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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Another convention has come and gone, and we're already preparing for next year. Patsy Burns, her mother Billie McKinney and the rest of the McKinney family did an outstanding job of putting Nashville together for us. My special thanks to them, and to all of our cousins who continue to support the group!

I think everyone had a good time touring the area, and visiting the State Library and Archives. The folks at the archives put together a presentation for about 20 or so cousins, and then turned us loose in their files. The staff was extremely courteous and helpful. No question about their holdings, or how to find them went unanswered.

Start making your plans now for 2006. Nelda and I will be hosting our cousins in Chadron, NE. We plan to arrive early and stay late. We'll make a long vacation out of that trip, and use the opportunity to see some of America's greatest monuments and parks while in the area.

Some of you may already know that Chadron was home to some descendants of Peter Coffee through his son John Trousdale Coffee. Check out the Coffey Cousins' website at http://snurl.com/lu7, then click on the link to the 2006 convention link for additional information.

We're looking forward to a large gathering in Chadron. Hopefully, all of our cousins east of the Mississippi will come and that we'll be able to draw a number of new cousins from the west. Be sure and talk up the trip with your family and other Coffee/y researchers that you know. Let's try and make this convention one of the biggest yet.

Cheers!

Jack

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#### **EDITOR'S LETTER**

Dear Cousins,

Sorry to be so late with this issue but it's been a really wild three months. Jim and I made it home from Florida without any problems but promptly caught the flue. Then my new computer lost its hard drive. It was still under warranty but I lost a few things since my last back up. If you sent me a query in early April and it isn't in this issue ---- please, please send in a new one. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Now for the good "stuff"; Coffey Convention in Nashville was a really good one. We had quite a few people who attended for the first time. I got to dig in the Tenn. Archives for both Coffey and Culley and see a little of Nashville, home to Country Music. Jack presided over a very productive meeting. Patsy and Billie did a superb job and we thank them ever so much.

I hope everyone spent memorial week decorating their family's graves. Actually, it's more important to check the stones and cemetery care. Donate a couple dollars to up-keep if necessary. Be sure to see what we girls did in West Plains, MO in the cemetery there, on page 10. I hope we have set a good example. Be sure to try your hand at dowsing graves. We've had a great time with this and I even demonstrated it at my DAR meeting last week. Jim has found some real surprises with our dowsing rods. His father headstone is off center from the casket.

Be sure to keep sending in your Coffee

/ Coffey findings. It's always more fun to share and I love to hear from all of you – for any reason.

Your Cousin,

## Bonnie

May you be poor
in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
Slow to make enemies,
And quick to make friends.
But rich or poor,
quick or slow,
May you know nothing
but happiness
From this day forward.

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#### NEW NAMES ANCESTOR

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Ananias Margaret Edmund F.

#### **NEW COUSINS**

Edwin B. Brown is researching the line of Edmund F. Coffey (1773-1848), son of William (1731-1828) and Elizabeth (Osborne) Coffey. This is the William who was the son of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey and grandson of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey.

He descends from Edmund F. Coffey's son William Benjamin Coffey Sr. (1805-) who married Mary Masten (1804-aft 1850) and their son Edmund Franklin Coffey (1829-1906) who married Sarah Margaret Smith (1839-1910). They are the parents of Bettie Dora Coffey (1873-1954) who married Ewell Alexander Brown (1870-1933) parents of Leland Coffey Brown (1906-1980) who married Marjorie Lockridge Mower (1908-1989) Edwin would appreciate hearing from others working on this line at his address in the New Cousins List above. His e-mail is ElishaBoyd@MSN.com.

Marjorie Boroughs says that she knows very little about her ancestor, Margaret Coffee/ey except she was born 1827 in South Carolina or Indiana and she married William Simonson, 19 May 1842 in Davies Co. IN. Marjorie says that she doesn't know why they were married in Davies Co as she wasn't from there and he was raised near Edwardsport IN and they spent their married life there. Margaret and William Simonson's children were; Cynthia b. 1844 m. Geo McLean

John b. 1845 m. Debra Goodwin Leander b. 1858 m. Susannah Cathers Sarah b. 1858 m. Ezra Teets George b. 1860 m. Sarah A Bunnell William b. 1863 never married Wm. Simonson died 20 Feb 1877 and Margaret married again 8 Nov 1877 to Emanuel Forman in Knox Co. IN. Marjorie says that she does not know when Emanuel died but Margaret and her son Leander and his family and bachelor son William were in Montgomery co. KS in Mid 1880's. Margaret was still alive in 1893. If you can help Marjorie, she would appreciate hearing from you at the address listed above. Marjorie is 92 and does not use a computer.

Bonnie Bellamy writes, "That Alan Coffee who recently had his DNA tested (listed in March newsletter) is related to me. His g.g.granfather was my mother's brother. So what ever line his DNA shows will be mine also and the Coalgate, OK Coffees also.

BUT - the Joel Coffee of 1807 is not ours. Our J. William Coffee was born April 15, 1826 in Alabama and died Sept 13th 1885 in Dexter, TX. He married Elizabeth Ann Moore, born April 16, 1833, TN and died Dec 13, 1907 at Province, Indian Terr. My mother was also born in Dexter TX." She says that Alan's info on that 1807 Joel is wrong. She is excited waiting for the info on Alan's DNA. (Hopefully they have this one all straightened out by now.) Bonnie's e-mail: bonniegb1212@aol.com

May the luck of the Irish possess you; May the Devil fly off with your worries; May God bless you forever and ever. page 4 June 2005

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **LUTHER COFFEY**

Luther Coffey, age 96, died May 6, 2005 at Berea, Madison Co., KY, interred at Madison County Memorial Gardens in Richmond. He was born March 17, 1909 in Jenks, Tulsa County, OK. Luther was the fifth of ten children born to Thomas Calvin and Mary Dovie (McGuire) Coffey.

Luther married Ollie Mae Adams on September 5, 1931 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Ollie preceded him in death, dying September 22, 1974.

Luther's total time of employment exceeded forty years with L&M Railroad Company.

