



COFFEY COUSINS' LEARINGHOUSE



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Cousins!

Over the last few months a number of us have begun participating in the Family Tree DNA testing program. Genealogists across the nation, and around the world continue to sign up to be tested in their surname projects. At last count there were 10 participants in the **Coffee/y** project that is headed up for us by Lorie Okel (lorieokel@yahoo.com). In order to more clearly define the various family lines of Chesley, Hugh, Peter, Edward, etc, I want to encourage more of our cousins to participate. The test is simple, private and relatively inexpensive. For more info contact Lorie, or read about it at www.ftdna.com .

Now for the bad news! My DNA test confirmed that I am not a Coffee/y after all. There has always been a family legend passed down by my grandfather that either his father, or his grandfather was adopted as a small child by an unknown Coffee family. The surname of the adopted child was Mills. As it turns out, my DNA perfectly matches some of the Mills lines that have been tested. As a result, I have ordered a broader test to be performed on my

DNA to see exactly which Mills line, and in which generation I might fit. If any of you know of a Mills child being adopted by a Coffee/y who was "an old red-headed country doctor" please contact me. This might explain why all of my children were born with red hair!

See you all in Fort Smith!

Jack Coffee

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

Boy has this issue been fun!! I was almost finished and then remembered, I hadn't put in the DNA page. Talk about squeezing!!!

The results of the DNA tests are beginning to get exciting. Luther, Paul and Richard Coffey — all known descendents of Edward and Ann Powell Coffey had all 25 markers match. The surprise was that Virgil Coffee had all 25 markers match the Edward Coffey line males. He now knows where to search.

Chris Coffey, descendent of Marvel and Rachel Boone Coffey took the 12 marker test and 11 of the 12 matched. This is a pretty good indicator that Marvel Coffey descends from Edward. Chris is taking the 25 marker test to further verify this. Then Leo Coffey from the Chesley Coffey line also matched on all 25 markers. We do need a couple more Coffey male descendents from the Chesley line to verify that Chesley is a descendent of Edward Coffey. It has long been thought that Chesley Coffey was a son of Edward Coffey jr and an unknown wife. The documentation does not exist to prove this — so!! As Spencer Coffey says later in the newsletter, we need some more males to take the test for the Hugh Coffee line. I'm sure that Lori Okel has a lot more to show us on DNA at the convention.

CONVENTION- Don't forget to make your reservations—NOW. Mine are already in. I really don't want to miss this one. I've heard from so many who plan to attend and I am really looking forward to seeing ail of you. I was amazed at all the interesting places and things that Ft. Smith, AR has to see. We've driven around it for years but never stopped. We have to thank Bennie and Bob Loftin for "picking up the ball" and getting this one going in a hurry. Bennie has been talking about Ft. Smith as being a good place for a

convention for several years now.

Last but not least - **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** - Look at the date on the address label. If it says 12/31/03, your subscription of \$10 is due. My address is in the box on page one. We need as many cousins as possible to keep this thing rolling. Send a subscription to a child or cousin.

Be sure to answer queries and write to the new cousins. This is what we are all about. (Special thanks to Reams Goodloe. He emails the issue and page number for entries from the index that match names in the queries.)

Thanks for being MY cousin.

Bonnie Culley

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NEW NAMES

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Jamie E. Key, 2305-C Griffin Ave., New Bern, NC 28562

Jeffery L Coffey, 3 Lakeland Dr., Fayetteville, TN 37334

Chesley

NEW COUSINS

* Jamie Key says:

"My line starts with my paternal great grandmother, Louvina Coffey and I never see anything on her except that she married Thomas Key and she was b. 7 Dec 1849 in Russell Co., KY and d. 17 Jan 1936 in Springfield, IL.

Then her parents (Nathan Jackson Coffey & Mary Nancy Carter), to Eli Coffey & Mary (Polly) Coffey, Salathiel Coffey & Elizabeth Gore, Chesley Coffey & Jane Cleveland. I don't know if all of this is correct. I got this from my aunt in the 1970's; she was researching the family before she died." Jamie would appreciate hearing from anyone working on this line. Her address is in the new cousins list. E-mail <jekey@cconnect.net>

MAIL BOX

* Jean Mower wrote that she hasn't had much time to do genealogy lately. Wayne is Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and that dominates their lives right now.

* Noreva Sharr wrote that she had the flu from Dec 16th to after the first of the year and is just beginning to walk without her walker. She says to tell everyone "hello and best wishes for the New Year" for her.

