seattle, Washington. Lori Okel will be our host-

ess. Date to be determined, probably 3rd or 4th weekend in May. Most of us would just as soon not plan on snow mobiling in - so a little later in the northwest. 2005 look forward to Amarillo, Texas where J. B. McCarley will host us. You think you were just in Texas? Yeah, but that was the Dallas area. Amarillo is a whole different ball game and more true to the wild west. Reputation is that there is only a one strand barb wire fence between Amarillo and the North Pole and it is down most of the time - windy country! 2006 - Florida! Marguerite Jobe is planning to put together a whing ding for us in Florida.

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Guess I have carried on about long enough. Sorry those who couldn't make Dallas missed it - you missed my rendition of "I'm and Old Cowhand from the Rio Grande".

*Cousin Jeff*

back issues have helped support our cause, but I may have to raise the price for 2003. I will see how I am at the end of 2002. I would like some feed back on this. Would you continue to subscribe if the price went to \$10? Is the price a big issue? Let me know your opinion.

Sincerely, your cousin,

*Bonnie*

## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

I will never complain about too much stuff to print, but I have added two extra pages to this issue and I still have stuff left over for next issue. Now don't stop sending it. There are times when I run short or something just won't fit. Keep researching. We will never run out of good stories on our families and we are always making more of them ourselves. Be sure to write your own life story for your grandchildren. (Remember how you felt when you ran into a little writing by an ancestor!) They won't care if you dot all the "i" or get all the commas in the right place.

I can't thank Jo Langwell and her daughter Becky, enough for the good time Jim and I had at the convention. They did a super job of it. Thanks also to anyone who helped in any way or even those who sent pictures. It looks like the convention will survive for sometime now as Jeff has commitments until 2006. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Berea, KY convention on May 2 and 3, 2003 as Bennie and Sarah have some really good things to share with us. This is old "Coffey Country" and it's going to be really fun. (Sneak preview: We're going to stay at the Boone Tavern.)

All of you know that the postage has gone up again. I have not raised the price of the newsletter since I became editor in 1989. I have just assumed some of the expenses and then I have had a few good contributors who we appreciate. Also the



Have a happy 4th of July

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**NEW COUSINS****—Ancestor**

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Mary K. Cooper, 311 S. 9Th St., Hugo, OK 74743	John
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Jane Roberts, 1707 Chilton Dr., Baytown, TX 77520	Thomas
Virginia Haren, 6517 Park Ln., Dallas, TX 75225	Thomas

**NEW COUSINS**

\* Dorris Coffee is searching for her husband's ancestors and would like some help. He descends from Jesse Coffee/ey, born 1796 in N.C. Known children were: Joel b. 1829 and Polly b. 1842. If I read Dorris' letter correctly, Joel Coffee is the father of John C. Coffee b. 1805, who married Martha and had a son Ashby b. **1822**.

Ashby Coffee's son is William Posey Marshall Coffee who married Mary Stewart in **1874**. After Mary's death he married Sarah Spiegel Welch in 1884.

Children of Wm. & Mary:

1. John T., **1876**

2. Minnie M.

Children of Wm & Sarah:

**3. Mattie, 1884-1959**

4. Frank P.M., 1888-1912

5. Ida, 1890-

6. James Walter. 1893-1968

7. Belle, 1896- (**m. John Bridger**)

8. Annie, **1896 - twin**

**9. Dock Nowell, 1899-1972**

10. Carrie **Lee**

11. Myrley (Ivy), ?- 1961

12. Pearl

Dock **Nowell** Coffee married Myrley May **Romine**. Their children are:

1. Lueda Lucille, **1924-1982**

2. Marlon Matthew, **1929-**

Marlon M. Coffee m. April 2, **1948**, Dorris Jean Sneed b. **1931**

Their children: Marlon Matthew jr., Robert Lyman, David **Lee**, Linda Jean, Christopher Nowell, Anthony Lynn, Timothy Ray, Sandra May, Mahalia Michelle.

Dorris says that the biggest problem that she encounters is when several family members have

the same name, as in **Wm., Wm.P.**, John C and John T. She would appreciate any help. Her address is in the new cousins list.

\* Mary Cooper would appreciate any help with John Coffee/ey of Red River County, TX. She knows that John and Jesse Coffey were in Hempstead Co. AR from 1849 -1859 and came to Arkansas from Tennessee.

Mary's great grandfather is William Posey Martin **Coffee/cy**. He **marricd**, 14 Mar 1884, Lamar Co. TX to Sarah Catherine Howell Welch, a widow with one son William Welch. Their children listed in the Bryan Co. OK census are, 1) Frank **1887-**1912, 2) James Walter, **1893-1968**, 3) Belle, 1896, 4) Annie, **1896**, 5) Ada 1890 (Mary's **grand-**mother), 6) Carrie Lee, 1903, 7) Myrtle **1905**, 7) Dutch, and 8) Pearl.

William P. and Sarah died in Bryan Co. OK and are buried in Mead, OK. Sarah was listed on the 1910 census but William P was not. In the 1900 Bryan Co. OK census John T. is shown with his wife Charley Bell Watson age 16.

\* Jane Roberts and Virginia Haren were new cousins who came to the convention in Dallas. It was a real pleasure to visit with them. They are working on the Thomas Coffey (son of John & Jane Graves Coffey) and would like to correspond with others working on this **line**. We hope they hear from bunches of those cousins working this line. Their email addresses are: Jane's [jdr.muffie@verizon.net](mailto:jdr.muffie@verizon.net) Virginia's [ginia214@aol.com](mailto:ginia214@aol.com). Their mailing addresses are in the new cousins list.

\***Barbara** Shoff Coffey found the following interesting story while researching her husband ancestor, James H. Coffey. Riley Coffey is James H.'s

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half brother (which she would like help **research-**  
ing). Barbara hopes you will get a good laugh out  
of it as they have. Barbara's email address is:  
**herbgardenplus@earthlink.net**  
**MY BOOTLEGGIN' COFFEY**

Fort Smith Jan 2, 1894  
Hon. G.H. Crump, U.S. Marshall  
Fort Smith, AR

Dear Sir-Please forward to     **P.O.**    the  
following case:

Riley Coffey Charge: **Introducing** one gallon of  
whiskey, **Indian** Territory  
**When: Dec.** 15, 1893  
Where committed: Near Oak Lodge  
White Man. Indian or Negro: white man

Statement of Case  
Defendant was selling whiskey at ferry.

**WHAT EACH WITNESS WILL STATE**

Robert Linch bought 1 quart and saw him with  
more.

Mun Linch bought one pint  
**Taler** Garnnett bought 1/2 gallon.

Character Witness: Good  
Signed: H.M. **Hayil** Deputy Marshall  
(this could be **Fayil**)

(Information as to what witnesses state should be  
procured through personal  
**interview** from **the** witnesses, and not from hear-  
say.)

(Next Page)  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Western District of Arkansas

I do solemnly swear and believe, from reliable  
information in my possession, that Riley Coffey  
did, within the Western District of Arkansas, on or  
about the 15 day of Dec 1893 and at various other  
times within three years last past, unlawfully  
introduce into the Indian Country, a large quantity  
of spirituous liquors, to-wit: One gallons of  
whisky, and did also about the same time, violate  
the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, by  
engaging in, and carrying on **the** business of a

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Retail Liquor Dealer, without first having paid the  
special tax provided for, and required by law,  
against the peace and dignity of the United States;  
and I pray a warrant for his apprehension.

