



COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE



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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Can you believe it? The 2006 convention date is fast **approaching!** Seems like we just celebrated Thanksgiving and March is already on us. My feet are getting itchy to travel! **Nelda** and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone in Chadron. We're doing ail of the planning via telephone and e-mail, and so far I'm pretty certain that **"things"** are going to work out **fine**.

Everyone should have made their hotel reservations by the time this newsletter reaches you. You should also have sent to me your money for the CCC **banquet**. If you plan on riding the train you should send your reservations and check ASAP. There are still several train seats available. **It's** still **"first come first serve,"** and if your check arrives too late to get a seat, you'll get your check back.

I have been working feverishly on the Edward **Coffey** /Ann Powell Descendants project, and continue to add documentation (census records, **obituaries**, and whatever else I can **find**) on a daily basis. I hope to update the website with the new information before we leave for Chadron. Contact me if you want a CD of the files. I've also started publishing a **blog** (short for weblog) on the web. Actually, I began

nearly two years ago, and manage to create one or two interesting - at least to me - issues per week. I have received a number of photographs and family histories from researchers who visit the Coffey Cousins' website, **and** have used many of those photos to enhance the blog. Anyone who wants to contribute photos of their ancestors for either the Edward/Ann Powell Coffey project, and the **blog** can send copies via **e-mail** to jkcffee@yahoo.com. You can read the blog at <http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com>.

See **you** in Nebraska!
Jack

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

The **Culley** household was almost back to normal in December after the foundation work on our house in November. We had 16 at our Christmas dinner.

Jim and I left for Florida on **December** 28 this year so we could spend a day in Cumrning, GA with our daughter Cathy Trust and family. Jim had caught a cold and wasn't feeling up to par but the worst happened when we stopped at McDonalds in **Ocala, FL**. Jim didn't see the onion shaped thing standing in the doorway to deposit cigarettes before entering the restaurant. He tripped over it and went sliding down the sidewalk.

To shorten this **story**, **Jim** broke his right hand and hip, his glasses, and skinned his elbow and forehead. I drove him to the Cape Canaveral Hospital emergency room where they operated on his hip and put a cast on his hand. He was in a rehabilitation center for two weeks after surgery and finally got to our condo on **February** 1. He is doing really great and is in outpatient rehabilitation 2 days a week now. He is walking with a cane.

Needless to say, I ignored Coffey Cousins for some time and apologize for being so late in doing Cousins business.

I hope some of you have had time to do research this quarter and have something to share for the next newsletter.

I do have one important thing rn

announce. Jack Coffee says that he has received a cancellation for 5 dinner/train **tickets** so he now has 5 more seats that he can still sell if you hurry. I hope some of you can take advantage of this opportunity.

I do appreciate so many of you getting your **subscription** renewals in before the March issue. If you are in doubt as to whether your subscription is due, look at the label on the front of the newsletter. If it is underlined in red, you have not paid for the year 2006. I do hope we can keep all of our readers for another year. How effective we are depends on how many researchers we have checking what we publish.

If you know more about a story we print, let us **know**. If you see something that is incorrect, be sure to let us know. I print what I get and do not know the accuracy of all I copy. All cousins **are important**.

Now I will get off of my "soap box" and say that I hope all of you have a great spring and summer and that I see lots of you in Chadron, Nebraska in April. Sounds like Jack has a good trip planned for us.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Culley

NEW ADDRESS

Archie E. Dalton, 2630 Highway 154, Morrilton, AR 72110

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Robert A. Coffey, frayx61@aol.com

NEW NAMES

Jeanne Cantwell, 1536 Mt. Airy Rd. Lynch Station, VA 24571
 Suzie Bruce, 4366 Queens Way, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636

ANCESTOR

Albert G.

NEW COUSINS

Jeanne Coffey Cantwell is Cheryl Harris' aunt. They descend from Albert G. Coffey b. 1825 in Russell Co. KY. If you can help them with this family, Jeanne's address in the new cousins list.

MAIL BOX

* Jimmy Loise Kroger has broken her arm. We hope she heals well and is better by now. You can send her a get well at; jimilou@dc.rr.com

* Pat Cross patcross4@netzero.net writes; "Just wanted to let you know that Dale's bacterial infection, C'Diff, which he has had twice in two years, has a front page run in today's KC Star. It pretty well covers this terrible disease! If you take the Star be sure and save the article and read it! If you do not take the KC Star, go to www.kansascity.com and check today's paper, Saturday, December 31st, Section A, page 1. What it doesn't tell is how each day is different and you don't know what to expect! " We hope Dale is doing better. Doesn't sound like fun at all.

* Johnnye Brown from Kerrville, TX writes that there are still 5 left in her generation including John W. Coffey, Rich Coffey and herself, all ranging in age from 78 to 94.

JOHN JAMES COFFEE

by Jerry Coffee

John James Coffee (b.1833-d.1927) was the brother of Jerry Coffee's great grandfather Joshua D. Coffee. They moved from Gordonsville, Smith Co., Tennessee to Fannin County, Texas in 1855.

In 1866, fearing retribution from the Unionists in Fannin County for his activities in Capt. William B. Crocker's Home Guard. John James moved his family from Fannin Co., to McDonald Co., Missouri with the intent to study law under Col. John T. Coffee. When he arrived in Missouri, he discovered that Col. Coffee had moved to Georgetown, Texas with Brig. Gen. Jo Shelby and many other Confederates in the "Shelby Expedition" to Mexico. These Confederates were in fear of their future if they remained in the United States.