* Ethelyn Coffey, of Kentucky will not be finished with her chemo treatment until the last of May but hopes to

make the Convention anyway. We hope the doctors will allow it and we can visit with her again. You can wish her well at: <eecoffey@kih.net>

NEW ADDRESSES

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CORRECTIONS

Larry Widigen's e-mail address was listed incorrectly in the last issue. It should be <bignum@cwia.com>

COMPUTER NEWS

Reams Goodloe
<goodloev@bellsouth.net> sends the following good news about the index.

Besides on 1.5 Mb floppys, the index through # 93 is now available on CDR. Of course there will be about 99% free space on the CD-R.

"May 2004 be a great year for all the Coffey Cousins."

OBITUARIES**RALPH C. COFFEY**

Ralph C. Coffey, 85, longtime Yakima resident, passed away peacefully in the family home on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003. He was born on Nov. 11, 1918 in Marengo, Washington to Davis F. And Rose (Grant) Coffey, the fourth of eight children. The family moved to Outlook, WA in 1930 and Ralph graduated from Sunnyside High School in 1937. In 1940 he moved with his family to Yakima where he started the "Big Dollar" service station at what is now First St. and Valley Mall Blvd. He enlisted in the Army in 1942, later transferred to the Air Force from which he was discharged honorably in 1945. He was self employed until 1979 when he became the busiest (volunteer) "retired" person in Yakima. Survivors include his wife Bonnie Coffey, Yakima; daughter Donna Buckingham of Mercer Island, WA; son, **Neal** Coffey, Yakima; sisters, Edith Jauhola and Helen Hitzler, Yakima; Gladys **Sybolts** (Mrs. Larry), Goldendale and Barbara Swett of Seattle; brother, Robert Coffey, **Cle Elum**; sister-in-law, **Lilliam** Coffey, Yakima; grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brother, Byron Coffey. Services were held at First Presbyterian Church, Yakima
(Info: Bonnie Coffey and Obituary)

BERTRAM HOWARD WELSCH

Bertram Welsch died 3 July 2003. We send our sympathy to Margaret, his wife of many years. Margaret has

been a subscriber of Coffey Cousins for many years.

(Info; Margaret Welsch)

KATHRYN JOHNSON

We received word that our cousin, Kathryn Johnson passed away on December 29, 1903. She was born in Cass Co. Missouri to _____ Hayes. After graduation from High School, Kathryn went to Kansas City, MO to work where she met her husband of many years, William (Bill) Johnson. After retirement they moved to Florida for several years but later moved to New Bern, NC to be near their son Dwayne.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband Bill Johnson. She is survived by son, Dwayne Johnson and grandson Dane Johnson.

FRANCES ELIZABETH ROCK COFFEE

Frances Elizabeth Rock Coffee, 91, long time resident of Amarillo, TX passed away Jan.3, 2004 in Boerne, TX. She was born July 10, 1912 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. She was raised by her grandparents, Luke and Wilhelmina Rock. She married Oran Coffee on August 8, 1931 and moved to Amarillo. She is survived by daughters **Ollie** Ruth Kennedy, **Ilah Merriman**, both of Dallas, TX, Mina Barringer of Kootemai, ID, and Mrs. Jimmy (Kathy) Simmons of Boerne, TX. She was **layed** to rest beside her husband, Oran Coffee, a WWII veteran. (**Info:** The Dallas Morning News, Jan.9, 2004 and Jo Langwell)

MARY LOUISE CORY

Mary Louise Cory, 82, passed away Nov. 20, 2003, after nearly 20 years in an Amarillo, Texas nursing home. She was the daughter of Jerome Collier McCarley and Hattie Georgia Coffee. She was born Feb 7, 1921, in Manzanola, CO. She became a registered nurse during WWII and worked in the profession **until** she was hospitalized in 1984. She donated her remains to Texas Tech in Lubbock to help training future doctors. She is survived by her brother, J. B. McCarley II of Amarillo and various nephews, nieces and cousins. (Info courtesy of J. B. McCarley)

MR. & MRS. CARLTON COFFEY
Carlton Coffey died Nov 4, 2003 and his wife passed away on Nov. 17, 2003. They lived in Eureka, OR and Carlton is the brother of Richard Coffey and cousin of Lori Okel.

