



# COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

Summer in Louisiana is terrible! We left Louisiana in mid-July and visited with Bennie and Bob Loftin in Kiowa, OK. From there we ventured into West Texas, New Mexico and Southwestern Colorado. We met up with an old Army buddy and his wife in NM, and camped with them for the next couple of weeks in Taos, NM, and in Pagosa Springs and Durango, CO.

The weather there was hot and dry, but not nearly as hot as Louisiana. Our friends are from Oregon and to them the weather was miserably hot; to us slightly cool! All of that was not only to brag a little about our trip, but to let you cousins from the milder climates know that Amarillo is going to be hot in June! J.B. has not completed his plans yet, but in a recent communication has promised to do his best to be bigger and better than any previous convention.

In closing I want to encourage all Cousins to make a strong effort to recruit new folks to attend the Amarillo convention. As most of you know, our membership is aging, and we need movers and shakers to take the group on into the 21st century.

Because Genealogy is so popular - some estimates show it to be the third most popular "hobby," preceded only by stamp and coin collecting - many of us are in touch with more than one Coffec/y researcher. I encourage you to make strong efforts to get those folks to the next convention, and signed up as participating Coffee/y Cousins.

Best Regards,

*Jack Coffee*

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**EDITOR'S LETTER**

Dear Cousin,

Boy, has this been a hot summer! The last three months just flew by. After the Berea Convention, Jim and I started a project to make our den into an office for two. We now have computers, printers, copy machine, and Coffee/y genealogy books, all on the same floor and same room. It's not quite finished yet, but usable. It took new electrical wiring (this house didn't have grounded wiring when it was built), phone jacks and office furniture. It all took a lot longer than we thought. The filing cabinets for back issues are still in the basement and not accessible yet but when I get that part of the house rearranged, it should be OK. There just isn't room up here for four more cabinets. My dream is to scan these old issues in a format that all computers can use and keep them this way rather than having so many hard copies. Remember, we started in 1981 and I have copies of all issues. That's a lot of space!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading Tom Veal's Irish Business index (pg. 13). Some of the records date back to the 1700s. If you are researching in Ireland, be sure to check the counties that are listed in this index first. We know that there were Coffee/ys living there. I personally was interested in the professions. Coffee/ys were both Catholic and Protestant Ministers and I noted some iron/metal workers. Many of our Coffee/ys in America followed the profession of blacksmith. Then there were lots of "dram sellers"!! (Probably they made the most money.)

J. B. McCarley isn't ready to give us particulars yet for the Amarillo, Texas, 2004 convention, **but** keep the 2nd

week in June open. He promises an interesting trip. Possibly some with school children can plan to attend this one since it falls after school closes. We'd love to see lots of new faces.

Be sure to help our new researchers and answer queries if you can. That is what will keep our readership alive and healthy. I'm sure someone helped you when you started your research. I got lots of help and really appreciated it.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie*

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NEW COUSINS

\* William (Bill) Coffey is the son of Berry Coffey who once lived on Helton Road in Tennessee. Bill's father later married Mary Margaret and they had two children, Becky and Mike. Bill thinks that his father had a sister named Claudia Spradling. He is looking for any information on his family and would like to know what happened to his father. If you can help Bill, his address is in the new cousins list and email is [WILLIAMBCOFFEY@adcom](mailto:WILLIAMBCOFFEY@adcom)

\* Juliann (McGinnis) Lupkin writes that she needs back issues from 2000. She married that year and her husband was her priority then. (As it should be!) She does keep up with us on the Coffey Cousins web site though. She descends from Mary Eudora Coffee Tribble. She is researching Barron, Briley, Campbell, Coffee, Cooksey, Crim, Jackson, Lumpkin, Mansker, McGinnis, Tribble and Willard. Juliann's address is in the new cousins list.

\* Alice Netherton is searching for any one with information on Nelson Coffee born in TN abt1818 and

married Lavina Blackburn, who first married a Witt. Only 3 of the children are Nelsons but all had the Coffey name and it is very confusing. Does anyone have any information on this family? Hope Alice and Jo Smith whose query in Dead End Roads can help each other. Alice Netherton's address is; [neehigh@msn.com](mailto:neehigh@msn.com)



**LISTEN UP!**

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

\* Ron Payne noted a typo in Issue 91, page 18, the 3rd book; it should read "COFFEY/COFFEES in KENTUCKY (1880 Federal Census) - by Ron Payne, 79 Payne Rd., Falkville, AL 35622-9403

\* Dick Coffey says that his email address on issue 91, page 6 is incorrect. It should be [dcoffey@ivnet.com](mailto:dcoffey@ivnet.com).

Mail Box

\* Jeff Coffey reminded me that Ilah Merriman was written up in the Clan McFie newsletter. They printed a good story on her. Jeff also says; "I just had another medical event to add to my resume. A week ago I had surgery on my left hand. My fingers were drawing down- so they did what in English I think was called tendon release. Anyway, I have a hand full of stitches and am operating pretty much one handed. If it were not for visits to doctors offices we wouldn't be putting many miles on the car". (Hope things are better by now.)

\* Pat Christensen has had a hard summer. She has been in the hospital twice for surgery on her right leg. She developed a blood clot

from the first surgery and it became really serious. We are really glad to be able to report that she is feeling better and can walk again.

