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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

Have you noticed that the calendar is flashing by much quicker than it used to? More and more things seem like they were just yesterday but much more time has gone by. Maybe we should just say - time flies when you are having fun. Think positive! Look on the bright side and take each day as it comes.

That does not mean we should not plan for the future and schedule some of those fun things well ahead of time - like Coffey Cousins annual gathering. Every year something new and different for most, see some new country that we may not have seen before and maybe even find an ancestor or two who were in that area some time along the way - maybe even today.

So - plan on being in BEREA, KENTUCKY IN 2003 - MARK MAY 2-4, 2003. I certainly plan on going a little early and you may want to plan on going a little early to enjoy seeing something of the Blue Grass State and beside that - this area is alive with Coffey Cousins. New cousins to meet as well as Cousins from previous years to swap stories with and tell each other about all the ailments, opera-

tions and other fun things that have happened the past year. New Cousins need you to be there to help them learn how and where to look to find those elusive cousins.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!
AND IT WOULDN'T HURT TO GO
AHEAD AND MAKE YOUR RESERVA-
TIONS NOW.** Look for instructions and directions further on in the letter.

Cousin Jeff.

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Dear Cousins,

I can't believe that it has been three months since the last newsletter. Summer is passing too fast.

I believe that Bennie Loftin is one of the very few who have done any genealogy this summer. She has been very busy working on the "other" Coffey/ys living in the Clinch Mountain area of North Carolina and Tennessee. We have her to thank for her diligent work of sorting and searching for records to prove and flesh out the story on the Cleveland Coffey family. She has more than we can make space for in the newsletter.

The only serious genealogy I can say that I have done in the last three months was go to the State Historical Society and read newspapers of the Ozark area for 1885. I was searching for a story on the shooting of Perry Coffey for Bennie Loftin. I didn't have any luck but did find one story in a county history.

Jim and I have spent most of the last month remodeling our kitchen. We developed a problem with the lighting system and one thing led to another, until we now have a new ceiling, new wall paper, a ceiling fan, new light fixtures and new telephones. (And a tired old couple!)

I haven't had much correspondence this quarter, but Jeff Coffey emailed me, that he had a pacemaker implanted and is doing fine. We will look for a very spry Convention President next May.

Bennie, Sarah, Bonnie and Gaye have spent a lot of time checking out all of the many places to stay and eat in Berea. KY for our upcoming convention. (Hope they didn't gain too much weight!) They also looked over all of the entertainment available in the area, which is considerable as I under-

stand. This is also old Coffey country and there are still a number of Coffey families in the area.

I do hope that you get out and do some Coffee/ey genealogy this next quarter and pass it on. I do have some material in reserve but can always use a little more. We always have one that is a problem to trace. Share your problems with us.

Sincerely, your cousin,

Bonnie



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NEW COUSINS

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—Ancestor

Marvel
Marvel

NEW COUSINS

* Mark Snell and his mother Berniece Rumer descend from Marvel Coffey who married Rachel Boone and settled in Maries Co. MO. Marvel was born in Tennessee and came to Missouri by way of Kentucky. Parents for this Marvel Coffey have not been determined. Mark would like to hear from others working on this line.

**CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

* Bonnie Coffey daughter of Leonard Coffey found the web site and called. She wanted to send some of Len's genealogy collection of Coffey material. It seems that Donna is unable to live at home any longer and they could use the space. We do hope that Donna is doing better and that we hear from Bonnie often. Her address is 2803 W. Sligh, apt. #403, Tampa, FL 33614 if you wish to send Donna a "Thinking of You" card.

* Reams Goodloe tells us that there were 3 Finley Coffeys, which can be confusing. We have written about all 3 in past issues of CCC. Reams gives the issue and page number to find what was printed about each. Reams says: There are 3 Finley Coffeys in the index all of whom were probably alive in 1886.

Finley H. b. 1861 d. 1943 issue 7 p. 4
Finley L. m. 1875 TX m. Anna B. Coffey issue 31 p.8

Finley Patterson son of Wellborn
b. 1844 twin d. 1937 m. Mary Elizabeth Tuttle 1869 issue 25 p. 10 & issue 80 p.9.

* Dick Coffee sends interesting information. "The book, "Glen Lee's Family Tree", (includes Coffeys) is found at: <http://members.home.net/leeyukon>

* Barbara Newman says, " I have information on James and Margaret Haggard Coffey. Her mother was either Margaret Ann Surber Haggard or Charlotte Hodge Haggard. It's pretty confusing, considering I found Margaret Haggard died in 1859, according to the death records, and my grandmother Margaret Ann was listed as a year old in 1860. Levi Haggard was married to Charlotte Hodge in 1859 as well.

My father told my Mom his grandfather killed his grandmother. So with that bit of info, when he was younger, I am believing that Margaret Surber was my g-grandmother. Thanks for all your help."