BIRDIE DEXTER COFFEY

Birdie Dexter Coffey, age 71, of Thorn Hill, TN, was born May 20, 1932 and passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband Kyle "Pap" Coffey; two sons, Donnie Ray and Noal Junior Coffey; daughter, Glenda Jean; father and mother, Will and Minnie Collins; twin brother, Lonnie Collins; two sisters, Anna Mae and Dent Collins; son-in-law, Rev. Lloyd Dalton; grandson, Donnie Eugene Dalton. She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Sue Dalton; sons and daughter-in-law, Bobby Dale & Janice Coffey of Thorn Hill and J.T. and Angie Coffey of New Tazewell; brothers, John Collins of Bean Station

and Henry Collins of Thorn Hill; sisters, Lillie Coffey and Helen Waller, of Washburn.

Burial was in the McGinnis Harrell Cemetery.

(Citizen Tribune, Feb. 4, 2004 - info, Sheri Kelly)

BUNA EVELYN COFFEY HAWKINS

Buna Evelyn Coffey Hawkins, 92, of Oak Ridge, TN, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Fort Sanders Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Born Aug. 1, 1911, she was the last surviving child of EW. and Dora Henson Coffey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul J. Hawkins; two sisters, Lelia Coffey and Ola Ramsey, both of Bulls Gap; and by six brothers, Larkin Coffey, Cloyd Coffey and Keller Coffey, all of Bulls Gap, Floyd Coffey and Curtis Coffey, both of Alcoa, and Julian Coffey of Knoxville.

Mrs. Hawkins is survived by four children, Joann Day and husband, Wade, of Lenoir City, Edward Hawkins and wife, Charlotte, of Whitesburg, Rose Marie Ledford and husband, Jim, of Oliver Springs, and Glenda Reynolds and husband, Jim, of Karns, formerly of Oak Ridge.

Burial at Oak Ridge Memorial Gardens. (Info: Ellen Wagner and David and Pat Coffey)

Dr. AMOS COFFEE

Dr. Amos Coffee was buried this last Sunday 14 Feb. 2004. (Info from Lori Okel)

DEAD END ROADS

* Barbara Coffey <herbs@cwis.net> says that her husband's line goes "like this:"

"James William Coffey b. 1948 (my husband) son of Dolphia Calvin Coffey b. either 1913 or 1914 (prior to AR birth cert)

Possible problem here. I cannot find Dolphia's father with his mother.

(Ida B. Lievsay) after 1898. I find his mother in 1910 census living with her father. None of the children are shown with her. There should be three at this time.

I secured Dolphia's brother Floyd's b. 1916 birth certificate and though he is listed as a Coffey there is no father listed. I contacted the oldest "cousin" connected to the family and received the reply, "I knew if you kept nosing around you would find that out. Yes, Floyd was a bastard." She remained adamant that Dolphia is the son of James H. Coffey b. 1872 AR. I find 1880 J.H. age eight in the home of E. and O or A Coffey. I believe E. to be William E.

Family talk is Dolphia had cousins in Red Oak, OK. A son of William E. Coffey migrated to Red Oak.

I have documentation that William E. Coffey b.1832 or 33 married Rosanna Hammond Hartley (the widow of John Hartley) m. 1870 AR. I have not found death records for William E.'s first wife Sophia or William E. I do have them together in 1860 in Collin Co. TX with their children.. I have identified six of William E.'s children and find two of them in the 1880 AR census where I find James H. and E. and O. The sons are living next door with the Sanders family. I believe the wife of Sanders is Lucy/Nancy the daughter of David Pleasant Coffey. Birthdate location match for Lucy as well as spouse name (but spelled Sanders instead of Saunders). David has a brother William that no one has researched as far as I know. I also find William E.'s other sons married on same census and township. If William E. is the brother of David P. that would make him the son of John

Coffey and Margaret Baskin. The William son of John and Margaret shows no birthdate on research I find on the internet but the open slot due to birth order of other children would be 1832 or 33. I also think that two of Margaret's younger brothers married Coffey women."

Barbara says that she understands what she wrote but it may sound muddled. If you have any help for Barbara, contact her at the above e-mail address.

* Juliann Lumpkin is still searching for her grandmother's family. Her father was Albert Coffee who lived in Ft. Smith, AR in 1872. He was in Texas by 1900 and had more children. His first wife died when Juliann's grandmother, Mary Udora was about 6 years old. Mary U told Juliann that her half brothers and sisters migrated to Oklahoma. Juliann is hoping that someone will have information. Her address is P.O. Box 1, Covington, TX 76636.