John J. Coffee remained in Missouri and had his license to practice law by 1875. In 1884, Col. John T. Coffee's daughter, Catherine Jane, married cattleman John Wesley Snyder at Georgetown, Texas. In 1880, the Dudley and John Wesley Snyder bought the Spade Ranch in Lamb and Hockley County Texas from John F. "Spade" Evans and continued to maintain cattle in their northern pastures in Wyoming and Nebraska.

In 1882, the Snyder Brothers bought the Renderbrook Ranch from J. Taylor Barr and combined it with smaller acquisitions
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Dead End Roads

* J. Tyler Humphreys writes; "I stumbled upon your site today, and was glad to see some of my family named on your site. Harden Coffey, listed on your October 2005 newsletter, is my Great-great-grandfather. If you are interested, I would be more than glad to share my Coffey family information with you, I see with the information you have listed you have a few errors. For example, Sarah Catherine Coffey, Harden's daughter, married Marion Lewis (Tip) Humphreys. Harding Lewis Humphreys was their oldest son. Marion Humphreys actually married 4 times, Sarah was his last wife. His third wife was Mildred Coffey, who was Sarah's cousin. Marion is the main focus of my research, and I have some very interesting stories on his family. Also, Marion and Sarah had more than 3 children. In addition to Harding, Sophia, and Turner, they had Frank (my great-grandfather), and Bertie. If you would like more information (and there is a lot), please e-mail me! Hook forward to hearing from you at <bearhunter444p@aol.com>"

* Kirk Smith says; "I wanted to share a will I have on my Joseph Coffey with the hopes that it may help others and maybe help get a few more people researching this line as well :) This is the Joseph Coffey as shown in the newsletter index as follows: COFFEY, JOSEPH, SR, (GRAVES), b.1784 m.1808, d.1834 ancestor of KIRK SMITH, 46-9 64-3,4"

The following is the last will and testament of Joseph Coffey as transcribed by Kirk Smith from a photocopy given to him by Daraleen Wade. He was not able to make out a few of the words. Joseph's wife 'Jane' is Jane (Graves). If you can

help Kirk with this line, email him at: <SmithKi@mir.wustl.edu>

In the name of God Amen - I Joseph Coffey of the County of Christian and State of Kentucky being in my right mind and memory though feeble of body and knowing the certainty of death do make or appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows (to wit) 1st That all my just debts be paid - Secondly that my wife Jane Coffey have all my estate both real and personal for the purpose of raising and educating all my younger Children (to wit) Robert T., Nancy, Asa, Juliza, Lucy, Barilla. - Benjamin and Joseph - But if my wife Jane should hereafter intermarry with any other man it is my wish for her to have one third of my estate during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between all my Children and the other two thirds to be divided equally between all my heirs including my two eldest sons Madison and Elsey with the above named Children. I do appoint my beloved wife Jane Coffey and my son Madison Coffey my Executrix to this my last will and testimony In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25th day - February 1834. - Joseph Coffey (seal) sign@ in presence of

John Pierce
Saml Shryock
R Lot Matthews
Thos C Graves

I wish it to be perfectly understood in closing all my worldly affairs that I have sold a certain boundary of land lying in the north west corner of the survey I now live on and supposed to be ninety or one hundred acres to my

son Madison Coffey for the _____
 _____ of three dollars per acre for which
 I have received a greater part of the
 money. I wish the Court of Christian
 County KY to appoint some legal
 person or persons to make him a title
 for the same at some convenient time
 when called on. Witness my hand this
 25th day of February 1834.

Signed Sealed & delivered. Joseph
 Coffey (seal)

In the presence of

Saml Shryock

Thos C Graves

R Lot Matthews

John Pierce

Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of
 Christian, to wit. I Abraham Stites the
 Clerk of the County Court of Christian
 County aforesaid do hereby certify
 that the foregoing last will & Codicil of
 Joseph Coffey did & was on this day
 produced in open Court and proven
 in the manner required by law by the
 _____ of Saml Shryock,
 Thomas C Graves, R. Lot Matthews, &
 John Pierce the subscribing witnesses
 & was ordered to be recorded
 - whereupon the said will & Codicil
 together with this certificate _____
 been _____ admitted to record
 accordingly - Given und my hand
 the 28th day of April 1834 - attest -
 Abraham Stites

* Shannon Coffey sec Coffey
 @bellsouth.net is looking for Thomas
 Coffey. He was born ca. 1846 in
 County Cork, Ireland and died 18 Aug
 1880. He arrived in the US 6 Aug
 1869 on the Erin, settled in Brooklyn
 and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery.
 He married Annie Theresa Cassidy and
 they had one son, William Thomas.
 He appears in the June 1880 Brooklyn,

Kings, Co. Census as head of family
 with wife Ann, 28, and son Willie, 1
 year old. His death certificate states
 that he died of typhoid pneumonia
 and nephritis. It also states that
 he had been in the US for 11 years,
 placing immigration date at 1869.
 They were living on the first floor of
 a two family building on Quincy and
 Yates, #273. His widow remarried
 after his death but we have no
 information on the second
 marriage. She died when Will was
 around 16 and I believe is buried in
 Bergen County, NJ. Shannon would
 appreciate any help.

* Brenda (???) bspencer#gru.net is
 trying to create a family history for
 her son and says; "Thank you for
 responding back. My son is Raymond
 L. Coffey. His father is Donald Ray
 Coffey. All I know about Raymond's
 grandfather is that he is Ray Raymond
 Coffey. They had lived in Detroit MI
 and had moved to Lobelville TN. Ray
 Raymond was married to Geneva
 Sue DePreist Smith. He evidently had
 another family in which he had other
 children, in another state. Neither
 family was aware of each other
 until Ray Raymond passed away in
 the early 90's. Donald's sisters are
 Martha, Theretha and a brother Noel
 PS. I have a restraining order against
 the ex and have not heard anything
 from or of his sisters or brother. So I
 am reluctant to contact them if they
 are still alive.