Barbara Newman,
beengone@bellsouth.net

DEAD_END_ROADS

* Elaine Rice found us on the Coffey Cousins web page. Her gg grandfather was Daniel Coffey, born app. 1839 in Rath More, County Kerry, Ireland. He married Bridget Keefe (could be O'Keefe or Keefe - you know how the spelling can change) on March 7 1848 in Rath More, County Kerry Ireland and they had a daughter Bridget Coffey. They came to America during the potato famine in Ireland and tale goes that Bridget was a child but remembers hearing that Abe Lincoln had been shot when they arrived. Elaine needs to know how to precede from here. Can anyone help her? She would appreciate hearing from you. Elaine's address is 1112 Tortuga Circle N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33702

* Barbara Newman is searching for James M Coffey's father. His mother Martha E. Coffey was born in approx 1822. James was borneFeb 1845. The 1900 Census Morgan Co, TN says she is the mother of 8 children. This census has Martha and James born in Ky. He stated on Civil War Pension papers that he lived in Russell Co. Barbara is also looking for the last name of Martha and her other children. Any help is greatly appreciated. Barbara Newman at beengone@bellsouth.net

* Deb Jones writes, "Hi, I am looking for some Coffees that I hope you can help me with. I am beginning to think that I've descended from aliens or something as my search just ends up hitting a brick wall at every turn. Harvey Coffee who married Martha Cook in 1861 in Morgan County, Kentucky. One of their daughters was Julia Ann who is my ggggrandmother. I can not find any further back than Harvey

and Martha. Any help you could offer would be great. Harvey was born around 1840 and Martha around 1845, they seem to stay right around Morgan County so I wonder why they don't turn up there anywhere. Oh well you see my problem. Can you help? I'm at mamajones_us@yahoo.com. Thanks Deb"

* Mary Cooper is working on the following line;

1860 Census, Red River Co., Texas
#86 John C. Coffey, 55, male, farmer,
born Tenn.

Martha 31, female,
born Tenn.

Elizabeth 12, female,
born Tenn.

William 9, male, born Ark.

James 6, male, born Ark.

Susan 2, female, born Ark.

John C. Coffey's **brother follows;**
Ashby Coffey, 38, male, farmer,
born Tenn.

Eliza 32, female, born S. C.

Robinson, 12, male, born Tenn.

America 6, female, born Ark.

Margaret 3, female, born Ark.

Also listed:

Jesse Coffey, 64, male, farmer,
born N.C.

Joel Coffey, 31, male, born Tenn.

Polly Coffey, 18, female, born Ark

Mary says that this is the group that she is working on. They were in Hempstead Co., AR and lived in Grainger Co. TN between 1849 and 1859. She thinks this Jesse Coffey is Holland Coffey's cousin. If you can help Mary, her address is 311 S. 9th Street, Hugo, OK 74743.



OBITUARIES**FRANCES COFFEY**

Frances Coffey, known as Fran, was born in Wellman, Iowa, on April 4, 1913, and died April 25, 2002 in Tucson. Fran came to Tucson in 1938 and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1942 with a degree in Political Science. Known in the Tucson community for his career in printing and public relations. Fran owned and operated the Fran Coffey Printing Service on E. Speedway for 14 years prior to serving as publicity chairman at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum from 1968 to 1972. Prior to service in the US Navy for three and a half years, some of that time overseas in the S. Pacific during WWII, Fran had been an employee of Tucson Newspapers, Inc. During Fran's career in printing and journalism, he actively participated in Tucson's musical community, including the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Beaver's Tucson Concert Band. Fran was also active in Rotary International, where he served on various Rotary district committees and was Governor of Rotary District 550 in 1971-72. Up until the time of his death, Fran was a member of the Saguaro Rotary District.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Bess Howell Coffey of Tucson; a brother, Dr. James Coffey from Emmetsburg, IA; two sisters, Marcia Morgan from Vicksburg, MS, and Diana Halda from Washington, IA; two daughters, Mary Turner from Hancock, MA and Patricia O'Coffey from LaHonda, CA; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Services were held at the Unitarian-Universalist church, Tucson. (Info from Mrs. Bess Coffey)

COFFEY, FLORA CONNER

Flora Coffey, age 83, of Knoxville,

passed away Thursday, July 11, 2002 at St. Mary's Residential Hospice. She was a member of Corinth United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Clifford Coffey and son, Clifford Marshall Coffey. Survivors: daughter and son in law, Patsy Ellen and Kenneth Eugene Cantwell; son and daughter in law, Frank Alan and Mary Coffey; grandchildren, Michelle Marie Cantwell, Teresa Lynn Coffey and Frank Joseph Coffey; step grandchildren, Mary Ann Schutchfield Hutchison and Zachary Baldwin. Family and friends will meet at Lynnhurst Cemetery Sunday for a grave side service. Rev. Brian Kearns officiating. Pallbearers: David, Michael and Joshua Blair, Richard and Todd Curreton, Zachary Baldwin, Jim Waddell, Bryan, Kevin and Shannon Yarbrough.

(From B. Loftin - Knoxville, TN newspaper)

COFFEY, GERALDINE D.

Geraldine D. Coffey, age 85, of Maryville, passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at Wellington Place. She was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and was preceded in death by her husband, Harley Coffey; brother, Sonny Davis and sister, Marilyn Lonas. Survivors include stepsons, Kyle Coffey and wife, Peggy, Ransom Coffey, Paris Coffey and wife, Frances, all of Maryville; step grandchildren, Kevin and Sherry Coffey, Brad and Karen Coffey, Randall and Debbie Coffey, Terry and Darlene Coffey and Glenda and Gary Thomas; brother, Robert Davis of Maryville; sisters, Patsy Dockery of Atlanta, Ga., and Carolyn D. Lonas of Maryville. Funeral services were held in McCammon-Ammons-Click Funeral Home Chapel Internment in Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

DOCUMENTS - GALORE**OBITS, MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS**

These are newspaper clippings sent to us by Camilla LaFavers from the Russell Co. KY Newspapers.

ADAIR CO. KY, Newspaper, 1908

ROBERT GRAVES COFFEY

**A Prominent Young Man of Columbia,
After a Long Illness, Meets Death
EVERYBODY WHO KNEW HIM MOURNS**

Last Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock, after an illness of several years, Robt. Graves Coffey, one of Columbia's most prominent and highly respected young men, the fourth son of Joseph and Jennie Coffey, calmly closed his eyes in death.