* Deanne Coffey is from the Edmund A. Coffey line. She says that Edmund A. moved from N. Carolina, to Alabama to Texas. Edmund's son Thomas then moved to near Ada, OK. Deanna is a relative of Gene Brewington's wife Willie Coffey Brewington. Many of you will remember Gene. If you have any help for Deanne, her email address is <DiHudd@aol.com>

* Alan Coffee is a new Coffee researcher. He tells us that he is a police officer in Oklahoma City, OK. He says; "I have recently started to learn how to do this. I have a cousin, Joan Coffey that has done a lot of the research. I am going to enclose a link to her website. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tune/> I am the grandson of Hubert Denson Coffee, and it goes upline like this. Great grandson of Joel William Leonard Coffee, Great great grandson of John James Coffee, Great great great grandson of Joel William or William Joel Coffee and Elizabeth

Ann **Moore** . I think all the information on Joan's site is correct. Including the dates. Alan would like to hear from others working on this line. His e-mail address is; <gt96@cox.net>

* **Valda** M. Vitton is searching for Coffeys. **Valda** says: "My great grandfather started a family tree. He passed away before he completed it. We have no communication with his stepchildren. I believe they now have the info. Here is what I **have**.

g-grandfather Roy C. Coffey

born in Irving, IL **9-8-1897**

brother-Aaron died in Gillespie, IL **12-25-1932**

Mother- Emily M. Coffey(Wheat)

died in Peoria, IL **2-6-1943**

Aunt-Prudence, brother Thomas, sister Sadie, buried in Irving Cemetary no dates listed.

Father-Cyress C. Coffey

Daughter(my grandmother) Kathryn Lucille Coffey-Marzec died in Alton,

Illinois. He would appreciate any help at <valdav36@hotmail.com>

* Janis Hurst, <jeighc@excite.com> asks for help from the Coffey researchers as follows:

"I am a greatgranddaughter of Eliza Lay wife of Kinchen Washington Tucker. They were married in Pulaski Co. Ky in 1852. Eliza's mother was **Milly** (Durham), daughter of Martin Durham. A granddaughter of Eliza's brother has a document in which Milly Lay is apparently selling land to Richard Durham that she inherited from her father. I have not seen the document. I believe it was a Caswell Co., NC document. Do you have any info that would connect this Milly Durham and Martin Durham to the Coffey family, Martha Patsy Coffey, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey who married Martin Durham? Are they one and the same?

Martin Durham is my question. I think my mother's family look quite a lot like the Coffey family members (descended from the above Coffey family) that I have seen photos of on

websites. I don't have a document that would make a definite final connection between Milly dau. of Martin and Martin who married Martha Patsy Coffey. However, I have read that Martin and Martha went to Wayne Co., KY. Somerset, Pulaski Co. where Milly lived is very near Monticello in Wayne Co., KY. Milly was born about **1797-98** probably in NC. Did Martin Durham return to NC from Wayne Co. Is there nothing more known of Martha and Martin after **they left** NC?

Thanks for your attention and your help in answering this query. Janis Hurst

* Nancy Williams, <willco5@attglobal.net>

wrote: "I'm one of your Coffee Cousins Dallas. I attended the convention in Vicksburg and In **Dallas/Addison**, TX. I have had to put the family tree on the back burner for the **last** two years because of a staggering increase in my teaching load. Interestingly, two of my students are some of my Coffee cousins through their New Mexico grandfather. My line is as follows:

Mrs. Larry **C.(Nancy)** Williams

Nancy Ann Stegall, daughter of Carrie Vann (Coffey) Stegall

Grand-Daughter of Edward Lafayette Coffey

Great-Grand-Daughter of Charles Lines Coffey who was a sibling of Edward Pleasant Coffey. If you can **help** Nancy, her e-mail address is above.

* Camay Achtemichuk has researched her line to Martha Coffey (daughter of Edward and Ann Powell Coffey) who married Joshua Stapp/Stepp. She writes; "I have just been reading the information concerning Benjamin Coffey on the web. I am a "cousin" going back to Edward Coffey m, Ann Powell, through daughter Martha Coffey m. Joshua Stapp/Stepp Elizabeth Stapp m. William Morris (a Revolutionary War veteran)

(Both son Henry Morris m. Mary **Byrd/Bird**, twice; and Frances Morris m. John Jones (a

Revolutionary War veteran (twice)

****Henry Morris m. Mary Byrd/Bird**

John Morris m. Jane Brown

Leonard Morris m. Eliza Jones

William Hazeltine Morris m Nancy Elswick

John Edward Morris m. Ella Bird

John Sterling Morris m Carrie B Elliott

(who also goes back to Elizabeth Stapp/Stepp and William Morris;

Martha Coffey; Edward Coffey, etc

and me, Elizabeth Camay (Morris) Achtemichuk.