I met Geneva Sue Smith, my son's
 grandmother before she died. She
 didn't have much to say about
 Donald's father but that he was
 Cherokee Indian or his grandfather
 was Indian. I don't know what is truth
 or not with this family. I seem to come
 to a dead end in Lobelville. I don't
 know if my ex was a legitimate son, or

if there are any birth records on him
He birth date is 6/30/53.

Was he born in **Lobelville** TN or Michigan? Did Ray Raymond actually marry Sue or did my ex just take his dad's last name? Sorry about all the questions, I just need a good place to start. Thank you, **Brenda,**"

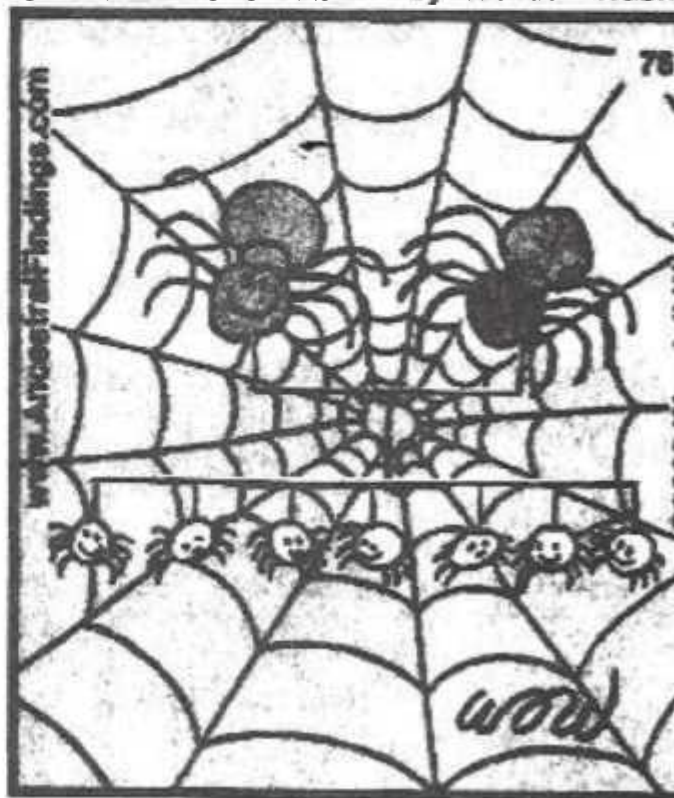
* James **Bankston** jsbankston@sbcglobal.net is seeking information on the ancestry of John Nathan Coffey of North Carolina and Texas. He is a great great grandson and believes that this was the one who lived from 1847 to 1919 and died in Zephyr, Texas. James says; "About 20-25 years ago when I was in high school I had a chart of the descendants of JNC here in Texas, and a photocopy of a handwritten account of his ancestry, including several Chesley Coffeys. I am pretty sure I made a chart in a notebook of the names at that **time**, but of no other information, so there is nothing to back it up." If you can help James, his address is, **11028** Jollyville Road. # 249, Austin, TX 78759.

* Gary Coffey says, "I recently became aware of your web site while trying to do some family tree searches on my own. My name is Gary Coffey of Asheville, NC. My father was Kenneth Lecosta Coffey Sr. s/o Harley P. Coffey and **Allie** Brooks of Buncombe Co. NC. My GGrandfather would have been James or John **Coffey/Coffee** B. **1835** (depending on which source you use) married to an Emiline Jones b. **1837**. I have completed two genealogy searches back to Ireland and I don't think either one was **correct**. I would certainly appreciate any assistance you may provide. It seems there is very little information on the NC **Coffey** s. With greatest regards, Gary C. Coffey Asheville,

NC. < coffeync3@bellsouth.net > or < coffeync3@aol.com > •.

* James (Jim) Coffey wrote the following to Fred Coffey after visiting the DNA web site. Possibly one of you can help him. "I was born in Wellston, Ohio. My dad Liberty Coffey was born **McGulfen** County, KY, **1913**. My grandfather Columbus L Coffey was born Overton County, TN 1873. My great grandfather Thomas Jefferson Coffey was born Overton County, TN and his mother was Rachel Coffey per the census. Please let me know if I can be of any **help** with the DNA project." Jim's email address: < aacoffey@swbell.net >

GENE TOONS by Wendell Wash



Genealogy on the web.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Bernice Mullins pbm378@bellsouth.net

sends her lineage as follows;

I am the wife of Rev. Matthew Mullins and the daughter of Rev. Chester and Pauline (Barnard) Seals, the granddaughter of Clark and Nannie (Coffey) Seals.

Nannie is the daughter of James and Mattie (Wolfe) Coffey.

James is the son of William and Margaret (Unknown) Coffey

William is the son of Caswell and Anna (Jordon J Coffey

Caswell is the son of Bennett and Sarah (Ferguson) Coffey.

Bennett is the son of Benjamin and Mary (Polly) (Hayes) Coffey.

Benj. is the son of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey and grandson of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey.

* The sender of the following information seems to have been lost . It came through Yahoo. It is still interesting not only for the Coffey information but because the Ann Powell Coffey mamed a Robert Dulin after Edward died and had 2 more sons. William and Thomas Dulin (Dooling).

PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL
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RANK DULIN, M. D., police surgeon for Denver and member of the state board of medical examiners, and member of the United States board of pension examiners, is one of the successful and well-known physicians of Denver, where he has his office at No. 1407 Larimer Street In the general practice of medicine he has gained the confidence of his patients and has shown himself to be accurate in diagnosis and skillful in treatment In addition to his private professional work

he fills the office of member of the state board of medical examiners, to which he was appointed by Governor Adams in April, 1897; also the office of police surgeon, to which he was appointed May 1, 1897, by the fire and police board, Dr. Miller being the other police surgeon for the city.

In early days the paternal grandfather of our subject removed from Virginia to Kentucky, where he spent the remainder of his days in the cultivation of a plantation. Rev. Robert Dulin, the "doctor's" father, was born in Christian County, KY in 1815, and during the early days of the religious movement that called for a return to apostolic methods, he associated himself with Alexander Campbell and other men who gave their lives to that work. For years he preached in time Christian Church, yet for all his self-sacrificing labors he refused to accept any salary, feeling himself repaid if he led men and women into the light of the Gospel.

After selling his farm of five hundred acres in Christian County, he lived somewhat retired, enjoying the comforts his industry had rendered possible. In 1879 he went to Sherman. Tex., and there died in 1895, aged eighty years.

The mother of the *doctor* was Lucy P. "Coffey", who was born in Cumberland County, Ky., and is now living in Sherman, Tex. Her father, Benjamin "Coffey", was a member of a Virginian family of planters and a descendant of Revolutionary ancestry. Our subject was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., and was one of thirteen children, ten of whom attained mature years and eight are now living. William was killed at Fort Donelson when twenty-one years old. Smith was colonel of a Confederate regiment and fell at

Jackson, Miss. The father had opposed the sons entering the army, and for that reason Smith went to Texas, where he enlisted as lieutenant and was promoted to colonel on the field at Jackson. There are four daughters and four sons now living. John L is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and a practicing physician; Charles S. is proprietor of a newspaper in Sherman; and Robert R. has a store in that place-

After having gained the rudiments of his education in the private schools of Hopkinsville, our subject entered Princeton College at Princeton, Ky., where he studied some time. Removing to Sherman, at the age of twenty-one he began to study medicine under Dr. John L Scott, and in 1880 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1882 with the degree of M. D. Afterward he was assistant demonstrator of anatomy in that college and file "hospital" for a year, and then located in Ashley, Washington County, Ill., where he engaged in practice nearly three years, but in the fall of 1885 he removed to Garden City, Kan., and from there in July, 1889, came to Denver.

In 1892-93 he was county physician. In the fall of 1893, under the civil service law, he received from President Cleveland the appointment of member of the United States board of pension examiners, of which he is now time treasurer. Active in the Democratic Party, he has been a member of the county committee and a delegate to county and state conventions. He is connected with the American Medical Society and the Denver and Arapahoe County Medical Society. In religious belief he is identified with the Central Christian Church, of which Dr. Barton O. Avlesworth is the pastor. He is

physician to the Rocky Mountain Camp, Woodmen of the World. In the Knights of Pythias he is examining physician and past officer, also three times in succession it's representative to the grand lodge and in that body a member of the committee on credentials. In Caledonia, Mo., he married Miss Fannie May Carr, daughter of Dr. Munson Carr, an old settler of Caledonia. They have one son, Robert Carr Dulin.

* Jerry Coffee added to a story published in the "COFFEE BREAK; Jan 4th, '06". The story pertained to Cmdr. Jerry Coffee in Honolulu, a motivational speaker. Commander Gerald Coffee, USN, was shot down over North Vietnam and became a P.O.W. for the remainder of the war. He is the great, great grandson of Joshua Coffee (1810-1890) and Joshua's second wife, Sarah Hill. Joshua Coffee and Sarah migrated to Stanislaus County CA from Gordonsville, TN in 1873 with four children. Five children of Joshua and his first wife, Delilah Conger (1814-1845) remained in TN or migrated to Texas.

Al Field held@msn.com is involved with the DNA project for the Curtis family. He contacted Fred Coffey and Lorie Okel for information on Coffey/Curtis marriages. He has a lot of information to share with us and writes:

"Fred, Lorie, et al - I'm going down a somewhat different track than usual with this DNA test, John Curtis (b. 1804) and Joshua Curtis (b. 1813) are the ancestors of most of the Curtis families who remained in the Wilkes/Caldwell area. Their mother was Mary/Polly Curtis, their father's unknown, probably different men. It occurred to me that there was a reasonable chance that descendant DNA tests might turn UD a name that

would let us identify one or both fathers. But I wanted to make sure there were Coffey and Cottrell descendants in the DNA database, since those families were numerous and lived nearby. Some I can identify are;

William C. Coffey, parents unknown, (b. Sep 1837 NC, died in Watauga County after 1910) married Louisa Adeline Curtis 1 Jan 1857 in Caldwell County. I have five children-Calvin, Sarah, Andrew J., Mary and Nancy. In 1860 they lived in the St. Johns River district. Very easy to confuse him with William Columbus Coffey who married Carrie Curtis. Louisa Adeline is a descendant of the Joshua Curtis mentioned above; he married Margaret Edmiston.

Sarah Elvira Coffey (b. 17 Nov 1860, d. 23 Oct 1936), daughter of Wm & Adaline Coffey of Watauga County, married Thomas Carroll Curtis 3 Sep 1881. They had 8 children. She and Thomas are buried in the Curtis Family Cemetery in the Richlands area; I have pictures if you are curious. Thomas is a descendant of the Joshua above.

Sarah (Sally) Coffey (b. 12 Feb 1812, d. 22 Feb 1864) married Joshua Curtis, son of Samuel Curtis and Susannah Cottrell. Joshua was a brother of Hezekiah Curtis, who married Celia Coffey. They moved with the Coffey family to Owen/Monroe County, Indiana. 8 children. Lots of Coffeys out there, including a prominent minister and educator.