Luther is survived by two daughters and husbands, Sarah Mae and Thomas James Poff Sr., Mary Gaye and James Preston Seals of Berea, and two sons and wives, Luther Randall and Barbara Coffey of Conway, NC and Daniel Ray and Marie Coffey of Bowling Green, KY and one son-in-law, Arch Poff of Berea. He is survived by nineteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding Luther in death was his wife, parents, daughter Wanda Faye Poff, two great-granddaughters, five brothers; Wm Arch, Aster, Athel, Lester and Lawrence Coffey and four sisters; Elizabeth Jane Coffey, Grace (Mrs. Roscoe Gill), Hazel Lucille Coffey and Rosa Mae (Mrs. Walter Hembree).

Luther did the Family Tree DNA test for Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey's line. He is a descendant of their son John and Jane (Graves). Luther is five generations from his Revolutionary ancestor Benjamin Coffey 1747-1834. There is a well-documented paper trail from Luther to Edward Coffey. (Obit by Bennie Loftin)

#### LAWRENCE C. COFFEY

Lawrence Craig Coffey, age 76 of Crocker, died Wednesday May 25, 2005 in Crocker, MO.

He was born Feb. 18, 1929 in Lenoir, NC, a son of Robert and Lula (Hart) Coffey.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and employed at Fr. Leonard Wood in Prostheties Clinic as a Orthopedic Technician.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Coffey, of the home in Crocker: three sons; Lawrence Coffey Jr. Brownwood, TX, David Coffey, Eston, PA, and Frank Coffey, Ft Worth, TX; one daughter: Mary Ann Mitchel, Anson TX; one brother; five sisters; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. (Post Tribune, Jefferson City, MO May25, 2005)

#### T. R. COFFEY

Graveside services for T.R. Coffey, 85, of Burkett, TX were held Sunday, at the Burkett Cemetery Pavilion with the Rev. Jeff Dean officiating. Mr. Coffey died Friday, April 29, 2005, at an Abilene hospital. He was born Jan. 12, 1920, in Echo in Coleman County, a son of George Coffey and Winnie Tabor Coffey Melton. He was preceded in death by four children, Gordon Coffey, Linda Podlevsky, Roy Lee Coffey and Gail Podlevsky; and a grandson, Tim Podlevsky. Survivors include three children, Jan Aristando of Coleman, Vickie Stokes of Sprague River, OR, and Theodore Coffey Jr. of Elk Creek, CA; two sisters, Miriam Kuebler of Burkett and Sue Hill of Las Lunas, NM; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. (Brownwood Bulletin Web Site)

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

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**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS** 

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#### **DEAD END ROADS**

\* Jack Coffee found the following and asks

if anyone recognizes Joseph Coffey and wife Jane (Graves) Coffey. Jack's e-mail address is: jkcoffee@yahoo.com Kentucky: A History of the State, Perrin, Battle, Kniffin, 4th ed., 1887, Adair County. JOSEPH COFFEY, Jr., cashier of the Bank of Columbia, was born in Christian Co, Ky., Jan. 6, 1833, the youngest of twelve children born to Joseph Sr., and Jane (Graves) COFFEY, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Fayette, was born in 1784, and while a young man, immigrated to KY, settling first in Russell Co, where he married, and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1831, when he moved to Christian Co, and bought wild land, and improved a farm on which he resided until his death, in Mar., 1834. He was a veteran of the war of 1812 and he and wife were life-long members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Jane COFFEY departed this life in June 1861, in her seventy-first year. Her father, Thomas Graves, was a native of Virginia, and in early manhood immigrated to Kentucky, first settling near Lexington, in Fayette County. Later, however, he moved to Russell Co, where he resided until his death. He served as courier for Washington during the entire Revolutionary struggle. Joseph COFFEY, Jr., at the age of seventeen left the home farm and settled in Columbia, where he accepted a position in a general store, continuing in the mercantile business as salesman and on his own account until 1871. In 1872 he accepted a position as clerk and assistant cashier in the Bank of Columbia, and in 1880 was elected cashier of the same, which position he still holds. Mr. COFFEY has been twice married; first Sept. 27, 1859, to Miss Mary E., daughter of James V. and Elizabeth (Lankford) Warden. She was born in Monticello, Wayne County, Ky., Aug. 9, 1842, and died at her home in Columbia, Nov. 23, 1861. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. COFFEY

next married, Jan. 20, 1863, Miss Virginia R. Page, a native of Adair Co, born June 16, 1843. She is a daughter of W. W. and Sophia (Brawner) Page, both natives of Virginia. Seven children have blessed this union as follows: Henry R. (deceased), William A., John B., Robert G., George, Sophia and Joseph. Mrs. COFFEY is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. COFFEY politically is independent, and belongs to no church or secret order.

\* Carolin BARKER Hixon says, "I have had a

breakthrough on the Martha CROUCH Barker line. Martha (b. ca 1806) was Martha JOUETT/ JEWETT Chilton Coffee Barker." Martha JOUETT was married twice before she married my great-great grandfather George BARKER in Newton Co., MO around 1843. She was married first to Dr. William CHILTON and then to Dr. Nathaniel COFFEE (no dates or other information on them). Nathaniel W. COFFEE and Granville M. COFFEE were Martha's sons; that is why she is the administrator of their estates. (Newton Co., MO, Book A, Wills and Administrations, 1849 for Nathaniel and 1854 for Granville) and why Granville M. COFFEE is living with her in 1850 Census Newton Co MO. She apparently also had a third son named John COFFEE who became a lawyer and moved west, possibly to Texas. Caroline had published "family" information that said Martha Barker was sister to Milnor F. CROUCH and to Mrs. W. P. McGINNIS. Then she found a marriage record for Milnor F. Crouch and Susan (Susanna) JEWETT in 1837 in TN. Then, a marriage record for William Pickney "W. P." McGinnis to Permilia JOUETT in 1838 in Grainger Co., TN. And in 1850 census both of those couples and their children were living in Newton Co., MO. So concluded that Martha was likely Milnor F. Crouch's sister-in-law, Susan Crouch and Permilia McGinnis's sister, and therefore a JOUETT/JEWETT. Caroline then had that fact confirmed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin once-removed on the JOUETT line. My newly found cousin tells

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me that these three sisters came from Tennessee, likely Grainger Co., to MO in 1838-39 (all ending up in Newton Co.)

