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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Cousins!

Time sure is passing fast. By the time you read this it will be a little less than 2 months before we meet in Nashville. Hostesses Billie McKinney and Patsy Burns, as well as the rest of us are hoping for a large crowd. There is much to do in Nashville, and a visit to the archives is tops on my list. Because so many of our ancestors came through, or were born and died there it would be a waste not to spend a day or so at the State Library and Archives.

For the past few months I have been adding to the Edward and Ann Powell Coffey family file, attempting to put together what we collectively know about their descendants. I have received much information from other researchers - some good and some not so good - but it is a start. The object of my "project" is to put the collected information together in one location, and make it available to all researchers for comment and correction. So far, it seems that more people are content to merely copy it, and not make the requested comments and corrections.

I am also working on the Peter Coffee family. This line has been well researched, or so I hear, but nothing has been published and/or

shared with Coffey Cousins in recent years. My information comes from very old publications that have not been updated in years, so I know it contains many errors. After I get some of the census work completed I will also make that available on the Coffey Cousins' website for comments.

Readers can reach the Coffey Cousins' website by entering the following shortcut into your browser window: <http://snurl.com/lu7>.

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If you are into "blogging" I am trying my hand at that for Coffey Cousins' at <http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/>.

As many of you know, DNA tests have shown that Peter and Edward were related, but were several generations apart. It is very likely that they shared some common ancestor, but how far back is not exactly known. If you are a descendant of the Peter line we ask that you consider being tested so that we can more closely define the relationship between Peter and Edward. The address for the DNA website is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

See you in Nashville!
Jack

EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

Do you have the book JAMES BLUFORD COFFEY, His Ancestors & Descendents in America, by Marvin D. Coffey? If your answer is NO, you need to make your reservation for the Coffey Convention today. We are going to auction one at the Saturday banquet. We will also auction one of the Supplements to this rare and wonderful book. You may never find one available again. (It's that rare.) We could auction it on EBay and get more money but wish to keep it in the cousins group. You can contact me if you need more information.

I love Nashville and can hardly wait to get there! I look forward to greeting all of you - but hope to get into the State Library and find something new again. We met in Nashville for the 2nd Coffey convention. It's also known as a fun city.

Lori and Fred tell me that the DNA project is progressing well but they still need some more Coffee/y volunteers to verify some of our lines.

Be sure to check Jack Coffee's new database on the Coffey web site. It's

AWesome! With this tool and the index to the newsletter (both on the Coffey Cousins web site) Coffee/ey research should become a lot easier.

Also be sure to study Tim Peterman's theory on Chesley Coffey. I think he has put enough together for us to consider removing Chesley sr. from our records. Many of us have thought that this Chesley didn't fit, but we did not do enough research to make the serious conclusions that Tim has.

Many of you knew Al Carhart who passed away in January. We will miss him.

Jim and I are still in Florida and will leave for home on April 1. Don't worry, I get all your mail and E-mails here. Looking forward to another great year.

Bonnie



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YEAR

This begins our 25th year of continuous publication of the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse. It is probably some sort of record for a one name genealogy newsletter.

Leonard Coffey started the newsletter in 1981 and was editor for 8 years until his death. I, Bonnie Culley have continued it from 1989 until now -- 16 years.

I'm rather proud of our record and believe the real credit lies in the generosity and camaraderie of you, the cousins.

Just to mention a few researchers who were willing to share but who are no longer with us; Leonard Coffey, Marvin Coffey, Betty Coffey, Walker Coffey, Willard Israel, J.C. Coffey, Kathryn Johnson, Ian Strange, Al Carhart, Gene

Brewington, Gloria Roach, Ruth Lanning, and Lillian Neighbors.

This definitely is not a complete list, only those that come to my "aging mind."

Thankfully we still have another generation joining us in the research of this great and humble Coffey, Coffee (we don't care how you spell your name) family.

We hope they keep the memories of our forebearers alive and add many more years to the lines.

Thanks for 16 years of help and encouragement. We dedicate this 25th year to our contributors.

BONNIE CULLEY



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Fielding G.

Sarah

William

Perry L.

Sarah

NEW COUSINS

* ALBERTA SNOWDEN is the Coffey researcher in her family and has added a subscription for her cousin, William Shearer and his wife Christiana.

* JAMES COFFEY of Jamestown, KY is the brother of Faye McQuilling. They are researching the line of Fielding Coffey.

* CHARUE MCKINLEY is the father of Teresa Foss. Theresa has been searching for parents for Sarah Coffey. Charlie's Email address is:

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*ELENOR HOLBROOK has been given a subscription by John D. Coffey sr. John is working on a KY Coffey line through William Coffey father of Mason, father of Roger. We assume that Elenor is also from this line.

* VERONICA JO COFFEY is the sister of Juanita Daniel. They descend from Perry L. Coffey.

* DOROTHY BAKER'S ancestor is Sarah Coffey who married Michael Israel Jr.. This is Dorothy's grandmother's side of the family. Grandmother was Nancy Hicks the daughter of Jacob Hicks and Francis Matilda Israel. She was the daughter of James Israel son of Michael and Sarah. Dorothy says, "I couldn't find much information about her but have the line pretty complete from there down. I have gotten a lot of information from Jack's database on the Coffeys. It is truly

wonderful the work he has done on this. My branch of the family begins in NC and migrated to Arkansas. My line also runs into the John Coffey-Jane Graves line, through Sarah Coffey Israel, daughter of James and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey. It was quite something to be able to straighten all that out." Dorothy's e-mail is: dbaker@cei.net

COMPUTER NEWS

Reams Goodloe <goodloev@bellsouth.net> sends the following good news about the index. The index through # 97 is now available on CD-R

Web addresses from Jack Coffee;
Greer Co.. OK link to 1912-1918 death records in that county.