Jane Coffey, (b. abt 1768, d. 1851-1860 in TN) married Benjamin Webb; their son James Crittendon Webb married Clarissa Curtis daughter of Thomas Curtis of Ashe and later Watauga County.

George Calvin Coffey (24 Jan 1860-24 Dec 1934) married Louisa E. Curtis 24 Dec 1881: they had 11 children

in Caldwell and Watauga. Louisa is a descendant of Joshua above.

Emily Coffee (1814-1834), daughter of Reuben and Polly (Dowell) Coffey, married William Isaac Curtis about 1833; after her death William married Elizabeth

OBITUARIES

GRANT L. MILLS

GRANT L. MILLS, 92, of Thorn Hill, born March 3, 1913, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006. He was a member of Dry Valley Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Clara Epperson Mills, of Tazewell; one brother, Herbert Mills, of Powell Valley; one sister, Clara Lovelace, of Thorn Hill; and several half-brothers and half-sisters. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Dixie Dalton Mills, of Thorn Hill; one daughter, Darlene and Dale McDaniel, of Rutledge; one grandson Tristan McDaniel of Rutledge; one granddaughter Nicole and Jeff Frye, of Strawberry Plains; one great-granddaughter, Emiley Frye of Strawberry Plains; one sister, Elsie Collins; two sisters-in-law, Eileen Bryant of Bean Station and Bernell Farmer of Thorn Hill; one brother-in-law, Ed Dalton of Bean Station; special friends. Frank West, of Tazewell, Scott Coffey and Larry and Katherine Bowlin of Thorn Hill Burial in Davidson Cemetery. (Info; Eva Jean Coffey)

BILLY SAMUEL COFFEY

Billy Samuel Coffey, age 66. of Morristown, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005 at Morristown Hamblen Healthcare System. He was a member of Coffey's Chapel Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Johnny and Mary Coffey and son, Don Coffey. He is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Randy Coffey of

Morristown. Lynn and Tammy Coffey of Morristown and Ronnie and Trish Coffey of Knoxville; daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and James Chastain of Mount Juliet, Janice and Jeff Fields of Morristown and Linda and Greg Jones of Morristown; grandchildren, Tonya Linkous, Matthew Barker, Justin Coffey, Brandon Coffey, Jordon Jones, Cody Coffey, Jeffery Fields II, Lynn Coffey II and Kylie Jones; sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Charles Dalton of Thorn Hill.

The body lay in state at Coffey's Chapel Baptist Church with interment in McDaniel Cemetery in Thorn Hill.

(Citizen Tribune Nov. 30, 2005, & Bernice Mullins)

BILLY R. HEDRICK

Billy R. Hedrick, age 70, of Hopewell, Va., formerly of Bulls Gap, passed away Jan. 15, 2006 in the John Randolph Medical Center. Mr. Hedrick was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Dexter Coffey Hedrick; brother, Leroy Hedrick; sister, Nettie Mae Hedrick; and son, Benjamin Hedrick. Billy was employed by the City of Hopewell for many years. He is survived by his wife, Helen L. Boyd Hedrick; four sons and daughters-in-law. Roy (Carol) Boyd, Robert, Carl (Teresa) and Thomas (Karen) Hedrick; four daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda (James) Baugus, Nancy Worley. Shirley (Gary) Moore and Roxanne Moore; 23 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and brother, Joseph Hedrick, Interment in Merchants Hope Memorial Gardens. (Info; Bernice Mullins)

OLA CUSTER

Ola Custer, age 99, of Clarinda, Iowa, formerly of Shenandoah, Iowa, died Tuesday. February 07. 2006. at Clarinda.

Iowa.

She was born June 25, 1906, at West Plains, Missouri. to James T. Campbell and Lucinda Ann (Coffee) Campbell. She was united in marriage on February 23, 1925 to John Ziehe and on September 27, 1964 to Herman Edward Custer. Ola was a member of the First Christian Church. Shenandoah, Iowa

Ola was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; son, Jerry Ziehe; grandson, Michael Ziehe; great grandson, John Ziehe; two brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include her son, John Ziehe and wife Arlene of Hayward, California; daughter, Betty Werts of Clarinda, Iowa; daughter, Catherine Slevin of Kansas City, Missouri.

Burial will be in the Clarinda Cemetery.

ANNIE LOUISE CRISP COFFEY

Annie Louise Crisp Coffey, 78 of Hopewell, Virginia, formerly of Ruther Glen, VA died Sat. Feb. 18, 2005 in John Randolph Hospital, Hopewell. Survivors include her children, William Henry Coffey of Conroe, Texas, Keith Randolph Coffey of Henderson, N.C., and LuAnn Matlick of Prince George; a sister, Frances Moon of Ladysmith; four brothers Jake Crisp of Colonial Beach, George Crisp of Spotsylvania, Pete Crisp of Orange, and Edwin Crisp of Ladysmith.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, William Henry Coffey Sr.; her son Bradley Coffey; three sisters, Christine, Ruby and Irene; and two brothers, Eugene and Warren.

Burial in Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch; from Jean Brydon)

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Here is a new twist for our DNA project that hasn't been addressed as yet by the group. We would love to have some input from other cousins on these letters so Fred and Lori can answer Dave and Marti. They need answers before June!! Bonnie

Dear Fred,

Marty Coffey, [<coffeymates@comcast.net>](mailto:coffeymates@comcast.net) writes for her husband David Randall Coffey, who wants to know where he comes from in Ireland. "He is pretty sure about being related to the Edward group, from the work his cousin, James Coffey, has done on their family lines.