Could any of you with, this information help find out who Martha JOUETT/ JEWETT's 2nd husband Dr. Nathaniel Coffee was? Based on the few dates I have, I assume Nathaniel would been born before 1806 (Martha JOUETT's birth year) and would have died sometime between 1833 and 1843. If he were indeed a physician, that should help identify him as well. Carolin's, e-mail address is CarolinJBH@aol.com

George Leighton Coffey Jr. (DNA tested) ancestry, {going backward}: Documented: George Leighton Coffey Sr. (b. July 12, 1899, Pawnee Indian Territory, d. July 18, 1927, OK) Liston Pancoast Coffey (born Feb. 7, 1860, Russell County, KY, d. Dec. 15, 1930, Paris, TX. Hospital but Idabel Okla. Resident)

Albert G. Coffey (b. ca 1825, KY, d. aft 1893, possibly in Pawnee Indian Territory)

Not documented, but strong circumstantial evidence:

George W. Coffey (b. ca 1801, KY, d. Aug. 28, 1856, Adair Co, KY) - by 1850 census, Albert G. Coffey was living in a boarding house in Jamestown, so no census data on his parents, but earlier census show George W. having a son in this age range. When George died in 1856 his minor children (their mother was already dead) lived with Albert and his bride, and older children were married in Albert's home. Hoping to find court records on this someday. It is documented that George's daughter, Nancy, was the mother of Jennie Louise Morris, wife of Liston Pancoast Coffey above, which would make them first cousins. It is believed that George was son of Cleveland Coffey and Jane Witherspoon, based on reports of Cleveland's will and recorded ties with other children mentioned in said will. Based on other researchers, that would lead to: Joel Coffey and Martha (Patsy) Stapp (Stepp), Edward Coffey ir and Grace Cleveland.

Cheryl Harris, niece of George L. Coffey Jr., and granddaughter of George Leighton Coffey Sr. is the support for the DNA test for this line but needs help with the later part of the linage as the DNA doesn't match. If you can help contact her at 3421 Lilac Ln., Rowlett, TX 75089-7065 or cheryl harris2@comcast.net

Deann Tidwell asks, "Does anyone recognize this Coffey family?" Deann wants to know where the following related families went." This line left Van Zandt County, TX early 1900's & went to OK.

Nalls:

Samuel Bellmon Nalls w Elmira

Son: James Wesley Nalls

Grandson: Aubrey Delk Nalls

Granddaughter: Ida Era

Grandson: Ernest

Silivent:

Charles Lee Silivent w Julia Ann (Allen) This couple leave Texas around 1930 as far as I can tell but, I cannot find them ANYWHERE again.

Coffey:

Charles Francis Coffey w Oleta M. (Silivent)

Daughter: Bertha Jane Coffey

This couple disappear from Dallas County, TX around 1937.

All of these couples are related. James Wesley Nalls wife (Gerthie) is Julia Ann's sister, Oleta is Julia Ann's daughter. Deann's e-mail address is; deann\_tidwell@pa-jer.com

Edith Whitfield is looking for her Coffey/Coffee family. She says; "My grandmother was Ola Coffee born around 1896 and died 1973. She was from KY and married at a very young, age 13. She later moved to north Alabama. Her father died either before she was born or shortly after she was born. Her mother remarried to a Gibson who lived in KY at the time of their marriage. My grandmother was raised by her Gibson stepfather until she married. If anyone has any knowledge of this family please contact me at e-mail edith.whitfi eld@mindspring.com

Bernice Mullins at pbm378@bellsouth.net asks if the Maud Coffey Wolfe listed in the following obituary is the daughter of Thomas Nelson and Jane (Hodges) Coffey.

Wolfe, Sister Maud Coffey, daughter of T. N. and Jane Coffey was born June 26, 1899 died Oct.8, 1930. She professed faith in Christ at the age of eleven years old and jointed Oak Hill Baptist Church April 4, 1911 where remained a member until March 1, 1922. She moved her membership to Barnard Grove Church and remained a member until death. She was united in marriage to Robert Wolfe Dec.9, 1924. Sister Maud has gone to meet her father who proceeded her to glory land. She bore her sickness with patience, only a few days before she passed away she called her mother to her bedside and asked her to go with her to a better home. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a mother, husband, six brothers, and three sisters and host of friends to mourn their loss. Sleep on dear sister till we meet again where parting comes no more. A brother Joe.

Carol Schmidt is searching for parents of William Coffee who married Sarah Van Der Slice. Carol has been able to trace back to Ranier Van Der Sluyce and wife Anna, who immigrated to the US around 1709 from Holland. Everything Carol has found on Sara has her married to Wm. Coffee, 1784-1850, from Wilkes Co, N.C. Sara was born 18??, in Montgomery Co., Pa. Puzzling! They were the parents of Eliza Ann Coffee born Oct. 8, 1833 (rather late so this could be a second marriage.) Carol says, "Anything you may find will be appreciated." Her address is 2027 Ridge Rd., Telford, PA 18969 and e-mail d0gpurrs0n@enter.net

Earlene Hutsell says that Nancy (Kinner, Kinser)
COFFEE was born in Rockingham Co, N.C., D/O
Daniel COFFEE, and Manerva CARDWELL.
(D/O Gabriel CARDWELL and Rebecca
HUMPHREY.) Earlene doesn't know who
Daniel's parents were. After Manerva died Daniel

married Nancy GIPSON and they had 4 more kids before they moved to Athens, McMinn Co., TN, where they had 8 more. Children with Manerva are:

- 1. James B. 1829
- 2. Nancy B. 27 Dec. 1832, m. to Josiah Washington BROWN in 1862 in McMinn Co., TN . (These are my husband's ancestors.)
- 3. Robert B. 1833, m. on 27 Oct 1853 to Louisa KINCHELO in McMinn.