Signature: N.J. Fleming

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of  
Jan **1894**

Signature(illegable)

Stephen Wheeler

United States Commissioner

Witnesses: Robt Lynch, Mun Lynch, **Tolra**  
Garrett

(Next sheet Subpoena Issued)  
United States vs Riley Coffee  
Information filed and Capias and Subpoena Issued  
Jany 23, 1984 Steven Wheeler  
Approved Jan 23, 1894  
Signature James B. McDonogh, U.S. Attorney  
The defendant herein having been brought before  
me this 1 day of Feby **1894** and the case not being  
ready for trial, a temporary bond. Stephen  
Wheeler

(back side of subpoena/bond)  
Office of the U.S. Marshal  
Western District of AR  
Fort Smith Feb **3, 1894**

I certified that I served the within writ of arrest on  
the **31** day of Jan **1894** at **1 mile** south of **Redland**  
Nations by then and there taking into my custody  
the within named Riley Coffee whose body I now  
have before Stephen Wheeler, Esq., U.S. Commis-  
sioner. George J. Crump, U.S. Marshal, by ? H. M.  
**Hoyil.**

(So, it appears Riley spent the night in jail before  
making bond.)

Subpoenas are also issued to Robert Linch, Mun  
Linch and **Talor** Garrett and delivered by Deputy  
Hoyil

(This is the fun page!)  
United States of America  
Western District of Arkansas Before Stephen  
Wheeler, United States Commissioner  
United States vs Riley Coffey on behalf of Red  
Land Indian Territory

See complaint and endorsements thereon filed herewith. On the 3 day of **Febry**, 1894 **came** the United states of America, the Plaintiff in this cause, by U.S. Attorney and the defendant in his own proper person, in custody of the Marshal and by his Attorney J. R. Barns Esquire when the following testimony was heard and proceedings had, to wit: Robert Lynch being duly sworn and deposes and says: I reside at Pacola, **I.T.** and know the defendant in this cause

"I know nothing about this case whatever, I never bought any liquor off(f) him, never knew of his selling to anybody, know nothing about his ever havin any liquor in the Nation and never represented to anybody that I did."

**Munroe** Lynch being duly sworn in says, "I know nothing whatever about this case."

Taylor **Garrett** being duly sworn say, "I know nothing about this case."

Case Discharged

I really enjoyed obtaining this information about who I believe to be my husband's great Uncle Riley Coffee. I first learned about the Criminal records through Coffey Cousins member Jack Coffee.

Thousands of these criminal files have been archived thanks to **Hangin'** Judge Parker of Arkansas.

Anyone can research and obtain these files either by snail mail or e-mail (have your credit card handy). \*The cost is \$10 for cases containing up to 20 pages and fifty cents **per page over 20** pages. Go to NARA in your search engine. Then click on Nail Standard Search. In the top line enter the key word "criminal" in the second line enter the surname you are searching hit enter. If a number conies up hit display results. This will give you names and case numbers. You will need the case number and jacket number to order case copies.

I would suggest that you e-mail with jacket information to obtain the costs before ordering. The e-mail address [isarchives@fortworth.nara.gov](mailto:isarchives@fortworth.nara.gov)

These are the Coffees that have criminal records at the archives:

- John Coffee 1891 Larceny (also associated with this case are Baker and William)

- \***John** Coffee 1890 Perjury (surnames connected **Looney**, Josiah)

- \*Henry Coffey Larceny (also Joe Coffey)

- Joe Coffey; Larceny

- \***Joseph** Coffey; Liquor

- \*Lee Coffey; Liquor

- One Coffey; Liquor, Coffey Griggs Liquor, One Lindry ;Liquor (associated with Coffey)

All of these cases are in the late **1880's** through **1890's**.

Barbars says , "It appears these particular Coffee/ Coffeys were a thieving, lying, bunch of **drunks...or** perhaps they were astute business men who obtained discounted goods, stuck to their stories and made some of the best '**shine** in those Arkansas hills!

## "COMPUTER NEWS

Hello Cousins,

The Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse Index is up to date, thanks to Reams Goodloe and can be found through the web page. Check it out.

Best regards - Jack

This is the URL for Coffey Cousins:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeecousins/coffeecousins.html>

## MAILBOX

- Donna McDonald writes that she and J. R. have traveled to South America, visiting the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and Peru. She also said that they would not be able to attend the convention this year but that she sends their regards to all the cousins.

- Margaret **Blakey** Billing says that she will not be able to read the newsletter any more as she has macular degeneration in both eyes and can't read any longer. Margaret celebrated her 93rd birthday on Dec. 14, 2001 and her husband is 96. Margaret's great grandmother on her father's side was a Coffey. She has researched the Coffeys, Reves and Holts and says that she found lots of help through the clearinghouse.

- Janet McGill is moving to Kentucky in August and will let us know her new address later. (That means she **might** make it to the Berea, KY convention in 2003. See you there Janet!)

**OBITUARIES****LILLIAN R. BOYD**

Lillian Rosetta Boyd, 73 of **Jenks**, OK died Sunday Nov. **18, 2001**, at her home. Born April 2, 1928, at **Lake McAlester**, she was the daughter of Jesse and Mary **Johnson** Turnbow. She attended McAlester High School and Oklahoma A&M University, and received her degree in Business Administration from the University of Tulsa. She married Clint Boyd on Jan. **31, 1946** in McAlester and lived in Tulsa before moving back to Jenks. Survivors include a son, Dan Boyd of Jenks; a daughter and son-in-law, Trace and Mark **Leavitt** of Tulsa; a grandson, Raleigh Leavitt of Tulsa. Also five sisters and four brother-in-laws; Ola Welsh and Ed Broaddus, Irene Roth and Bea and Joe Hailey, all of McAlester, Lois and Swife Nyhart, Scottsdale, AZ and Margaret and Wesley Quinn of McAlester and a brother and sister-in-law; Charles and Terry Turnbow of Duncan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Mary Turnbow; three brothers, Eli Turnbow, Alvin Turnbow and Marion Turnbow and a sister, Tressa Dungan.

Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, McAlester. ("McAlester News Capital," Tues. Nov. 20, **2001** from Bennie Loftin)

**ALBERT WHETSTONE**

Albert Whetstone, age 84, died October **19, 2001**. He was the son of Susie Coffey Whetstone and great grandson of Rich Coffey of Texas. He was also a cousin of Johnnye Brown. (From Johnnye Brown)

**KATHLEEN WELLMAN MORRISON**

Kathleen **Wellman** (Coffey) Morrison died just before Christmas. She lived in Washington, Iowa. She leaves a sister, Marcia Morrison and brother, Francis **Coffey**. (info from Marcia Morrison)

**DELORIS GILL**

Deloris Etta Coffey Gill, 66, of Donna Road, Ashland, Ky., went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, May **7, 2002**, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Born Aug. **22, 1935**, in Hummel, Ky., she was a daughter of the late Rector and Julia Townsend Coffey. She worked at **Elmwood-Sunrise** Nursing Home as a nurse's aide for 14 years and at Rose Hill Day Care. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Flatwoods, Ky., where she was WMU director for **12** years, and served as a Sunday school teacher and Girls Auxiliary leader. Mrs. Gill is survived by her husband, Carl R. Gill Sr.; a son, Carl Gill Jr., and his wife Brenda of Ashland; two granddaughters, **Nikki** and Brittany; and a brother, Vernon Coffey of Richmond, Ind. A private grave side service was be Thursday, May 9, in Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens. (Published May **8, 2002** in The Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky)