<http://marti.rootsweb.com/greer/greerdnx.html>

Library of Virginia, <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/index.htm>

Click on ~~What We Have~~ - Go all the way down to the bottom of that page and look for this: Death Records Indexing Project
<http://ajax.lva.lib.va.us/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas29&local_base=clas29>

(- partially completed cooperative project with the Virginia Genealogical Society; goal is to create a statewide index to the 1853-1896 locality death registers.)

Illinois-Death-Records link:

<http://www.sos.state.il.us/GenealogyMWeb/deathsrch.html>

OBITUARIES**AL CARHART**

Albert Wallace Carhart, born May 29, **1928**, passed away Jan. **12**, 2005. **Al** was preceded in death by his father Archie M. Carhart; mother Irene Howard Carhart; and sister Mary Helen Carhart Hans of San Antonio. He is survived by his beloved wife Lennie Sue Boyd Carhart; son Michael W. Carhart and wife Eva; daughters Kathleen **Edmonston** and husband Douglas; Molly Broyal and husband Nelson; grandsons Johnny Griffin, Jesse Griffin, Benjamin Pigott and Micha **Kibler**; and step-grandson Alex Edmonston. He also is survived by grand-daughters, Tracy Heckathorn Williams, Heather Pigott Johnson, Velvet **Kibler** Anderson, **Amaris** Griffin Pereira, Leah Griffin, Elissa Griffin Davis, Christina Carhart and **Cayla** Carhart; **step-granddaughter** Danielle Edmonston; six great-grandchildren; and many friends. A Memorial Celebration of Life Service was held at Notre Dame Catholic Church. **Al** was an active Coffey Cousin and we will miss him.

(**Kerrville**, TX newspaper –submitted by Jack Coffee/Jeff Coffey)

PAT TODD

Pat died January **21**, 2005 at the age of 80, in Mt. Solon, VA. She was the daughter of Jesse and Mabel Coffey. She is survived by her husband, Dr. John Todd and a sister Mabel Buckley of Martinsville, VA. Pat was cremated and her ashes will be scattered **at** sea.

(From Ellen Wagner)

JOHN KUHN

John was **born** June **20**, **1930** in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Loy and Rosella Coffee Kuhn. He married Rosalie Gunn, they resided in Dallas until her death in **1989**. He married the former Mary Albert McDonald, they moved to Tyler in **1996**. He was a member of the First Presbyterian

Church in Tyler, a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and a former leader in the Kiwanis. He is survived by his wife, Mary Albert Kuhn, two sons Doug & wife Sonya of **Granbury**; David and wife Marie of DeSoto. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery.

(Dallas Morning News: Sun. Dec **12**, 04)

NANCY COFFEE HARRIS

Nancy, 58, passed away Dec. 23, 2004. She was **born** July **31**, **1946** in Fort Worth. She was a life-long resident of Arlington, TX. She is survived by; husband, James **"Ron"** Harris of Arlington; sons, Matthew of Fort Worth and David of Arlington; daughter, Rebecca Harris of Weatherford; sister Jan Coffee **Skillman** and husband, Charley of Williamsburg, VA. Graveside service was held at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

(Dallas Morning News: Mon. Dec **17**, 04)

Katharine D Harville

Katherine D **"Doe Baby"** Harville **79**, native of Thorn Hill, TN died Mon. Dec. 20, 2004 at the home of a sister in Morristown. She was preceded in death by parents, Brownlow and Mae Coffey Harville, spouse, Thomas J Dalton, 3 sons; Robert, Ray Jr, and infant James, Minnie Ruth Dalton, a grand daughter; sisters; Gladys Woodard and Leva Shelton and brothers; Dale, Herbert, John, and Albert Coffey. Survivors: sons Harold, Larry and Terry of Thorn Hill, dau, Linda Dalton of Bean Station, Pauline and Bryant **Jarnigan** of Morristown, sister, Hannah Carter, and brother **Ulis** Harville both of Morristown. She was buried in the Harville cemetery.

(Grainger Co. News: Archie Dalton)

J.C. ROWE

J.C., 74, Morristown d. Jan. 21 2005. Preceded in death by parents Will and Jane Rowe and brother Chester. Survived by wife Evelyn, daughters, Barbara Bolden, Linda Cobble; brother, Guy Rowe of

March

Talbott; sisters, Wonette Drinnon and Norma COFFEY of Morristown, Ina Lee Seals. (Jefferson City Standard Banner, Jan.25, 2005: Archie Dalton)

JAMES (CLYDE) COFFEY

James (Clyde) died January 7, 2005 of Lung Cancer. He is survived by his wife Teresa, son Tra, and four brothers and their families. Interment following at Memorial Park Cemetery.

(The **Oklahoman** on 1/9/2005.)

MICHAEL COFFEE

Michael Coffee, **52**, passed away Monday, April **19**, 2004 and was born March **31**, **1952**, in Fort Worth, TX. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Coffee, in **1992**, and grandparents, W.V. and Gladys Terrell. Survivors: Son, Derek O'Keefe; two grandchildren; mother, Dorothy Coffee; and sister, LaJuan Zachary. Burial: Greenwood Memorial Park.

(The Star-Telegram on 4/21/2004.)