Children with Nancy are:

- 1.Pleasant, B. 1840, m. to Catherine 1863
- 2. Matilda B. 1841
- 3. Delilah B. 5 Apr 1843, m. to Terry Wayne BROCK m. 20 Oct 1866, Died 19 Sep 1938 in Cleveland, TN
- 4. Henrietta B 1845
- 5. Jeremiah B 1847
- 6. William H. B. 1848
- 7. John W., B. 1851, m. 12 Feb. 1885 to Minerva AVANS
- 8. Anna, B. 1853
- 9. Sarah by 1854, m. to Bradford AVANS, D. 1891.
- 10. Isabelle, B 19 Sep 1855, m. 12 Oct 1875 to M.F. ARNWINE, D. 20 Dec. 1919
- 11. Martha B 1858
- 12. Mattie B 11 Jun 1860, m. to Steven KILE 13 Nov 1887, D. 6 June 1904 in Tasso, TN. Earlene's address is 982 Como Place, St. Paul, MN. 55103, E-Mail is eroch25@aol.com

Charles "Kevin" Coffey writes "I'm interested in the DNA project. My Genealogy is fairly certain except for a couple of holes where I don't have great documentation. This is my line:

- 1.Kevin Coffey b. 1963
- 2. Charles Jackson Coffey b. 1934
- 3. William Jackson Coffey- b. 1897
- 4. Thomas Jackson Coffey-b. 1866
- 5.Stanton P. Coffey- b. 1819
- 6.Eli Coffey- b. 1775
- 7. Salathiel Coffey-b. abt. 1750
- 8. Chesley Coffey- (prob. Edward jr.)

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Besides the unknowns that everyone seems to have (Eli-Salathiel-Chesley??---{Edward}) My only slight unknown is this:

My grandmother kept a family bible with some genealogical information which she copied from other sources /memory which lists Thomas Jackson's father as Stanton P. In census information from Russell County KY, there isn't a child Thomas J. listed as a son of Stanton P., however there is a son that matches in age named Stonewall J. We can assume Jackson as the middle name given the year (1866). Later, the Coffey kids moved in with neighbors, The Payne's, whose daughter eventually marries Thomas (Stonewall) on her second marriage, and by 1880 he is called Thomas in the census and is listed with known siblings. If you can help Kevin, his e-mail address is:kevinbcad@bellsouth.net

Robert C. Coffey (we have 3 Roberts now) reminds us that he is still looking for information on the wagon train that left Lenoir, Caldwell Co. NC about 1858, went through Bowling Green, TN and ended up at Lynn Creek and Mack Creek, Missouri. Robert has been slowed in his research as he is now caring for his mother who has not been well for some time now. If you can help Robert, his e-mail isrcoffee@quixnet.net

Dorothy Baker's research is tied up in the three lines of Coffey, Graves and Israel. She descends (1<sup>st</sup>) from 1) Edward Coffey through 2) John and Jane (Graves) Coffey to their son 3) James and wife Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey and 4) John and Mary (Buchanan) Coffey, 5) Sarah Coffey married to Michael Israel jr., 6) James and Mary (Burton?) Israel, 7) Francis Matilda Israel and Jacob Hicks, 8) Nancy Elizabeth Hicks and John Thomas Beckett, 9) Sarah Matilda Beckett m. to Finis Claremont Bell and 10. Dorothy Mae (Bell) Baker. Dorothy's grandmother, her parents and extended family are buried at Magazine Mountain, AR in the Corley cemetery.

BUT – Dorothy also descends from (wife of John

Coffey's) Jane Grave's brother, John Graves who married Johanna (?) on through Thomas and Elizabeth (Moody) Graves to Joseph Graves (wife ?) to Sarah Graves who married Michael Israel Sr. and back again to Michael Israel Jr. who married Sarah Coffey.

Dorothy says she wishes she had met Willard Israel (deceased, long time subscriber) as she has been reading his entries in CCC. She still needs some help in several places and still can't confirm for sure, parents of Sarah Graves. She is looking for a book by Kenneth Davidson Israel called "The Children of Israel" if any readers have information and she would like to hear from anyone working on this line. Her address is 717 N. Hwy 109, Magazine, AR 72943 e-mail:dbaker@cei.net

Danny Coffey says, "I did get some pointers on where to look and what to look for at the convention, maybe I can get a lead on my GGGrandfather. I have him listed in Kentucky 1850 census as Jackson Coffey Age 31 male, farmer born Ky. married to Sarah C Coffey, age 35 female, born Ky, with five children. My connection is Sidney Coffey age 4 male born in Ky." Would anyone have any information as to who Jackson's parents were?

Danny's e-mail coffey@duo-county.com

Sheri Kelly asks; "Does anyone know who W. Lute Coffey was. Maryanne Barlow married a W. Lute Coffey 03/5/1874, possibly this is in Wilkes Co., NC. Sheri's e-mail: bluemoonroots@yahoo.com

Jessica Coufal, kjcoufal@cvtv.net, says, "My great-great- grandmother was Eliza Ann Coffey. She was the daughter of Charles Oliver Coffey and Sally Ramsey. Charles was the son of Rueben and Millie Morris. My problem is I loose the ability to trace it after Rueben. Can any of the cousins help me with this?" Thanks, Jessica

#### **CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

David R. Coffey, has submitted his DNA for our Coffey DNA project. He says, "My grandfather, Watson Commodore Coffey was married to a Mary Lena Fitzgerald and had two sons. My father Kenneth Augustine Coffey (born May 1923) and Watson Commodore Coffey, Jr. (born 1920). Their mother, Mary Lena, died young in 1925. My grandfather remarried, to Mary E. Davies, and had one daughter, Marie Coffey (born 1928). My grandfather's lineage in order: Henry Joseph Coffey - 1871 Joseph Chenault Coffey Jr. - 1843 Joseph Chenault Coffey - 1801-1802 Edmond S. Coffey - 1773 Edmond Edward Coffey - 1735 John Coffey ~1700 **Edward Coffey** 