We are planning a trip to Ireland in June and would like to start searching for and indeed encouraging the Irish national Coffey's to participate in the project. Since we know they may have less of a vested interest in knowing where their kin ended up. We are even to **some** limit willing to pay for some testing to be done over there. Do you have any suggestions on where to start? Are there currently any Irish who are participating in the project? Is there any grant money available **from** the Daughters' of the American Revolution, Civil War Foundations, Jamestown Colony Foundations, genealogy research groups etc... to fund participation especially over there? What test would likely need to be done on any **Irish** national Coffey willing to participate, in order to make a connection?"

Dave and Marty Coffey

Dear Dave & Marty,

We do not yet have any Irish citizens in our **database**, and would love to **find** a few participants. If you can do "**recruiting**" on your trip to Ireland, that would be great!

We've talked about wanting to get some **Irish** nationals involved, but I don't think we've come up with any good ideas yet on where to **start** "over there". Maybe someone else has comments?

Regarding availability of funds to support participation, I don't know of any clear sources. Perhaps the Coffey Cousins would consider, but I'm not in any position to commit. However if you could **find** the right sort of person, I personally will offer to pay for one test **myself**!

Ideally, we would like to **find** people who can trace their Coffey/Coffee ancestry back many generations, hopefully to even beyond the time of Edward and they would be willing to share that information with us. THAT sort of input I would pay for.

We would of course welcome ANYONE with the name Coffey or Coffee to join our project, if they wish to pay for the test themselves. However I'm already convinced that my Coffey ancestors came from Ireland, and would not pay for random tests without at least some part of a paper trail.

As I mentioned, the **12-marker** test would be sufficient to show some connection to Edward (or any other Coffey line).

Comments or suggestions, anyone?

Fred Coffey

WW II DRAFT - GRAINGER CO., TN

The following are the male Coffeys of Grainger Co. who signed up for the WW1 draft.

Jack Coffee says; "If you want to know more about any of them let me know and I'll look them up on Ancestry for **you**." He is also looking for parents for: **A.**

Eligey, Benj. A., Charles H. J. Zolly, Jesse Morris, Joel Thomas, Parlin John, **Wm.** Ira and **Wm. T.** for his Coffey data base. Jack's email: <jkcoffee@yahoo.com>

Name	Birth date	Race	Birthplace	Registration Place
A Eligey Coffey	Apr 1879	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Benjamin A Coffey	8 Mar 1896	Caucasian	Tennessee;	Grainger, TN
Carter Jackson Coffey	22 Apr 1886	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Charles Wesley Coffey	27 May 1899	Caucasian	Tennessee;	Grainger, TN
Charley Coffey	Jan 1878	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Charley H Coffey	10 Feb 1886	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
General Coffey	19 Oct 1897	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
George Coffey	21 Sep 1898	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Grover C Coffey	15 Aug 1888	Caucasian	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
Henry Coffey	8 Oct 1878	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Hillard Coffey	3 Apr 1886	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
J. Zolly Coffey	27 Jun 1892	Caucasian,	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
Jake Mires Coffey	22 Jan 1881	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
James Clay Coffey	15 Feb 1900	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
James E Coffey	17 May 1897,	Not stated	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
James Henderson Coffey	31 Jan 1899	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
James Monroe Coffey	10 Jan 1888	Caucasian	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
James Oscar Coffey	20 Mar 1894	Caucasian	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
Jesse Morris Coffey	1 Jun 1900	White.	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Joe Granville Coffey	12 Sep 1896	Not stated	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
Joel Thomas Coffey	13 May 1883	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Lemmy Lee Coffey	2 9 Jun 1899	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Mc Henry Coffey	10 Feb 1876	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Nathaniel Coffey	8 Sep 1893	Caucasian	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
Orlander Coffey	18 Mar 1879	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Parlin John Coffey	10 Jun 1898	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Philemon Coffey	24 Sep 1878	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Samuel Coffey	25 Feb 1873	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
Walter T Coffey	12 May 1896	Caucasian	Tennessee	Grainger, TN
William Brownloe Coffey	7 Mar 1900	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
William Frank Coffey	14 Mar 1882	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
William Ira Coffey	7 Dec 1883	White,	Not stated	Grainger, TN
William T Coffey	26 Jul 1893	Caucasian	Tennessee	Grainger, TN

DOCUMENTS GALORE

* Archie Dalton sends the following from "Grainger Today," May 11, 2005
Macy Ruth Hipsher turned one year old on May 5. She celebrated with older bro/sis, Will and Marisa. Macy is the daughter of Mark and Gina Hipsher of Rutledge. She is the Granddaughter of Vernon and Virginia Coffey of Bean Station and David and Anna Mae Hipsher of Rutledge. Special aunt and uncle are Brett and Candace Coffey of Rutledge.

* Lorie Okel4jokel@comcast.net, found the following in The Tulsa Tribune, 19 Dec. 1939.:

Collinsville Youth Dies.

Special to the Tribune, Collinsville, OK, Dec 1939;

- Edward C. Coffey, 23 died unexpectedly Monday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Coffey,
Surviving also are a sister Mrs. Nora Casey, Tulsa and a brother W. F. Coffey, Collinsville.
In the 1930 census the father was Chester W. Coffey from PA

Obit, Grainger County News
Dec. 7, 2005

Fray, Mary L, 66 died Nov 29, 2005
Preceded by husband Owen D Gray & sister Shirley Cosby of Knoxville, TN.
Survived by son Timothy D Gray of Bean Station, sisters, Geneva Bierkamp of Rockwood, Louise and James Dotson of Tazewell, Gail and Roger Lee Coffey of Bean Station and Teresa and Tom Hollaway of GA and Bil Elmer Cosby of Knoxville.