It was known throughout this county that the deceased could not recover, as he was a victim of pulmonary trouble; and while the family and his friends had nerved themselves for the breaking of life's cord, the hearts of the people of this community bled when the intelligence of his demise was announced.

"Bob" Coffey was a true Kentucky gentleman. He stood for the right and the littleness in any man met his disapprobation. When in health he met you with a smile and invariably his words of greeting were those of cheer. No Young man has died in this community for years that brought more universal sorrow, genuine sympathy being expressed in every household for the bereaved parents and the four surviving brothers and other relatives.

The deceased was born in Columbia August 27, 1872, hence he would have been 36 years old had he lived until his next birthday. At the age of 16 he made a profession of his faith in Christ, united with the Presbyterian Church, and was faithful to the end.

For Many years he was a book-keeper in the Bank of Columbia, and was very efficient in his work, and universally liked by the directory and the patrons of the institution.

Several years ago he concluded that he could better his condition by living elsewhere, and he went to Dallas, Texas, where he accepted a position in a large jewelry establishment, and where his manly conduct and genial disposition soon made him a host of warm, personal friends.

Ten months ago he became too weak to work and returned home and after spending a few weeks with his parents he went to the mountains of Tennessee, hoping that a higher altitude would be beneficial to his wasting constitution. He returned home seven weeks ago resigned to die surrounded by his loved ones.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. R. Kasey, assisted by Eld. Z. T. Williams. During Bro. Kasey's discourse there was scarcely a dry eye in the church, which was inadequate to hold many who arrived to gain admission.

The services concluded, all that was mortal of this beloved young man was laid to rest in the city cemetery, his grave being covered with beautiful flowers.

In testimony of the high esteem in which he was held in Texas, we publish below a letter from his employer, received by the deceased the first of April.

Dallas Tex. April 1st, 1908

Dear Coffey:

Marvin has just come in from Mr. Wheat's and tells me you are very, very sick. This is very sad to me as I had heard that you were much better and expected to return to Texas this

Spring. Coffey, I am sure you are ready to go to meet the Savior, if you must, and that you will have a much better time with Him.

I am one of many here who love you, Coffey and will be very sad if you cannot come back to be with us again, but I will see you again in the heavenly home, if not here. If you go before I do, when you see Rosecrans, tell him how much his mother and I and the children still miss him and think of him many times every day with love. Tell him that we will see him before long, and my father and mother and two children tell them we love them too. Good-bye, dear old Coffey, may the spirit of Christ comfort and strengthen you and those of your loved ones, for He is able to keep that which we have committed with Him until that day.

Your True Friend,
Arthur A. Everts

DANNY COFFEY

Danny Morris Coffey, Route 14, Bowling Green, formerly of Keltner, died in the City-County Hospital, in Bowling Green, Friday, May 27, 1977 from injuries received on the previous Sunday in a motorcycle accident.

He had just graduated and had worked one **week**. He was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church at Keltner and was 22 Years of age.

He is survived by his father and mother, Ural Coffey and Clarice Rodgers Coffey; his wife Sandra Smith Coffey; one sister, Anita Blaydes, Sulphur Well; one brother Rodger Coffey, **Campbellsville**; three nieces and one nephew.

Bro. Pat Humphrey officiated at the funeral service Sunday at Grissom, **Maupin**, Heskamp and Morrison Funeral Home; with burial in Pleasant

Ridge Cemetery. The pallbearers were Ronnie Brock, Rick Atwell, Richie **Coomer**, Paul Parks, Billy Coffey and Ronnie Coffey.

BERNICE COFFEY

Mrs. Bernice Coffey, age 64, of Shelbyville, Indiana, formerly of Russell County (KY), died at Community Hospital in Indianapolis, IN, Wednesday evening, September 25, 1985.

Born in Jamestown on Jan. 17, 1921, the daughter of the Late James and Hettie Miller Whittle, she was a **housewife**, a member of Shelbyville Baptist Temple, and a resident of Shelbyville, Indiana, for 43 years.

She was united in marriage to **Buell Coffey** of Russell Springs on March 3, 1940, who survives. Other survivors include two children, a son Gordon Coffey, and a daughter, Mrs. Richard (**Gayla**) Hooper, both of Shelbyville; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one brother, Carl Whittle of Shelbyville; and one sister, Mrs. Geneva Reece of Russell Springs. One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Murphy Mortuary, Shelbyville IN was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

COFFEY BIRTH

Wesley Austin Coffey was born Jan. 15, 2002, 12:26 a.m. EST, at Springview Hospital in Lebanon. (KY)

He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. And was 20-1/4 inches long.

His parents are Brandy Michelle and Wesley Leon Coffey, Russell Springs, KY.

He is welcomed home by his two brothers Preston Sneed and Tristin Coffey.

Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Linda Roberts, Columbia.

Paternal grandparents are Ronnie

and Valerie Coffey and Sheila Coffey, Russell Springs.

Maternal great grandparents are Willie and Allen Foster and Nolan and Unema Roberts, Adair County.

Paternal great grandparents are Frank and Virginia Black, Russell Springs and Alvis and Marion Coffey, Adair County.

**THE TIMES JOURNAL, Russell Springs, KY Thursday, May 13, 1999, pg.11
HART'S CELEBRATE 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Bro. Danny and Jennie (Coffey) Hart were married May 24, 1969 in Somerset. Danny is the son of the late Charles and Wilmerth Hart and Jennie is the daughter of the late Cassius Clay and Okle Mae Coffey. The Hart's have three children, Clint, Cristy and Clarissa, all of whom reside in Russell County. The children wish to invite all of their friends and family to help celebrate this anniversary. The reception will take place at the Fairview Social Hall at East 80 Chevron on Sunday, May 23 between 2 and 5 p.m. No gifts please.