David's grandfather and his siblings; Nannie Noble Coffey - 1902 Watson Commodore Coffey - 1899 - My grandfather Wallace Clinton Coffey - 1892 Noel Boyd Coffey - 1894 Francis Marion Coffey - 1898" Dave's e-mail address: david.r.coffey@Imco.com

Teri Stanek sent her linage so as to make contact with others working the same line. She descends from:

1.Nathan Coffey b. 1755/60 Anson or Wilkes Co. NC, d. 1823 Jackson Co. AL m. 1685 Mary Saunders b. 1760/65, d. 1838 KY

2. Absalom Coffey b. 1788, d. 1848 Jackson Co AL m. Mary Lusk

3.Hugh Coffey b. 19 Dec 1816 Adair Co. KY, d. 15 Mar 1856 Titas Co. TX m. Mary I Romans b. 25 Mar 1822, d. 28 Dec 1910 Titas Co. TX 4.John Melvin Coffey b. 11 Dec 1848 Scottsboro, AL, d. 19 Apr 1934 Omaha, TX m. 19 Jan 1871 Omaha, TX to Mary Ellen Ragland, b. 6 Jan 1853, d. 25 Aug 1924 Omaha TX

5. Hugh Burrell Ben Coffey b. 4 Jul 1879 Omaha,

TX, d. 19 Apr 1944 Ft. Worth, TX m. 22 Jul 1900 Morris Co. TX to Vassie Alberta Lewis, b. 5 Oct 1882 Omaha, TX, d. 13 Sep 1904 Omaha TX 6. Vanita Ann Coffey b. 19 May 1902 Omaha, TX, d. 24 Feb 1997 Ft.Worth, TX m. 31 Aug 1919 Dallas TX to Sebla Ambrose Bell, b. 21 Jul 1899 Odell Wilbarger, TX, d. 7 Apr 1962, San Francisco, CA

7. Frederick Hugh Bell, b. 7 Jun 1924 Dallas TX, d. July 4 1982 Arlington, TX m. 3 Jun 1945 San Francisco, CA to LaVonne Winifred Sackett, b. 26 Nov 1927 Mason City, IA, d. 08 Mar 1978 Arlington, TX

Let Terri hear from others working this line at 12316-AN. May Ave. #132, Oklahoma City, OK 73120 or E-mail: terristanek@hotmail.com

Lori Okel states, "We have one more Coffee who married a Moore. John B. Coffee (son of Collins Coffee b.abt 1809) m. Martha Akin Moore, 31 May 1866, Rolla, Phelps, MO. Martha Moore's father was Alfred Moore from Hawkins, County TN.

Jerry Coffee of Plano TX writes, "One of my great great grandfather David Coffee (1775-1822) sons was Joel Coffee (1808-1848). Joel was married to Martha Moore. I feel like there may be some connections in the Coffey-Coffee-Moore families. Ambrose Coffey (1862-1818) was married to (1) Mildred Moore, (2) Elizabeth Rice, (3) Polly Carter. Ambrose and Mildred (Moore) Coffey were the parents of Holland Coffee (1807-1846). Holland Coffee moved to TN to live with his brother Jesse Coffee (1792-1835) in 1818 after his father died. It seems Ambrose Coffey's thirteen children changed the spelling of their last name to Coffee.

For several years I wondered if Holland Coffee was in my line from Peter Coffee until I found out he is actually in the Coffey line."

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June

TOMBSTONES in West Plains, MO

June 2 was the date that we girls from the Benjamin Coffey line met and worked on gravestone in the Lawton Cemetery. Bennie Loftin, Kiowa, OK and Shirley Dawson, West Plains, spearheaded it for us. It was a time when Lorie Okel of Oregon and Roxanne West from Iowa could be there. Jim and I tailed along.

Roxanne had found a grave stone in her grandfather's barn when he died. She began genealogy to find who this William Coffee was and it led her back to West Plains, MO. It had been dug up by a local farmer and shipped to her grandfather in Iowa. It was in 4 pieces. She repaired it and framed it with copper, sodered tubes to the sides of the frame and bought rods to go into the ground and cement to hold it. Roxanne and Shirley placed the form and mixed Sakrete to hold the rods firm. It was a real piece of art when she finished.

Shirley Dawson had also purchased new stones for Arnett Coffee and wife and she knew where they went from some of the older family. There is a large Coffee plot in Lawton Cemetery, so she placed her new stones where the old ones were and they



(L. to R.) Kissiah Coffee, William Coffey and Arnett Coffee

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placed Wm. Coffee's stone between the other two. At least his stone is back in the county where he lived and died, thanks to Roxanne.

Lori Okel dowsed the Coffee plot and has determined where some of her family is buried. She with the aid of Marvin & Jeannine Griffin of Tulsa, had located Wm. and Collins Coffee's land.

The cemetery was beautiful and well cared for. We all left feeling really good about what had been accomplished there.





Left to right, Bennie, Annie, Bonnie, Shirley and Lorie

#### **DOCUMENTS GALORE**

While at the Tennessee State Archives, I ran across a book called Land Grants in Tennessee. I copied the Coffee and Coffey pages. They are:

<u>COFFEE</u> Benjamin (B)1839, 14+56a, M dist. Bk 18, p 735, g#15678

Collins(BL)1836, 300a,

MTN dist, bk G, p 390, g#476

Collins(-)1840, 40a, O dist, bk D, p 240, g#1870, Entry#3375 3/31/1840

Collins(BR) 1842, 40a, O dist, bk H, p 306, g#4296, Entry #4598, 12/27/1841

George(GR) 1825, 50a, E dist, bk 10, p 726, g#11282, with Wm Buckner

George(GR) 1834, 50a, E dist, bk 18, p 834, g#18836

Hugh(F) 1851, 50a, W dist, bk 8, p 215, page incomplete

J. N. (F) 1846, 102.25a, W dist, bk 2, p 815, g#1719

James(B) 1815, 100a, G dist, bk M, p 250, g#6754

Jesse (W) 1829, 50a, MTN dist, bk C, p 223, g#1344

Joel (GR) 1841, 9a, E dist, bk 24, p 345, g#23664

John(RU) 1808, 150a, G dist, bk A, p 177, g#315

John(FR) 1812, 270a, G dist, bk H, p 185, g#4374

John(FR) 1812, 270a, MTN dist, bk 5, p 609, g#4374

John(FR) 1812, 125a, G dist, bk H, p 186, G#4375

John(FR) 1812, 125a, MTN dist, bk 5, p 610, g#4375

John(FR) 1812, 70a, G dist, bk K, p 221, g#4398

John(FR) 1812, 70a, MTN dist,

bk 5, p 216, g#4398

John(FR) 1812, 30a, G dist, bk F, p 418, g#4400

John(LI) 1812, 50a, G dist, bk F, p 180, g#4291

John(LI) 1812, 50a, G dist, bk F, p 417, g#4399

John(LI) 1812, 25a, G dist, bk F, p 419, g#4401

John(RU)1812, 100a, G dist, bk F, p 416, g#4371

John(B) 1816, 53a, G dist, bk M, p 525, g#9549

John(B) 1816, 40a, G dist, bk M, p 528, g#9550

John(RU)1816, 50a, G dist, bk M, p 529, g#9551

John(ST) 1824, 30a, G dist, bk Y, p 88, g#22020

John(ST) 1824, 100a, G dist, bk Y, p 90, g#22021

John (ST) 1824, 43.75a, G dist, bk Y, p89, g#22022

M. (MN) 1851, 200a, W dist, bk --, p--, g#12471

M. (MN 1851, 100a, W dist, bk--, p--, g#12472

Meredith(GR) 1826, 50a, E dist, bk11, p170, g#12671

Meredith(GR)1838, 244a,

E dist,bk21, p582, g#21793

Meredith(GR)1838, 50a, E dist, bk21, p580, g#21795

Michael(MN) 1851, 200a, W dist, bk--, p--, g#12468

Michale(MN) 1951, 100a, W dist, bk--, p--, g#12470

William B.(W) 1837, 5000a, MTN dist, bkH, p209, g#5057

\_\_William B.(W) 1837, 5000a, MTN dist, bkH, p210, G#5058

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COFFEY, Calvin(MU) 1843, 241a, M dist, bk1oc, p 20, g#27155 Assigned to Isaac Coffey, Wm. Holt & John Freeman

Calvin(MU) 1846, 6+96a, M dist, bk 2oc, p94, g#28214

Calvin(MU) 1846, 18.5a, M dist, bk 2oc, p95, g#28215

Henry(D) 1793, 640a, N dist, bk C-3, p218, g#1551 Warrant#2836 assingee of Thomas Buckle

Hugh(F) 1846, 48a, W dist, bk 3, p 22, g#1862

Hugh(F) 1848, 8a, W dist, bk 9, p 300, g#6599

James D.(W) 1832, 100a, MTN dist, bkD, p384&5, g#2536

James D.(W) 1832, 100a, MTN dist, bkD, p390&1, g#2545

James W.(B) 1854, 93+96a, M dist, bk8oc, p360, g#23432

Joel(GR) 1855, 18.5a, E dist, bk 30, p 101, g#29372

Joel(GR) 1855, 18.5a, E dist, bk 30, p 102, g#29373

John(HE) 1853, 26.25a, W dist, bk18, p 349, g#14053

Landen H(G) 1850, 197.5a, M dist, bk65oc, p598, g#21756

Nathan(MU) 1821, 160a, G dist, bk R, p 118, g#15357

Nathan(MU) 1822, 54a, G dist, bk T, p 31, g#16906

Nathan(MU) 1846, 31.75a, M dist, bk 2oc, p92, g#28212

Nathan(MU) 1846, 10a, M dist, bk 2oc, p 93, g#28213

Thomas(B) 1847, 53+57a, M dist, bk21, p 545, g#18513

William G.(MU) 1824, 62a, M dist, bk 1, p 296, g#296

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**COLLINS COFFEE - Probate** We the citizens of Howell County Missouri pray the honorable Probate Court of Howell County to grant an order for a deed of one acre of land belonging to the estate of Collins Coffee so as to cover the house known as the Langston School house for the purpose of a church and school house for which house was built for that purpose and also Collins Coffee promised to make a deed to it whom the house was built for (can't make it out) so? church and school house free to all denominations John A. Chapin, (can't read), James A. Middleton, Ambrose L. Coffee (Collins son), Solomon Davis, W? Cope or Colt ?, M. Davis, H.S. Bolin, AH White, William Coffee, John Penigton?, Henry Bacon, D. Penington, Nathaniel Barnett, Z. Martin, Thomas Lemons?, Levi Johnson, Wm. H. Snow, L.H. Conbill?.

It looks like they built the School and Church on Collins land. And for whatever reason the land didn't get deed until after his death. This might have all taken place about the time of the Civil War, and everybody's life had to stop until after the war.

#### **COLLINS COFFEY**

Seri Kelly says, "I cannot recall who is descended from Collins Coffey born c 1851, a son or not, of Caswell Coffey but I just found the death certificate of a Maggie Dalton, aged about 55 years old and died June 25, 1933. Her spouse was Abner Dalton. The informant was Grover Coffey of Morristown, TN. This Maggie's parents were C.C. Coffey and ? Wolfe. When I checked my work I find I have Collins Coffey and Hulda Wolfe had a son Grover in 1891. Incidentally, this Maggie

had her coffin made by friends and was buried "Family". So, based on this death certificate and the information supplied by Grover Coffey, he most likely is this Maggie's brother, Collins was Collins C. or C. Collins Coffey." Sheri's e-mail is: bluemoonrotts@yahoo.com

#### GRAINGER Co. TN MARRIAGES 1937-38 (from Archie Dalton)

Coffey, Enos to Coffey, Ophie 4-12-1937 Hayden to Davidson, Marie 12-26-37 to Gibson, Carry Lou 6-15-37 Joe to Mallicoat, Liza Lewis 10-10-37 to Balton?, Leo 12-2-37 Paris T (Could be a typo. Archie's database has neither but does have a Leo Dalton, b 1925, d bef 2000.) Coffey, Avery to Spires, Mary