ADDIE M. COFFEY

Addie Marie Coffey, 89, a **homemaker**, died Monday, Aug. **16**, 2004, in Weatherford, TX. Born **1915**. Graveside service in Glen Cove Cemetery, Coleman. TX. Survivors: Sisters, Lucy Whittington and Ruth Loge.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, **8/18/2004**)

JOHN GERARD COFFEY

John Gerard Coffey, 74, a retired design engineer, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at Arlington, TX. **Born 1929**. Survivors: Children, Terry Drennan Coffey of Grand Prairie, Susan Orth of Arlington, Robert Coffey of Grand Prairie, Crissy Padgett of Arlington;

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brothers and sister, Martin Coffey of **Bloomfield**, N.J., Edward Coffey of Edison, N.J., Vincent Coffey of Belleville, **N.J.**, Frank Coffey of S. **Plainfield**, N.J., Walter Coffey of Whippany, N.J., James Coffey of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and Doris Esposito of Cedar Grove, **N J**.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 2/9/2004)

SALLEI VENICE COFFEY

Sallei, 90, of Zephyr, **TX**, died March 8, 2004, at her home. Mrs. Coffey was a longtime resident of Fort Worth and had lived in Zephyr for the past 30 years. Survivors: son Gary C. Hitt of Huntsville, AL.; daughter Gail Cunningham of Houston; granddaughters, Lisa Farra and Gina Goynes of Houston, **Kim Woodson** of Denton, Laura Hitt of Atlanta, GA, and Karen Hitt Allen of Jackson, MS. Interment will follow in Zephyr Cemetery.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 3/9/2004)

DNA - PROJECT

Fred Coffey will present an in-depth report of the DNA project to the Coffey Convention. We will publish the findings of this report in the June issue. Since the charts are getting larger and fitting one on a page would make them unreadable, please go to the web page to view the DNA page: <http://members.aol.com/FredCoffey/CousinsDNA.htm>

They can always use a few more cousins with the name Coffee/y to take the test. For information on how to take the test, etc., write to:

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Dead End Roads

* **Gayle** Carson enjoys reading the newsletter but hopes to make contact with a related Coffey researcher someday. Gayle is looking for anything on Danile Coffey and wife Mary Monahan. Gayle's address is **2118** NW 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK **73107** - Email: rootseeker40@cox.net

* Lena Breasure wrote: "I saw your website. My name is Lena Coffey Breasure. My dad was Lonnie Ray Coffey born in Matoaka (?) West Virginia. My grandfather was Mack Coffey a coal miner. I heard stories of moonshine from him. My grandmother was Esther McCroskey. I know our family is of Irish decent supposedly through England? Most of the living relatives live in North Carolina. We lived in Boone, Blowing Rock and Coffeys Gap. I think we also had family in Johnson City, TN. My dad passed in **1991**. I only have communication with my aunt Margaret Farley who still lives in NC and would really like to know all of my history. I read some on your web site and it sounds possible. My dad had several siblings, Edward died last year, Nellie died about 2 yrs ago, Bertha is living in Maryland. Clayton died as an infant. Margaret is living in NC and Steve was adopted. Virginia lives in the state of Virginia. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Lenalbreasure@msn.com

* Betty Landers is having problems with her Coffey line. She says; "I think, and this is just a guess that my great grand mother Coffey has to be related to the Marshall co. TN Coffeys as they lived in the **18th** dist which is close to the Marshall co. line. **If I** could get a line on whom Thomas and **Priscilla** Coffey are I

think I would make a great leap. I found a land deed that I need to follow through on, where Thomas and Priscilla had an interest with Benjamin Coffey. The land was sold to Joel Stallings. I haven't been able to make a contact with anyone that knows of a **Delk** and Coffey marriage. Thomas Coffey is listed on the census as being from NC and living next door to my great-grand parents and I believe this is the house that my grandfather Delk was raised in. Maybe one day all this will be clear." Betty Landers dclanders@bellsouth.net

* Jack Coffee asks if any of you ever hear of Purness Coffee? He was in Bedford Co., VA in **1832** when he married Amelia Snead. Jack is working on a database of **all** Coffee/eys. His e-mail address is: jkcoffee@yahoo.com

He also needs to know if anyone recognizes these families.

1870 Jefferson Co., MS, TS8, Fayette P.O., Page 60, dwelling 506, family 505 COFFEY, M. J., age 36, female, white, farming, **\$1600, \$175, born MS**

Bradford, age **19**, male, white, **\$100**,
born MS

Chesley, age **17**, male, white, **born MS**

Watt, age 8, male, white, born MS

Sallie, age 5, female, white, **born MS**

Edgar, age **1**, male, white, born MS

Scott, Sarah, age 6, female, black, b. MS

Scott, Lee, age **10**, male, black, born MS

Bullen, Olivia, age **11**, female, white, b MS

Jack is also looking for info on James

Walter Coffey. He was born Jun. 9 **1859**

in KY, died Feb. **17 1938** in KY. In **1920**

was in Metcalfe Co. KY census. Married

Eddie Mona Roach, born Feb. **15, 1870**

in Adair Co., KY. They were married Feb.

19, 1891 in Adair Co. Their children:

George W., **1892**, Florence, **1893**,

Lawrence Denzil, 1894, Mary E., 1896, Clarence, 1899, Evie Ellen, 1901, John Lilburn, 1903, William Henry, 1905, Cora Nell, 1907, Fannie Magdaline, 1910.

* Jack Coffee received e-mail from Carol A. Schmidt of PA who told him that she was searching for her Coffey roots. Her e-mail address: d0gpurrs0n@enter.net

She quoted a baby book started by her parents for her when she was born.

my parent's - Franklin Duval ROWAN, m.

Madelene Mary SCHELL;

his parents - Franklin Hall ROWAN, m.

Mary L. BERNHARDT;

his parents - John Howard ROWAN, m.

Eliza Ann COFFEE;

her parents - William COFFEE, m.

Sara VANDERSLICE;

his parents - John COFFEY m.

Mary BUCHANAN.