**ROY E. COFFEY**

Roy E. Coffey, 75 of Arkansas City, KS, died Friday, April **26, 2002** at the S. Central Kansas Regional Medical Center of Arkansas City. Mr. Coffey was born Aug. 5, **1926** in Waurika, OK to Hillery Newton and Myrtle Ruth (Frayser) Coffey. He was reared and educated in Oklahoma graduating from Terral **High** School in **1944**. Roy served in the United States Army during WW II. He married Lillie Mae Tanner on **July 21**, 1949 at Terral, OK. The couple has made their home in Borger & **Pampa**, TX, Hays, Harper, Pratt, and Great Bend, KS, Perry, **IO** and finally Arkansas City in 1975. Roy worked as a field supervisor for Halliburton Services, Inc. He was member of the First Methodist Church, the Cosmos Masonic Lodge #278 AF&AM of Kiowa, KS and the Moose Lodge **1586** of Arkansas City. Survivors include his wife Lillie of the home, one son Roy P. And wife Susanne Coffey of Carmel, IN; one daughter Cheryl and husband Terry Haimann of DesMoines, IA; one sister Brunetta Stewart of Pampa, TX; two grandchildren, Bekky

of Carmel, IN and Toby of Chicago, IL.  
Burial was in the Parker Cemetery.  
(source: Bennie Loftin)

## W. C. "BILL" COFFEY

A longtime resident of Tappan, NY died March 27 2002, at his most recent home in Port St. Luice, PL. **He was 82.**

W. C. was born in Fort Stockton, TX, the son of Sam and Alice (Vann) Coffey. They soon moved to Junction, TX where his father was a ranch foreman and Sheriff. At Junction High School he was known as "Peaberry" Coffey and became something of a hometown football hero.

After a year at San Angelo College, he moved on to the University of TX. There he was a member of the Texas Longhorn football squad coached by the **legendary** Dana Bible.

Bill was a Corporal in the U.S. Army's M.P. Battalion and spent two and a half years in the European theater.

Bill Coffey wed Carol H. Hafer of Tappan, NY on Feb. 12, 1944 and were married for 58 years. He was employed by **Fiber** Conduit Co. In Orangeburg, NY and Volvo of N. America of Rockleigh, NJ. He served as a Lieutenant in the Orangetown Auxiliary Police. He was a member of the Wawayabda Masonic Lodge and an Elder of the Tappan Reformed Church for more than 20 years.

**Survivors**, besides his wife Carol, is one son, Gary of Houston, TX; a daughter, Candace Rhoads of Franklin Lakes, NJ; and a granddaughter, Alicia of Houston.

(Extracted from JOURNAL NEWS, Rockland NY, 4/13/02, from **M.Smeltzer** Stevenot)

## EULAH MAE MITCHELL

**Eulah Mae Self James Mitchell**, died March 23, 2002. She was born on Jan. 14, 1921 and was the daughter of Lizzie Coffey Self. Bennie Loftin's book Lizzie's Legacy was centered around the ancestors and descendants of Aunt Lizzie.  
(Info. Bennie Loftin)

## LAURAH EASTMAN

**LAURAH "QUINCY"** (Walton) Eastman, 85. homemaker died Tues. Nov. 27, 2001. Services were held at the Bible Holiness Church, Ochelata, OK.

("Tulsa World" Thursday, Nov 29, 2001 from Bennie Loftin)

## NEW ADDRESSES

William J. Coffey, 260 S. Buhl Farm Dr., **Apt231**, Hermitage, PA 16148

Patricia **Christensen**, 9509 E 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46256

Lu Mobley Whitworth, 741 Duncan Ct., Brentwood, TN 37027

Marguerite Yates-Jobes, 1009 Cellana Ct., Ft. Myers, **FL** 33908

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Lorie Okel, [lok@pacifier.com](mailto:lok@pacifier.com)

Roy E. Coffey, [coffeygrounds@kscable.com](mailto:coffeygrounds@kscable.com)

## DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

Reams Goodloe says that we have some problems with Issue 86. Four of the couples listed were in the index and were previously listed as married in some state other than Georgia. Page 11, Elijah Coffey & Nancy Owen were shown as married in South Carolina as were Ira Coffey & Jane Miller on page 12. Also on page 12, Reams' **Grand-**mother Jessie **Furman** Coffee m. Radford Monroe Reams not Means, in Warren Co. TN not GA. The date is correct. On page 13, John A. Coffey and Rebecca L. Daniel previously shown as m. in KY. Reams catches many errors while doing the index. As for marriage lists - PLEASE - send for a copy from the county. Check other sources. These are **only** aids. We can not verify their accuracy.

**DEAD END ROADS**

\* **Josie** Brumley writes that she has a problem with her ancestor William Coffey marrying Emily E Hunnicutt. She now has found a license for William Coffey's marriage in Haralson Co., GA. It has Emily Heard in the application and Emily Head in the ceremony so she still is not positive which one is correct. The date seems to be true. Nov. 1856. Josie is now searching for Emily E. Heard or Head. If you can help Josie, her address is **231** Coffey Road, Oak Grove, LA 71263

\* Robert (Bob) W. Turner needs some help with his Joel Coffee family. He has Joel Coffee, born **1807** in SC with wife Elizabeth born **1811** in SC. Their children are John W., (**1831-**), Sarah C, (**1836-**), Lydia E., (1839-), William H., (1843-), Andrew J., ( 1845-), Mary Edna, born 24 Oct 1850, died 21 Sept 1895, and Frank P. (**1895-**). If you can help Bob, his address is 14 Holiday Hills Drive, Helena, AR 72342 and email is [bturner@ipa.net](mailto:bturner@ipa.net)

\* Marynella J. Kinnard says that she has **never** heard of Bull Gap before, but reading from her Aunt Manella Georgia **Coffey/Burkholder's** notes in a small spiral tablet Marynella has copied the following for us to read and forwarded to us by Bennie Loftin.

**HISTORY****AND HOBBIES OF MY GRANDFATHER**

(this of course, is Manella's gf, & Marynella's great **gf. mk**)

**GEORGE HOLLAND COFFEY**

B: \_\_\_ D: \_\_\_ Died at Britton Hotel, Portia, AR. (The little white hotel was still there at the corner of the crossroads near Walnut Ridge, AR....mk")

Description: Around 6 foot **tall**, weight 175.

Occupation: Owned a Bakery in AR

Hobbies: **Inventions**. (1) Invented a patented hoe that was used for several things. (2) **Invented** a release harness in case of runaway horse.

Also he loved to whittle.

Relations: His brother **PERRY COFFEY** was killed by Finley Coffey . Argument over share crop in Ozark Co.

**Veteran** of Civil War. 33rd Vol. U.S. Infantry under Gen. Thomas Dive **1861-1865**.

Habit: Chewing Tobacco, Reading, Great Talker on Politics, a Republican.

**THOMAS HARDY COFFEY** son of George Holland Coffey

Bom 25 Feb **1881**. Died: 23 Jan 1952.

Description : Height 6 ft. 4 inches. Weight 200.

Shoe Size 11 **1/w**. Shirt size 17.

Eyes Gray, Hair Grey.

Occupation: Was Policeman, Street Car Driver, Red Cabbie, Owned Coffey Express in St Joe, MO. Now: Farmer

Hobby: **Harmonia** and loved to make people laugh.

Politics: Republican, also loved to talk politics.

**SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERAN**, Co. G, 2nd ARK. Vol Infantry.

Enrolled 2 May **1998** in Black Rock, AR

Captain George W. Grenberry. Caliah (sp?) AR and Colonel V. Y. Cook.