### MORE TENESSEE MARRIAGES

4-16-38

Andrew J. Coffee to Louisa Hutcheson, Sep 01, 1851, Grainger Austin Coffee to Elvira Wolf, Jan 08, 1856, Grainger Austin Coffee to Elizabeth Dalton, May 20, 1860, Grainger Co. Caswell Coffee to Martha Campbell, Dec 21, 1857, Grainger Co. Willey Kirby to Disa Coffee, Feb 08, 1862, Grainger Co. Eli Coffee to Hannah Bullen, Oct 17, 1851, Grainger Co. Fredric S. Spires to Elizabeth Coffee, May 29, 1866, Grainger Co. Henry Wolfe to Elvira Coffee, Date: Oct 29, 1859, Grainger Co. Wainwright Shockley to Emily Coffee, Feb 23, 1851, Grainger Co.

George Coffee to Polly Coffee,

Mar 01, 1866, Hawkins Co.

George Coffee to Martha Cain, Feb 23, 1871, Claiborne Co. Ira Coffee to Sarah Hipshire, Feb 26, 1852, Grainger Co. Jackson Coffee to Pricilla A. Hayes, Mar 03, 1851, Grainger Co. James Coffee to Lydia Ann Wolfe, Mar 08, 1857, Grainger Joel Coffee to Sarah Mullins, Nov 15, 1855, Grainger Co. John Coffee to Lurena Cope, Oct 05, 1856, Grainger Co. William Shockley to Louisa Coffee, Mar 21, 1851, Grainger Co. John Nicely to Martha Coffee, Aug 07, 1856, Grainger Co. James Whitlock to Mary Coffee, Dec 22, 1865, Grainger Co. Metis Coffee to Sarah Nash, Jan 14, 1852, Grainger Co James L. Mallicoat to Myra Coffee, Jun 13, 1860, Grainger George Coffee to Polly Coffee, Mar 01, 1866, Hawkins Co. Ransom Coffee to M. Cox, Aug 19, 1855, Grainger Co. Shadrick Mallicoat to Rena Coffee, Mar 05, 1863, Grainger Co. Robert Inklebarger to Sarah E. Coffee, Dec 09, 1860, Grainger Co. Richardson Coffee to Serena Coffee, May 03, 1860, Grainger Co. Samuel Stalsworth to Susan Coffee, Feb 19, 1855, Grainger Co. William Coffee to Eliza Nash, Feb 20, 1858, Grainger Co. William W. Coffee to Selina E. Shaver, Aug 01, 1854, Grainger Co. John Scarbrough to Winney Coffee, Feb 23, 1866, Hawkins Co Wyatt Coffee to Julia Hipshire Oct 04, 1854, Grainger Co.

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Deceased Name: John Coffee

Mr. Coffee, who died Monday at Cameo Assisted Living in Irvine, bred horses with expert care for 43 years. And he earned the respect of the people whose horses he trained.

"There's an awful lot of horses that never win a race," Davis said. "For the class of horses he got, he did an outstanding job." Mr. Coffee helped Davis, now retired after working 38 years as a dentist in San Bernardino, purchase the first horse he ever wholly owned. The horse won five or six races and more than \$130,000, Davis said.

Mr. Coffee started out as a rodeo cowboy in his native Antlers, Okla., said his daughter, Patsy Coffee of Irvine. He and his wife, Dessie Fay Coffee, moved to Highland, where relatives of his wife lived. They opened a market on Base Line near where a drive-in theater later would be built. He did business with his customers on credit. His customers were his friends. He ran the store from 1948 until 1970. When he moved to Highland, he initially kept his horses at his sister-in-law's ranch in Highland. About five years after he bought the store, he bought the land that would become Coffee's Thoroughbred Farm. He stayed in the market business until he had built up his training business enough to run it full time and sold the store in 1970.

In addition to Patsy, John Coffee is survived by his daughter, Johnnie Guadagnoli of Highland; five grandchildren; and three sisters, Irene Taylor, Gladine Pate and Jackie Puckett, all of Oklahoma. 2005

FLORENCE ALABAMA LAUDERDALE FLORENCE GAZETTE 11 July 1846

Paymaster in The Army We are pleased to learn, that our worthy countryman, Major Andrew J COFFEE, has been appointed by the President, Paymaster in the Army. He is a son of our deceased townsman, Gen. John Coffee, who performed such distinguished and efficient service in the cause of his country during the last war with England. The appointment is a good one, and will give general satisfaction, for we are of the opinion that a more competent, or deserving gentleman could not have been selected. Major Coffee will leave here in a day or two for New Orleans, where he is directed to report himself to the Commanding Officer. He, will we presume, be sent at once to the Rio Grande. From Jerry Coffee i.coff@verizon.net

> COFFEY, EMILY JANE Elrod -Nov. 8, 1962

Mrs. Emily Jane Coffey, age 84,born June 13,1878 passed away Oct. 29,1962 at the Holston Valley Community Hospital in Kingsport, TN. She was a native of Hancock County and was the wife of the late James Coffey. She was a member of the Paw Paw Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors: sons Rev. Johnny Coffey of Bean Station, Tenn.; James Coffey of Kingsport and Carson Coffey of Thorn Hill; daughter Mrs. Viola Carpenter of Franklin, Ohio; brothers Charles Elrod of Tazewell, Lewis Elrod of Whitewood, VA, Joe Elrod of Ottawa, W. Va., Cline Elrod of Ohio and Roscoe Elrod of Colorado: sisters Mrs. Sally Cadle of Charleston, WV and Mrs. Helen Williams of Prater, WV. Burial in the church cemetery.

#### **MAIL BOX**

Bob Coffey of Hartford WI writes that MARSHIA COFFEY MORGAN, turned 100 on 23 Nov 2004. She celebrated with a large turn out of her family including a brother and sister from Iowa. She lives in Vicksburg, MS and attended the Coffey Convention when it was held in her city. Mrs. Morgan is a sister of Fran Coffey and a cousin to Leonard Coffey, both deceased. We wish her a happy belated 100th birthday.

