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## **SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS ARE DUE JAN 1.**

Dear Cousins,

Please look at date on the upper right corner of the address label on your newsletter. If it says 12/31/02, your subscription of is due. The new price is \$10 in US and \$12 outside of US. This is an increase in price.

After consulting with the board, I decided that I had to raise the subscription fee. Postage rates of 60 cents finally got me! In the 14 years as editor of CCC, I have been proud of keeping the price at \$8. In 1989, when I began, postage was 45 cents and the newsletter was 10 to 12 pages. I now print 18 pages, postage is 60 cents and computer ink has sky rocketed. We have also had some very generous donors that has helped to pay for free library copies. I do hope that this increase will not cause anyone to drop their subscription.

Bennie Loftin asks that I suggest you bring a pedigree chart to the Berea Convention to share. It sounds like a very good idea but don't make it a reason not to attend. We want you anyway! A chart is a good topic of discussion to open a dialogue with a new cousin.

Be sure to read the NEW FINDS, section, page 2. There are some good ones there. Also be sure to answer any queries if you can. It helps to make

new researchers feel like part of the group. This person might possibly have the key to what you are looking for. I know Christmas is a busy time, but sharing is what Christmas is all about. While you are at it, don't forget to send a card to our bereaved cousins.

Jim and I wish all our Coffee / Coffey Cousins a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, your cousin,

*Shame*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Cousins-

You would think that time would sprain an ankle or something and slow down just a little bit once in awhile - but it hasn't happened for me. If anything it seems to be on a down hill run picking up speed. Guess being here to experience it and enjoy those along side us is a nice reward.

All the good info is in this letter about the great reunion Bennie Loftin and her Kentucky cousins are putting together for us. Sounds like we have some wonderful opportunities for superb sightseeing on the way in and out of Kentucky as well as some different exposures to areas where the Coffey name is known and influenced the future that was to come for that area. Now, those handicrafts will certainly get the attention of many of our cousins. And we will have time to sit around and exchange stories and look for hidden ancestors as we visit with some new cousins as well as enjoy visiting with those from prior times.

Mark your calendar! **GET ON THE PHONE AND MAKE THOSE HOTEL RESERVATIONS—NOW! NOW! NOW!**

Look forward to seeing you in Berea Kentucky **FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY 2003.**

Cousin Jeff

**DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS**

Bennie Loftin sent the follow correction:

"Margaret Coffey, daughter of John Coffey and Elizabeth Rucker, was born 28 Feb. 1823, not 1825. The 1900 census and her tombstone have the 1823 birth year. This is an error that was made in **LIZZIE'S LEGACY** and I am iust now finding it."

**NEW FINDS**

\* The following was entered into the Coffey Cousins' website "guestbook." Jack thought it would be worth sharing. The writer's name is John W. Coffey II, and his e-mail address is: [artsar@BellSouth.net](mailto:artsar@BellSouth.net)

"This may or may not be news, but I recently came across the date and place of death of JANE GRAVES, widow of John Coffey. While leafing through the estate records from Wilkes County on deposit at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh. I found a document, dated 10 January 1793, written on behalf of Thomas and Benjamin Coffey, executors for their father John Coffey of Albemarle, Virginia. The document refers to the estate of John Coffey "which was left in the hands of Jane Coffey[,] the Wife of Said, who died in the County of Wilkes in the year 1792."

\* Jo Ann Hatch says, "I found a little information on another of the children of William B. Coffey today! Remember William B. and Delia are the parents of Rich, John H., Elizabeth, Clominda Jane and one child named Thursa which I have never had any info on."

Thursa M. Coffey married Joseph E. Sentle on 9 October 1851 in Chattooga Co., Georgia. She probably never came to Texas with the rest of the family.

Jo Ann's email address [isjahatch@whitemtns.com](mailto:isjahatch@whitemtns.com)

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Edward

**NEW COUSINS**

\* Edward S. Hongess, descends from Edward Coffey through son, John Coffey and his son James Coffey, his son Ambrose Coffey, his son George Washington Coffey, his son Albert Coffey, his son Listen Pancoast Coffey, his daughter, Ruth (Coffey) Baker, her daughter, Kathryn Baker Hongess to Edward. Edward's aunt, Gwendolyn B. McConathy is listed in "MAIL BOX" section. We need to print more of this line as Marvin Coffey's book only carries this line to George Washington Coffey. It does not tell who he married or any dates for him. I hope we hear more from Edward and Gwendolyn. See New Names list for Edward's address.

**NEW BOOK**

**RADFORD MONROE REAMS & his wife,  
JESSIE FURMAN COFFEE**  
Ancestors & Descendants  
by Radford Reams Goodloe Sr.  
Soft cover, 154 pages, \$10. Post.pd.

This is a great price for genealogy book of it's size. If you are collecting Coffee/ey information as I am, this is a must buy book. Order from: Reams Goodloe, P.O. Box 942, Ormond Beach,

**MAIL BOX**

\* Lorie Okel wrote that she was going to the hospital to have hip surgery. We hope it all went well and she is as good as new by now. You can write to her at 18625 NE August Ave., Battleground, WA 98604-9255.

\* Gwendolyn B. McConathy's mother is Ruth Coffey Baker. Ruth's father was Listen Pancoast Coffey and the genealogy reads - Albert G. Coffey, George Washington Coffey, Ambrose Coffey and James Coffey. Gwendolyn's grandfather, Listen Coffey, took his family from Kentucky to Oklahoma before statehood. However, three other Coffee/eyes were exploring that area fifty years before he went there, namely, Holland Coffey, Gen. Thomas Jefferson Coffey and Gen. John Coffee. Gwendolyn's address is 6827 East Coronado Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

\* Mary Bush writes, "I may just have to attend the convention in Berea, KY. My husband's Coffey line is the Northern branch and most of the Cousins correspondent's are of the Southern line. I was doing some browsing not long ago and found information on his mother's line - leading to the Southern Coffey's!. So now I have to read back through the newsletters and try to verify this information. Along with researching my own lines and keeping up with current birth's/ marriages, deaths. Yikes, how do you manage? Mary [Bush-marymb@direcway.com](mailto:Mary-Bush-marymb@direcway.com)

**OBITUARIES****VIRGINIA COFFEY**

Virginia Coffey died July 9, 2002. She was married to William (Bill) J. Coffey. Virginia and Bill, of Hermitage, PA have attended the Coffey Cousins Conventions for many years and were at the Dallas, TX convention in May. She will be fondly remembered & sadly missed by all who knew her.