\* Millie Coffey wrote to let us know that she is "still on the earth". We have missed Millie this year. She fell on May 30<sup>th</sup> and broke her left thigh. She had to have surgery to insert a rod to fix the shattered part. She says that she is still in a wheel chair and hopping with a walker. She is looking forward to being able to put weight on it and learn to walk again. Millie's goal is to get to where she can see us at the Amarillo reunion next spring. She sends her best to all and we wish her the best too. Look forward to seeing her in Amarillo.

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**CHICKASAW - DAWES - ROLLS**

(not complete - from Bennie Loftin)

No.	Name.	age/sex	blood	Card #
3046	Coffee, Luella	29 F	1/32	1015
3047	Coffee, John Lewis	12 M	1/64	1015
3048	Coffee, Cora	7 F	1/64	1015
3049	Coffee, Mamie	3 F	1/64	1015
	Coffey, Finnis	2/m M	1/32	1015
3050	Hamilton, Henderson	25 M	Full	1016
	Gordon, Emily	61 F	1/4	522
	Coffey, Charley	12 M	1/16	522
1593	Coffey, William Lee	31 M	1/16	538
1594	Coffey, Taylor Overton	29 M	1/16	538
1595	Coffey, Merritt Price	23 M	1/16	538
1596	Coffey, Earnest	20 M	1/16	538
1597	Coffey, Mary Alvirta	18 F	1/16	538
1598	Coffey, Anderson Wolford	15 M	1/16	538
1599	Coffey, Sale	13 M	1/16	538
1600	Coffey, Walter	9 M	1/16	538

OBITUARIES

## MARY NELLENE COFFEE

Mary Nellene Coffee, born Sept. 1, 1916 in Dallas, Texas and passed away February 17, 2003 in Dallas, Texas. Proceeded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert D. Coffee. Nellene is survived by her two daughters, Linda Coffee and Barbara Brown and husband Curtis, two sisters, Frances Darby and Doris Stafford. Nellene retired from the Baptist General Convention of Texas. She enjoyed music, especially the violin, which she played for her own enjoyment in various church groups through the years. Services were at Restland Memorial Chapel and Interment followed at Restland Memorial Park.

(From Dallas Newspaper, info; Jo Langwell)

## DEAN COFFEY

Dean Coffey, a former executive with Hetch Hetchy Water and Power and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, died Tuesday, March 10, 2003 at Sonora Community Hospital after a fight with cancer. He was 85. He was born in Elks City, OK on Jan 11, 1918. He was an Army veteran of WWII and was active in Veterans of Foreign Wars in Tuolumne County. He is survived by his children, John Coffey of Sonora, Sue Coffey of San Francisco, Ginger Coffey and Jean Miller both of Sacramento; and three grandchildren. His wife of more than 50 years, Bernice, died four months ago.

(Info from Lori Okel; THE MODESTO BEE Mar 14, 2003)

## DOUGLAS CALEB DARON COFFEY

age 3 months, of Maynardville, passed away suddenly Thursday May 8th 2003 in Maynardville. He was born January 21, 2003 and is survived by his parents, Jennifer and Doug Coffey of Maynardville; sister, Madison; brother, Aaron; grandparents, Charolette and Bill Rollins of Maynardville; grandfather, Bill Smith of Jefferson County, Nell and Tip Coffey of Powder Springs; and a special Aunt Angle Smith. Interment is at Scaggs Cemetery. (Info; from David & Pat Coffey of Oak Ridge TN, through Ellen Wagner. KNOXVILLE NEWS, SENTINEL, May 9, 2003)

## STEVEN JAMES COFFEY

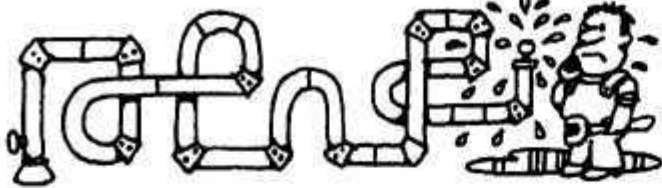
Steven James Coffey died June 16, 2003 in Tucson, Arizona of a heart attack. He was born September 26, 1956 in Marysville, California. He was a brother to Juanita (Coffey) Daniel. She says he was very athletic and in apparent good health. His death was very unexpected. He was cremated and his ashes will be scattered at a later date at a place of his choice.

(Info Juanita Daniel)

## BERTHA "Bert" BEATRICE COFFEE

Bertha was born Mar. 11, 1919 died MAY 4, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Harold Coffee and survived by son Mark Coffee and his wife Marie, daughter Sondra Baxley and her husband Larry Baxley, 5 grandchildren. She has 5 great grandchildren, a sister Ruby Wilson; nieces, nephews, and many

close friends. Services were in the Rhoton Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park. (From Dallas Newspaper, info; Jo Langwell)



Jo Langwell sent us something to help us laugh at ourselves.

### Genealogy Bumper Stickers?

1. My family coat of arms ties at the back....is that normal?
2. My family tree is a few branches short!
3. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
4. My hobby is genealogy; I raise dust bunnies as pets.
5. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap....
6. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
7. I'm searching for myself; Have you seen me ?
8. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem, leads to two more!
9. It's 2001... Do you know where your-Great-G. Grandparents are?
10. A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots.
11. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
12. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
13. Am I the only person up my tree? Sure seems like it!
14. FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
15. A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.