Mustered out of service 25 Feb 1899 at **Anniston**, AL. Springfield Rifle # 248843.

In Serv About 9 mo 23 days. Become ill with Malaria and was discharged.

Relations: Sister Clara Bell died at age 7.

Brother Marvin died at age 2

Relations living: Cara Duffle Lane Age 61, Willie LeAnne age 59., Half Brother: Charlie Sebastian

Coffey Age 63 in **1938**], Half Brother: Jessee

Dewey Coffey Age 40 in 1938, **Half** Sister:

Marytle Coffee Kelly Age 39 1938, Hardy, AR,

Step Sister: Etta Rees in Long Island, NY, age 57

in 1938., Half Sister: Flora Coffey Turney Age 64 in 1938, Tulsa **Okla.**

First married: to Carrie Bell Lafferty on 1 June 1901 at Walnut Ridge, AR.

Witness: Lee Ridgway and wife **Cora**. born: 329 Mar 2882 in Commerce City, MO.

Children born:

Mabel Lucille, Born 15 Oct 1902.

Manella Georgia, Born 5 Jul **1904**

Manuel Glen, Born 28 Feb 1906

Marguerite Jewell, Born 6 Mar 1908.

Second Marriage: Mary Anite (nickname Marie)

**Templeton** 30 July 1915, Charlotte St, K.C., MO.

Witness: Bill Craigt & wife. Miss Claudell



Married by Rev. Bartley, Institutional Church,  
Admiral & Holmes Sts.

Child: Adopted Harry William Coffey.

Dad's Habits: Harmonica. He owned several. He demanded silence when he talked. Honesty was his policy

Great to crack jokes. Decent was Irish and small percent Indian.

\* Sandy Ward, [sww1234@yahoo.com](mailto:sww1234@yahoo.com) writes that she does have the death date and tombstone picture of Lawson Coffey. Lawson's daughter Mary (mother Elizabeth) married into her Walker family. Also Bertha Etta "Cookie" Coffey (Father James L. Coffey) married her great grandfather **Elza** Walker. She does have pictures and **post**-cards from Clifford and Bertha Coffey between OK and MO. If anyone is connected and can help Sandy or would like scanned copies of the documents that she has, contact her by email or write to the Clearinghouse for help.

Sandy's line is as follows:

**L**awson Coffey m. Eliza Campbell

Mary Francis Coffey m. to Martin Perry Walker

1) Elza Walker - Bertha Coffey **m** 1902

(Bertha is the daughter of J L. Coffey and Leah Meadows)

a) Daisy M. Walker m. James Grantham **m**

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b) David Boatright (Boatwright)

c) Bertha **Boatright**

"They lived in and around Stanberry and Alanthus Grove, MO and OK.

\* Mac Webb asks our help, especially from our Webb/Coffeys researchers. He says, "I have in my related line a William Webb, **b c** 1812 who probably moved to MO in the **1840's**. I have been unable to prove this because of there are so many darned William Webb's in the world. I am hopeful that with some related information, someone may match him **up**."

William was well educated. He was born in VA, Northumberland Co. He was orphaned as a **teen**-ager and was schooled by William Appleby. His mother's name was Nancy and both his brothers named daughters after her. His brothers lived in the Saline Co MO area by the early 1840's. His

middle initial was W, for William, though sometimes reported as S because of the old style writing. If anyone connects to this William, please let **me** know at [MACAWEBB@aol.com](mailto:MACAWEBB@aol.com)

\* **Pam** Gettys has been researching the Coffey's for a while now. Pam says, "My grandfather **was** Robert Howard Coffey. He had 2 brothers John Raymond and George. Their father was John Quiller Coffey and Iantha Coffey. My grandfather died in 1984. When I became a mother I wanted to give my mother (Barbara Jean Coffey Gettys) a small piece of her past so I started to do our family tree. When I ran across your web site I thought maybe you could be of some help. I would love to find out that we are all related and maybe if possible I could attend the Coffey Reunion with my mother. We arc from the Ohio, Kentucky area. Please, if any of this sounds familiar or you have some advice or just anything for me please e mail me **at** : [PPLGG@MSN.com](mailto:PPLGG@MSN.com). I will be forever grateful."

\* Dianne Rutherford got our name from Jack Coffee and the Coffey web page. She is researching the line of John Cleveland and Elizabeth Coffey (daughter of Edward Coffey). Dianne says that these are her 7th great grandparents. You can reach her at [mawmawd1@cox.net](mailto:mawmawd1@cox.net)



**CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

\* **LaVonne Hoel** writes that she and her sister have found the parents of their G. Grandmother Elvira (Coffee) Cupp. She is the daughter of Spencer and Mary (Pruitt) Coffee. Elvira and Joseph Nelson Cupp were married in Franklin Co., Indiana, April 4, 1854. Spencer died sometime before 17 April 1854 as that is the earliest date on his estate inventory. Mary was still alive then. LaVonne wants to know if anyone out there knows of this family. Her address is **3108** NW 67th St., Oklahoma City, OK **73116-3416**.

\* Marymac Johnson of Jacksonville, FL says that in 1993, she and her daughter traveled to Bedford Co. TN to look for the old Coffee/ey cemeteries. They stopped first at the "Old Salem Cemetery" where Sarah Bradford Coffee along with other Coffey family members are buried. This one is located near Bell Buckle. Many of the stones are laying on the ground, but clean.

They continued to drive over to Wartrace and (even through they had obtained the cemetery records from a book), they could not locate the other Coffey cemetery where Rice is buried. After driving down a gravel road they ran into a family who told them to go back to Mr. West's house and that the cemetery was right by his driveway. Marymac says, "Well, we were in for a shock." There is an old wire fence and it was covered in piles of leaves. Some of the tombstones have fallen over and, needless to say, we were appalled. For several years after, they periodically tried to reach someone in the county connected to a historical society, but never did find anyone and just gave up. If anyone lives near this area, perhaps they could look into the situation. Marymac can be contacted at **6131 Lawrenceville** Cir., N., Jacksonville, FL 32217 [Mjohns61@aol.com](mailto:Mjohns61@aol.com)

\*Jean Robinson sent an interesting piece clipped from the Richmond Times- Dispatch, Sec.C, Dec. 4, 2001. By Greg Edwards. I have extracted portions of the story and hope that one of our readers will contact Mr. Coffey. Hopefully he is interested in genealogy also.

**INTEREST RAISED ON FARM**

Retired economist working with new agriculture group. Thanks to agricultural research anthrax was no big mystery when cases of the often-fatal disease began showing up after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We did have a lot of basic scientific knowledge that quickly could be brought to bear on that problem," said Dr. Joseph D. Coffey, an expert on agricultural policy who lives in Chesterfield County, VA.

Coffey, a retired economist and vice president of Southern States Cooperative Inc. Of Richmond, is working with a new national organization promoting agricultural research.

Coffey's interest in agriculture goes back to his boyhood on his grandparents' farm near the central Indiana town of Martinsville. The town of about 3,500 people is well-known around Indiana for its high school basketball team, which holds four state championships and once included on its roster John Wooden who made a name for himself coaching the UCLA Bruins.

Although a basketball goal hung in the hayloft of his grandparents' barn, Coffey was too busy with farm work for high school sports. He moved to the farm at age 12 to help his ailing grandfather with the milking chores and can't remember missing a single milking before the small dairy herd was sold when he left for Purdue University six years later.