Marianne Coffey Morrison of LaPorte, IN has had an exciting couple of years. She and husband Lee traveled to Ireland twice (1999 & 2004). They were in Dublin for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and are planning to go again in 2006 for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Both descend from Irish & Scottish ancestry. They visited Marianne's grandfather's roots at Fethard and Cashel and found a genealogist who has a web site. (Hope Marianne sends the site in for all of us to use!) Thanks Marianne for sharing your trip.

Christina Brown and Derrick Dalton of Thorn Hill announce the birth of their son Chandler Gage, Mar 11, 2005, Morristown hospital. He has an older brother Dakota Riley. His grandparents are Jackie & Dwight Leonard, Rick Brown & Lonnie and Judy Dalton of Bean Station. Judy is descended from Esco/Dorsie Essie Coffey. (From Archie Dalton)

#### **COMPUTER NEWS**

Reams Goodloe -goodloev@bellsouth.net sends the following good news. The indes through #98 is now available on CD-R for \$20.

#### Places to visit on the Web

Kentucky State Archives http://ukcc.uky.edu/%7Evitalrec/ Cemeteries http://catalog.kyhistory.org/help/cem\_

#### **ONE MORE QUERY**

Sheri Kelly says, "Nancy Cope has sent me a death certificate of a Susan Coffey who's dates are 01/18/1840-04/23/1923. This Susan is widowed and died of abdominal tuberculosis. Informant was a William Coffey of Bradshaw, KY. Parents of this Susan Coffey are stated to be William Coffey born Clay Co., KY and Susan Brewer born Clay Co., KY.

Nancy states she had gotten this death certificate because she thought it represented her ancestor Susanah Brewer who married Joel Coffey and this Joel is Caswell Coffey's son. She does not believe now it is her Susanah Brewer because of the parents names.

In viewing the certificate, Sheri tends to think it is for Susanah Brewer Coffey and the informant William wasn't clear on the parent information. The dates fit as does the last known location for Joel Coffey. Susan Coffey was buried in Bradshaw. The undertaker is William Coffey of Bradshaw. Would anyone know what William Coffeys may have been in Clay Co., KY in 01/18/1840 and would anyone know what William Coffeys would have been in Jackson Co., KY on 04/23/1923? Joel and Susan Coffey had a son William Henry born 1873 and I suspect he may be the informant.

This also could imply that Joel's name was William Joel or Joel William. Was Joel ever in Clay Co., KY?

Susanah Rebecca Brewer was the d/o Howell and Mary Ann Thomas Brewer. Nancy Cope provided the marriage date of Joel and Susan. I have no place of birth for Susanah Rebecca Brewer but we do know Joel was Tennessee born and bred." Sheri's e-mail: bluemoonroots@yahoo.com

# June 2005 2005 COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION, NASHVILLE

Jack and Nelda Coffee gave us a hardy "Tennessee Welcome" when we arrived in Nashville. Soon other cousins began showing up. We had a nice sized meeting room to set up our library. It takes up a lot of table space now and we've added a copy machine.

Our hostesses, Patsy Burns and her mother Billie McKinney (with helpers) kept a table over flowing with coffee, tea and treats.

On Friday, we car pooled to the Tennessee State Archives where we learned how best to use their facilities from the Director of Public Services, Ronald Lee. Then proceded to the stacks and films to look on our own.

Saturday many cousins took the shuttle to Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Opry Mills. There were several shows and other places of interest close by as well.

For those who stayed behind, Jo Langwell demonstrated her "dowsing" rods and how to find graves with them. She can tell how tall the person was and if it is a male or female. (She sure made believers out of us "Doubting Tomas".) We gathered in our hospitality room on Saturday evening for the banquet and annual meeting, with a stop on the way for group pictures.

Jack Coffee, President, opened the meeting with a welcome speech and pledge to the American Flag. Entertainment was music by Scott McKinney, guitar, Rodger Burns, piano and vocalist Mindy Odum. Rodger played a medley of songs while we dined. Invocation was by Bob McKinney.

Jack Coffee called the meeting to order and we all intoduced ourselves, our guest and told how we descend from the Coffee/ey lines. We elected officers for the next year as follows: President, Jack Coffee, Vice President, Ed Coffee, Secretary, Jo Langwell, and Treasurer, Darlene Clark.

Jack called for volunteers for convention hosts. He and Nelda Coffee offered to host at Chadron, NE for 2006, with Darlene Clark and family volunteering for the 2007 convention. Ed Brown will look into hosting for the 2008 convention in Virginia.

Jack reported on the DNA project and passed packets with more information. We followed with an auction of one of Marvin Coffey's books and presented winnings from the silent auction and winner of the patriotic afghan.

We thanked our hostesses, Patsy Burns and Billie McKinney for showing us such a wonderful time in Nashville. They did an outstanding job of hosting the convention.

Jack called on Harold Butz to lead us in a closing prayer and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Virginia Goodloe and Jim Coffey were not able to descemd the steps for the photo so we added them in the corner circle.

Names of those who were registered are listed on page 18. Hope I spelled the names correctly.



# June 2005 COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION 2005 Those who were pre-registered

Edwin and Yaroslava Brown, James and Iralene Brown, Roger and Patsy Burns, Harold Butz and Darlene Clark, Chris and Jim Coffey, Dale and Nola Coffee, Douglas Coffey and Madeleine David, Edwin and Phillis Coffee, Jack and Nelda Coffee, Virgil Coffee, Danny and Glenda Coffey, Fred R. Coffey and Joshua Good, Larry and Mary Coffey, Jim and Bonnie Culley, Reams and Virginia Goodloe, Brad Heflin, Joel and LaVonne Hoel, Brad Howland, Loren and Christina Jenkins, Jo Langwell, Bob and Bennie Loftin, Billie McKinney, Bob and Glenda McKinney, Scott McKinney, LaVonne Morehead, Katherine O'Hatnick, Betty Street, Charles and Pam Web, Archie Dalton and Mindy Odum.