Jack says "As I wrote earlier, I had received a query from a researcher in PA who has a baby book with some scant information concerning the marriage of a daughter of a William Coffey and Sarah unknown last name, to a Vanderslice. I had initially thought that it might be the William referenced in Marvin's book page 71 married to Sarah Compton. But, after some more research, and census work, I found William Coffey with wife Sarah, and elderly Jane Compton and Sarah Fendley (age 9) in the 1850 Gwinnett Co., GA census. Jane was the Jane Fields who married Hezekiah Compton, and they were the parents of the Sarah who married William. William was son of John Coffey, born 1753, died Dec 27, 1825 and married Mary "Polly" last name unknown. John was the son of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland. Marvin's ancestor." But after checking the Clearinghouse's index, produced by Reams Goodloe, Jack

finds an entry, which seems more likely.

"BUCHANAN, MARY (CAFFEY), w/o JOHN, 72-6 29-4 59-5 83-12"

Jack also checked all his census indexes and did not find a Vanderslice outside of PA until about 1850, then none in Georgia. Had a daughter of this William and Sarah Compton Coffey married, it would likely have been in her home state of GA.

It appears that Carol's Mary Buchanan married a John Caffey of PA. If you have anything to add to Carol's research, she would be very grateful.

* Robert A. Coffey frayx@hotmail.com sends the following: "For those not familiar with John D Coffey (1821-1859), he is a bit of a Mystery man. First, it is said he was married in 1845 to Martha Gray (1820-?). They had 5 children in Warrick County, Indiana. Their names were Ananias II, Elizabeth, George, Lewis, and Martha. All were born between 1846-1852. I have also seen it documented that he married a Sereptia Chambers in late 1852 in Kentucky. It has been shown that he is not among the family in the 1860 census, just Martha Gray and kids. I have heard that John went on a business trip and just never returned. More likely he decided just to leave the family behind for reasons as yet unknown. Kentucky is not very far from Indiana and I think it is one plausible explanation. One other bit of mystery surrounding John is his parentage. My family believes he is a son of Ananias Coffey and Jane Hindman. I have seen an alternative idea on the internet that John's parents were Phillip Coffey and Elizabeth Ashby both born in Kentucky. As with most internet sources I am a bit wary of this idea but would like other input on it."

Robert also found the following on a web site after writing the paragraph above. "MARY A. SKELTON (ZACHERIAH, WILLIAM 1) was born Sept. 17, 1844, and died Nov. 17, 1924 in Garrison Cemetery, Skelton Twp., Warrick County, IN. She met ANANIAS (2) COFFEE February 28, 1866 in Warrick County, IN, son of JOHN COFFEE and MARTHA GRAY. He was born Jan. 29, 1846 in Warrick County, IN, and died August 28, 1897 in Warrick County, IN."

("Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse Newsletter, Vol. 44, Sept., 1991, Page 13, citing the Coffey-Hindman Bible then in possession of Mrs. Clara Gowen; pub. 1790 in Edinburgh by Mark and Charles Kerr, His Majesty's printers. Copied by James O. Gowen, Oct. 2, 1978")

The bible record indicates that Ananias and Jane Hindman Coffey had 10 children: Nancy, born 1809; Zidner, born 1810; Cabeius, born 1811; Harriett, born 1813; Mary, born 1814; Eliza, born 1815; Marshall Lock, born 1819; John David, bom 1821; Emily Jane, born 1824; and Louise Caroline, born 1827.

* Alan Coffee, gt96@cox.net is interested in the Coffee/y DNA test. He says; "I live in Oklahoma City and work for the University of Oklahoma as a police officer. Someone suggested that I take the DNA test for our Coffee family. My grandfather is Hubert Denson Coffee from the Connerville & Bromide, OK area. My father is Lawrence Coffee. I want to trace my family tree.

Fred Coffey, one of our DNA chairmen checked Ancestry .com and found the following line for Alan. We are waiting for results on his DNA test.

Alan Coffee
Lawrence Douglas Coffee (1929)

Hubert Denson Coffee (1905, OK)
Joel William Leonard Coffee (1874, AL)
John James Coffee (1851, AL)
Joel William Coffee (1807)
Cleveland Coffee (1780, NC)
Jesse Cleveland Coffee (1755, VA)
Edward Coffee jr(1700, VA)
Edward Coffee (16??)

* Jack Coffee asks; "I recently heard from someone who said that the Cleveland Chronicles has published in the Dec. 2001 edition the following, and cited Orange Co. VA Order Book (1740-1750): Alexander Cleveland to "my niece Elizabeth, wife of James Coffee and daughter of my sister Grace." This would be Alexander Jr., son of Alex. Sr., and wife Millie Presley.

The info that Jack has indicates that Grace was born in 1716, and Elizabeth in 1727, meaning that Grace would have been only 11 years old when Elizabeth was born. Jack cannot confirm the dates, except from Marvin's book, so don't know how accurate they are. Have any of you ever heard that Elizabeth was then a granddaughter of Alexander, Sr., and not his daughter? Jack's e-mail: jkccoffee@yahoo.com

* James Richard Brown, Jr., is in the Coffey line. He and his wife, Iralene are planning to make the Nashville meeting.
John D. Coffey, Sr. (1700-1775)
/Jane Graves (1710-1792)
William Coffey, Sr. (1731-1828)
/Elizabeth Osborne
Edmund F. Coffey (1773-1848)
/Elizabeth Burger(1775)
William B. Coffey, Sr. (1805)
/Mary Ann DeMasters (1804)
Edmund Franklin Coffey (1829-1906)
/Sarah Margaret Smith (1839-

Bettie Dora Coffey (1873-1954)