**RUTH ELIZABETH LANNING**

Ruth Elizabeth (Woods) Lanning died 27 July 2002, Eugene, OR. She was born 1 Sept. 1926 in Briscoe, OK. She was married to Thurman Lanning on 20 Dec. 1952. Ruth was a school teacher and a long time researcher of the Coffey family. She was buried in Springfield Memorial Gardens, Springfield, OR. Many Coffey researchers knew Ruth. She was always ready to help. Our sympathy to Thurman.

**JAN ELLEN MOREHEAD**

Jan Ellen Morehead, age 38, of Rural Maquoketa, IA, died 8 Oct 2002 after a sudden illness. Jan was born 11 Dec. 1963 in Maquoketa, IA to Stuart and LaVonne (Clark)Morehead who survive at the home.

Jan attended Marquoketa Schools, graduating with the Class of 1985. She had been employed by DAC for 16 years. She is survived by one brother- Lynn Morehead of Andrew, IA; two sisters- LuAnn (Mrs. Tom) Cahill of Maquoketa, IA and Angle (Mrs. Bill)Purdum of Yellville, AR. She was preceded in death by a sister, Janet Lee.

Services were held at the East Iron Hill Community Church, officiated by Rev. Harold Butz. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Jan attended several of the Coffey Conventions including the Dallas Con-

vention 2002. Her smile spread cheer everywhere she went. She will be dearly missed by all the cousins who knew her.

**MARY ELSIE COFFEY**

Mary Elsie Coffey, 89, of Coffeytown, VA, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at her home. Mrs. Coffey was born Sept. 5, 1913, in Amherst County and was a daughter of the late Hiter and Mary (Higgenbotham) Coffey. She was a member of the Macedonia Methodist Church in Coffeytown and was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Coffey.

Mrs. Coffey is survived by one daughter, Jenny Townsend, Clinton, Conn.; one son, Thomas Coffey, Vesuvius, VA, two brothers, Hiter Coffey and Wiley Coffey, both of Amherst; three sisters, Helen Keith, Agricola, Hazel Humston, Roanoke, and Mildred Ray of Waynesboro; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, in the Green Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Murray Sallinger officiating.  
(From Becky Fox)

**OLA TURNBOW WELCH**

Ola Faye Turnbow Welch, 84 of McAlester died Saturday Aug. 10, 2002 at McAlester Regional Health Center. She was born April 7, 1918 in Indianola, the daughter of Jess and Mary Ann Johnson Turnbow. She attended school in Farley, Shady Grove and Tannehill before moving to California. She worked 20 years as manager for an apartment complex in Stanton, CA. She then worked as a hotel manager in Long Beach, CA for five years. She returned to McAlester in 1989.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jess Martin of McAlester, and Hughes and Phylis

Streithoust, Ozark, AR; three daughters and two son-in-laws: Barbara and Bud Smithers, Stanton, CA, Phylis Bealer, Anaheim, CA and Shannon Strelthorst and Richard Riffle, Page, TX. Also a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Terri Turnbow, of Enid; four sisters and three brother-in-laws, Irene Roth and Beatrice and Joe Hailey, all of McAlester, Lois and Swift Nyhart, Scottsdale, AZ, and Margaret and Wesley Quinn of McAlester. There are 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Mary Hosman; two sisters, Lillian Boyd and Teresa Dunagan and three brothers, Alvin Turnbow, Eli Turnbow and Marion Turnbow.

Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

#### DAVID MARTIN

David Martin died Wednesday Sept. 18, 2002. He was born in Three Sands, OK, on Jan. 13 1938, the youngest son of Alvin Dean and Lena (Barnett) Martin of Cleveland, OK. Lena is a cousin of Bennie Loftin. David Martin is a descendant of John and Elizabeth (Rucker) Coffey. We send our sympathy to the family.

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#### NEW ADDRESSES

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## MARRIAGES

### COFFEY-ROBINSON

The marriage of Miss Erica Star Robinson, dau. of Mr. & Mrs. Herman C. Bland, all of Chester, to Kevin Bruce Coffey of East Cleveland, OH, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Coffey of Euclid, OH, took place on July 27, 2002, at Second Baptist Church, Chester. Bridesmaids were; Miss Travis Spencer, Norrissa Gilliam, Angela Lee, Tohry Petty, Amy Davenport, Renee Charity and Shannon Nash. Junior bridesmaid was niece, Alivia Robinson.

Grooms were; brother, Sean Christopher Coffey, Leon Trapp, Bruch Coffey Jr., Henry Morseman, Brian Wilson, Anthony Robinson and Jerry Nash. Ring bearer was Jordon Jones. After the honeymoon, the bride & groom will live in Chesterfield County.

RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH,  
(From Jean B. Robinson)

### KINNARD- MESSINA

The marriage of Nicole M. Messina dau of Dr. & Mrs. Frank Messina to Heston Arlon Kinnard, son of Mr. Harris P. Kinnard, Jr and Mrs. Janice Stafford and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Harris Kinnard Sr. The wedding took place on 19 Oct 2002 in Pensacola, Florida. The reception was immediately following at the Museum of Commerce in downtown Pensacola. Matron of Honor and Best Man were Mark and Melissa Messina, brother & sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids; Tracy Casas, Paige Cramer, Athena Kemp (sister of groom), Julie McElroy and Meghan Verne. Groomsmen were Jonathan Davis, Jason Hoffman, Wade Kemp (brother-in-law to groom), Robert Stafford Jr, and Jason Tomley. The flower girl was Leslie Messina (niece to bride) and ring bearer, Hunter Kinnard (nephew of groom).

(From Grandmother Mary Kinnard)

**DEAD END ROADS**

\*Karen (Coffee) Moon is researching the line of William Madison Coffee, son of Eben or (Edwin) Cleveland Coffee, son of Nathaniel Coffee.

She was very appreciative of the information she has acquired from the website. If you can help Karen **with** this line, please contact her at 114 Conway Drive, San Antonio, TX 78209 or at one of her two email addresses; [karenmoon@msn.com](mailto:karenmoon@msn.com) or [Karen.Moon@stpaul.com](mailto:Karen.Moon@stpaul.com)

\* Kenneth Wayne Coffey writes, "It seems that my line, once you get down to the first Lewis Coffey (& Elizabeth Watters) has to be one of the least researched and Thomas and Benjamins of Edward's **line** the most researched."

"I do have one thing that is stumping me and I can't get past it and I keep coming back to it. Hate to let something just set there I have to have answers and this one has been with me since I stumbled on to it last year. My grandparents Oscar Hayden Coffey and Ethel Coco Coffey moved to Ashland, Cass Co IL many years ago after they were married **in** 1926. When they died they were both buried there in the **city** cemetery.