### DEAD END ROADS

\* Kathy Buttry says; 'I'm in the process of researching the Coffee Family that was my g-mother's line. I have very little to go on. My g-mother was born Essie Mae Coffee on July 4, 1901 in Indian Territory. She had one brother and one sister, Cora. Cora died early in her adult life. I'm not clear on anything regarding her brother.

Their parents were Charlie and Martha Coffee. Charlie died sometime during the 1960's, I believe in Oklahoma. I welcome any info you may be willing to share''. Kathy's address is: 6700 Parkwood Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73132  
[kbuttry@cox.net](mailto:kbuttry@cox.net).

\* Nancy Bevis Gobble of Port Orange, Florida if looking for help on her Coffee family. She has documented the following:

Hester Ann Maira Patty Coffee married John Adams BEVIS on 26 June 1883 (age 20) Indianapolis, Marion, IN. Her parents are John M. Coffee and Minerva Francis Carter (1838-). Hester was born 14 Aug 1862/63 Fairland, Shelby, IN and died 28 Dec 1943 age 81 Indianapolis, Marion, IN. She is buried at 6500 East 10th Street, Anderson Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN. Her children are: John Walter Clarence BEVIS (31 Oct 1893-1915), Marie Golden BEVIS (14 Jun 1896-), Cecil Gabel BEVIS (20 Jan. 1900 - 7 Jan 1973), Spencer BEVIS 16 Jan 1902 - 14Jun 1977, Carter BEVIS (-). Nancy would appreciate help

researching this family. Her email address is [Nanc24u@aol.com](mailto:Nanc24u@aol.com)

Larry Widigen found us on the Coffey Cousins Web page. He took advantage of the Index to the newsletter provided by Reams Goodloe. Larry ordered a couple of issues. He says; "I don't know whether there is an actual connection between Cyrus Coffey and Emelina Parthena Wheat and Lester Coffey other than that Lester was born app. 1877 in Kentucky. I'm hoping I can get more information from your newsletter." Thanks, Larry Widigen 10746 Country Meadows Rd. Salinas, CA 93907 831-449-9171 [bignum@cwia.com](mailto:bignum@cwia.com)

\* Linda ? sent the following email to Bennie Loftin. She thought that possibly one of the cousins could help Linda. She wrote: "I have found a possible son of my Mary 'Polly' Coffey Baker b. 1781 and Maurice Baker. He is Benjamin M. Baker b. abt. 1813 and living in McMinn Co. TN in 1840 and 1850. His oldest son is Jesse. He is living near an Eli Coffey. I can't find where Eli Coffey's family might be mentioned in the Coffey book? Do you know when Eli moved to Tennessee? It seems to me that I read somewhere that he was one of the earliest Coffeys to move from North Carolina into the area that later became Tennessee." Later Linda says; "So far, comparing notes with the Thomas Coffey pages and James Coffey pages that you

sent, it is still looking very much like my Mary "Polly" Coffey Baker is the "unknown" daughter of Benjamin Coffey (1747-1834). She is living near this family while the rest of the Coffeys are on the south side of Clinch Mountain. I also think that there was a strong tie between Robert Baker (possibly her father-in-law) in the battle of Kings Mountain and Benjamin Coffey of the same battle." Linda's email address is; [GLDahlgren@aol.com](mailto:GLDahlgren@aol.com)

\* Jo Smith says; "My ggrandfather was Jesse Edwards COFFEY b. 1844, Bradley Co TN, m. Eliza Jane ROGERS 1 Jan 1869 in Lamar Co TX, d. 1919 in Hale Co TX. This much I'm positive of, research says Jesse Edards COFFEY's father was : Nelson COFFEY b. 1818, Bradley Co TN (how can this be when Bradley Co was not formed till 1836). 1840 census lists Nelson COFFEY as a single man living alone engaged in agriculture. The next census year, 1850, lists Nelson COFFEY as head of household m. to Lavina BLACKBURN (9 years his senior) with nine children, the oldest of which was 20 years. It is unknown if BLACKBURN is Lavina's maiden name or her previously married name.

I'm at a stalemate in finding how and when Nelson COFFEY came to be in Bradley Co TN and who his parents were. Family tradition says Nelson was full blood Irish and Lavina was full blood Scotch, yet to be proven." His email address is; [Arlevia@webtv.net](mailto:Arlevia@webtv.net)

\* Sheri P. Kelly says, "I have found information concerning a William Coffey who was murdered by a Major Howell. This occurred in August 1864. William was a Lt in the CSA and made some enemies. He was in Hardin Co., TN in Mt. Pleasant when killed. Who does he belong to?" Sheri's email address is 2716 North I Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901-2318. [sharon01@fidnet.com](mailto:sharon01@fidnet.com).