Burial: Birch Cemetery, Claiborne City

* Sheri Kelly says; "I subscribe to the Hancock Co., TN "Our Mountain Heritage" quarterly. In the newest issue there is a 1868 transcription of a dispute "Case 69, Frances C. Fugate vs W.G. Seals" involving property of the deceased Henry Provins. As I (Sheri) read this article it became apparent that this Henry is the father of Wiley Province who married Sarah Coffey, daughter of Caswell Coffey. Wiley's mother is mentioned as Henry's first wife, name unknown and Wiley has full blooded siblings mentioned as well as the children born to Henry's second marriage to a Jane who was born in VA. There are some census records noted as well. Names in this article about Henry's estate are:
Frances C. Fulgate (male),
Henry Provins,
Synthia Ann Provins Fulgate (Wiley's full sister},
Wiley Provins (indicates he lives in Missouri in 1868),
Jane Provins widow (Wiley's stepmother),
Lydia Provins Frost (Wiley's half sister),
Jesse Frost,
Thomas Provins (Wiley's full brother),
Elliot Provins (Wiley's half brother) and W.G. Seal (Jane's estate administrator).

This document gives some history of the above Provins family as well as it tells of Henry being in the War of 1812 and Jane got his pension. Then too there are several references of the above people and census records. It's too long to type and email but if anyone is interested please email me

your snail mail address and I will make copies and mail them to **you**. It's four pages and for me a very informative article rich with information I did not have on Wiley. Always looking for clues for Caswell in order to find his wife who apparently died in the 1840's."

Also if anyone has any ROSE individuals who lived in Hancock County, TN between 1800 and 1850 I'd like to hear from **them**." Sheri Kelly bluemoonroots@yahoo.com

* A hint on LAND & PROPERTY

STATE LAND STATES: Lands initially controlled and dispersed by the state government are called state lands. State lands were labeled such only for the first transaction. Subsequent transactions were considered to be "individual," or private lands. State-land states are the following: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, **Pennsylvania**, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and West **Virginia**.

FEDERAL LAND STATES: Lands that were initially controlled and dispersed by the United States government are called federal lands. Thirty states, listed below contain such land: Alabama, Alaska, **Arizona**, Arkansas, **California**, Colorado, **Florida**, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, **Louisiana**, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, **Missouri**, Montana, **NEbraska**, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming,

COMPUTER NEW

Reams Goodloe

<goodloev@bellsouth.net> sends the following good news about the index. The index through #101 is now available on CDR for \$20.

Visit the Coffee/y Blog: <http://coffeyco.usins.blogspot.com/Convention> info can be found here.

* Kenneth Coffee wishes to share the following information. He says;

"A friend sent this to me. I accessed the Gravesite Locator without signing **in**. It has Veterans back to the the Civil War, maybe some **earlier**."

Happy New Year, Ken Coffee

Go to: www.military.com/NL_MR/0,14852,2899,00.html

The Veterans Report is also the most comprehensive newsletter available to help Veterans stay current on benefits changes, learn about important legislation, get great discounts, and use the benefits **earned** in service.

NORTH DAKOTA VITAL RECORDS

The North Dakota Division of Vital Statistics has now placed it's public death index online at:

<https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>.

SCHOOL RECORDS

This tip comes from the Oct. 2005 issue of Family Tree Magazine.

School districts took periodic censuses to predict enrollment. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has microfilmed many school **censuses**.

Search the online catalog—

http://www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhile/frameset_fhile.asp

for the key words "school census", and you'll find more than 1,100 titles.

Add a county, town or school name to narrow your search.

If a film looks promising, note it's number and go to your nearest FHL branch Family History Center, where you can borrow it for a small fee.

*Lorie Okel sent forwarded a wonder fun web site for Col. John T. Coffey. It is managed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stockton, MO,

I hope I have copied enough that you can find it on the web. Bonnie
Copyright © 2005 - 2006 Col. John T. Coffey SCV Camp #1934 Stockton, Missouri

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FRANCIS GRAVES OF GLOUCESTER CO & ESSEX CO. VA

There has been some excitement going on in the Graves Families with the start of their DNA project. Of most importance to the Coffey families is the fact that Frances Graves, Essex and Gloucester Co's VA, thought to be the grandfather of Jane Graves who married John Coffey, is that Francis is NOT the son of Capt. Thomas Graves of Virginia. It appears that he matches the DNA of Rear Admiral Thomas Graves of Charlestown, MA. This is an entirely different Graves family. Frances was assumed to be the son of Capt. Thomas Graves of Essex Co. VA because of the location in which he lived and his age was appropriate. They, like our Coffey DNA project still needs more people to take the test to verify the findings they have had so far. It is going well for them at present.

If you wish to learn more about this subject, I suggest that you join the Graves Family Association as follows:

TO JOIN THE GRAVES FAMILY ASSOCIATION:

If you do not already belong to the GFA, you can join by sending \$20 per year to Graves Family Association, 20 Binney Circle, Wrentham, MA 02093 (more details on GFA website). Payment may also be sent electronically via PayPal by going to www.paypal.com and sending payment to gfa@gravesfa.org.

To subscribe to this bulletin, send an e-mail message to ken.graves@gravesfa.org. Please include your full name. Your postal mailing address and information on your Graves/Greaves ancestry would also be appreciated, although not essential.