Up until my aunt Ada Mae Coffey White was buried there in **1990** I had always thought that my grandparents were the only ones buried in the cemetery with the Coffey name. I was in the cemetery looking at my great uncles grave (on my moms side) and I stepped back and at the foot of his grave were two small stone that were flush with the ground one was Wesley W. (Wanner) Coffey and the other was Floy M. (Marcellia) Coffey both children. No one on either side of my family knew they were even there let alone who they belonged to.

I went to the state and got copies of

their death certificates. Floy died in **1909** right after birth. Wesley died in **1918** in the flu epidemic just turning a teenager. The parents names on the birth certificates are Lewis Coffey and Elizabeth March or Mauk can't make the name out clearly by the script its written out in. Looks like the same person maybe the doctor filled them both out. It lists Ashland IL as where they lived but that the parents were born in Kentucky. So I have two kids floating around and dont know whatever happened to their parents. Did they just pack up and move after losing their second child in the same place? Did they also get the flu after moving and are buried someplace where no one knew them without any marker? Even so they themselves had to have had parents and most likely brothers and sisters. But so far I have hit a brick wall and it will bug me until I find out. I have posted it on the message boards but to this day not a nibble.

Well I guess this is not why I wrote you but I think you understand how it is when you get into family history. If you recognize this family, **write** Ken Coffey, P. O. Box 81, Virginia, IL 62691-0081

P.S. This area of Illinois is Little Wayne Co KY. Everyone you talk to here is from the area; Barnett, Powell, Spann, Lair, Thomas, and I have to watch what I say to them as most of them are related to me several ways.

Even my dads sister is my aunt on his side of the family and my great aunt of my mom's side of the family (Tinsley, White, McGinnis, Tobin, and **Cheatham**). "

\* Mary Jo Roberts is still looking for info on Benjamin Roberts b. Ca 1795 - 1800; m.1st supposedly to Judah Meadows and m. 2nd to Mrs. Coffee.

The family lived in Jackson, Bradley and McMinn Counties of TN. Benjamin's sons were William Stone Roberts and Joel Roberts. If you can help Mary Jo with this family, her mailing address is 1000 Bourn, Columbia, MO 65203 and email is [mrobertsw@coin.org](mailto:mrobertsw@coin.org)

\* Dave Lee says that his wife descends Thomas Coffey b. March 07, 1741/42 . He would like to share information. What Dave has is bits and pieces his wife's Uncle extracted from various books & records. If you can help, write David Hilary Lee, 3581 Alston Chapel Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312 e-mail: [davidhilary@pinehurst.net](mailto:davidhilary@pinehurst.net)

\*Dianne Rutherford is looking for information on Elizabeth Coffey or Coffee and John Cleveland. They are her 7th great grandparents. she doesn't have very much information on the Coffey/ Coffee Family and not even sure which spelling is correct. Deanne has a book written by Stephen O. Addison called, PROFILE OF A PATRIOT, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, Hero of Kings Mountain and it has the spelling Coffee. Dianne's email address is: [mawmawdl@cox.net](mailto:mawmawdl@cox.net)

\*Dick Coffey writes, "I just finished the Sept. issue of C.C.C. and really enjoyed it. I want to let you and all the other Coffey/ee's that read CCC know that I am still searching for the father and grandfather of William Franklin Coffey born 10-25-1849 in Ky. William F. came to Ill. about 1903 or 04 from Ky. and worked for the Chicago and Alton RR in Lincoln Ill. at the Tremont Street crossing as a flagman at the time of his death on 12-21-1911. He was 62 years of age and lived with his widowed daughter, Mrs. Berkley, on Logan Street about a block from the crossing.

He was hit and killed by a train at his crossing and is buried in Union Cemetery along side his wife, Mary C. Coffey (maiden name McQuery), who died 3 years earlier.

His obit and death certificate says his father was William Coffey of Ky. but that is all it says about his parents. It lists his mother as unknown. He was the father of 13 children, one of them being my grandfather James Daniel Coffey.

I had the occasion to be in Berea this past summer, which is just a short distance east of where I was researching my line of Coffey's in the Moreland and Hustonville Ky area. They settled there in the late 1800's.

I found out there that the Coffey' married into the Lane and Gordon families in that area but I could not find much past that. I am hoping to learn much more in Berea in May." Dick's address is 927 - 26th Street, Peru, IL 61354 and email: [dcoffey@ivnet.com](mailto:dcoffey@ivnet.com).

\* Bobbi Rosen says: "Jack Coffee said you may be able to put me in contact with some of the Coffey families from County Down Ireland. Specifically I am looking for the families of James Coffey b Jun 9 1881 ( I have a birth certificate for James) and Agnes Hamilton. I am also in possession of a marriage certificate for this couple. On the marriage certificate it says that the father of James was William Coffey. Father of Agnes was John Hamilton. They were married Feb 4, 1878 in the 'Parish of Innishargie". James was from Ballyeasboro Parish of Ballyhalbert and Agnes was from Ballyfinch Parish of Ballyhalbert. I can find no references to Ballyfinch on the net.

I have lots of information for others searching for this family, and I would be more than happy to help with the

subsequent branches of this tree. This particular family immigrated to Ontario Canada in 1883. Three of their children were born in Ireland. William, James, and Agnes while 3 others were born in Cardinal, Ontario, Canada. Any response would be appreciated. " Write to Bobbi at: [http://rosen\\_geneology.tripod.com](http://rosen_geneology.tripod.com)

\* Tony Ryder is looking for anything on Michael J. Coffey, tailor & draper whose last known address was 1401-1402 Association Bldg., 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago, IL. His telephone number was Central 3439 . Tony sent a picture that wouldn't copy well enough to print but the inscription on the bottom reads "To my dear little niece Ester, lovingly Uncle Michael, Chicago, Illinois." The "Ester" referred to was Esther Carroll, born in 1900 in Dublin, Ireland. She was the daughter of Hugh Carroll and Mary Coffey. Hugh Carroll ran a tailoring business on Essex Quay, Dublin.

Michael Coffey was Tony's great grandmother's brother and emigrated to the USA sometime around the turn of the century. Tony is hoping someone recognizes Michael and can contact him at 43 Raheen Close, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Ireland.