Bennie Loftin sent the following from the Dawes Rolls

[National Archives Microfilm Series M-1301, is essentially a record of the proceedings and documents required by the Dawes Commission with respect to disputed or doubtful applicants who applied for enrollment on the various "Five Civilized Indian Tribes" Dawes Roll. The following notes are representative of some of the family information that may be gleaned from searching this series. Additionally, it is often possible to find actual microfilmed copies of original marriage certificates and other pertinent family documents. "CARD #XXX" refer to the actual Dawes

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Card number, while "D #XXX" refers to a series of cards called "Disputed" or "Doubtful" Cards. An applicant on the latter "D-Cards" might, after additional evidence was presented, be transferred to a existing Dawes Card or a new Dawes enrollment card.]

CARD #1015

Thomas Jefferson Coffee married Luella Christian at residence of John Christian in Pickens Co., 4 JUL 1888 under Chickasaw License.

The daughter of Ellen Moore and John Christian.

Coffee had been married to Fannie Cliff, white woman, before - she died about one year prior to this second marriage.

Issue:

- 1.. Mamie Coffee born 18 Dec 1899
- 2.. John Lewis Coffee
- 3.. Cora Coffee

HUGH COFFEY

Barbara Coffey, at (herbgardenplus@earthlink.net) writes that she has just made a connection with Barbara Pike who has given leads on William E. Coffey. She says, "It looks like a real possibility that my William E. is the son of John Coffey and Margaret Baskin. It also appears that they were living in IL in 1822. Evidently the Baskins are connected in some way to a Coffee line that went to TX via Louisiana and GA." (This is from Barbara Pike. Note before you read: It appears via research Barbara Coffey has done that Thomas and James Baskin are siblings of Margaret Baskin, wife of John Coffey.)

Eliza Jane Laster b: Sept 19, 1827
in TN d: June 21, 1904 in Harmony,
Johnson Co., AR Burial: Harmony
Cemetery, Harmony, Johnson Co., AR
*1 st Husband of Eliza Jane Laster;
m. Melvin Coffee b: Abt. 1827
in AL m: Abt. 1843 d: Abt. 1846

Descendants of Eliza Jane Laster

1) Melvina P. Coffee b: **1844** in
AR, d: 1888

m. Maston Roy b: Abt. 1841
m: Bef. **1861** in AR, d: Bef. 1861

*2nd Husband of Melvina P.

Coffee: m. John S. Laster b: 1832 in
TN, m: Feb **10, 1861** d: **Aft. 1880** in AR

2) James Gilliam Coffee b: Dec
25, 1845 in AR, d: **Jan 07, 1933**
Burial: Harmony Cemetery, Johnson
Co., AR

m. Elizabeth Harkreader b: Feb
03, 1845 in AR, m: Nov 14, 1867 d:
April **27, 1882** Burial: Harmony
Cemetery, Johnson Co., AR

*2nd Wife of James Gilliam

Coffee: m. **Sallie** Powell b: March 06,
1862 in TN m: Jan 19, 1883 d:
April 24, 1937 Burial: Harmony
Cemetery, Harmony, Johnson Co., AR

*2nd Husband of Eliza Jane Laster;

m. James Calhoun Baskin b:
1822 in Wilson Co., TN, m 1848, d:
April 1864

3) Nancy Rebecca Baskin b: Oct
11, 1848 in AR, d: March 18, 1873
Burial: Harmony, Johnson Co., AR

m. William Taylor Mauldin b:
1848 in GA, m: Oct **1, 1868** in Johnson
Co., AR

4) Eliza Belle Baskin b: 1851

5) Orpha E. Baskin b: Jan 28,
1854 in Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR
d: Feb 1, 1903 Clarksville, Johnson
Co., AR Burial: Bethlehem Cemetery

m. **Isham** Yandell b: Sept 15,
1849 in Haywood Co., TN m: March
04, **1873** in Johnson Co., AR d: Nov 4,

1936 in Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR
Burial: Bethlehem Cemetery

6) Hance Calhoun Baskin, b: Feb
20, 1859 in Wilson Co., TN, d: Feb 13,
1888

m. Mattie L. Huddleston, b: Jan
1859 in AR, m: March 6, 1879 in
Johnson Co., AR

7) Melissa Carolina Baskin b:
Dec 3, 1861 in AR, d: Jan 24, 1923

m. William Matthew Taylor, b:
Abt. **1852** in AR, m: Jan 5, 1879 in
Johnson Co., AR

*3rd Husband of Fli?a Jane Laster:

m. Thomas M. Baskin b: Sept
29, 1807 in TN m: Jan 14, 1861 in
Johnson Co., AR, d: Nov 9, 1889 in
Harmony, Johnson Co., AR Burial:
Harmony Cemetery, Harmony,
Johnson Co., AR

8) Robert L. Baskin b: June 09,
1868 in Johnson Co., AR, d: March 12,
1913 in Johnson Co., AR Burial: Har-
mony Cemetery

m. Mary E. McWhorter b: Aug
26, 1868 in MO, m: Abt. 1886 d:
April 16, 1960 Burial: Oakland Cem-
etry, Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR

9) Susan Baskin b: May 10,
1871 d: May 17, **1871** in Johnson
Co., AR. Burial: Harmony Cemetery,
Johnson Co., AR

* Sheri P. Kelly sent the following
information on cemeteries. Possibly
someone living are passing this way
might look them up and send more
information on them. Sheri says:
"There is also a small Coffey cemetery
in or near Athens, between Athens and
Sweetwater, TN on Hwy 11. The doctor
I used to take my father to, was Ben-
jamin Coffey. He told me several times
about the family cemetery which is on
his grandfather's farm in a back pas-
ture. Dr. Ben knew a little of his an-

cestry and he stated he was related to all the Coffey's in Tennessee. Now, Dr. Ben is in his 50's easily so I imagine his gf is deceased. He said any time I wanted to go locate it and take pictures, let him know and he'd give me directions. Well, now here I am in Louisiana and will never get that done.