/Ewell Alexander Brown (1870-1933)

James Richard Brown, M.D. (1905-1956)

/Bertha Hutchinson Ingle (1903-1990)

James Richard Brown, Jr. (1935)

/Iralene Thomas (1937)

Jeffrey Allen Brown (1957)

/Mary Elizabeth Wolverton (1958)

Melissa Jo Brown (1985)

We are looking forward to being in
Nashville and meeting our Coffey Cousins.
Iralene.Brown@notes.udayton.edu

* Archie Dalton asks: "Reviewing the 1880 census for Grainger County, TN I find: Ambrose b ca. 1851 with spouse Louisa (?), identified with several children of which the first is Hulda b. ca. 1865. The census confirms all the children except Hulda, which it identifies, not as a relative but a servant in the home. Who might be parent of Hulda and what is Louisa's maiden name? The following are in the census with children, James ca. 1802 w/ spouse Harriett Key, Thomas b ca. 1807 with dau Harriett b. 1870 and John b. ca. 1834 with dau Eliza b. ca. 1856 and James A b. ca. 1851 and spouse Mary E Coffey (?) b. ca. 1857? Can anyone place any of the above with parents? Also Collins b. ca. 1851 and spouse Hulda Wolfe b ca. 1854. In the database they have 8 children beginning in 1873, with approximated birthdates for 4 of them. The first 4 have no birthdates and seem to be unlikely, given the parent's age, unless, of course, they should be after the 4th child. They are Jessie, Robert, Laura and Herbert. The others are: William 1873 Mary 1876 Rosa 1879 and Graver Sep 9, 1891. Collins is purportedly the child of Caswell and ? Jordan. There may be more anomalies but this is enough for

now." Archie's address; 2002 Carolyn Dr.,
Jefferson City, TN 19973, e-mail:
adalton478@hotmail.com

* Jimmy Lou Kroger says; "Elzona (one of my Coffey links) is definitely the daughter of James S. and Matilda (Williams) Coffey. I think that I've linked James S. to Anderson Coffey and Mary Ann (unknown). The 1850 census shows an Anderson age 31 living in household of James S. Sr. and Mahala Coffey. In 1860 Anderson age 31 was living with his wife Mary Ann and four children. He does not appear anyplace after 1860 and assume he expired shortly after (1860) In 1870 Mary Ann appears in the census with a Fielding Coffey, There are a number of Fielding's and it's difficult to sort them out. There were three additional children in 1870 - the eldest was 8 yrs. Fielding appears as 27 yrs in 1870 and in the 1880 census is suddenly aged to 66. Can someone help Jimmy with this? Her address is 1040 E. Alejo Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92252: e-mail jimilou@dc.rr.com

* Sheri Kelly bluemoonrotts@yahoo.com, is having problems with the line of Caswell Coffey. She writes: "I have been unable to locate one shred of paper, which gives me the mother's name of the children born in the 1850's. I have been firm in my belief that Nancy was not a wife of Caswell but now I am not sure. If I can find whom the mother of Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Collins Coffey was, then I will have more to work with. Nelson plainly noted Lizzy as his sister in the census but that doesn't indicate she was his half sister or blood sister. I can't even locate any info on the children of Nelson's second marriage to Margaret Jane Hodge.

Sheri's theories/possibilities:

1. Nancy was the mother of the 3 kids but Caswell was not the father. Who would this Nancy be related to (or the father of the children) who would name a son Collins, which is an old Coffey name in the same line as Caswell.

2. Nancy was a relative of Caswell's, came to take care of Nelson and the others and had children by Caswell, married or not.

3. Nancy was a sister to Annie Jordan, Caswell's deceased wife and had children by Caswell, or Nancy was a sister to Annie, had married another Coffey, hence the Coffey surname. Doesn't explain the 3 more children though.

4. How do we know Annie died when Nelson was born? Just maybe the kids born before, Joel, Arrena, Rebecca, Sarah, all born from Nov. 1838 to July 1843 were by one wife and Nancy was Nelson's mother, and the mother to the other three children. Could her name be Nancy Ann Jordan? None of the three kids named a son Caswell or a daughter Nancy.

5. Thomas Nelson Coffey didn't follow any naming pattern and it appears that only his daughter Eliza Jane did. Was this Eliza Jane named for Ausburn Coffey's mother Elizabeth?

* Grace McGinnis, mcginnis@planet.com answered one of Sheri Kelly's queries that she placed on the web with:

Polly Hipsher had George Washington Hipsher aka "Boss" Hipsher ca 1829 before she married Thomas Coffey. I was told his father was her brother, William Hipsher. George Washington lived with his Hipsher grandparents and, I don't believe, ever went by Coffey. George Washington married 20 May 1853 Nancy M. Dalton in Grainger Co. I have her parents as _____ Dalton and Salty White. He and Nancy

had 6 or 7 children.

Children for Thomas Coffey and Polly Hipsher: Ira Coffey, Wyatt Coffey, Gilbert Coffey, Simeon (Samuel) Coffey d in Civil War, Rena (Arena) Coffey and Martha Luvernia Coffey. Can you add to this? Sheri: bluemoonrotts@yahoo.com

* Bonnie Clark Williams says: "I am a NC Coffey descendant, but my husband has ancestors in Floyd, Magoffin, etc. KY area that encountered the Ambrose Coffey that has been said to have come from Ireland and had some connection to Boonesborough. I was wondering if you have any info on him that would help us.

Bonnie William's lines are (don't confuse these with my husbands lines which are the Wms. that encountered The Other Ambrose)

John and Jane Graves Coffey
Reuben and Sally Scott Coffey
Joseph and Isabella Lindsey Coffey
Zechariah Coffey and Margaret Coffey (they were cousins so double the above people.)