\* Lea Ann Coffey Lockard writes; "I have heard from Joann Hatch in Arizona (I met her through e-mail) that you have a "Coffey Cousins" newsletter? I would love to be connected with the newsletter if it exists! What a wonderful idea!" Her lineage is: Rich Coffey, Great-Great-Great Grandfather John Coffey, Great-Great Grandfather Joe Coffey, Great Grandfather Charlie Coffey, Grandfather Marion Howard Coffey, Father Lea Ann is from Meadows Place, TX, email: [Leaanncl@aol.com](mailto:Leaanncl@aol.com)

\* Carol Vande Voorde hopes that someone has information to share on a Dr. Frank Coffey. We quote, as she told her story:

"Recently I called you to ask If you knew of a Dr. Frank Coffey who practiced medicine in Albuquerque NM during the 1960's and 1970's. He was the head orthopedic surgeon at the Loveless Clinic in Albuquerque. My brother, Gary Bledsoe had been injured in an underground mine accident near Grants, NM and Dr. Coffey treated his injury for three weeks before finally having to amputate his leg. Dr. Coffey was very well respected in his field and gave my brother excellent care. Dr. Coffey's father had been a blacksmith (my brother thinks in Tennessee) and Dr. Coffey had a display of his father's blacksmith tools in his office. Dr. Coffey did his internship in Houston, TX. We are interested in knowing how Dr. Coffey fits into the Coffey Clan."

Carol also sent charts and stories about her Coffey lineage. Carol's great grandmother is Martha Jane Coffey who married Francis Marion Clark. She died after the birth of her eleventh child at the age of forty one. She was a diabetic and had been blind for 15 years. Two of her brothers were also diabetic and blind.

Carol says that about 15 years ago she went to Lewiston, ID to visit her Aunt Agnes who was Martha (Coffey) Clark's eleventh child. Carol says that Martha said that her Dad always said "You are just more Green Coffey." She didn't really know what that meant, nor did Carol. After tracing the family history, it is plain to understand. They go back to Reuben Coffey and Sally Scott three ways and to Richard Green and Elender Sullivan two times. "That's a pretty strong cup of Coffee/Coffey and

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a thick coat of Green, also heavy on the Scott and Sullivan families.' Maybe that had something to do with Martha Jane's and her brothers illnesses. Martha Jane's grandfather, William C Coffey was the William Coffey that was murdered during the Civil War by Keith Blaylock's men. He was taken to James Gragg's (another ancestor) property and shot to death.

1) Carol Ann Bledsoe is dau. of #2:

2) Ira Thomas Bledsoe (1907-1984)  
and Mabel Mary Clark (1914-1983)

dau. of #3

3) Harry Austin Clark (1884-1931) son  
of #4

and Mary Jane Cable (1880-1954)

4) Francis Marion Clark b. 5 Apr.  
1854, d. 17 Jun 1942 Elberton, WA

m. 2 Jan. 1875 to Martha Jane Coffey,  
b. 5 May 1859 Caldwell Co. NC, d. 11  
Apr 1900 Mitchell Co. NC -dau of #5

5) Silas C Coffey b. 1835 Burke Co. NC,  
d. 3 Jul. 1893 Caldwell Co. NC,  
son of #6

m. To Elender "Elly" Green b.  
Abt. 1840 Burke Co. NC, d. 23 Jun. 1909  
Caldwell Co. NC, dau. Abel Green &  
Mary Polly Gragg

Abel Green is a son of John Green &  
Elizabeth Coffey, dau of #8

6) William C Coffey, b. 1807/08,  
Burke Co. NC, d. Aft. 1860 Burke Co.  
NC, son of #7

m. to Sarah Green b. 1808 dau of,  
John "Moccasin" Green & Elizabeth  
Coffey, dau of #8

7) Jesse Coffey d. 1840 Burke Co. NC  
son of #8

m. to Margaret "Nancy" Edmiston

8) Reuben Coffey b. 1744, VA, d. 1818,  
Globe, Burke Co. NC son of #9

m. to Sally Scott b. Abt 1750, d. Oct  
1837, Burke Co. NC

9) John & Jane (Graves) Coffey, son of  
Edward & Ann (Powell) Coffey.

For more detail on this family, please  
write to her at: 3204 Hwy 95, Parma,

\* Brad Howland has a question. While going through the 1860 Census of Jackson Co., AL, he discovered something of interest. His gr grandfather, Weightstill Avery Coffey was living in Bridgeport, Jackson Co., AL. A merchant Michael Coffey was living in a boarding house or hotel during the same period. This Michael's place of birth was Ireland, whereas; Weightstill Avery Coffey was born in Tennessee. This Michael was not in the Jackson Co. AL census for 1870. Brad wonders if he might have been killed in the Civil War or did he relocate? Brad's address is 502 Market St., Scottsboro, AL 35768

\* Jodie Peschl is looking for information on a Sarah Culp. Her great great grandfather, Cornelius Culp married a girl named Sarah who died in late 1839, early 1840. I noticed a posting for "CULP, MRS. ? SARAH CURRY, d. 1839, 25-6" in a website on the Coffee family. I am curious if the Sarah in your website may be connected to the Sara my great great grandfather married. If you can help Jodie, her email address is [mpeschll@charter.net](mailto:mpeschll@charter.net)



**CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

\* On 9/11/2002 they spoke all of the names known to have been killed in the Twin Towers destruction a year earlier and there were two Coffeys listed; Daniel Coffey and Michael Coffey.

\* Sheri P. Kelly wrote that she went back to Ancestry.com and read the census again for Grainger Co. TN., 1840 page 95 A & B line 18. There was apparently only Nathan and Elizabeth (Coffey) Whitsett on the 1840 census on page A, but continuing to page B, there is an indication mark under Learned Professional Engineers and following that same line, there is a mark under No. of Scholars and in the very next box, No. of Scholars at Public Charge is 15. This is why she thought there must be a school located between John Coffey, Sr. and Benjamin Coffee. She says that perhaps, it was only a way of listing a man's education and educational responsibilities. If Mr. Whitsett was that educated he must have left footprints. Has anyone seen anything that might explain this entry. Sheri's email address is: bluemoonrotts@yahoo.com (CCC would like to know also. His wife Elizabeth was my ancestor too. BC)

\* Roxanne West, is a descendent of William Coffey. She says that as far as she knows her lineage, it goes like this:  
 George Coffee m. Margaret Rucker,  
 William Coffee b 6-20-1817, d 6-15-1878 m. Sarah Lucinda Coffee  
 b abt 1822, d 11-4-1895  
 Arnett Coffee m. Kissiah (Kizzie) Gray  
 Lucinda Ann Coffee m. James Tully Campbell  
 Ida Mae Campbell (had son out of wedlock with) Elmer Taylor  
 Charles Elmer West (he assumed

his Aunts married name since she raised him). He married Leota Marie Hammond

Edward Lee West m. Marilyn Jane Hansen

(me) Roxanne Marie West m. (1.) Kevin Dean Hauskins

Roxanne writes, "I have the tombstone of William Coffee in my possession. An article about it was printed on 8/23/2002 in the West Plains Daily Quill in West Plains, MO. A farmer who had purchased the land it was originally buried on had plowed up (what he thought was a rock) the tombstone, somehow knew the family it belonged to and gave it to my Grandfather (Elmer West). He had it in his barn for several years before he passed away in 1999. My father and I retrieved the tombstone in hopes to put it back to where it belonged, and I just found out this year where it finally needs to be. I hope to someday soon return to West Plains to lay it back where it came from. I have a lot more family information from Arnett on down. And thanks to a wonderful new cousin I found from West Plains, Shirley Dawson, I have been able to find more about our Coffee side of the family. William Coffee's tombstone reads with the spelling of Coffee, not as Coffey. I have all the dates and other info on a lot of the Coffee family now."