\* Juanita Daniel says that she found the following tombstone in a cemetery list for Baxter County, Ark where she lived for a time as a child. She wants to know what the "Coffey's Arkansas CAV" is. Hamilton, Thomas; husband of Georgia Ann Hamilton; COFFEYS ARKANSAS CAV. C S A; b. around 1833; d. 2 October 1941. {I 'ye editor" think I can answer her question. I would assume that it was part of the Col. John Trusdale Coffey's forces. He started his career

in Missouri and Arkansas and ended it in Texas. Possibly some of the cousins would like to add more to this.}

Juanita's email address is; [letadan@comcast.net](mailto:letadan@comcast.net)

\* Betty Moss says that she descends from Joshua Coffee who married Elizabeth Graves, their son Thomas Graves Coffee, their daughter Elizabeth Woodson Coffee who married Stewart Jackson, their daughter Caroline Cordelia Frances Jackson who married Carlisle Woodson Knight, their daughter Elizabeth Caroline Knight who married JWC Smith, their son who married Mary Lou Gregory and their son JWC Smith who married Sarah Ellen McKelduff. Then me. Have you ever run into the name "McKelduff". We can't find anything past grandfather's father. They were in Mississippi and Alabama. Betty's email address is [gbmoss@alltel.net](mailto:gbmoss@alltel.net) or 3007 Whispering Pines Ln., Fultondale, AL 35068-1029.

\* "A little bird" told me that Virgil Coffee has been in the hospital again. He has had a pace maker put in, among other things. We do hope that he is doing better. I depend on him to catch errors!

**NEW ADDRESSES**

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

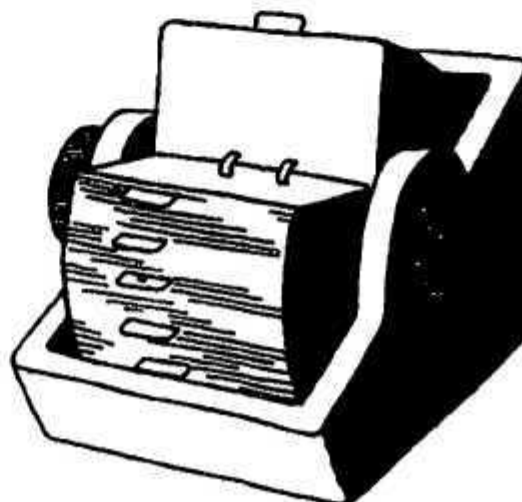
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Juanita Daniel [1 etadan@comcast.net](mailto:1etadan@comcast.net)





CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

\* Alice Netherton found this is information and doesn't know where it came from or what it pertains to. She would like help.  
[neehigh@msn.com](mailto:neehigh@msn.com).

Lamar County (TX) Genealogical  
Society Annual  
Volume 15 Index

Coffee, Bethenia, 13  
Coffee, James N., 13  
Coffee, Jesse Edward, 13  
Coffee, Levina Adeline Witt, 13  
Coffee, Nelson, 13

\*Jo Langwell writes that she has found her great-grandfather **Nimrod** Coffee's grave. She located the cemetery but it only showed that he purchased 8 lots. No one listed buried there. Jo also found a lady that had a Brazen Rod that locates graves or people buried but no marker. She was able to tell that there was a man and a woman buried in two of the 8 lots. In fact she was able to say the woman was buried on the man's right side. Jo has ordered a military marker and her Confederate Daughters will dedicate a marker for the grave when it all arrives. Jo promises to let us know how it all turns out.

\* Kenneth Wayne Coffey of Illinois sends his lineage.  
Lewis Coffey (m) Permilia Ann Tucker  
s/o Lewis Coffey (m) Elizabeth Watters  
s/o James Coffey (m) Sarah Emerline Sumpter

s/o Reuben B. Coffey (m)  
(thought to be Millie Morris)  
s/o (Rev) James Coffey (m)  
Elizabeth Cleveland  
s/o John Coffey (m) Jane Graves  
s/o Edward Coffey (m) Ann Powell

**Lewis'** son, Kenneth's great grandfather was Jeff Coffey (m) Lina May Barnett in Steubenville, Wayne Co KY they lived by Mill Springs in Wayne Co KY and are buried in Elk Spring Cemetery in Monticello.  
Ken's email address is;  
[kcoffey30@hotmail.com](mailto:kcoffey30@hotmail.com)

\* Jessie Coffey reported on the Coffey Reunion in Richmond Indiana this summer.

"All went well. The lady, whom I promised the Bible, (Blue family) came.

I turned the Bible over to her.... She was thrilled. She and her husband stayed, ate and visited with us.

Also, Charles Ray Barker (83 yrs old) came with his wife and Daughter.

Charles is the Grandson of Thomas Jefferson Coffey, son of James Madison and Lydia Wolfe Coffey. A brother to my John Henry Coffey, Charles had wrote me a letter and I had called him on the phone and invited him, and his family to our gathering. They live in Dayton, Ohio. First time we had met **them**. " A good time was had by all!

\* Virginia Hall sent Bennie Loftin the following information on her family. She descends from the Cleveland Coffey family that Bennie has been

working on. She responded as follows:

"Well I do know my Granddaddy Dock Charles Coffey was born in Polk County, Tennessee. May 10, 1896. He enlisted when he was 22 years old in the US Army. He also lived in Andersonville, Tennessee and died in Loveland Ohio. I know very little about my Gr Granddaddy. His name was William and his father was Levi Coffey and mother, Katherine Kilpatrick. William married Sarah Seleny Womble. Family story has it that he was murdered on his way to or from the store. This is all I know the incident.

I am a caregiver for my Mother, she has Alzheimer's and lives with me so I have very little time to research. Maybe one day I will have more time to work on my family line."