John and Jane Graves Coffey
Reuben and Sally Scott Coffey
Jesse and Nancy Edmiston Coffey
Mary Jane (Margaret's sister) and Reuben Dellinger

(Yes, three lines at least.) Also McCaleb and Elizabeth Collet Coffey raised my gr gr grandfather Cleveland Clark, whose ancestors are not known. I am Coffey up to my ears."

Bonnie would appreciate help at bekaycee@earthlink.net

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Jack Coffey has started a major project. He says; "I began compiling all of the information that I have collected on this family and their descendants, and it is proving to be a pretty fair job. I am using some of Marvin's info, info from books published by Gene Brewington, info that I have collected from hundreds of other sources, including internet, submissions to CC newsletters, and the various census records.

The only accurate info that I can cite is that from the census records. Although the census might be slightly incorrect in some instances, I have extracted and applied the data to all of the families/ individuals that I have thus far found. In most instances the info matches that which I have found in other sources. I would very much appreciate your input. It will take you several days - if not weeks - to wade through all of the info. I would like you to add to, subtract from, correct or amend any of the info. Pass along the website URL to anyone you care to share it with. The more who know of the project increases the probability that we can gather in a lot of info that we do not yet know of.

You can reach the site by logging on to the Coffey Cousins' web site, then selecting the link to Descendants of Edward Coffey and Ann Powell, or click here:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/Edward%20Coffey/index.htm>

* Note for those working on the Marvel Coffey line. The book **KINGSS HISTORY OF MARIES CONTY (MO)** is available for purchase again. For more information go to <http://www.hwy28spur.com/king.htm>

* USA Today newspaper, Tuesday, Jan 25 on page 6a has a good article on a US Navy **corpsman** helping in Indonesia named Tim Coffey, age **31**. His father and grandfather were both in the Navy. There are several photos of him. More is available on the net at news.usatoday.com about Tim.

* "Grainger County Tennessee Records" from Archie Dalton, Grainger County, TN had a lot of damage to its court house and records a couple of years ago. Here is an update with good news:

Beginning Mar **2002**, **14** people moved the historic records from the school auditorium to a workspace in the old Rutledge high school. The process involves hydrating, flattening, sorting and placing the documents in acid-free files, by decades. Oldest known record is **1775**. Many were not salvageable.

State and guardian records are complete and ready for microfilming. They are now working on marriage licenses and bonds from **1796** forward. They are not ready for public viewing but the state has sanctioned the Latter-day Saints to microfilm.

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DOCUMENTS GALORE

* Bennie Loftin received the following from **Sherl Wilmeth** by way of Bernice Mullins.

Rev. Johnnie C. Coffey age 80, born Jan **16, 1900**, passed away at his home in Bean Station Aug. 23, **1980**. He was a member of Paw Paw Grove Baptist Church. He pastor and help organize 30 churches during his ministry. He was Moderator of the Mulberry Gap Association for 2 years. Churches he serviced as a pastor are Beech Grove, Rock Bridge, Cedar Spring, Oak Hill, Mountain View, Cedar Grove, Flat Gap, Walker, Raven Ridge, Thorn Hill, Community Chapter, Union, Yellow Branch, Prospect, Big Creek, Carr Branch, Big Hill, Little Sycamore, Pleasant Valley, Paw Paw Grove Providence, Grission Island, Friendship, War Creek, Dry Valley, New Bethel, Howard Quarter, Brewer Chapter, and Chinquapin. The church he helped organize are: Thorn Hill, Grace Cedar, Grove, Community Chapter, Old Spruce Pine, Rock Haven and Rocky Spring. He is survived by his wife, **Sallie** Singleton Coffey of Bean Station, Daughters, Mrs. **Velva** Warwick Knoxville TN, Mrs. Peal Lawson of Mooresburg TN, Mrs. Pauline Clement Morristown TN, Mrs. Gynette **Soard**, Orlanda **Fla.**, Mrs. Elsie Croucher, Middletown, Ohio; sons Eathridge "Bill" Coffey, Bean Station, Albert Tyler Coffey Bean Station, John Clinton Coffey, Middletown, Ohio, brothers, James Coffey Kingport TN, Carson Coffey of Thorn Hill, TN. Funeral services were held at the Thorn Hill Baptist Church Tuesday Aug. 26, **1980** with Rev. S. D. Rhoda and Rev. Robert Coffey officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons. Honorary Pallbearers were Truman Hightower, Lester Bowlin, John Henry Diamond, Walter Coffey, Elmer

Kincaid and all this friends in the ministry. **Interment** in The Hamblen Memory Gardens Morristown, TN.

Lori Okel found this cemetery record:

Ridgelawn Cemetery,
Collinsville, Tulsa Co. OK;
Family History Library film 874008
Coffee, George Myron, b. 21 Jan **1914**,
d. **8 May** 1942
Coffey, Chester W., b. 7 Mar **1881**,
d. **8 Feb** 1947
" Edward C, b. **10 Jan 1916**,
d. **18 Dec.** 1939
" Grace, d. **4 June** 1947

CHESLEY & JANE (CLEVELAND) COFFEY
OR
EDWARD & GRACE (CLEVELAND)
COFFEY

This is a continuation of Tim **Peterman's** writing from page **13** of the last issue #97. If you don't remember it, I suggest that you go back and read it again. I (Bonnie Culley) feel this is where the "Chesley" Coffey line is going to lead in the future. Tim has used the documents available to lead us to some more conclusions on this line. It follows as he wrote it:

1. I noticed in the Adair Co., KY tax lists that Martin Coffey seemed to be listed adjacent to Elizabeth Coffey. This Elizabeth was apparently the mother of Grade (wife of Rutherford). Anyhow, I am now beginning to wonder if Martin Coffey was the eldest son of Cleveland Coffey and Elizabeth (Franklin) Coffey?? We know that Gracie was born after March, **1780** (since she was under **21** when she married. This places the earliest limit on Elizabeth's birth at ca. **1730-35**, perhaps a few years later -she was well within range to have been

the mother of Martin (b 1762). Oddly, the 1810 POA recorded in Adair Co., KY was signed by Rutherford Coffey and Martin Gryder. I wonder if the original was signed by Rutherford Coffey and Martin Coffey -since there was a Martin Gryder in the area (born ca. 1790), the clerk could have made a transcription error...