I have located a Confederate marker in Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery which has Calvin Coffey's name on it. If you want to contact Sheri, bluemoonrotts@yahoo.com

* Bennie Loftin forwarded the following record from Juanita Daniels

**OZARK COUNTY, MISSOURI,
BIRTHS FROM 1884 TO 1885**

M/D/Y of Birth: 3-__-1884

Name of Child:

Sex: male

No. of Child of Mother: tenth

Where Born: Bridges Twp

Mother's Name: Mary COFFEY

Mother's Age: 18

Mother's Birthplace: TN

Maiden Name: ANDERSON

Father's Name: James COFFEY

Father's Nationality: USA

Father's Occupation: farmer

Nationality of Mother: USA

Father's Birthplace: MO

Attendant: R.S. SMALL

BLANTON FAMILY REUNION

Jerry Coffee (Piano, TX) and his wife Cynthia attended the Blanton Family reunion and dinner at the Bethel Baptist church near Whitewright Texas. It was held at the little unincorporated community of Pilot Grove. That little town was a thriving community in the middle to late 19th century. The rail-

road by passed it in 1878 and the community died. The area is also known as Licksillet. It was located near the Black Cat Thicket at the heart of the bloody Lee-Peacock feud that raged from 1865 through 1870. My great grandfather Joshua David Coffee lived in Orangeville, Texas which was about 20 miles away and drove a freight wagon for a freighting company that was located in Pilot Grove. The Missouri Kansas and Texas Railroad purchased a tract of land for the right-of-way owned by New York investor Jim Whitewright and established the community of Whitewright, Texas in 1878. That closed the freighting company and my great grandpa Joshua Coffee had no means to support his growing family. Joshua Coffee and Mary Lou (Blanton) Coffee decided to leave Fannin County when the railroad came to Whitewright and moved where there was no railroads. There was still a need for teamsters in west Texas and a family could get acreage from the state just for the cost of the filing fee. That was in the Brown and Coleman County area on the west Texas frontier. He finally retired from hauling freight by wagon shortly after the Santa Fe Railroad came to Brown County in 1885. A teamster was the only occupation Joshua "Doss" Coffee knew from the time he learned to handle a team of mules on a covered wagon in 1855. That was when he and his brother's family left Smith County Tennessee and came to Fannin County and settled in Orangeville. He was only 7 years old when he first learned to handle a team of mules.

I learned some interesting things at the Reunion. I shared genealogy with Betty Blanton Crabtree, a family researcher who is Andrew Jackson Blanton's granddaughter. A.J. Blanton was my great grandmother's brother.

NEW YORK COFFEYS

Benjamin Franklin Blanton, another one of my great grandmother's brothers, married the daughter of frontiersman Daniel Boone's nephew. Joseph Boone and my great great grandfather Joshiah Blanton came to Fannin County on a wagon train from Missouri 1856. Great, great grandfather Joshiah Blanton built a log cabin in Orangeville and lived in the same home the rest of his life.

John James Coffee and Joshua D. Coffee were their immediate neighbors in Orangeville. The 1860 Fannin County census was taken in July and the Blantons and Coffees were listed in separate households but were next to each other in the census. They were listed in separate households because my great grandfather Joshua Coffee (age 21) and Mary Lou Blanton (age 19) were married in December 1860, four months after the census was taken. Joshiah Blanton was not the head of household in the 1860 census. He was listed after his children and his wife. She was listed as head of household and that indicates that the person was either "non compos mentis" (senile) or could not be the head of the household for some other reason.

My great, great grandfather Joshiah Blanton was born in 1808 in Rutherford County NC. He was a veteran of the Cherokee Indian Wars in 1838, serving in Capt. Irvin's Company, Col. J.G. Bynum's 78th Regiment of NC Volunteers. His wife Lucy Westbrook Blanton received his pension for his service in the Indian Wars starting in 1892.. My great, great, great grandfather Jeremiah (Jerry) Blanton was Gen. George Washington's personal bodyguard during the Revolutionary War.

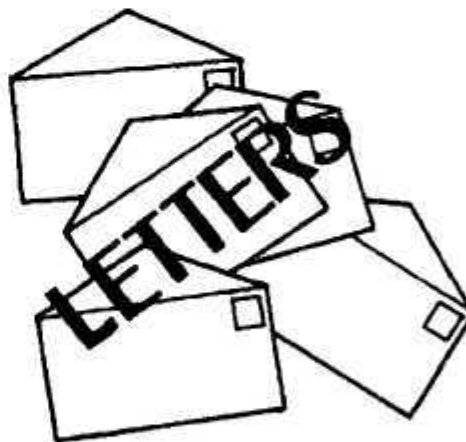
* M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, editor of "Ye Olde Coffey Grounds", sends the following record;

Early Marriages compiled by Ralph H. Weller, donated to Orange Co. NY Genealogy Society;

Edward Coffee and Anna Brown were married 8 Feb 1808 at the Presbyterian Church in New Windsor (Orange Co.) New York.