My Dad's family line is: Edward + Ann Powell; John + Jane Graves; James + Elizabeth Cleveland; John + Mary Polly Strange; Levi + Dorothy Dolly Edmundson; Rice + Jane unknown; Levi + Katherine Kilpatrick; William + Sarah Seleny Womble; Dock Charles + Elizabeth Jane Turner; Robert Lee + Helen Louise Hargraves and then me, Virginia Lee Coffey + James Ray Hall Virginia does have a web page for her Coffey family. It is on [myfamily.com](http://myfamily.com). Virginia is also known as Chudy and her email address is [chudyhall@msn.com](mailto:chudyhall@msn.com)

\* Jerry Coffee sends Family Trivia that he found:

His great grandmother Mary Lou (Blanton) Coffee's sister-in-law was

Sarah L. (Boone) Blanton. Sarah was married to Rev. Benjamin F. Blanton.

1. Sarah Boone's grandfather was the frontiersman, Daniel Boone
2. Sarah Boone was the first Anglo-American woman born in Missouri.
3. Sarah's father was Daniel Morgan Boone, third child of Daniel Boone.
4. Sarah's father was the first farmer in Missouri and was hired by the United States to teach the Kaw Indians how to farm.
5. Sarah's great grandmother was the sister of Daniel "Old Wagoner" Morgan, the American Commander of the Virginia Militia and the Continental Army at the Battle of Cowpens, in the American Revolution.
6. Jefferson City, Missouri was laid out by Sarah L. Boone's father, Daniel Morgan Boone.
7. The Missouri home of the frontiersman, Daniel Boone was built by Sarah's father, Daniel Morgan Boone.

\* Reams Goodloe sent a clipping from the Daytona Beach, FL NEWS JOURNAL, June 24, 2003. Five injured in I-95 crash. "Emergency workers help Dionne Coffie, 36 of New York and 4 children, traveling with her after the car in which they were traveling went off Interstate 95. The vehicle rolled several times before landing on its side in the median of northbound I-95 near Pioneer Trail overpass. The crash investigator, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Dennis Warren, said Coffie was driving north in the left lane when she drifted onto the shoulder and

lost control. (**Dionne** Coffie was charged with careless driving.)

\* Sandy Otos says; "I heard from a woman today who found a Coffey bible in an antique store in Leake Co., MS. It mentions Wm Elijah Coffey, who I believe is the son of Levi Coffey. Levi Coffey was a younger son of Abner Coffey of Edwardsville, Benton Co., AL. Levi was the brother of my gg grandfather Lewis Coffey. Are you in contact with any descendants of Levi and Alice Woods Coffey of Leake Co., MS. ? I would like a descendant to have this bible. If not, I will buy it myself." Sandy Otos at [cgoslo@earthlink.net](mailto:cgoslo@earthlink.net)

\* I read some of Gloria Roach's research that she sent me (BC) years ago, again and found something that could be interesting to someone looking for a lead to where a given Benjamin Coffee/y might have come from. Gloria was pointing out all of the twins in the Chesley Coffey family. In the list for children of William Martin Coffey (b. 1762) and Elizabeth Bronson, she has a Benjamin Coffey b. 1790 and listed as a twin of James Bronson also born **1790** in NC. (This would require more research but we do have a couple of Benjamins that we can't identify.) If you are looking for parents for a Benjamin born 1790, check this one out. Could this be the Benjamin Coffey who signed the marriage license for Marvel and Rachel Boone Coffey in **1813**?

## JOHN JAMES COFFEY

By Jerry coffee, Piano, TX

My great **grandfather's** brother, John James Coffee, moved from the Orangeville Community in Fannin County Texas and settled in McDonald County Missouri in 1867. He wanted to get his family away from the post-war strife in Fannin, Collin, Hunt, and Grayson Counties and his intention was to study law under John T. Coffee. Apparently he did not know that John had left that area for Texas by then. John James Coffee moved to Mitchell County about 1879 and became an attorney for the Snyder **Brothers Renderbrook and Spade** Ranch Cattle Operation in Lamb, Hockley and Mitchell County, Texas. \* \* After the death of his father in 1840, John Wesley Snyder accompanied his older brother, Dudley Hiram Snyder to Missouri and became aquatinted with John T. Coffee, as their attorney. In the fall of 1856, the Snyder brothers moved to Georgetown Texas and started an apple orchard, horse farm and a cattle operation. With the outbreak of the War Between the States, John Wesley Snyder enlisted in the Confederate Army and assisted his brother in selling and shipping cattle to the **Confederacy's** Trans-Mississippi Department and freighted cotton to Brownsville, Texas and Matamoras, Mexico **to avoid** the **Federal naval** blockade. After resigning from the Confederate army in the winter of 1862, Col. Coffee moved to Brownsville and assisted the Snyder Brothers in shipping their cotton into Mexico and the shipping it overseas. John Wesley Snyder married Catherine Jane