2. Of the 5 presumed Coffey brothers, we have good proof of the children of Joel and Nebuzaradan. These are based on wills. I'm not sure about the proof, offhand, for the children of Chesley [Jr] -perhaps there was a will in Maury Co., TN. I thought there was strong evidence for the children of Nathan Coffey, but have yet to find it. He was identified as the father on marriage bonds/ consents for some of his younger daughters -but I can't find any will or Family Bible record for Nathan. The best I've found is an abstract of a 1910 newspaper article, which told the story of his then 88-year-old grandson, Milton Coffey. Yet, the DAR continues to support the link from Nathan to daughter, Mary, so there must be some proof in their files.

3. When we get to Salathiel, there simply is no evidence of whom his children were. I used to think that Newton, Eli, and Gracie (previously called Graney) were his children. A habit seems to have developed -after I made this suggestion in the late 1970s- of assigning miscellaneous Coffeys in Adair/ Russell to Salathiel. If anyone has evidence regarding any children of Salathiel, I would like to see it.

We can pull Gracie from this list. We have fairly strong evidence that she was really the daughter of Cleveland Coffey and Elizabeth (Franklin) Coffey of Albemarle Co., VA.

I still think that Eli and Newton were

brothers, although I have no proof. Oddly, and I hope this point doesn't get drowned in a sea of text, Eli's full name was *Eliazar* Coffey. This can be seen in the early tax lists of Adair Co., KY, plus a deed that refers to the land of Elizazar Coffey (Adair Co., KY deed book B-461).

Salathiel Coffey's wife was Elizabeth Gore. This is supposedly proven by the case file of a lawsuit in 1793 (or thereabouts), in which she was identified as wife (or widow) of Pierce Noland, and formerly wife of Salathiel Coffey. The lawsuit was against her brother, who was a Gore. I am trying to get the case file to see what it really says.

Interestingly, Elizabeth had a brother named Eliazar Gore -this is not proof that she was the mother of our Eli(azar) Coffey, but it's enough to make you wonder. The fact that both Newton and Eli(azar) named sons, Salathiel, is another indication that Salathiel/ Elizabeth Gore were their parents.

MORE ON NEWTON h. 1773

Newton b. 1773 - d. August 16, 1858. Oldest son, Cleveland Salathiel "Sale" Coffey. From an 1873 newspaper article in the Hillsboro Democrat, these statements: Mr. (Newton) Coffey and his wife Sarah ...raised seven children, four boys and three girls, Murray, their youngest child, died when about grown; Patsy..has been dead for several years as has Colbert. Thomas went to California (gold rush) and has never returned (my ancestor - Thomas' wife and children moved back to IL except for Thomas daughter Sarah who is my ancestor.) Eliza (Ruth Elizabeth), Nancy and Cleveland are living in our midst...Cleveland says he will be 70 years old the next 24th of June, 1873, as he was bom in the state of North

in Wilkes County, in **1803**,
16 miles from the town of Wilkesboro.
 So, Uncle Cleveland Coffey must have
 been about **15** years of age when his
 father emigrated to Montgomery County,
 and he can remember much about the
 early settlers of that day.

ANANIAS COFFEY

Jack Coffee prepared the following on
 Ananias Coffey in an effort to help a
 new Coffey researcher. I thought it
 worthy of printing as it puts a lot of
 pieces together that we have printed
 in parts over the years. This is a good
 example of what Jack can do with his
 new DATA BASE which can be found
 on the Coffey Cousins web site.

Ananias "**Nias**" COFFEY was born
 on May **12, 1785**. and married Jane
 HINDMAN.

Jane was the daughter of Alexander
 Hindman of Green Co., KY. There is
 some discrepancy about the marriage
 as well as the birth of Nancy, their first
 child. See Coffey Cousins' newsletter
 of Dec. **91**, pages 4-5, and Sep.,
1992, page **11**.

Some researchers place another child,
 Ananias (born **1846**) between Marshall
 and John David. See Coffey Cousins'
 newsletter, Dec, **1989**, Page 2.

Jane HINDMAN was born in Green
 County, KY. Ananias "Nias" COFFEY
 and Jane HINDMAN had the following
 children:

- I. Nancy COFFEY was born on Apr **11**,
1809. She died on Oct **14, 1845**.
 Nancy COFFEY and David ROGERS were
 married on Feb 28, **1829** in Green
 County, KY.
- II. Zidner COFFEY was **born** on Jun **15**,
 1810. He died on Jul 23, **1869**.
 Zidner COFFEY and Marganna KELTNER

were married on Jan **20, 1831**. Zidner
 COFFEY and Marganna KELTNER had
 the following children:

- A. William COFFEY **born ca.1833**.
- B. S. A. COFFEY born ca. **1835**.
- C. John COFFEY **born ca. 1836**.
- D. Ardena COFFEY bom ca. **1838**.
- E. Thomas COFFEY **born ca. 1841**.
- F. Elizabeth COFFEY **born ca. 1842**.
- G. Robert COFFEY **born ca. 1843**.
- H. Sophia COFFEY born ca. **1844**.
- I. Ellen COFFEY born ca. **1845**.
- J. Andrew Jackson COFFEY
born in 1846. died in **1928**.
- K. M. COFFEY bom ca. **1849**.