From Ye Olde Coffey Grounds; Edward Coffey (1786-1849) was s/o John Coffey (d. 1818) and Experience (1756-1847) of Lee, MA and Central Valley, NY.

Anna (1784-1861) was d/o of William S. Brown, a Quaker. They lived in Cornwall, NY. Both are buried in Friends Cemetery, Cornwall. They had 5 sons, 3 daughters (1825 census).

NEW ADDRESSES

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CLEVELAND COFFEY 1810-1863by **Bennie Loftin**

Cleveland Coffey was born about 1810 in North Carolina. According to Caldwell County, North Carolina Court Record, Cleveland was dead by mid 1863. A 1894 biographical sketch of his son, Andrew Jackson Coffey, written for A REMINISCENT HISTORY OF THE OZARK REGION, states that Cleveland returned to the Old North State, where he died. We know by his Caldwell County, NC Estate Settlement that he did not die in Ashe County, but he may have first returned there. His father, Jesse Coffey, died in Ashe County, NC in 1840. Cleveland is living in Grainger County, TN in the 1840 and 1850 Federal Census. Cleveland's wife in 1850 was Malinda Coffey. He is not listed in the 1860 census for Grainger County, TN or the Ashe County, NC, but there is a C. Coffey in Caldwell County, NC in 1860 that fits the age for Cleveland. In this census, his wife is Mary.

Cleveland Coffey's Estate Settlement first appears in Caldwell County, North Carolina in the Oct. 1863 Term of Court. (Note: The name is spelled Cleaveland in this document.) Cleveland did not leave a will. One page dated October Term 1863, says "since the last Term of this Court her husband, Cleaveland Coffey, a resident of this county, died intestate possessed of a small personal estate." There is a page that says "I, Mary An Coffey, widow of Cleaveland Coffey, late of the County of Caldwell and State of North Carolina do hereby renounce my right to administer on the estate of the said Cleaveland Coffey in favor D.P. Mast, who represents the largest creditor against the said estate. Attest: William C. Coffey and Mary An (her mark) Coffey." No date give.

Since he died intestate, there are thirty-five pages of court documents concerning his estate and minor "infant" children. One page dated 19 Oct 1863 is signed by William Coffey and Mary Coffey (her mark) and appears to appoint Mary Coffey and William Coffey as administrators of Cleveland Coffey's estate. There is a list of property sold on 20 Nov 1863 by William Coffey administrator of Cleaveland Coffey, deceased. William "Keith" Blalock, adopted son of Austin Coffey, was a buyer of **livestock**. Zackeus Coffey, Cleveland's brother, bought several items. It also says that "the commission appointed to lay off and allot to Mary Coffey, the widow of Cleaveland Coffey, deceased, failed to meet and **alot** to the widow her years allowances", signed by William Coffey. There is a page for the Jan. 1864 Term of Court, William Coffey, **Adm.**

There **is** a long gap in the paper work from Jan. 1864 to 1869. The last date on settling the estate is 1871. Court Records of 20 Oct 1869 states that Cleaveland Coffey was survived by Mary Ann Coffey, his wife; and Jackson Coffey of Ozark County, MO; Susan Webb (formerly Coffey) of Mitchell County, NC; Holland Coffey of Bull's Gap, TN; Elvira Coffey of Globe, NC; Mahala Coffey of Catawba County, NC; Fannie Coffey and Perry Coffey of Mitchell County, NC; Sarah, Napoleon and Jesse Coffey of Globe, NC, his children and only heirs at law. D.P. Mast, administrator, clearly miss represent the date of Cleveland Coffey's death in the records where he was in charge of the estate. Cleveland did not die April 1867 as Mast says. Why on 20 Oct 1869 was the date of death given as April 1867? Did it have to do with the estate owing D.P. Mast money?

It is Civil War times, April 12, 1861

to April 9, 1865, the turmoil didn't end with the surrender of Gen. Lee. The HISTORY OF WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, War Times and Afterwards, tells a story of the siblings of Cleveland being on opposing sides. William, Reuben and McCaleb favor the cause for the Confederate States, while another brother, Austin, and his step-son, W.M. "Keith" Blalock, were Union sympathizers. Blalock and his friends killed William C. Coffey.

Perry, Sarah, Napoleon and Jesse Coffey are "infants" under twenty-one years of age and without any guardian. The estate consisted of about fifty acres of land more or less, worth about \$100 and personal property in his stock to the value of \$100. Sarah, Napoleon and Jesse are living in Globe where Mary resides, but Perry is in Mitchell County, where his sister, Susan, lives. I consider this another clue that Mary Ann is not Perry's mother.

In the 1860 Census, there is a space in the birth order of the children. It appears that Mary Ann is the mother of Sarah, Napoleon and Jesse. If one uses the second names of the children in the 1850 census, then those children in the 1860 Census, that were born before 1850, ages match up, all children that should be on the 1860 census are not, but in those days many of young children died. In this 1860 Census for C. Coffey, there is a son named Perry, who is close to the right age of the Perry Coffey living next door to Andrew Jackson Coffey in Ozark County, MO in 1880. Known siblings of Cleveland are living in the same area of Caldwell County. Cleveland's brother William and his wife Sarah are living next door to C.

Coffey in 1860.

Cleveland's occupation was a blacksmith in 1850 and a farmer in the 1860 census. I checked 1850 Caldwell

County, NC Census for any Coffey men that would be the right age and their names begin with a "C", found none that would fit "C" Coffey in 1860 Caldwell County, NC. The Estate Record for Cleveland Coffey does prove that "C" Coffey and wife Mary is the above Cleveland. It also proves a third wife for Cleveland named Mary Ann, maybe Mary Ann Miles.