Family: grandparents, Minor and Laura Leonard; wife, Eloise G. Eskew; married sons, John, Brad and Mark Coffey

\* Hi Bonnie — We met at So. Padre last winter at which time you gave me your card. I just ran across it, and realize I need to give you some feedback about some local Coffey's in this area, some of which are shirttail cousin to me. There was a big rancher, Eden Robert Coffey **1868 - 1958** near by. The local Coffeys have done a write up on Eden and his descendants. Possibly you already have it, if not, I can put you in touch with someone who has that history.

Mabel & Neil **Ruebsamen** - [ruebsamn@kdsi.net](mailto:ruebsamn@kdsi.net) (Thanks Mabel! If you need help with this line, be sure to email her.)

\* Jerry Coffee of **Plano, TX** sends the following unusual story.

Jerry thought it was a strange **coincidence** that his great grandmother Pamela **Wyatt** was born in Coffeerville, Texas; she married William E. Gilmer; the county seat of **Upsher** County where Coffeerville is located is named Gilmer and finally in 1921 their granddaughter married Jerry's father, Peyton Joshua Coffee.

\* I received the following email from Spencer Coffey. I have been aware of the DNA research being attempted by other family lines, but was not sure **we** would be ready to undertake this expensive of a project yet. It surely would be a subject worth discussing at one of our conventions. I quote Spencer's email:

Dear Bonnie, I belong to another family association, the Spencer Historical & Genealogical Society **Inc.**, and they have started a project that I wanted to run by you to see if you think maybe this idea would be something worth **mentioning** in some issue of Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse.

Maybe you are already familiar with this sort of research. Anyway, I can see a lot of potential here in this DNA stuff. I am sending the following excerpts of **le** Despencer, the Spencer newsletter, along with a copy of an email I just received, in case you think a similar idea might be something the Coffey/Coffee males would want to ponder. Sincerely, Spencer Coffey

"Interestingly, DNA analysis is now also being used by some of our SHGS members to determine whether we are descended from a common ancestor. In the last week, we have distributed a few kits for collecting DNA samples that will be sent to a laboratory for processing which will take about 60 days to complete. The participants in this study are men from several different Spencer lines who can document their lineage back to the year 1800 or earlier with primary source documents, and most of them have been stymied by their "brick wall" ancestry. The study is conducted on male Spencer descendants because this DNA analysis is performed on the Y chromosome. Each participant is paying for his laboratory test and interpretation; this is not a cost to the SHGS treasury. If this group

feels that the results would possibly be beneficial to SHGS members, this may **become** an SHGS sponsored (**not** funded) project, and we will consider publishing a report of the findings in a future edition of leDespencer."

"Two men also had matching DNA which was a welcome surprise as it proved descent from a common ancestor for those of us who descend from either William Spencer of Anson/Montgomery Co. NC; or Benjamin Spencer of Randolph Co. NC."

"The final two participants did not have a match either to each other or to any of the other four of us, but they remain very hopeful that as more people join the study, they too **will** have a DNA match and thus find help in breaking through their brick wall with their earliest proven ancestor."

"Our DNA study is conducted on the Y chromosome which is carried only by males (sorry, ladies). Participants must descend from male Spencers all the way down the line, and thus would carry **the** Spencer surname today."

\* Marymac Johnson writes; The biography of Gen John Reid Coffey was written by my Great Grandfather, Sen. C. W. Brown (**marr:** Sarah Belle Coffey). Sen. Brown and his family lived at **Bridgeport, AL** and they are buried in the **Mt. Carmel Cem.** With two of their daughters, Forestine and **Eula** Maude Brown (neither married). They had two other daughters, Anna Bell (**marr:** Frank W. Johnson) who lived in Stevenson, AL and Mary (**marr:** Thomas Vance) who lived in Chattanooga, TN.

Gen. Coffey was written up in several publications back in the last 1800's. If you want this information, I will probably have to copy and **mail** it. I am no longer working so don't have access to a fax and copy machine. I was born in Jackson Co., AL, but I live in Jacksonville, FL. My parents moved here about 1943 (during WWII). However, I went back and forth to AL many times over my childhood and spent the summers with my maternal grandparents. I have been to all the old cem. in Jackson Co. that contain my ancestors (and there are plenty) as both sides of my family are original settlers. Mother's are north of Stevenson, AL. My father's family lived near Hollywood, AL. The

Coffey's were large land owners and wealthy. My father is named after his **great-uncle, Clark Macl** in Coffey. (He had 3 daughters, no sons). Unfortunately, my father died in 1964 (age 51). My mother is alive and now in a nursing home here, she will be 90 next birthday. I am an only child.

After the Mexican War, Gen. Coffey owned at least 5,000 acres along the TN River near old Bellefonte. Since Clark Maclin was the only son to live long enough to marry and have children, there are no other male Coffey's from our line.

Sincerely, Marymac Johnson, **6131** Lawrenceville Cir., N., Jacksonville, **FL 32217**

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## DOCUMENTS GALORE

(Not exactly a document, but, the following was printed in the "News Tribune" Jefferson City, MO on Mar **21, 2002**. It will be interesting to those looking for death certificates in Missouri. Bonnie)

### SENATE PASSES BILL ON BIRTH, DEATH RECORDS

The public can have more access to vital records under a Senate-approved **bill** that would allow computer storage of birth and death records and permit their disclosure after several decades. Sen. Roseann Bentley said her bill is intended to improve the current records system and help people who are tracing genealogies. "It's to make it easier for people to access vital records," said Bentley, **R-Springfield**. "It also allows people to use the new technology that we have."

The Senate voted 27-2 Wednesday to send the bill to the House.

Missouri law currently allows release of vital records only to people who can show "a direct and tangible interest" in the information. Under the bill, anyone could inspect a birth record more than 90 years old & death record more than 50 years old.

Records would be available on the Internet by Dec. **31, 2004**, through Missouri Health Department, which could receive information directly from funeral homes and physicians.

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\* Al Carhart sent the following information on the family of Rice Abner Coffey's daughter's family.

Much was **provided** by John Clinton Harris of Scottsboro, **AL**.

### DESCENDANTS OF NANCY ELIZABETH COFFEY

#### Generation No. 1

**1.** Nancy Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Coffey (Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, **Edward** 1) was born May 23, 1861 in Rash, AL, and died May **16, 1918**, Jackson County, AL. She married John Clinton Jacobs Nov. **1**, 1883 in Stevenson, AL. He was bom April 22, 1855 in Beech Grove, Tennessee, and died June 30, **1938** in Scottsboro, Jackson, AL.

Children of Nancy Coffey and John Jacobs are:

- + 2 i. Elmer Pruitt<sup>8</sup> Jacobs, born Aug **1, 1887**.
- 3 ii. Bennie Coffey Jacobs, born Aug 28, 1884; **died** Oct 17, 1899.
- + 4 iii. Annie Theodosia "Dosia" Jacobs, born February 22, 1890 in Rash, AL; died October 24, 1974 in Scottsboro, Jackson, AL.
- + 5 iv. Henry W. Grady Jacobs, born Aug 5, 1892 in Beech Grove, TN; died Jun 1, **1955** in Jefferson Co, AL.
- + 6 v. Rice Abner Jacobs, born Sept 3, 1894; died Dec 19, 1980.
- + 7 vi. Veda Pearl Jacobs, born Sep **21**, 1896; **died Mar** 4, 1940.
- + 8 vii. Fletcher Pitts Jacobs, born Jan 13, **1899**; **died Jul** 27, 1962.
- + 9 viii. Lunita Jacobs, born 1903.