Coffee in 1868, daughter of Col. John T. Coffee and they had eight children. In 1870, John T. Coffee established his goat ranch in Georgetown, Williamson County Texas with the assistance of his son-in-law. In 1891, the Snyder Brothers sold their Renderbrook and Spade Ranch to **Issac** W. Elwood and moved back to Williamson County and raised fine horses. In 1895, John James Coffee resigned from the Renderbrook and Spade Ranch and opened a private law practice in Big Spring, Texas. John Wesley Snyder died on April 14, 1922 and is buried in his family plot in Georgetown. His home in Georgetown is now Southwestern University's fine-arts building. The Snyder brothers are famous for their cattle drives from Georgetown along the Western Trail through Central Texas to Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming. Charles Franklin Coffee, son of John T. Coffee, accompanied them. Charles Franklin Coffee served the Confederacy in the entire four years of the Civil War in Missouri. In 1882, after learning the cattle business from the Snyder Brothers, C.F. Coffee established his Hat Creek Cattle Company in Nebraska and Wyoming and in 1886, built the largest cattle processing plant west of the Mississippi River at the railhead at Chadron, Nebraska. The inspiration for the book by Eugene McMurtry and TV mini-series "Lonesome Dove" was from the lives and cattle operations of Charles Goodnight, Oliver Loving and Charles Franklin Coffee. Charles Franklin Coffee is in The Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

## DOCUMENTS GALORE

**Bennie Loftin sent the following entries:**

**FORT COFFEE, ARKANSAS**  
**Fort Coffee was established at the eastern edge of Indian Territory a few miles west of Fort Smith, Arkansas. In 1834, Captain John Stuart established Fort Coffee on the right bank of the Arkansas River, about ten miles above Belle Point. It was an unsuccessful attempt at controlling the importation of whiskey into the Indian country. Illegal shipments were made to "whiskey boats" farther upstream. The national councils of the Five Civilized Tribes established an academy for boys at Fort Coffee. The boys occupied the buildings that were formerly used by the garrison. This information is from HISTORICAL ATLAS OF OKLAHOMA, 1965 by John W. Morris and Edwin C. McReynolds. It is spelled Ft. Coffey in the World Book Encyclopedia, 1964. Bennie Loftin, says that she has read that it was only used as a fort for a couple of years.**

### **PARIS, LAMAR CO. TX - Marriage license**

**Laura Coffee and Wesley M. Smith married 13 June 1861, Book 3, Page 132. It did not list age or residence.**



## COFFEY/YS IN BUSINESS IN IRELAND

\* Tom Veal sent the following, I quote:

"I attach my latest data for the Coffeys who appeared in various street and trade directories and other sources which I have indexed. They are in the form of a database3 plus file, but it seems that any modern database program can open it. I may have sent you some of the records already, but better be sure than sorry. Hope you find it of interest.

One of my sons has put the info on a website, it is for all surnames found - not just Coffeys - and can be seen on [www.irishology.com](http://www.irishology.com) An up to date version (has now over 120 000 records) is not yet on the web, but maybe what is there (about 85 000 I think) may be of use to someone. The data in the attached file **coffee.dbf** is up to date.

First name	Last name	Occupation	Address
District	Source	Page	Chrono.
MARIA	COFFEY	STRAW BONNET MAKER	2 MARY STREET,
CLONMEL Co	TIPPERARY	SLATER 1846 180	1846
ANTHONY	COFFEY	GENTRY & CLERGY LIST	CHURCH STREET,
CARLOW Co	CARLOW	SLATER 1846 21	1846
MARTHA	COFFEY	GROCER & TEA DEALER	59 DUBLIN STREET,
CARLOW Co	CARLOW	SLATER 1846 22	1846
MURTHA	COFFEY	WINE/SPIRIT MERCHANT	59 DUBLIN STREET,
CARLOW Co	CARLOW	SLATER 1846 23	1846
HONORIA	COFFEY	DRAPER & HABERDASHER	DEVONSHIRE SQ.
DUNGARVAN Co	WATERFORD	SLATER 1846 231	1846
HONORIA	COFFEY	PUBLIC HOUSE	BRIDGE ST. ABBEYSIDE
DUNGARVAN Co	WATERFORD	SLATER 1846 231	
J	COFFEY	MILLWRIGHT	JAME'S GREEN,
KILKENNY	KILKENNY	SLATER 1846 57	1846
THOMAS	COFFEY	NAIL MAKER	BRIDGE STREET,
TALLOW Co	WATERFORD	SLATER 1846 312	1846
MICHAEL	COFFEY	BOOT & SHOE MAKER	44 MICHAEL ST.,
WATERFORD Co	WATERFORD	SLATER 1846 328	1846
JOHN	COFFEY	COOPER	THOMAS STREET,
WATERFORD Co	WATERFORD	SLATER 1846 329	1846
JAMES	COFFEY	BAKER	SOUTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 337	1846
JAMES	COFFEY	GROCER	SOUTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 338	1846
WILLIAM	COFFEY	LEATHER SELLER	SOUTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846
WILLIAM	COFFEY	LINEN DRAPER	SOUTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846
MICHAEL	COFFEY	PUBLIC HOUSE	NORTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846