Camay would like to hear from other Coffey

cousins. Her e-mail address:

[<northstar@imagewireless.ca>](mailto:northstar@imagewireless.ca)

* Kathy Coffee Alberts, [<kaa5@earthlink.net>](mailto:kaa5@earthlink.net) says: "William and Mary McAllister Coffee gave birth to Joshua M. Coffee 9/29/1789 who married Jane (Jinnie) Trousdale on Jan. 10, 1810. Jane is the daughter of the Gov. of TN and she died in 1865. One of their sons is John Trousdale Coffee who was born 14 Dec 1816 . He had four wives. The third wife; Lavenia Harriet Weir gave birth to William Truesdale Coffee on 28 July 1857 in Nevada, MO. He married Beatrice Eliza Webb. He died Oct 10, 1944 and she Dec 30, 1939. One of their sons was Samuel DeAlma Coffee born 9 Nov 1882. He was my grandpa on my dad's side. I have come across Truesdale and Trousdale. Do you know which one is correct and why do you refer to Joshua as Rev. ? Was he officially? What denomination? Kathy would appreciate any help.

* Mary Isom wrote that her grandmother was Annie Coffee who married William Lemons. She says that Joel Leonard Coffey (he spells his name with a "y") lives in Madill, OK. His father is a brother to Mary's grandmother and that the older generation told her that her Coffees came from Alabama to Coal Co. OK.

JACK COFFEE AND DNA

Well, my DNA results have finally arrived. Unfortunately, they reveal that my paternal ancestry is **not** Coffee/y!

My grandfather Coffee told stories to some of his other grandchildren, older than I (he was married three times, and had grandchildren from his first and third marriages; I come from the third wife) that his father was really named **Mills**, and had been adopted by Lilburn Coffee, the man that I have been looking for over the past 20+ years.

I had always kept that story in the back of my mind, but didn't put much stock into the tale since the old man was prone to telling "adventuresome" tales.

It now appears that I will have to rethink that tale, and put a bit more stock into it. My **great-grandfather**, appearing as James M. Coffee in census records, was likely a **Mills**.

All of my first twelve markers match perfectly the first twelve markers of at least three Mills men: William Mills, born 1805 in TN, William Riley Mills, born 1814 in TN, and James C. Mills, born circa 1815 in TN. It's possible that these three men are brothers, since all 25 markers match perfectly. Could be that I descend from one of these, but I will have to have my DNA tested to see if I also match them exactly.

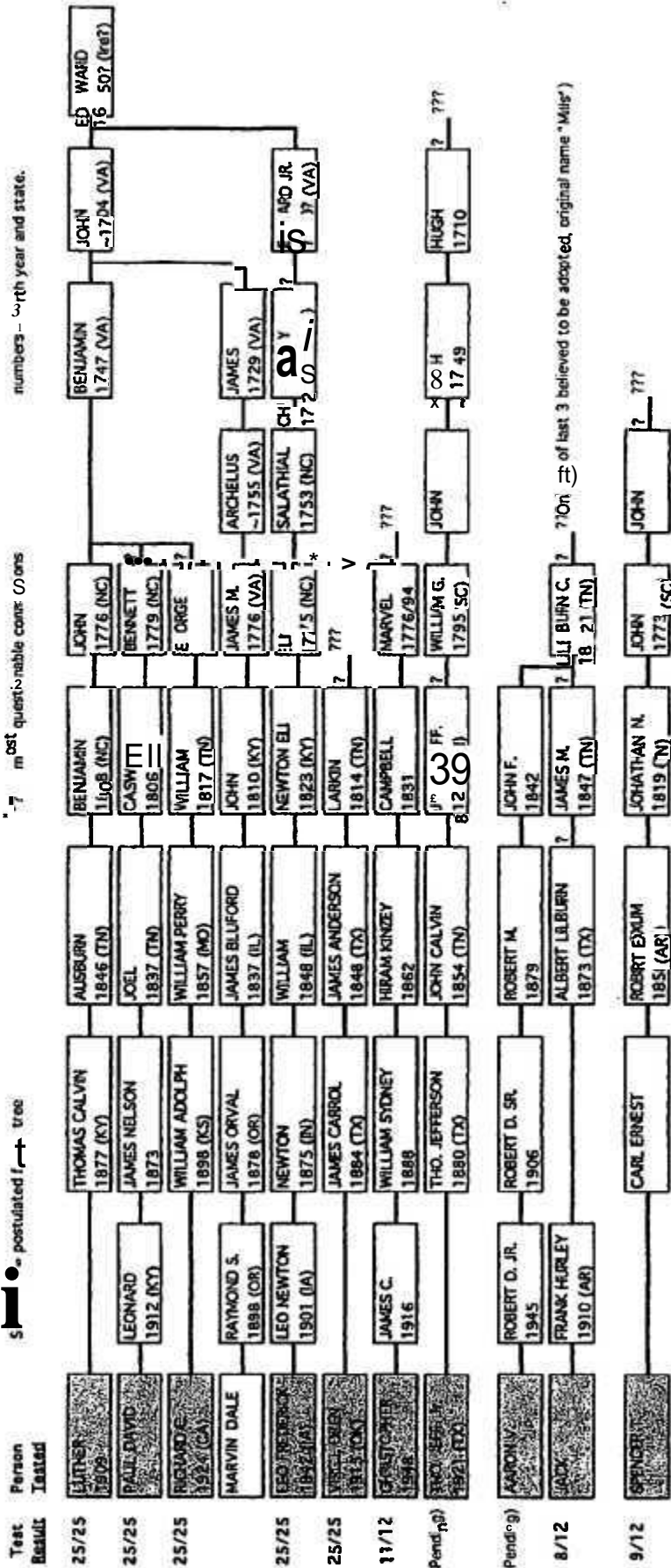
Strangely, my first 12 markers also match perfectly those of Parker, West, Stevens, Wyatt, and Willis family ancestors. I have received e-mail from one Mills researcher who tells me that he is in contact with another Mills researcher who is also researching the Coffey name. He promises to send me more information later tonight