#### Generation No. 2

**2.** Elmer Pruitt<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice **Abner**<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, **Edward** 1) was born Aug 1, 1887. He married Geneva Givins.

Children of Elmer Jacobs and Geneva Givins are:

- 10 i. Geneva Lunita<sup>9</sup> Jacobs. She married Smith.
- 11 ii. Elmer Pruitt Jacobs, Jr..
- 12 iii. Bettie Ann Jacobs. She married James Bentley Thomas.
- 13 iv. Henry Grady Jacobs.
- 14 v. **Sal** lie Belle Jacobs. She married Raymond Rogers.
- 15 vi. Nathan Bedford Forrest Jacobs.
- 16 vii. Mary Jane Jacobs.

17 viii. Rice Abner Jacobs. He married **Annie**.

18 ix. **Lethia Ring** Jacobs. She married Herman Austin **Watson, II**.

4. Annie Theodosia "Dosa"<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, **Edward** 1) was born Feb 22, 1890 in Rash, AL, and died Oct 24, 1974 in Scottsboro, Jackson, AL. She married Mitchell Luther Harris Mar **10, 1910** in Scottsboro, Jackson, AL, son of Roderick Harris and **Mollie** Luther. He was born Oct 2, 1878 in Harris Community, near Fayetteville, NC, and died May 25, **1961** in Scottsboro, Jackson, **AL**.

Notes: Mitchell Luther Harris graduated "The **Southern Baptist Theological** Seminary in 1908. He was **called** as Pastor to The Scottsboro **First Baptist Church** at a salary of \$500.00 per year. There he met "Annie Dee" Annie Theodosia Jacobs and they were married May 10, 1910. From Scottsboro, he accepted a call to The First Baptist Church of Cullman. His first child, John Clinton, was born there on April **1, 1911**. From Cullman, he was called to Ozark, AL where his second child, Roderick Edward was born on Mar 25, 1913. His third child, Elmer Jacobs, was born there on **Sept 27, 1917**. In 1918, Mitchell Luther accepted a call to Prattville First Baptist Church. He served there for the next sixteen years (until 1934) and Ruth was born there on Jan 13, 1921 as well as fourth son, Mitchell Luther, Jr. on Apr 5, 1926. Most all of the children's **pre-college** schooling was in Prattville. In **1934** he accepted a call from the Guntersville First Baptist Church where he served through 1940 when declining health forced his retirement and move to Scottsboro, where they purchased the Colonial red brick home on Scott Street. This was the former home of his Sister-in law, Veda Spivey. They lived there the remainder of their **lives**.

Children of Annie Jacobs and Mitchell Harris are:

19 i. John Clinton<sup>9</sup> Harris, born Apr 1, **1911** in Cullman, AL. He married Edna **Earle** Eagerton Jun 21, 1941 in Montgomery, AL; born Oct **16, 1918** in Montgomery, AL; died May **18, 2001** in

Scottsboro, Jackson, Alabama.

Notes: John Clinton Harris graduated Magna Cum **Laude** from Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA, After being on academic probation through mid-sophomore year, when Dean "Light Horse" Harry Campbell taught him how to study quickly. He played in the school band, sang in the glee club and made the W. & L. Varsity swimming team for three years. As the lead 440 yard free style swimmer, he was undefeated his last two years. He majored in accounting but was unable to get a job because of the Depression until the following January so he spent a year working at the Jacobs Stove Manufacturing Company in Bridgeport. He decided he did not care about spending his **life** in controversy with the Steel Workers Union so with his dad, mother and his Uncle Grady Jacobs' financial support, he and his cousin, **J.C.** Jacobs went into the wholesale grocery business which he enjoyed and spent the rest of his working **life**, until he sold it in **1975**.

John Clinton was appointed to the first City School Board in **1954** and served as Chairman for the first five years. The Board's best accomplishments were doing away with the "Cotton Picking Vacation" in Scottsboro Schools, construction of the Caldwell Elementary School, the **intergration** of Scottsboro Schools and closing the old Carver School (formerly the Black school). In 1960, he was elected to a four year term on the Scottsboro City Council and served as Police Commissioner. He has been active in several Grocery Associations and has served as a Director and President of The Alabama Wholesale Grocers Association. He was Director of the Wholesalers and president for two terms. He was also director of the United States Wholesale Grocers Association of which he was Vice President and member of the Executive Committee. He served as President of Food Merchandisers of America with over 4,000 retail affiliates and Director and Governor of American Wholesale Grocers Association. He did not forget service to charitable organizations as he has served in every Office of the Scottsboro Civitan Club during a sixty four year membership. He has served as Food Chairman of Jackson Co Christmas Charities for a number of years. He was the first



Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee of the Jackson Co. United Way and served as **President** in its second **year**. **John** Clinton has been a member of First Baptist Church since 1933 and served as Sunday School Superintendent or teacher most of that time and served on most of the Committees and was **Chairman** of the Finance Committee for many terms. He was one of the organizers of Jackson Co Federal Savings and Loan Association and served as Director until it merged with First American Savings and Loan Association and served on the Advisory Board until it merged with Colonial Bank. He served on the Board of **J.C.** Jacobs Banking for approximately fifty years, until he retired in 1999, during which time they grew from a bank of four employees to one with seventy five employees and seven offices in Jackson, De **Kalb** and Madison Counties and was rated as one of Alabama's strongest banks.

20 ii. Roderick Edward Harris, born Mar **25**, 1913 in Ozark, AL; died **Mar 29**, 1945 in Killed in Naples, Italy. "Roderick Edward Harris was "killed as a flight engineer on a bombing mission over Germany. Plane damaged by ground fire but returned and blew up trying to land."

"Roderick Edward Harris, the second child was **born Aug 25**, 1913 in Ozark, Dale Co, AL. Clinton was named after his Maternal Grandfather, so Roderick was named after his Paternal Grandfather. Their boyhood friends that we can remember in Ozark were, "Sonny Boy " Reynolds, Norman **Holman**, Harry Mixon and Howard Valentine, all neighbors with whom Clinton entered the first grade at the school in Ozark. In 1918, his father accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of **Prattville**, AL. In Sept, Clinton entered the second grade in the elementary school which was called the Prattville Academy and two years later, Roderick began his school education there. The famous Southern Poet, Sidney Lanier, was Principal there many years. When Roderick was in the second grade, he had a mastoid disease in one of his ears. This was a very serious disease and surgery for those days was not well developed and he suffered with healing for a long time and left a deformed ear for all of his life.