Roxanne send a copy of the picture that was in the West Plains Daily Quill about her trying to locate the site for the tombstone. She also sent a picture of her eldest living relative, Ola (Coffee) Campbell Custer. She is 96 years old and just a doll! She lives in Shenandoah, IA. Her parents were Arnett and Kiz Coffee. Roxanne's address is 632 Oakland Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, email: annlewest@cox.net

\* Jean Robinson sent a clipping from FAITH & VALUES, Sept. 14, 2002, Sat., page B6. The title of the story is; "When religion means you ask many questions." To summarize, the story is about Craig Coffey, his wife Jessica and their son Sy, and their conversion to the Unitarian Universalists. I suggest that if you wish to read the complete story, that you get the newspaper from your local Library or Library Loan.

\* Billie Coffee McKinney sent her lineage and I failed to get into the last issue. She descends from Peter Coffee. I have found some discrepancies in the early generations but will print it anyway. If you know of any errors that Billie & I have in this line, please let me know and we will correct them in the "DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS" in the next issue. I disagree with Billie's order of children for Peter and Suanne Coffee. Mary must have been the oldest if she was married in 1745. Her father didn't arrive until 1731. I don't recall hearing that families were brought on the prison ships. Were women on these ships??

#### DESCENDANTS OF PETER COFFEE Generation\_1:

PETER COFFEE, Sr. - born ca 1695 in Ireland & died Nov. 1771 Prince Edward Co. VA

(Will Bk.1, p. 132-w.d. 1 Jan 1771)  
m. SUSANNAH MATHEWS born bet 1700 & 1727 in Ireland, d. Abt 1796 Prince Edw. Co. VA

(Ed. Note: Peter was deported on the Ship "Forward Galley" from Newgate Castle prison and arrived Potomac in Jan. 1731. A birth date of 1695 seems too early!)

Children of Peter & Susannah (Mathews) Coffee

1. William Coffee, (see generation 2)
2. Peter Coffee, Jr., b. in Prince Edward

Co. VA, d. 6 Feb 1804, Hancock co. GA. He married Sarah Smith 14 Nov 1773, Granville co., NC, dau. of Guy Smith III. She was born abt. 1774 in Lunenburg co. VA.

3. Catharine Coffee, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas.

4. Mary Coffee, m. James Kendall, 25 Feb 1745, Overwharton Parish, Stafford co., VA

5. Hannah Coffee, d. 1814, Montgomery co., TN, m. James Weakly

6. Elizabeth Coffee

7. James Coffee, b. 27 Feb 1740, d. bef. 1742

8. Lydia Coffee, b. 25 Jan 1742

9. Joshua Coffee, b. 26 Jan 1744

(Marvin Coffey has 1745) Prince Edward co. VA, d. 8 Sept. 1797, Rockingham co., NC, m. Elizabeth Graves, 11 Aug. 1767 in Hanover co., VA dau. of Henry and Mary (Williams) Graves. She was b. 28 Jan. 1751, Hanover co., VA, d. 1804 Davidson co. VA

10. Benjamin Coffee, d. 9 Oct. 1743

11. Frances Coffee, d. 5 Jan 1740

Generation\_2

WILLIAM COFFEE, b. 1720 in King George co. VA, d. 1789 in Buckingham co. VA, m. Mary McAllister (Ed. Note: Birth date of 1720 is unlikely as Peter wasn't here until 1731. Marvin Coffey says b. prob. by 1734. This is still early for the date of Wm.'s first child in 1768)

Children of Wm and Mary (McAllister)

1. Abner Coffee, b. 24 Dec 1768 Prince Edward co., VA, d. 1836 in Campbell co., VA, m. Christiana Kelley, 21 Jul 1791, Prince Edward co., VA.

2. Dise Coffee, b. 13 Nov 1770

3. David Coffee, (see generation 3)

4. Eady Coffee, b. 26 Aug 1778, Bedford co., VA

5. Tildy Coffee, b. 12 Feb 1780, Bedford co., VA

6. Agnes Coffee, b. 29 Nov 1782, Bedford co., VA

7. Pleasant B. Coffee, b. 22 Mar 1785, Bedford co., VA, m. Judity Meadows, 30 Aug 1806, Prince Edward co., VA, 8. Joshua M. Coffee, b. 29 Sep 1789, Buckingham co., VA, d. 3 Oct 1842, McMinnville, TN, m. Jane Trousdale, 10 Jan 1810. She d. 1865 in Nashville, Generation 3.

DAVID COFFEE, b. 6 Feb 1775, Bedford co., VA, d. 2 Feb 1822 Smith co., TN, m. Syntha Meadows, Nov 4, 1801, Prince Edward co., VA

Children of David & Syntha (Meadows)

1. Malinda Coffee
2. Mary Coffee
3. William Coffee, m. Polly Conger
4. Martha Coffee, b. 1803
5. Joel Coffee, b. 20 Dec 1808, Smith co., TN, d. 31 Jul 1849, Smith co., TN, m. Martha Ellen Moore. She was b. abt 1815 in TN.

6. Joshua Coffee, b. 8 Feb 1810, d. 17 Dec 1890, Stanislaus, CA, m. Delilah Conger, dau. of Joshua Conger and Lucinda Owen. She was b. 2 Feb 1814, Smith co., TN, d. abt 1845, Smith co., TN. He married 2nd Sarah Hill. She was b. abt. 1814 in TN.

7. Stockard Watkins Coffee, b. 1811, m. Minerva Harper.

8. Nancy T. Coffee, b. 15 Jun 1816, m. John Lamberson.

Generation 4,

WILLIAM COFFEE, m. Polly Conger  
Children of William and Polly (Conger) Coffee

1. William B. Coffee, (see generation 5)
2. Jane Coffee, m. Joseph Wallace, 20 Jan, 1853.

3. Fannie Coffee

4. David Coffee, m. Nancy Nolen, 19 Dec 1853

5. Martha Coffee, m. Wm. Floyd

6. Nancy Coffee, b. 1835, Smith co., TN, d. 1909, Texas co., MO, m. William Hill in 1856, Smith co., TN

7. Elizabeth Coffee

Generation 5:

WILLIAM B. COFFEE, b. 14 Mar 1845, d. 22 Oct 1919, m. Tora (Sallie) Chapman. He was a Cpl. in the Union Army.