JOHN	COFFEY	ROPE MAKER			MARKET SQUARE,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846		
WILLIAM	COFFEY	SADDLER			SOUTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846		
JOHN	COFFEY	SHIP CHANDLER			MARKET SQUARE,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846		
JAMES	COFFEY	SPIRIT DEALER			SOUTH MAIN STREET,
YOUGHAL Co.	CORK	SLATER 1846 339	1846		
HONORIA	COFFEY	HATTER			DEVONSHIRE SQ.,
DUNGARVAN Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1856 258	1856		
HONORIA	COFFEY	LINEN/WOOLEN DRAPER, HABERDASHER			DEVONSHIRE SQ.
DUNGARVAN Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1856 258	1856		
HONORIA	COFFEY	PUBLIC HOUSE			DEVONSHIRE SQ.
DUNGARVAN Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1856 259	1856		
THOMAS	COFFEY	NAIL MAKER			BRIDGE STREET,
TALLOW Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1856 351	1856		
MICHAEL	COFFEY	BOOT AND SHOEMAKER			44 MICHAEL STREET
WATERFORD		SLATER 1856 369	1856		
MARIA	COFFEY	STRAW BONNET MAKER			2 MARY STREET
CLONMEL Co	Tipp.	SLATER 1856 203	1856		
CATHERINE	COFFEY	MILLINER & DRESSMAKER			<b>CARRICK-BEG,</b>
<b>CARRICK-ON-SUIR,</b>	Co	TIPPERARY SLATER 1856 186	1856		
JAMES	COFFEY	BAKER			SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL Co	Cork	SLATER 1856 377	1856		
JAMES	COFFEY	GROCER			SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL Co	Cork	SLATER 1856 378	1856		
WILLIAM	COFFEY	LINEN DRAPER			SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL Co	Cork	SLATER 1856 378	1856		
JAMES	COFFEY	PAWNBROKER			SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL Co	Cork	SLATER 1856 379	1856		
JAMES	COFFEY	SPIRIT DEALER			SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL Co	Cork	SLATER 1856 379	1856		
MICHAEL	COFFEY	TAILOR			NORTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL, Co	Cork	SLATER 1856 379	1856		
MARY	COFFEY	LINEN/WOOLEN DRAPER/HABERDASHER			SQUARE,
DUNGARVAN Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1881 122	1881		
MARY	COFFEY	PUBLIC HOUSE			DEVONSHIRE SQUARE,
DUNGARVAN Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1881 122	1881		
PATRICK	COFFEY	BRAZIER & TINMAN			<b>71</b> MAIN STREET,
CLONMEL Co	TIPPERARY	SLATER 1881 40	1881		
PATRICK	COFFEY	IRONMONGER & HARDWARE			71 MAIN STREET,
CLONMEL Co	TIPPERARY	SLATER 1881 42	1881		
JOHN	COFFEY	PUBLIC HOUSE & SPIRIT DEALER			STEPHEN STREET,
CLONMEL Co	TIPPERARY	SLATER 1881 43	1881		
THOMAS	COFFEY	NAIL MAKER			BRIDGE STREET,
TALLOW Co.	WATERFORD	SLATER 1881 199	1881		
JOHN	COFFEY	CABINET MAKER, AUCTIONEER etc			TULLOW STREET
CARLOW	IRISH GENEALOGIST V3	<b>No10</b> 392	1788		

<b>JAMES</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>STONE CUTTER</b>	<b>PUDDING LANE,</b>
<b>KILKENNY</b>	<b>IRISH GENEALOGIST V3 No10</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>1788</b>
J	COFFEY	MASTER MARINER	39 THE GLEN,
WATERFORD	CITY	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	470 1894
JOHN	COFFEY	PROVISIONS	33 MAYOR'S WALK,
WATERFORD	CITY	<b>EGAN</b> WF GUIDE 1894	470 1894
THOMAS	COFFEY	<b>GAULTIER, [JUROR]</b>	FARRANSHONEEN
WATERFORD,	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
JOHN	COFFEY	MIDDLETHIRD WF, [JUROR]	<b>CARRICKADUSTRA,</b>
WATERFORD	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
MARTIN	COFFEY	MIDDLETHIRD KM, [JUROR]	SAVAGETOWN, KILL,
PILTOWN	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
EDMOND	COFFEY	DECIES WITHOUT (KM), [JUROR]	GARRAHALISH,
KILMACTHOMAS	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
JAMES	COFFEY	DECIES WITHOUT (KM), [JUROR]	CARRIGNANOONSHA,
KILMACTHOMAS	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
MAURICE	COFFEY	DECIES WITHOUT (KM), [JUROR]	CUTTEEN NORTH,
KILMACTHOMAS	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
PATRICK	COFFEY	DECIES WITHOUT (KM), [JUROR]	BALLYLINCH,
KILMACTHOMAS	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
THOMAS	COFFEY	DECIES WITHOUT (DG), [JUROR]	BALLYKENNEDY,
WHITECHURCH	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
EDMOND	COFFEY	<b>CARRICK-ON-SUIR, [JUROR]</b>	<b>BALLYLYNCH,</b>
<b>CARRICK-ON-SUIR</b>	Co. TIPPERARY	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
Fr, Rev	COFFEY	PARISH PRIEST, RC CHURCH	ABBEYSIDE,
DUNGARVAN	Co. Waterford	EGAN WF GUIDE 1894	1894
MARGARET	COFFEY	GROCER	37 KING STREET
WATERFORD	CITY	HENRY AND COUGHLAN 1867	435 1867
RICHARD	COFFEY	SHOE MAKER	10 MICHAEL STREET
WATERFORD	CITY	HENRY AND COUGHLAN 1867	441 1867
JAMES	COFFEY	GROCER	SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL,	Co. CORK	HENRY AND COUGHLAN 1867	338 1867
W.	COFFEE	HABERDASHER	SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL	Co. CORK	HENRY AND COUGHLAN 1867	339 1867
JAMES junior	COFFEY	PAWNBROKER	SOUTH MAIN STREET
YOUGHAL	Co. CORK	HENRY AND COUGHLAN 1867	340 1867
ANTHONY	COFFEY	NOBILITY, GENTRY & CLERGY LIST	CHURCH ST.
CARLOW		SHEARMAN 1839	7 1839
THOMAS	COFFEY	NOBILITY, GENTRY & CLERGY LIST	CHURCH ST.
CARLOW		SHEARMAN 1839	7 1839
COFFEY & FERRALL		BREWER	CENTAUR STREET
CARLOW		SHEARMAN 1839	25 1839
MARTHA	COFFEY	GROCER/SPIRIT DEALER	59 DUBLIN STREET
CARLOW		SHEARMAN 1839	28 1839
MARTHA	COFFEY	WINE MERCHANT	59 DUBLIN STREET
CARLOW		SHEARMAN 1839	38 1839
JOHN	COFFEY	IRON FOUNDER	BLACKMILL
KILKENNY		SHEARMAN 1839	38 1839