Cleveland's father, Jesse Coffey, was born about 1771 in Burke County, NC, died 31 Jan 1840. He married about 1811 to Margaret Edminston. Jesse was the son of Reuben Coffey and Sarah "Sally" Scott. Reuben Coffey was the son of John Coffey and Jane Graves. John was the son of Edward Coffey and Ann Powell.

In 1844, a land transaction involving heirs of Jesse Coffey in Ashe Co. NC, names Cleveland and Jesse T. Coffey living in Grainger County, TN as his sons. Cleveland and Jesse T. went to Tennessee before the 1840 census was taken. Jesse and Margaret Coffey were the parents of Sarah, married Nathan Green; Reuben, married Rachel Hayes; Jesse T., married Lettie Collins; William Clayton, married Sarah Green; Cleveland; McCaleb, married Sarah Hayes; Margaret, married Zacharias Coffey; Austin, married Mary Blalock; Nancy, married Burton Gragg; and Mary Jane, later married Reuben Dellinger.

Cleveland's first wife was Susan Hayes, possibly from the same family as Nancy Hayes, wife of Benjamin Coffey 1808-1867. Nancy was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Hayes, both born in Virginia. This is not the same Thomas Hayes who married Sarah Rucker and lived in Grainger County, Tennessee.

Susan Hayes was the mother of Cleveland Coffey's first five children. The Ozark County, Missouri story tells us this and names the five children. He

married Malinda Coffey on 11 Nov 1839 in Grainger County, TN. The 1850 Grainger County, TN census records five children for this marriage. I think, Malinda was the daughter of George Coffey and Margaret Rucker, no proof, but the names they gave their children fits that Coffey family. Cleveland moved back to North Carolina sometime after September of 1851.

According to Basil Coffey of Pontiac, MO, grandson of Andrew Jackson Coffey through Albert Coffey son of Andrew Jackson and Rachel, Andrew Jackson had a wife at the age of sixteen, who died of a "spell" after seventeen days of marriage. If so, this made four wives for Andrew Jackson Coffey and twenty children. He is seventeen in the 1850 Grainger County, TN census and is living in the household of James and Elizabeth McAnally. There is a marriage for Jackson Coffey to Pricilla A. Hayes on 3 Mar 1851 in Grainger Co. TN. This is probably the first marriage. Andrew Jackson Coffey was called "Jackson" by his family in Tennessee.

The following is a letter written by Horace Marcus Coffey to his cousin Harvey Coffey.

P.O. Box 5
Thorn Hill, TN3788;
25 Nov 1977

Dear Cousin Harvey,

I looked over your letter this week and am not certain that I answered it. You wrote me April 8, 1976 in answer to my inquiry about my great Uncle Jackson Coffey of Gainsville, Missouri.

I had heard my father speak of his uncle, Jackson Coffey, of having lived in Gainsville, Missouri, before he passed away in 1836. So I wrote to a Postmaster in Missouri and asked him if he could give me any information. He suggested that I write to you in

Springfield and said you might be able to give me some information. That is why and how I found your name and address. You have helped me very much. And your relative Mrs. Sandra (Coffey) McClung of Tulsa, Oklahoma has just helped me some more.

My father was John Cleveland Coffey, son of William Coffey, and William Coffey was the brother of Jackson Coffey of Gainsville, Missouri, and my father's grandfather was Cleveland Coffey of North Carolina. In other words Cleveland Coffey was the father of Jackson Coffey and my grandfather William Coffey. So from that you can tell what kin you and I are.

My father was a farmer, and a timber man on the sideline. He was only two years old when his father volunteered into the Confederate Army and his father was killed in the Confederate Army. This caused very hard life for my father to lose his father when he was so young. But my father was a very industrious and cheerful through life. His mother lived until about 1912. There were six sons and five daughters of us. All lived to be above 64 years, most over 70 years old. Now I **only** have one brother Jefferson, who is 85 and going about well, and have two sisters living, one 77 years old and one sister 71, and I am 74, and in good health. I am a retired Postmaster of Thorn Hill, Tennessee. This is the place where grandfather William Coffey enlisted in the Confederate Army at the start of the war. My uncle, Elijah Wolfe, Mother's only brother to survive the war was in the same company with grandfather Coffey, which was Company D 26th Tennessee Infantry.

This Uncle Elijah Wolfe lived til 1930 - at 89 years old. He said grandfather Coffey was shot through the thigh and

was getting better until he walked out to watch the doctors amputate another soldier's leg, and his leg broke loose and bled him to death, while my uncle had to leave him and go into battle near Atlanta, Ga.

I have grandfather's enlarged picture, showing him a bit stout build with reddish beard.

Here is hoping, Mr. Coffey, that you are enjoying good health and will have many more years living.

Cordially, Your Cousin, Horace

Marcus Coffey

The OZARK COUNTY, MISSOURI HISTORY story states that the journey by wagon in November 1854 from East Tennessee to Missouri took twenty-six days for the Andrew Jackson Coffey family.

Andrew Jackson Coffey served in the Home Guard to the fall of 1861, when he joined Col. John S. Phelps* Regiment of Six Month Troops. He was stationed at Rolla most of the time of that enlistment. He then served with the Missouri State Militia and later the 6th Provisional Regiment. In the spring of 1864, he was detailed home to raise a crop and in the fall of that year, he joined the 46th Missouri Infantry as a Second Lieutenant of Company I. Andrew Jackson served as sheriff of Ozark County, being appointed by the Governor to finish a term in May of 1865. He was elected to a six year term for sheriff in March 1867. Then in 1873, Andrew Jackson Coffey was elected to the Missouri State Legislature on the Democrat ticket. After 1892, he cast his lot with the Republican Party.