Children of William B. & Tora (Chapman) Coffee

1. Cornelia J. Coffee, b. 1878
2. Ava Coffee, b. 1880, m. J. E. Coggin in Dekalb co. TN

3. Eva Coffee, b. 1880, m. Robert Taylor. Twin to Ava.

4. Charlie W. Coffee, (see generation 6)

5. Martha Coffee

6. Nancy Coffee

7. Bob Coffee

8. David Pafford Coffee, b. 6 Aug 1895, d. 20 Nov 1972. (USMC in WWI)

9. Floyd Coffee

Generation 6.

CHARLIE W. COFFEE, b. 12 Jan 1883, d. Apr 1966, m. 17 Dec 1905 to Isabell Gennie Close. She was b. 6 Nov 1878, d. 29 May 1921.

Children of Charlie W. And Gennie (Close) Coffee

1. Bell Close Coffee, (see generation 7)

2. Winfield Baxter Coffee, (see gen. 7)

3. Lottie Coffee, (see generation 7)

Generation 7

BELL CLOSE COFFEE, b. 10 Sept 1906, DeKalb co., TN, d. Apr 1977, m.

Thelma Elkins

Children of Bell & Thelma (Elkins) Coffee

1. Joyce Belle Coffee

2. Joe Donald Coffee

WINFIELD BAXTER COFFEE, b. 8 Nov 1909, DeKalb co., TN, d. 14 Jan 1967, Davidson co., TN, m. Willie Ethel Bennett, b. 15 Aug 1912, d. 18 Nov 1989

Children of Winfield and Willie (Bennett) Coffee

1. Billie Marie Coffee, m. McKinney Winfield m. 2Nd. Georgia Gribble, b. 21 Jan 1920, d. 19 Sep 2000

Children of Winfield and Georgia (Gribble) Coffee

1. Barbara Ann Coffee, b. 4 Sept 1947  
 LOTTIE COFFEE, b. abt 1912, DeKalb  
 co. TN d. abt 1938, m. Henry Vester  
 Heflin. He was b. 20 Feb 1915, d. 8  
 Apr 1989

Children of Henry Vester & Lottie  
 (Coffee) Heflin

1. Bradford Fay Heflin.

## DOCUMENTS GALORE

REPORT TAKEN FROM THE BOOK "ON  
 WHITE ROCK" WRITTEN BY JEAN HELM:

Submitted by Sharon Hanks  
 ([sharon01@fidnet.com](mailto:sharon01@fidnet.com))

Very early in the settlement of McDonald County, Mo., two large related families came to White Rock Prairie: the Coffees and the Hoppers. Family records indicate that the Coffees came to McDonald Co., about 1835. JOHN COFFEE, a widow, brought with him to Missouri, a son MEREDITH whose mother was REBECCA RAGSDALE. Both father and son subsequently married HOPPER sisters, daughters of JOHN DAVID HOPPER. Both men had large families: JOHN COFFEE with his second wife, JANE HOPPER and MEREDITH COFFEE by his only wife, ELIZABETH "BETSY" HOPPER.

MEREDITH'S son, WILLIAM HARRISON COFFEE married the daughter of JACOB CAUDILL, early surveyor in McDonald County and resident of White Rock community. Another son, JOE COFFEE, married ELVA TENNESSEE CLARK. His brother, DAVID COFFEE, married her twin sister MIRIAH PARALEE CLARK. Meredith's daughter, MARY REBECCA COFFEE, married JAMES SMITH "WHISKEY JIM" DAVENPORT. DAVID COFFEE'S son, HICE FREDERICK, married NORA FORD. It is their descendants who are the most numerous "on White Rock" today. A daughter of DAVID COFFEE'S, NANCY ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" COFFEE married WYLIE ROSS RUSSELL; they also have many RUSSELL descendants "on White Rock" today.

The Coffee's were ambitious people....merchants, traders, trappers, bee keepers, and teachers as well as farmers. Some said they were very artistic doing

wood carving, delicate rock work, and other highly skilled trades. TRUMAN COFFEE has a "White Rock Trading Post" in 1997. E.E. COFFEE served several terms as County Collector at Pineville, Mo. HARVEY NEAL COFFEE was County Clerk.

John and Jane Coffee lost two sons. \_\_JOHN H. COFFEE and HENRY COFFEE to the Confederate cause during the Civil War. JOHN H. enlisted at Pineville, Mo., on Sept 2, 1861. He was captured in McDonald County, Mo., action on 2 May 1862, and taken to a military prison at Alton, Illinois, to be exchanged with Confederates at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was not heard from again. HENRY COFFEE, 18 years old, enlisted at Pineville, Mo., as a Private in Co. K, 4 Regiment of Missouri Infantry on 2 Sept 1862. He was captured near Carthage, Mo., in Jasper County, on the 20th of May 1863. He was sent to St. Louis, Mo., and then to City Point, Virginia, for prisoner exchange. He was admitted to the Army of the Cumberland after exchange, and was killed in a skirmish near Kennesaw Mountain, GA. He died from an abdominal wound in the Army Hospital.

MEREDITH COFFEE is listed by Goodspeed as one of the McDonald County civilians bearing arms that was captured by Federal Forces. WAT CLARK, listed in Goodspeed as having been killed by Federal Scouts, was the father of Miriah Paralee Clark and Elva Tennessee Clark, wives of DAVID and JOE COFFEE.

JOHN DAVID HOPPER was born 3 July 1789 and MARY "POLLY" DAVENPORT HOPPER was born 24 Feb 1793. They were from Chattanooga, Tennessee, near Look Out Mountain. They had the following Children: JANE b. 18 Aug 1812; SARAH b. 4 Jun 1814; ELIZABETH b. 23 Nov 1816; JAMES b. 24 Jan 1819; WILLIAM b. 27 Oct 1823; DAVID b. 12 Sept 1825; ROBERT b. 28 Oct 1833.

JANE HOPPER married JOHN COFFEE, who was also from Tennessee. JOHN COFFEE was born 8 Oct 1793 and JANE was born 18 Aug 1812. JOHN COFFEE had been married and widowed and had a grown son when he married JANE HOPPER.

## Sgt. HENRY CLAY COFFEY

(Kenneth Wayne Coffey gave permission to print his writings, quote;)

One of my favorite Coffey trivia facts of the Civil War was about Sgt Henry Clay Coffey s/o McCaleb Coffey gs/o Thomas Coffey ggs/o John Coffey gggs/o Edward and Ann. He married Sephronia Tate Coffey d/o Daniel Boone Coffey and Clarissa Estes on 28 Jan 1864 so I would take it that they got married after he returned home from being wounded at Gettysburg in July of 63 I read this out of a Civil War book that I think was published by the North Carolina University Press but I was so surprised when I came across it that I didn't write down the name of the book or the author, but it had to do with the 26th North Carolina Troops C.S.A. at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1st, 1863.