Roderick also played a soprano saxophone in the Autauga High School Band and Orchestra, The Town Band, Church Orchestra and later in the W & L Band Roderick was the athlete in the family and played on the High School football and basketball teams. **Selma** and Prattville High Schools were big rivals and in some of our old newspaper clippings is a report of the football game in which guard Roderick out played his opponent, Shug Jordan, who later starred at Auburn and became famous as Auburn's football coach for many years. When Clinton was a senior at W & L, Freshman Roderick entered and they had connecting rooms in Lee's Dormitory. Rod, as he was now known, went out for **intra-mural** football team and was awarded a medal as an All-School player. After football season, he made the freshman swimming team, later, he made the varsity as the 440 yard free style swimmer. I believe they were undefeated during his four years. Rod majored in accounting and each summer he served as water front director at Camp Shenandoah, Island Ford, Virginia. After graduation, he spent his first year working at the Jacobs Manufacturing (stove foundry) in Bridgeport. Rod also tired of labor union strikes, so he obtained a Double Cola Bottling franchise for the Greeville, NC area which he operated until it became obvious with a **low** draft number, he would be called to service Early in World War II, so he decided it best to sell the bottling company and worked for a few months as an accountant with The Dept of Agriculture in Memphis, Tennessee. Upon being drafted, he was sent to **Keesler** Air Field, Biloxi, MS, where he was trained in Hydraulics on airplanes and very shortly was shipped overseas through North Africa and on to an airbase in Naples, Italy. **We** do not know how many missions he was a flight engineer but were informed by Telegram that he was killed on Mar 29, 1945. We were later informed by his Commanding Officer that he was killed in line of duty. After the war, we were informed by his buddy and another friend, Bufford Burroughs, who had worked with Rod at Jacobs Manufacturing in Bridgeport (Bufford and Clinton had also worked together) Gave Clinton the details he knew. Bufford and Rod were stationed on the same Naples Airbase but neither knew the other was

there. The bomber was on a mission, apparently over Germany, when it was badly damaged by ground anti air **attacks**. They were able to gel back to Naples but it was so damaged that they were unable to bring it down on two attempts. On the third attempt, as it hit the ground, it exploded and all the crew were killed. After the war, his remains were returned to Scottsboro's Cedar Hill Cemetery where he was given a Military Funeral. His name is listed with other victims on a monument on the Courthouse Square in Scottsboro. There is also a bronze tablet in the entrance gateway at W & L and on another bronze tablet in the W & L library."

21 iii. Elmer Jacobs Harris, M.D., **born** Sept 27, **1916** in Ozark, AL. He married (1) Ellen Virginia Moncrief Sept 7, **1947** in Prattville, AL; **born** May 12, 1920 in Prattville, **AL**; died July 28, 1990 in Jackson, MS. He married (2) Leatrice Van **Landingham** Jun 1, 1996. (June 1, **1996**, Leatrice was a widow when she married Elmer)

22 iv. Ruth Harris, M.D., born Jan 13, 1921 in Prattville, AL. She married Ben **Eulberg** Peet Apr 6, 1948 in Lima, Peru, South America; **born** Jun 6, 1903 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

23 v. Mitchell Luther Harris, Jr, **born** Apr 5, 1926 in Prattville, AL. He married Betty Fletcher Jan 13, 1961 in Miami Shores, FL; **born** Dec 4, 1927 Honaker, **VA**

24 vi. Infant Son Harris, bom February 3, 1928 in Prattville, AL; died Feb 3, 1928 in Prattville, AL.

5. Henry W. Grady<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy **Elizabeth**<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, **Edward** 1) **born** Aug 5, 1892 in **Beech** Grove, TN. and died Jun 1, 1955 in Jefferson Co, AL. He married Sarah Louise Willson Sept 17, 1913 in Niota, McMinn, TN.. She was **born** Feb 21, **1893** in McMinn Co, TN, and died Oct 10, **1988** in Scottsboro, Jackson. AL. Children of Henry Jacobs and Sarah Willson are:

25 i. Nancy Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> Jacobs, **born** Feb 26, **1915** in Scottsboro, Jackson, AL; died Dec 26, 2000. She married Edward George **Samsa**, Jun 16, **1953** in Scottsboro, Jackson, AL; bom Dec 8, **1916** in Cleveland, OH.

26 ii. John Clinton Jacobs, bom Jun 26, **1918**;

died July 11, 1975. He married Ann **Alvis**; **born** Mar 15, 1919; died Oct 30. 1962.

6. Rice **Abner**<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy **Elizabeth**<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was bom Sept 3, 1894, and died Dec 19, **1980**. He married Jewell Riggs. She was **born** Jul 6, **1898**, and died Feb 22, 1952.

Child of Rice Jacobs and Jewell Riggs is:

27 i. Jeanne **Adair**<sup>9</sup> Jacobs, **born** May 7, **1931**; died Jul 6, 1974. She married Jephtha Edward Moody, Jr.; **born** Jun 30, **1926**.

7. Veda Pearl<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) bom Sept 21, **1896**, and died **Mar** 4, 1940. She married Claude Spivey.

Children of Veda Jacobs and Claude Spivey are:

28 i. **Infant** Daughter<sup>9</sup> Spivey, bom Jun 8, 1923; **died** June 14, 1923.

29 ii. Carolyn Spivey. She married William B. **(Bill)** Wilson.

8. Fletcher **Pitts**<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>) was bom Jan 13, 1899, and died Jul 27, 1962. She married **Philo** Dayton **Benham**. He was **born** Aug 21, 1895, and died Nov 22, **1960**.

Child of Fletcher Jacobs and Philo Benham is:

30 i. Nancy **Lisabeth**<sup>9</sup> Benham, bom Jan 29, 1933; died Marc 19, 1967. She married James L. Steenhuis.

9. Lunita<sup>8</sup> Jacobs (Nancy Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Coffey, Rice Abner<sup>6</sup>, Alexander Hamilton<sup>5</sup>, Rice<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, **Edward** 1) was bom 1903. She married Robert Lane in Lima, Pern.

Children of Lunita Jacobs and Robert Lane are:

31 i. Robert **Martin**<sup>9</sup> Lane. He married Heather.

32 ii. Frances Fletcher Lane. She married Robert Alwood.

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Jerry Coffee, Piano, TX gives us a look at life of a cowboy in Texas. Jerry has a "ton" of stories about Coffee/eyes in Texas and is willing to share them. His email address is: [j.coff@verizon.net](mailto:j.coff@verizon.net)

### THOMAS LOGAN COFFEE

Thomas Logan (Tom) Coffee, cattleman, range boss, drover and of early Texas Panhandle settler was hired by Thomas Bugbee in **1876** as range boss of the second oldest ranch in the Texas Panhandle. The ranch was known as the **Quarter Circle T Ranch** in Hutchinson County Texas.

The first ranch in the Texas Panhandle was the JA Ranch owned by Charles Goodnight in partnership John Adair was established only a year before the Quarter Circle T. The JA Ranch bordered the Quarter Circle T Ranch, with the ranch headquarters seventy five miles away in the Palo Duro Canyon. In 1883, Scottish-born James M. **Colburn**, owner of the Turkey Track Ranch began combining several northern panhandle herds and bought out the Quarter Circle T for \$350,000. After the Turkey Track Ranch range manager was killed by lightning, Colburn assumed the managerial duties. However, he was not suited by experience or temperament to run a cattle ranch. Colburn hired Caleb B. (Cape) **Willingham**, former Oldham county sheriff, for the job. Willingham earned the loyalty and respect of the cowhands and hired Thomas Logan (Tom) Coffee, former range boss of the Quarter Circle T as range boss for the Turkey Track and his six nephews as cowhands. One nephew, Woodson Coffee, later succeeded Willingham as manager. A famous resident of the Turkey Track Ranch was William (Billy) Dixon, who became postmaster when the Adobe Walls post office was established in 1887. Dixon, buffalo hunter, teamster and army scout, became famous at the battle of Buffalo Wallow and Adobe Walls against the Comanche Indians.