Each of you can imagine how surprising - not to mention disappointing - all of this is to me.

Lorie tells me that she is a West, and I remember from Marvin's book that a Coffey woman married a Mills, so there is still some hope yet for me belonging to the Coffey clan somewhere along the way.

My copy of Marvin's book is still packed away, so I don't know exactly how the Mills/Coffey relationship was described. If anyone has their copy handy, and can check for me I'd really appreciate it.

Coffey / Coffee Y-9NA Surname Project



NOTES:
 The 9NA is available for 12, 25 and 37 markers. (Several of the above have had upgraded and included at least two 37-marker tests.)
 Results of 12/25 and 25/25 are markers matched by Coffey Refers to exactly to 9/25/25. (The set "Luoar" as the "CoffeyRef refers".)
 A match of 25 of 25 says there is 99.9% probability of a common ancestor = 50% probability that it occurred within 7 generations, and 90% within 23 generations.
 A match of 11 of 12 also suggests a relationship - a common ancestor (or one of his near relatives) is their most likely common ancestor.
 Before the first 12 tested people above are clear, and "Edward" (or one of his near relatives) is their most likely common ancestor.
 However, the first 12 tested people above are not closely related to others. Also, if you view the DNA data, you will see they are not related to each other.
 No test yet ordered on MARVIN DALE COFFEY line. However, Dr. Coffey has done two books on this line, and it is thus one of the better documented lines.
 Last Update: 10/04

DOCUMENTS GALORE

Jack Coffee sends the following record:

1915 Orleans Parish Louisiana Death Index
Coffey, Clara Lee age 28 yrs, race White, Died 09/
10/1915, Vol 164, Page 441

Bowie County Marriages 1888 thru 1930, Bowie
County, Texas

Submitted by the New Boston Genealogy Society,
Bowie County Texas

See Web Page:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txbowie/nbgs.htm>

GROOM MARRIAGE BRIDE

COFFEE, Hally 10-14-1909

ROSS, Ida

COFFEE, L.L. 01-16-1899

GOATS, Minnie

COFFEY, Andy Jarman 08-09-1927

JONES, Lula

COFFEY, Holley 09-21-1902

WILSON, Stella

COFFEY, NJ. 06-22-1898

DESHAN, Lillie

COFFEY, W.M. 02-23-1896

ROSE, Josie

COFFEY, W.M. 07-31-1927

BRANDY, Mai

I (Bonnie) have a couple of older obituaries that might help another researcher. The first is from Frankfort (I think KY). The second is from the Jefferson City, Mo newspaper, News Tribune.

ALICE COFFEE

FRANKFORT - Alice Coffee, 96, Frankfort, died Tuesday, June **16, 1992** at a Frankfort nursing home. Mrs. Coffee taught in **Alaga**, AL schools, at Bethune-Cookman College in Jacksonville, FL, and was associated with the Phyllis Wheatley Association in Canton, OH. She later taught music in Marshall Co. rural schools, at an Indian school

on the Rosebud Reservation near Belvidere, SD, and after she retired from teaching in schools, she taught piano lessons in her home. Alice and her husband lived in Ashtabula, OH where they owned and operated a beach house resort on Lake Erie. She was born Nov. **21, 1895**, at Lincoln, NB, the daughter of William and Matilda Adams Vanderzee. She married Dr. William Burton on Feb **224, 1922**. He died **Oct 26, 1933**. She was married to Whit Coffee on Aug **31, 1940**. He died in 1956. She was survived by an adopted son, William Perry Burton and a nephew, William Coffee of Frankfort. Burial was in the Frankfort Cemetery.