Sgt Henry Clay Coffey was in Co F of the 26th North Carolina Troops (Infantry). Co F has the honor of being the Company with the biggest lose of any in the Civil War in one day. There are some brigades that had more percentage wise overall but for a singe company they were 99.99% wiped out that day, only one soldier in Co F was not wounded or killed.

In part what the book said from the few notes I did jot down on a tiny piece of paper I had in my pocket was something like this.....Across from the basically green confederate troops was some of the Unions toughest troops "The Iron Brigade" 7th Wis., 2nd Wis, 24th Mich., and the 19th Ind. The Confederate 26th was to strike the 24th Mich and the 19th Ind. Brig. General James Johnston Pettigrew had at his command 843 men in the companies of the 26th NC. When the fighting started around 3pm it would begin the most horrific battle that the 26th would ever be in. The 26th took 28 officers into battle, 14 were killed and 14 were wounded. In all the 26th NC lost 65% of all the men in all the companies but of its companies C and F by all reasoning were wiped out mat day C had 36 of its 40 men shot or killed or 90% and F company with Sgt Henry Clay Coffey had an unthinkable 99.99% killed or wounded only one of company F, Sgt Robert N. Hudspeth, remained uninjured. Of the total men of the 26th that

Pettigrew started with (843) the next day including the wounded that could fight **only 80** could make it as part of Picketts charge.

Sgt Henry Gay Coffey went down in history as being the last member of Co **F** to be shot that day at Gettysburg....or as the record states having taken 87 into battle 86 went down the 84th was Pvt James Daniel Moore shot in the **leg** and the neck, the final confederate to fall on the first day of Gettysburg was Sgt Henry Clay **Coffey** wounded but not killed.

Capt **Tuttle**, only 20 years **old** in this battle and wounded in the leg would still be stunned some 40 years later, on what happened that day. "It's hard to realize how men can be decimated so rapidly, my command was a splendid body of soldiers....." I didn't know if you knew about Henry C. Coffey at the battle of Gettysburg, where in fact there were many, many Coffey's on both sides killed, wounded, taken prisoner of war, several dying in ROW camps just from this battle alone.

\* FROM: "The Salisbury Post" Rowan Co NC Issue dated Feb. 20, 2001

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### BUSINESS STARTED IN 1883

by Mark Wineka, Salisbury Post  
SPENCER-Over **118** years, Stoudemire Furniture survived world wars, the depression, family deaths, would-be burglars and Y2K. But Monday night's **fire** may be the knockout blow to a business steeped in history. The furniture store sold to six and seven generations of Rowan Countians. It bought - and sold - one of the first pieces of Broyhill Furniture and probably was the longest-running dealer of Kingsdown Bedding. Through its history, Stoudemire Furniture sold caskets, pianos, appliances, carpeting and furniture. It also sold dreams to many young Rowan County couples just starting out. Elizabeth "**Betsy**" Coffey Stoudemire first sold new and used furniture in a Salisbury store next to the Empire Hotel on South Main Street Dating back to 1883, the stores - there was another one on Fisher Street - went by the name of "E.E. Stoudemire" to hide the fact that a woman owned the business.

Her son Palmer Stoudemire, one of seven children, eventually entered business in Spencer with

partner Samuel Harris in 1902. Their store Harris and Stoudemire, formerly had gone by the name of Bell & Harris at this same North Salisbury Ave location. The early store sold wooden caskets, delivered to families by horse and wagon. It also sold pianos, demonstrated to potential customers from a wagon bed.

Otis Broyhill, the founder of Broyhill Furniture, drove along an unpaved US 29 one day and sold one of his first chest of drawers to the Stoudemire store.

Palmer Stoudemire suffered a fatal heart attack on 1928 while walking to the store. Harris, his partner died the next year. Son Jay Stoudemire, already enrolled in pre-med courses, delayed his education when his father died and never went back to school.

Jay Stoudemire hired local high school students Peggy Ruth Fuller and Thomas Gemayel in 1940. He married Peggy Ruth Fuller in 1947, and she became the store's chief bookkeeper for their next 40 years of marriage. The couple had a daughter, Peggy Lutisha "Tish" Stoudemire, who married Nick Bishop, a fellow Catawba College student Jay Stoudemire died in 1987, prompting the Bishops to return to Spencer to run the business. Peggy Stoudemire later married co-worker Tom Gemayel, until then a lifelong bachelor, in 1990. Tish Bishop died in early 1990's from multiple sclerosis and Nick stayed on, becoming highly interested in the history of the business.

The store had much character, thanks to things such as its scratched hardwood floors, ceiling fans, hand-lettered restroom signs, and counter balanced elevator that carried furniture up and down from the second floor.

The store also was known for its outdoor train mural on the northern brick side of the building.

\* Jack Coffee sent some older Obituaries which we will place in the Documents Galore as they are not current obits. We thank Jack for the collection. Hope they help someone keep currents with their genealogy. These are obituaries from the Statesman Journal, Salem, Oregon:

Lenore M. Coffey

July 27, 1910 - December 25, 1999

SUBLIMITY — Lenore Coffey, 89, died Saturday

from complications of a stroke. She was born in Iron Mountain, Mich., and graduated from Baraga High School in Marquette, Mich. While living in Marquette, she worked for Brunswick Lumber and Getz' Department Store. She moved to Salem in 1948, settling in Sublimity in 1997. She was an active member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church Her first husband, Neil Larson, whom she married in 1937, died in 1938; and her second husband, John, whom she married in 1941, died in 1997. Survivors include her daughter, Lenore J. Coffey of Portland; son, John of Salem; and two grandchildren. Memorial services are at 11 a.m. today at Queen of Peace Church.

Cleo Vera Coffey

July 07, 1911 -December 21, 1999

AUMSVILLE — Cleo Coffey, 88, died Tuesday. She was born in Shaw. In 1931 she and her sister started a beauty salon in Salem, next to the Elsinore Theater. She was a member of the Salem Eagles and was involved with the senior center. She enjoyed gardening and dancing. Her husband, Thornton, whom she married in 1938, died in 1985. Survivors include her sons, Thornton of Salem and Lawrence of Aumsville; daughters, Claudette Coffey of Reston, Va., and Diane French of Salem; sister, Adele Eastridge of Rockaway; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Interment will be in St Mary Cemetery, Shaw.