The N Bar N Ranch was established in 1886 by William F. and Frederick W. Niedringhaus. Before starting the N Bar N ranch, the Niedringhaus family established a hardware store in St. Louis and soon accumulated a fortune after discovering a unique process for making enameled kitchenware

called **Graniteware**. J.L.Harrison was hired to manage the N Bar N and later Tom Coffee was hired as the N Bar N Ranch drover and range boss. In **1892**, the N Bar N cowhands rounded up and moved 25,000 head of cattle to their Wolf Creek range in Montana. Then again in the following year they drove 40,000 head to the Montana range which was the last cattle drive in Texas. It took five months to drive the cattle to the Montana Range, then managed by Tom Coffee's cousin, Charles Franklin Coffee who later became owner of the huge Hat Creek Cattle Company with headquarters Chadron Nebraska. C.F.Coffee was the son of former Confederate army officer and commander of a Missouri Militia, Colonel John Trousdale Coffee of Georgetown, Texas. The Hat Creek Cattle Company was noted in the TV movie *scries, Lonesome Dove*, written by Gene McMurtry..

After the herds crossed the Canadian River at Adobe Walls, they received news of the quarantine of Texas cattle in Kansas which compelled them to skirt that state. The herds were divided into groups of 2,500, each with ten cowboys and were driven to Montana.

The N Bar N is also famous as the ranch where Charles Marion Russell launched his artistic career. The log house Russell occupied while at the N Bar N was the former ranch headquarters and had been occupied by Tom Coffee and his family. For years, the Niedringhaus family owned the largest collection of Russell paintings, which they sold to various museums and individuals nationwide.

On or about August 6th of each year, descendants of Tom Coffee meet at White Deer, Texas for a reunion. The restored white frame house in Panhandle, Texas once utilized by the N Bar N, is now the nucleus of the Carson County Square House Museum.

### **CORRECTION**

Juanita Daniel says that in Issue 86, page 3, we stated that Andrew Jackson Coffey is Perry Coffey's father. She says that she doesn't think this is the case. He is however a relative.

COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION,  
April 26 and 27, 2002 DALLAS, TEXAS

Howdy Cousins,

Well, the 19th Annual Coffey Cousins' Convention is history. More than 60 cousins, and potential new cousins assembled in Dallas as guests of Jo Langwell and her daughter Becky this past weekend.

Many arrived earlier in the week, and spent time at the Dallas Public Library. If you haven't heard, they have one of the finest genealogy sections in the US. The rest of us arrived on Thursday and early Friday morning. Jo and Becky had arranged a Friday guided bus tour of Dallas, and a **walk** through the 6th Floor Museum in the former Texas School Book Depository. Those who did not want to tour, remained at the hotel to take advantage of the huge library of Coffee/y books that our newsletter editor, Bonnie Culley has assembled.

On Saturday, noted genealogists Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck spoke to a large group of us. He provided any number of tips for those of us who have hit the proverbial 'brickwall' in our research. Following the presentation he graciously **answered** questions from the audience.

Later that evening we adjourned by chartered bus to the South Fork Ranch, and after a tour of the 'mansion' we enjoyed a very fine dinner in one of the Ranch's ballrooms. After dinner we were treated to a presentation by Gen. Sam Houston and Col. John Coffee Hays, Texas Ranger. Each reenactor wore the appropriate clothing, and spoke on the lives of these famous men.

Following a short business meeting where it was decided to accept the invitation of Coffey Cousins Sarah Poff and Bennie Loftin to meet next year on May 2-3 in Berea, KY, we were transported back to the hotel. It had been a long day, but some cousins remained up a couple of hours to take further advantage of Bonnie's library.

Many of us drove, or flew out for home on Sunday morning. Some planned to stay an extra day or so to once again visit the Dallas library.

Next year's Convention/Reunion will **bc** in **the** heart of Coffcc/y country. The Kentucky State Archives is just a few miles north of Berea, so many of us will arrive early to visit that facility.

Watch the website (URL below) for more details that I will post in the coming months. And, I **will** also be posting some convention photos over the next few days, so watch for those as well. In the meantime, check this link for convention photos posted by Madlyn Simkulet.

**<http://community.webshots.com/user/coffecupgal>**

Regards - Jack

(Jack's version was too good not to print. BC)

**COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION, April 26 and 27, 2002 DALLAS, TEXAS**

WOW! What a **convention!** There is so much to see in "Big Dallas" that Jo Langwell and her daughter Becky had a hard time cutting it down to fit our time restraints. We had a spacious room for our library and visiting with cousins at the hotel. Jo and Becky really found all of the best places to make us welcome. The Dallas Ladies, Jo, Becky, Millie and **Ilah** represent the hospitality of southern ladies well. Jo was so well organized and there were all the little extras such as printed schedule on Irish paper, name tags, honorary Texas Citizenship, etc.

Friday was filled with a bus tour of Dallas ending at the Sixth Floor Museum. (I'm sure now that Oswald didn't shoot Pres. Kennedy alone!) My favorite part of the tour was the Pioneer Plaza. It was a park depicting a cattle drive with beautiful, huge, bronze cowboys, horses, steers, etc. Saturday morning we were honored to have Lloyd Bockstruck, from the Dallas Public Library, speak to us about understanding what we read in the old records and how the language has changed. We're all a little smarter now

The banquet and business meeting was held at South Fork Ranch of TV fame. We toured the ranch and feasted on ribeye and chicken dinners. Gen. Sam Houston and Col. John (Jack) Coffee Hayes (Texas Ranger), impersonators entertained us after dinner. Many of the cousins took Jo's suggestion of dressing in Western attire. Fun Fun Fun

At the meeting, it was decided to retain Jeff Coffey as president and Gail Bachman as secretary. As Jeff, Gail and **I** have been the only members of the board of directors in the past, it was decided to add Jack Coffee, web master; Reams Goodloe, indexer of CCC; the past years Convention Chairman (Jo Langwell 2002); and the present Convention Chairman (**Bennie** Loftin 2003) to make a better representation.

The next years convention, May 2 - **3, 2003** will be in Berea, KY hosted by Bennie Loftin and Sarah Poff. They already have some great plans for us, so watch for them in the next issue of CCC and mark you calendar.

Sites for 2004 thru 2006 have been spoken for; 2004, **Loretta** Okel, Washington **state**; 2005, J. B. McCarley II, Amarillo, TX; 2006, Marguerite Jobes, Florida.

The door prizes and raffle is always exciting. Some of the prizes donated were; book "Mama's Little Biscuits" by Eileen Glasscock; bird house by Bennie Loftin; collection of horses by Millie Coffey; afghan and ceramics by Marguerite Jobes; various gifts by Jo Langwell; and afghan by me, Bonnie. I'm sure I don't remember all and apologize for what I've missed.

Those who shared the good times this year are: **Bill** and Gail Bachman, **Al** and Sue Carhart, Edwin and Phillis Coffee, Jim, Marguerite and Chris Coffey, Bill and Virginia Coffey, Dean and LaVonne **Hoel**, Bob and Bennie Loftin, Ellen Mohr, Jo Langwell and Becky Riefler, Patsy **Burns**, Jack and Nelda Coffee, Loy and Wanda Coffey, Jim and Bonnie Culley, Glen and Mary Johnson, J.B. McCarley II, LaVonne and Jan Morehead, Tom and Betty Street, Harold Butz and Darlene Clark, Dale, **Nola** and Virgil Coffee, Jeff and Glenna Coffey, Millie Coffey, Reams and Virginia Goodloe, Ilah Merriman, David, Jack, Kate, and Rebecca **Pederson**, Marguerite Yates-Jobes, Larry, Nancy and Brad Williams, Marguerite Hubert. Judy Puduy, Virginia Haren, Ivy Crawford, Madlyn Simkulet, Glenn Lee, Wayne Owen, Barbara Shoff, Joe Mosley, Pat **Britt**







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