His farm consisted of two hundred forty-seven fertile and well tilled acres, located about four miles below Gainesville, MO.

Cleveland and Susan (Hayes) Coffey's children and Andrew Jackson

Coffey's children by all his wives were listed in a story about Andrew J. Coffey in A REMINISCENT HISTORY OF THE OZARK REGION published in 1894 in St. Louis, Missouri. This was our only source for the names of those children that died young and didn't appear in any census with the parents. The 1840 Grainger County, TN census recorded three young males and one young female in Cleveland Coffey's household.

Children of Cleveland Coffey & Susan Hayes:

1. Andrew Jackson Coffey, b 1 Dec 1833 Ash County, NC, d 3 Dec 1903 Dugginsville, Ozark Co. MO; m 1 Sept 1851 Louisa Jane Hutchinson in Grainger Co. TN. Louisa, b 1 Apr 1833 in TN, d 13 Sept 1871 in Gainesville, MO, daughter of Jeremiah Hutchinson and Mary King. A.J. and Louisa moved to Missouri in 1854. They had eight children. A.J.'s second wife was a niece of his first wife. He married 11 Jan 1872 Howell Co. MO to Rachel Imes, daughter of William Imes and Mary Ann Hutchinson. They had eleven children. Rachel died 21 Feb 1892 at home near Gainesville, MO. His third wife Nancy (Hamilton) Tannehill married 10 June 1894, one child.

2. William W. Coffey, b 1834, d 11 July 1864, buried CSA Cemetery in Covington, GA; m Grainger Co. 1 Aug 1854 Gelina E. "Jillina" Shouse, b 18 Sept 1834, d 16 July 1916, buried near her grandson, Rufus Coffey's, house. Gelina, dau. of Peter Shouse and Malinda Moser. Gelina was a sister to Henry Thomas Shouse who married Dicy Coffey, daughter of John Jackson Coffey and Alsy Nash. After William W.'s death, Gelina married Noble Collins 2 Aug 1868. Noble was born about 1828, died Oct 1889.

William and four other Coffey Boys, Simeon, Perry, Calvin and Marvel joined Company 'D' 26th Tennessee Infantry in the Confederate States of America. William died near Marietta, Georgia of a shot in the thigh in the Battle of Missionary Ridge.

3. Thomas Y. Coffey, born 1835, served in Union Army 'B' Company 4th

4. Susan Elizabeth Coffey, b abt 1839 in Thorn Hill, Grainger Co. TN; m #1 in Grainger Co. 15 Nov 1858 James Crittenden Webb #2 Aaron McGinnis.

Susan and James Webb went to Ozark Co. MO in 1870's.

5. Martha Coffey, b aft 1840, died young

Children of Cleveland & Malinda Coffey:

6. George Holland Coffey, b abt 1841, died Portia, AR, served 33rd Vol. U.S. Infantry under Gen. Thomas Dive;

m #1 Samantha Ann Ridgway

7. Margaret Elvira Coffey, b 1842

8. Nancy Mahala Coffey, b abt 1844

9. Frances L Coffey, b abt 1846

10. Daniel P.M. Coffey, b abt 1849

11. Perry L. Coffey, b 1851/1853

Perry L. Coffey, born in NC, killed plowing the fields 5 June 1885 Ozark Co. MO; m 31 Jan 1878 Sally Steve Ann Sanders, b 26 May 1857, d 26 Dec 1943, dau/of Steven Sanders (14 Aug 1829-2 May 1899) & Pheba Ann Foster (22 Feb 1836). Court Records 8 Sept 1885 say Sally Coffey, widow of Perry L, deceased 8 Sept 1885, no letters of administration were approved.

Recorded 9 Sept 1851 in Grainger Co. TN Letters of Administration to Cleveland Coffee. Stating that Celia Emaline Coffee, late of said County had died intestate.

Who is Celia Emaline Coffey? Coffey is a name the court clerks never spell right even when they are told how to

spell it. It might be spelled Coffey at the beginning of the document, but misspelled by the document. Did Cleveland have another wife? This Celia Emaline Coffey found was from a transcribed copy and I do not remember looking at the original court record or looking for more information concerning this. If Malinda died after the 1850 Census, Cleveland would have had time to marry again. The above court record lets us know that Cleveland was still in Grainger County, Tennessee as late as September 1851.

Cleveland helped establish the United Baptist Church of Christ of Cedar Springs near Thorn Hill in Grainger County on 26 Jan 1846. Minutes of the church say he was chosen as church clerk at the meeting to organize.

Sources: Marvin D. Coffey, Marie Ryals, Robert Coffey, Jeff Coffey, Marcus Coffey, John Gray, Kenneth Pendergrass, Michelle Jones, Pamela Webb, Marynella Kinnard, Juanita Daniels.



COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION BEREA, KENTUCKY MAY 2 & 3, 2003

The Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse, a national Coffee/Coffey group, will hold their annual reunion May 2 & 3, 2003 at Boone Tavern Hotel; 100 Main Street; Berea, KY 40403; 1-800-366-9358; Fax: 859-985-3715.

You are invited to attend, visit interesting sites, and attend the banquet on Saturday. Make your own hotel reservations at Boone Tavern. Make banquet reservations with Bennie Loftin.

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December issue will have more on date, cost, and time of banquet. This area is Coffey country.

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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

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