THELMA MAPPES

Thelma Mappes, 82, Sunrise Beach, MO, died Saturday at Lake Ozark General Hospital. She was born Oct **21, 1905** at America City, KS, a daughter of James and Lena Higgins Coffey. She married April **8, 1928** to Henry A. Mappes, who survives at the home. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Sunrise Beach.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Rosemary McCarrison, Sunrise Beach; Three brothers James Coffey Jr., Sunrise Beach, Robert Coffey, **Mesa**, AZ, Ulyses Coffey, Leavenworth, KS; and one grandchild.

Burial was in the Dale Blair Cemetery,
Camdenton, MO

LATIMER COUNTY NEWS-TRIBUNE, August **9, 2001**, Page 13, Wilburton, OK

J. R. Coffee of Tulsa, OK, passed away July 16, 2001, at Jenks, OK. He was born April **25, 1926**, at Cravens, to W.B. "Bud" Coffee and Burtess Goforth Coffee. He had worked for the Yellow Cab Co. of Tulsa, OK, after his years in the **military**.

He is survived by his sons: Joe Raymond Coffee, Tulsa, OK; Steven Barnhart and wife, **Waynonna**, Wichita, KS; a daughter, Tonda Townsend, Red

Bluff, CA; five nieces and nephews; six grandchildren; two sisters: Dorothy Walker and husband, Newman of Muskogee OK; and Pauline Kirkes and husband, Richard, Wilburton, OK. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one brother and three sisters. Graveside services were at Baldwin Cemetery, Cravens.
(From Jack Coffee)

PERRY COFFEY

by Tim McGinnis

First off, let me thank all of you sincerely for your thoughts and assistance in looking into matters regarding this family mystery. I appreciate your help greatly.

I'm sending some information here that is transcribed verbatim from the microfilm rolls I examined at the Springfield, MO library. I've given you the gist of this before, but this is the "real deal".

Springfield Daily Herald, Wed., April 7, 1886 "Sheriff Hawkins, of Ozark county, yesterday morning took A. M. Coffee, who has been confined for several months in the Greene county jail, to Gainesville, where he will be tried for murdering his uncle, Peter Coffee."

Springfield Leader, **Thur.**, April 29, 1886 (I believe the date and paper name to be correct, although I've lost the exact citation and need to get it again from the index for Spfd. news-papers. The index information I do have on hand suggests that the name and date listed are correct, or at least within a couple of days of being correct. The actual text IS correct and is transcribed verbatim from a photocopy)

"J. F. Coffy, recently confined in our county jail and taken to Ozark county for trial on charge of killing his half-uncle, Perry Coffy, was acquitted a few days ago at Gainesville."

In the newspaper index that listed an abbreviated form of the above text, someone had typed in

[You genealogists: What is a half-uncle??]

To this question, it had been written by hand, the following; The half brother of one of your parent.

This information narrows the time of the trial to a period of two or three weeks during April of 1886, and the trial definitely took place at Gainesville. It is interesting that the prisoner was held at Springfield in the months leading up to the trial.

It has been suggested that the **accused/murderer** (not sure if they are the same) was named **Finley Coffey**. This would fit in somewhat with the listed name of J. F. Coffey. Also, this J. F. Coffey may be the son of Perry Coffey's half-brother. Do any of you have any references to a J. F. Coffey or a Finley Coffey that would have fit this connection?

We believe that a half-brother of Perry Coffey was Andrew Jackson Coffey, who was apparently an influential man in Ozark County for many years.

Some of this info has been handed down verbally via my **gr-uncle**, Melvin Scott, who along with my grandmother Almedia Scott Hill, was a grandchild of Perry Coffey. Melvin's widow, Lois, is still **living**, but is somewhat feeble and in a home in Gainesville. When we asked her about the story of the murder, all she could remember was that Perry was killed "by kin". Melvin and Lois' son Joe Scott lives in Poplar Bluff, MO. I may try and contact him regarding whether he remembers any of the details of the story his father told.