III. Cabeius (Cabicus, Cabinis ?) COFFEY
 was born on Nov **6, 1811**. He died on
Dec 17, 1878.

Cabeius (Cabicus, Cabinis ?) COFFEY
 and Pauline ORR were married on Nov
17, 1834. This family moved to Cass
 Co., **IL**. Pauline ORR was **born** on Jan
18, 1817. She died on Jan **18, 1888**.
 Pauline was the daughter of Peggy
 Hindman Orr. See Coffey Cousins'
 newsletter, Dec, **1992**, page 9, and
 Sep., **1992**, page **11**.

IV. Harriett COFFEY was born on Mar
17, 1813. She died on Oct **15, 1875**.
 Harriett COFFEY and Robert HOPKINS
 were married on Oct 6, **1830**. Some
 researchers report that Robert and
 Harriet were first cousins. Robert
 HOPKINS was **born** in **1810**. He died in
 1873.

V. Mary "Polly" COFFEY was born on
 Dec **14, 1814**. She died on Feb **15**,
1901. Mary "Polly" COFFEY and John
 Richard KELTNER were married on Dec
2, 1829. John Richard KELTNER was
born in **1804**. He died in **1900**.

VI. Eliza COFFEY was born on Oct **10**,
1815. She died in **1911**. Eliza COFFEY
 and Steven STONE were married on

Jun 16, 1857.

VII. Marshall Lock COFFEY was born on Apr 28, **1819**. He died on Jan 5, 1903.

Marshall Lock COFFEY and Jemima SILKY were married on Dec **16, 1850**..

VIII. John David COFFEY was born on **Sep 16, 1821**. **He died** in 1859.

John David COFFEY and Sereptia CHAMBERS were married on Nov 30, 1852.

IX. Emily Jane "Eliza" COFFEY was born on Aug 7, **1824**. Emily Jane "Eliza" COFFEY and Barry Green COOVER were married on Mar **16, 1854**.

This family moved to Pike Co., **IL**. See Coffey Cousins' newsletter, Mar., **1990**, page 3 and Dec, **1992**, page 4.

X. Louise Caroline COFFEY was born on May 26, **1827**. She died on Aug **11, 1897**. Louise Caroline COFFEY and Larken GOWEN were married on Dec **14, 1854** in Adair Co., KY..

MAIL, POX

* Bennie Loftin reminds us that we are all getting older and we have some cousins with ages to respect. We wish them Happy Birthdays.

Lillian Harrell will be 85 in June., Luther Coffey will be 96 on March **16th**. His first cousin Lena (Barnett) Martin will be 96 on Jan. 30th. Lena thinks her mother comes down from Dicy Coffey and Thomas Henry Shouse. Dicy is the daughter of John Jackson Coffey.

* Johnny Brown writes that her Coffee kin are getting older. Her **81-year-old** sister Myrtle Weaver is better. (She had heart surgery last year) and her other sister, Dea Foster of Bountiful, UT just celebrated her 93rd birthday in January. Her cousin Charlie Ralstin Coffey of Harper, TX will be 83 in April We wish them all a good 2005.

* Millie Coffey of Dallas sent really good news. She had a second surgery in Jan. 04 and lots of therapy BUT WOW!. She can walk some without a cane even and drive again. She gives much credit to her daughter-in-law Cathy and Cathy's parents for all their help. We're just glad to hear that she is better and hope to see her at a convention again soon.

* **Bill Amell** of Canada sent us an interesting flier on "2005 Year of the Veteran" It honors veterans from W.W. I, W.W. II and the Korean War. It suggests "show our gratitude, retell our history, and inspire our youth to take an active part." They will also be opening a new Canadian War Museum on May 8. www.vac-add.gc.ca

* **Ina** Coffey says that Ralph took a tumble down the basement stairs in Nov. That and broken ribs has cramped his style somewhat. However he is still writing and has published **his 4th** book this summer. With Maureen's help, it is "**Memories**" of himself until age 30, his parents and grandparents. (I wonder what it would take to get a copy for our Coffey Library?)

* Doris Coffee of Enid OK writes that her son Marlon Jr and wife, Sadie became proud grand parents of fraternal twins, Jade and Amber. Parents are **Tamara** and Daniel. Also on 6 Oct. Robert L. Coffee and George Ann Backer were wed at Doris home in Enid. It's been both a good year and bad as Marlon Sr. died on April 25,04

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CORRECTIONS & ANSWERS

Bennie Loftin says that in Issue 97, page 6, midway of first column it says: "Serena is the wife of Richardson Coffey, son of Benjamin and Nancy (Hayes) Coffey." She is the daughter of Caswell Coffey.

Both Hodge Raymond Coffey and Caswell Coffey had a daughter with similar names born in **1846**. Hodge Raymond and his family were in Owen Co., IN in **1850**, and Serena, age 3, was with them. Richardson and his wife Serena were in Grainger Co. in **1860**, and Serena was aged **16**.

Bennie also adds: "I think Serena's name is really Orenna and she was called Renie. Old man **Rance** Coffey of Wildie, KY, remembered her. Richardson Coffey was killed during the Civil War; they had one son named John. Her 2nd husband was John White. Orenna and John White are buried in the cemetery near Coffey Chapel, north of Thorn Hill, TN. Her name is Orenna on the tombstone.

Richardson Coffey's brother John Coffey's 2nd wife was Serena Cope. She was also called Renie."

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