Jean L. Coffey

April 20, 1909 - December 21, 2001

SALEM - She was born in Little Rock, Ark., she has been a resident of Salem for 86 years. She worked as an Assistant Property Manager with Lloyd H. Hills & Associates and was a member of the St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She is survived by her daughter, Shirley J. Gates of Salem; son, Charles T. Coffey of Albuquerque, N.M.; grandchildren, Jana Bauer and Kenneth Bauer and Julie Wray, all of Albuquerque, N.M., Kristie Martinez of Parker, Colo., Sean Coffey of Charlotte, N.C, Jennifer Chase and Dwynie Ward, both of Salem, and Sheryl McFarlin of McMinnville; and 13 great grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Coffey in 1968; and grandson, Vincent Coffey in 1973. Interment will be at St. Barbara's Cemetery in Salem.

COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION in **Berea**, Kentucky

There is much to see and do in Kentucky on May **2, 3 & 4, 2003**, three days is not enough time to see everything. We are staying at the historical Boone Tavern Hotel in **Berea**, Madison County, Kentucky. It is a good idea to arrive at the hotel on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> will begin early. Those making early reservations will receive a tourist packet from the Berea Tourist Center at Old Town. I suggest getting **off** the Interstate and driving through **Bardstown**, Harrodsburg, Danville and the historic Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill.

The first thing available on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 a.m. is the sale of pottery and free tour at 8 **a.m.** at the well known Bybee Pottery factory in Waco, KY.

Also on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m., we will do a walking tour of the Berea College Crafts and the Berea College Campus. Lunch can be at the college cafeteria or hotel restaurant. Those who want to eat at places other than Boone Tavern Hotel's restaurant and the Berea College cafeteria will be able to car pool and caravan down to several restaurants in the area of Wal-Mart. Then at 1 p.m. we will tour the College Campus. These are interesting free half hour tours, conducted by Berea College students.

We are leaving most of the afternoon and evening open on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for those who want to drive **14** miles south of Berea to see the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, Aunt Polly's House (a Coffey ancestor), Renfro Valley Shops, two restaurants and the Renfro Valley Barn Dance Show. Friday night local talent - Saturday night is well known entertainers. **Renfro** Valley was founded by Coffey descendant John Lair. Our cousin Bonnie Kendrick works for the Renfro Valley Barn Dance Show.

Saturday morning May 3<sup>rd</sup> is open for visiting Old Town, where there are shops and the tourist center. The banquet, entertainment and business meeting will be from **12:30** - 4:30 p.m. This afternoon banquet leaves Saturday night open for those who plan to attend the Saturday night show at Renfro Valley. Ask for ticket office and make your own reservations to attend the shows 1-800-765-7464.

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, if there is enough interest for a special opening, the Great Salt Petre Cave **will** be toured and then the Coffey family cemeteries. Saltpeter was mined from the cave during the War of **1812** to make gun powder. On a recent tour of the cave, I found some of our Coffey cousins added their names to the cave walls in **1913**. The time to see the cave would be early **afternoon**, 12:30 p.m. No set fee, donations are accepted. It can also be a half mile walk. Some of the rooms are large enough that the Renfro Valley Barn Dance was broadcast from the cave for a few years, produced by John Lair. "Window dressing" of Coffey legends was his specialty. After the cave we will visit Maret Cemetery and Coffey family cemeteries.

Those arriving early might want to visit Mt **Vernon**, Rockcastle County and London, Laurel County, to the south of **Berea**, both have interesting bargain shops.

Berea College was founded in **1855** and Boone Tavern Hotel was built in **1909**. I plan to dress in vintage clothing for the banquet. We hope there will be others that will want to join me in "old times dress." Remember the Boone Tavern Restaurant is a five star restaurant and there was a dress code until recently, men wore jackets and ties, ladies "no" slacks, but the code has been relaxed to "tastefully dressed." Nelda and Bonnie are already shopping for their old time banquet clothes.

Your Coffey cousins, Bennie Loftin and Sarah Poff.

# COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION 2003

## ACCOMODATIONS

**BOONE TAVERN HOTEL**  
**100 MAIN STREET**  
**CPO 2209**  
**BEREA, KENTUCKY 40404**

For RESERVATIONS call 1-800-366-9358 or 1-859-985-3705, ask for Dorothy Brown or Eileen VenturL. Be sure and tell them you are with the Coffey Cousins Convention and which nights you will NEED the room. A block of rooms **will** be held until **MARCH 10, 2003** for May 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. The special rate is \$67.50 plus tax. Reserve early for your choice of rooms. A free continental breakfast, coffee pot in room. If valet service is needed, a \$2.25 fee for each bag, notify when making reservations.

### **NO SMOKING HOTEL.**

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Great Salt Petre Cave (to see, notify  
Bennie Loftin 918-432-5434,  
Coffey family cemeteries

## BANQUET

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
in the Oak Room at the hotel. Choice of Boneless Pork Chops the **Tricky** Way or Chicken Flakes in Bird's Nest, includes soup, salad, spoonbread & desert, 21% tax and gratuity included in the \$20 cost of the banquet meal.

Make **banquet** reservations with Bennie Loftin. **MUST HAVE MONEY BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**, CANCEL before April 15<sup>th</sup> to RECEIVE A **REFUND**.

TOURS - free  
Friday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Bybee Pottery at Waco, KY  
College Crafts  
College Campus  
Renfro Valley attractions  
Ticket Office 1-800-765-7464

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Old Town Berea, on your own.  
CCC Banquet 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Renfro Valley Barn Dance  
Ticket Office **1-800-765-7464**

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Names of those attending CCC, make room reservations to hotel before March **10, 2003**.

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Number attending Saturday afternoon banquet @ \$20.00 per person, all charges included.  
Please indicate dinner **choice-** Pork Chops \_\_\_\_\_ or Chicken Flakes \_\_\_\_\_.

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TOTAL enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include check and make payable to BENNIE LOFTIN  
Mail to: RT 1 BOX 270; KIOWA OK 74553-9727

Do you want to tour the Great Salt Petre Cave on Sunday, May **4, 2003?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## COMPUTER NEWS

Hello Cousins,

I have uploaded some new text files on the Coffey **Cousins'** website, and hope you find them useful..

They are:

Austin Julien Coffey:

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text\\_Files/AJCoffey.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text_Files/AJCoffey.html)

Elijah Coffey:

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text\\_Files/ElijahCoffey.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text_Files/ElijahCoffey.html)

Finley Patterson Coffey

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text\\_Files/FPCoffey.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text_Files/FPCoffey.html)

Isaiah Bert Coffee

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text\\_Files/IBCoffee.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Text_Files/IBCoffee.html)

You can see all of the text files (wills, etc) **here**, then click on your choice of files:

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

I'll be working on extracting more files as the winter gets colder, and when it's too windy to **fish!**

Regards - Jack