DNA NEEDED

As you can see from the story above the DNA can play a crucial part in our lineage. Fred and Lori had to send William Coffey, who descends from a northern line a "Dear John" letter. In other-words, there was no match for him in our data base-

It appears that we are missing DNA for people who descended from the Northern Coffey lines. Actually, I think we need some suggestions and lots of help with this. I know there are people out there who still carry the name of Coffey and their ancestors migrated from the northern part of the USA. I have one book that list a number of Coffeys who first settled in Connecticut and New York. Many listed in this book now live in the states of Washington and Oregon. If you can help, or have any suggestions, write to Lori Okel at 18625 N.E. August Ave., Battleground, WA 98604 or email her at [<ljokel@comcast.net>](mailto:ljokel@comcast.net)

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and the Spade Ranch, and by 1887 the ranch operation consisted of more than 310,000 acres. After the financial panic of 1886, the Snyder Brothers sold and financed their holdings in Wyoming and Nebraska to their favorite trail boss, Charles Franklin Coffee.

After the sale to C.F. Coffee, the Snyder Brothers concentrated their efforts on their Renderbrook operation in Mitchell County and the Spade Ranch in Lamb and Hockley Counties.

In 1883, John W. Snyder needed a good attorney for the ranch and asked his father-in-law, John T. Coffee to move to Mitchell County and serve as their full time legal council. J.T. Coffee kindly refused the offer and preferred to remain on his goat ranch in Williamson County. Col. Coffee recommended his cousin for the job, John James Coffee in Missouri.

In 1884, John J. Coffee went to work for the Snyder Brother's and was their lawyer until 1892. In 1891, the Snyder Brothers sold the Spade and Renderbrook Ranches to Isaac L. Ellwood, the co-inventor and marketing representative of barbed wire. Dudley and John W. Snyder moved back to Georgetown, Texas and focused their efforts on their San Gabriel stock farm, where they raised and sold fine horses.

In 1895, John James Coffee moved his practice to Lubbock Texas where he practiced cooperate law until he retired five years later.

John James Coffee died at his home in Lorraine, Mitchell Co., Texas and is buried in the Lorraine City Cemetery.

~~Coffey~~ ran John's business.

LLOYD EUGENE COFFEY

Lloyd Eugene Coffey, 83 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at the Odd Fellows Home in Lynchburg. Mr Coffey was born in Bedford County on May 17, 1922, the son of the late Samuel P. and Lula Logwood Coffey and was married to the late Jessie Ridgewood Coffey for 22 years. He was a member of the Childrey Baptist Church in Nathalie, where he served as a deacon and formerly a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Evington. He served in WW II in the U.S Army and Air Force Recruiting Service for four years and two years in occupied Germany and was honorably discharged in 1954. He was employed by Helme Tobacco Company, a branch of General Cigar Co. in New York for 33 years retiring in 1987.

He is survived by a step-son Frank Ridgeway and wife, Suzanne of Richmond; two step-daughters, Carolyn Ridgeway Cook and husband Richard of Topping, and Betty Ridgeway Dodd and husband C. Russell, of Fredericksburg; one sister, Louise C. Arrington and husband Roy, of Forest.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Christine C. Faribault; and three brothers, Edward L. Coffey, George P. Coffey, and Earl L. Coffey.

Burial was in Virginia Memorial Park, with military honors by the American Legion Post #16.

(Richmond Times - Dispatch - from Jean Brydon)

COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION

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April 27 - 30, 2006

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

NEW BANQUET & BUSINESS MEETING INFO

Saturday, April 29th. BANQUET & MEETING:

Country Kitchen - \$10 each Buffet featuring:

Chicken, barbecued ribs and **shrimp**, veggies and al! the other normal fixings.

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We have a block of 20 rooms
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Hot tub, exercise room, continental
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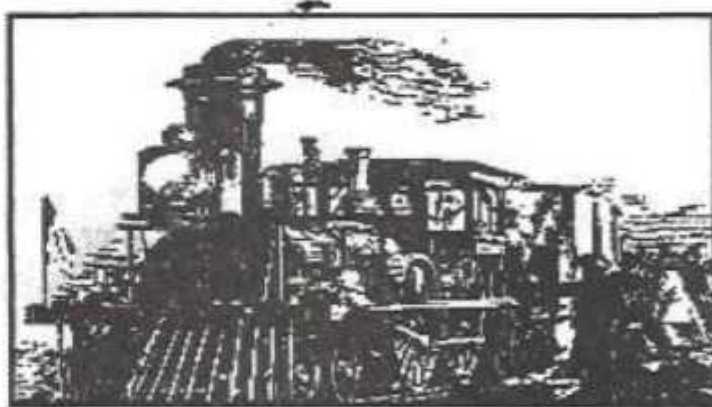
Note: I & L - RV park abt. 1 mile
from hotel. Call Jack for info.

A dinner train trip is planned for Friday **night**,
April 28, through a **very** scenic **area**. It includes
a **5** course dinner for \$35 a **person**. Menu is
prime rib, fish or fowl.

This train only holds 35 and they **will** NOT hold
seats for **us**. The first **35** who register (Coffeys
or not) get the **seats**.

**JACK HAS 5 CANCELLATIONS
THAT HE CAN FILL.**

— CALL NOW!



TEAROFF & MAIL:

1 am paying for _____ reservations on the dinner train @ \$35. **each**. Total. _____

1 am paying for _____ reservations for CCC Banquet @ \$ 10. each. Total. _____

Final Total _____

Be sure to include your return address and phone number.

Please send list of names and choice of prime rih, fish or **fowl** along with check to:

Jack Coffee

For **info. e-mail**: jkcoffee@yahoo com or phone: 1-318-766-8247

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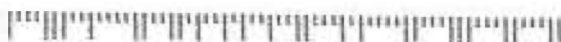
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