The Ozark County Courthouse burned in about **1934**. Were the records stored in the courthouse? The time frame for media and **court/jail** records would span from the time of the death, June 5, 1885 through the acquittal time of late April 1886. Any thoughts as to other sources of information? If you do think of something I might pursue, feel free to contact me. Tim McGinnis,

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Col. JONATHAN NORMAN COFFEY

By Spencer Coffey

I wish to clarify my thoughts about my Coffey line. In reference to the information in the "Addendum" in Marvin Coffey's book "James B. Coffey." It identifies **Col. Jonathan Norman Coffey** b. 1819 as the son of John Coffey b. 1752 m. Susannah Crockett, of the Coffey line defined in "A Reed Family in America". That information is incorrect. Documentation that Col. J. N. Coffey was a son of John Coffey 1773-1843 and Margaret Baskin is extensive, including his biographical sketch in one of the Goodspeed volumes, the 1894 "A Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region". Since this was published prior to Col. J. N.'s death, some weight must be given to the idea that the data there-in probably came from Col. J. N. himself and if so, should be factual. **Goodspeed's** sketch further identifies Col. J. N.'s grandfather (i.e., the father of John 1773-1843) as also named John Coffey, a Revolutionary War participant. I accept this lineage as completely accurate.

I agree that "my" line, beginning with my first documented Revolutionary War John Coffey, somehow probably connects to the early Coffey line described in "A Reed Family in America" which "Reed" traces back to a Hugh Coffey **1700?-1767?**. But how and at what point that connection is made I wouldn't attempt to guess. It certainly doesn't descend in the manner suggested in the above "Addendum", but it does seem likely the two lines are somehow related.

As there is some interest in **all** this because of the Coffey DNA tests, let me throw out a couple of controversial comments. I don't wish to ruffle anyone's feathers, but my comments may affect a considerable number of Coffey descendants, some of whom no doubt have long had their pedigrees "in order" and may find these comments difficult to accept.

Item one: "A Reed Family in America", p.22, identifies Rev. Hugh M. Coffey, Baptist minister,

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born **14Jul 1802**, further referenced in Borum's "Tennessee Baptist Ministers", as the son of a Hugh Coffey **1770?-1840?** and Margaret Moore. I feel that "Reed" is in error on this point - a very easy thing to do considering, as you noted, the many Hugh and John Coffeys.. I am absolutely convinced that Rev. Hugh Coffey, Baptist preacher, husband of Obedience McGaugh and Martha Stewart, was instead another of the sons of John Coffey 1773-1843 and Margaret Baskin, and a brother to the above Col. J. N. Coffey. As one item of proof, the obituary of Margaret (Coffey) Henley **1815-1874**, daughter of the above John Coffey 1773-1843 confirms: "She was a sister of the Rev. Hugh Coffee, of Tennessee and D. P. Coffee of Arkansas." Could this D. P. Coffee be anyone other than Rev. David Pleasant Coffey **1805-1883**, noted Cumberland Presbyterian minister of Tennessee and Arkansas, well-documented as a son of John Coffey 1773-1843. Continuing, it is **also** extremely well documented that Rev. David P. Coffey and Col. J. N. Coffey were brothers.

Item two: Richardson "Rich" Coffey, 1823-1897, Indian fighter, cattleman and early Concho Valley, Texas pioneer, mentioned in such noted volumes including "The Handbook of Texas Online", husband of Sarah "Sallie" Greathouse. Various printed pedigrees indicate that Rich was a son of James Coffey b.ca. 1779 and Delilah Ferguson, his lineage supposedly tracing back earlier to John Coffey and Jane Graves of Virginia. I must disagree with the identification of Rich Coffey's parents, for there is evidence suggesting that Rich Coffey was a grandson of John Coffey **1773-1843** and Margaret Baskin, that Rich's parents were William Coffey and Delisey Trentham.

To recap, it is my opinion that, instead of having three separate, unrelated Coffey lines for: a) Rev. Hugh Coffey, b) Rich Coffey, and c) Col. J. N. & Rev. David P. Coffey, there is in fact only one line, that of the unidentified Revolutionary War **soldier** John Coffey, the father of John Coffey

1773-1843. Further, I feel there is little doubt but that Col. J. N. Coffey, Rev. Hugh Coffey, Rev. David Coffey and Rich Coffey's father William Coffey, were brothers, sons of John Coffey 1773-1843 and Margaret Baskin. My DNA is now on record as a descendant of Col. J. N. Coffey. If it should occur that any Coffey males descending from either Rev. Hugh Coffey, or Rich Coffey, should participate in the Coffey DNA program, it is my sincere belief that, barring any presently unknown factors, my DNA and their DNA will match and confirm these comments.

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