MARGARET	COFFEE	PUBLICAN	23 MICHAEL STREET
WATERFORD		SHEARMAN 1839	41 1839
MATTHEW	COFFEE	PORK OFFAL DEALER	6 MILK LANE
WATERFORD CITY		SHEARMAN 1839	41 1839
MATTHEW	COFFEE	BOOT & SHOEMAKER	6 MILK LANE
WATERFORD CITY		SHEARMAN 1839	67 1839
JAMES	COFFEY	STONE-WORKER & BUILDER	<b>BALLYRAGGETT</b>
Co. KILKENNY		EGAN'S KILKENNY GUIDE 1884	325 1884
THOMAS	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	FARRANSHONEEN
WATERFORD		THOM'S 1909/1910	164 1909
PIERCE Rev	COFFEY	PARISH PRIEST	THE PRESBYTERY,
TRAMORE Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	172 1909
MARY	COFFEY	GROCER	SAINTE MARY STREET,
DUNGARVAN Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	179 1909
THOMAS	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	BALLYNAKILL,
DUNGARVAN Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	203 1909
PATRICK	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	SCARTNADRINY,
DUNGARVAN Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	203 1909
MARY Miss	COFFEY	GROCER	SAINTE MARY STREET,
DUNGARVAN Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	207 1909
CATHERINE	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	LISARD,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	219 1909
MICHAEL	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	WILLIAMSTOWN,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	219 1909
JOHN	COFFEY	RELIEVING OFFICER	BONMAHON,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	219 1909
MATTHEW	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	CARROWCASTLE,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	220 1909
MAURICE	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	<b>BALLYLEEN,</b>
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	221 1909
MARTIN reps	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	CRINALISK,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	221 1909
MARTIN reps	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	SAVAGETOWN,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	221 1909
ALICE	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	<b>BALLYLYNCH,</b>
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	221 1909
MORGAN	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	GARRAGHYLISH,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	221 1909
JAMES	COFFEY	FARMER	<b>CARRIGNANONSHAGH,</b>
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	225 1909
JAMES	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	CURRAHEEN,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	226 1909
THOMAS	COFFEY	LANDHOLDER	CUTTEEN,
KILMACTHOMAS Co		WATERFORD THOM'S 1909/1910	227 1909
COFFEY		POSTING ESTABLISHMENT	

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## COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION AMARILLO, TEXAS June 2004

J. B. McCarley says to keep the 2nd week in June 2004 open for the Coffey Cousins Convention. He is shooting for June 7, 8 and 9th. Keep in mind that the schools will be out at this time and we are hoping to attract some of the cousins that can not travel while school is in sessions.

The agenda is not set in stone yet, but there are a lot of things that J. B. is looking into for this convention. It will definitely include a trip to the breath taking Palo Curo Canyon. While in the area we will visit an **"hands on museum of Plains Life"** at WTAM University. Later we will have a chuckwagon supper and an outdoor show.



### BIG EATERS

J. B. says that there is plenty of sightseeing in or near Amarillo. The largest cross in the U.S. About 45 life size horses scattered all about town - each painted a different color & pattern. Cadillac Ranch - half buried Caddies in a field. A large mall and two other shopping areas. Sounds like fun — so be sure to mark your calander and make plans to be there!!

Amarillo has another **"CHALLENGE"** for any of you Coffee/ys that think they are **BIG EATERS**, according to Jo Langwell. They have a restaurant **BIG TEXAS STEAK RANCH**, fabled home of **"The Free 72 ounce Steak."** The catch is that it is only free if you finish it, plus the sides - baked potato, salad, baby shrimp cocktail and dinner roll - in less than an hour, otherwise it cost you \$50 plus tax. If we have any Coffey Cousins who wish to try, the rest of us will cheer you on but not set by your bed at the hospital. Who's game?

**COFFEY COUSINS' WEB PAGE**

Have you been to the Coffey Cousins' Web page lately?? If not, you are in for a surprise. Jack Coffee keeps it full of things for us to read. Visit the web **site** at:

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

You will find the Index to the Coffey **Cousins'** Clearinghouse on this web site. Reams Goodloe created it and is keeping it up to date for us. It is a good place to send a new genealogist. They can better identify the "John, Eli, etc" from this index than I can with my more limited knowledge of the person being sought. It is extememly useful.

**SHARE YOUR SUMMER RESEARCH WITH THE COUSINS.**

Stories and "New Finds" are always welcomd.