

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE



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WE'RE BACK

WITH A NEW ADDRESS

Dear Cousins,

First and foremost, I must apologize for missing the June and September issues and hope it hasn't caused too many problems. But as we all know, our family has to be our first priority. After we returned home from the April Coffey Convention, Jim was having extreme pain in his legs and knees. It had become obvious to us that we were not going to continue to live in our old 2-story house with the bedrooms up stairs. Actually it has 4 floors (full stand up attic and full basement) stuffed with all the collections we have saved for 55 years.

I was doing real well with the house and had it on the "slow" Real Estate market when Jim went to surgery to replacing his knee. It went well and he was doing really great in the Rehabilitation Unit when he had a heart attack. The only good part of this story is that he was in the right place to get help immediately. They bypassed 4 arteries in his heart and cleaned his carotid artery. It was scary but he recovered well and after a stint in Skilled Nursing he came home. Two weeks later

he collapsed while setting at the kitchen table. I called 911 and started CPR. The Fire Department's First Responders were here in a very few minutes and they got him to the nearest hospital to be stabilized on the respirator again. They put in a heart monitor and defibulator this time. Recovery was a lot longer and also in the Skilled Nursing this time. He was

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home for a week but had to go back for surgery to repair damage done to his new knee when he fell in our kitchen. Jim is home, this time wearing a leg brace, using a walker and attended by 3 Home Health Personnel on 2 days a week. (Guess who bandages and does thereapy for him the other 5 days.)

Our old house still hasn't sold but in the first two weeks that Jim was home, I moved us to a duplex all on one floor. Not all our belongings are in the new place yet. I have to put some away to make room to move more. Sure glad for a big garage and little car. Moving the computer and office stuff was a challenge. I had to be home during "office hours" to get things hooked back up.

My lay out program refused to work and I had to buy a new version, which cost me over \$300. Thanks to Mark Snell and my Computer Club friends it is all working again.

This letter is much too long but you deserve to know why you haven't had a newsletter since March. It is also not the best one I have ever done and hope you will over look that as well. Please do not send any money for 2007. I owe you at least 2 more issues now. Do keep the genealogy coming. I will start working on the March issue when this one is in the mail.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2007,

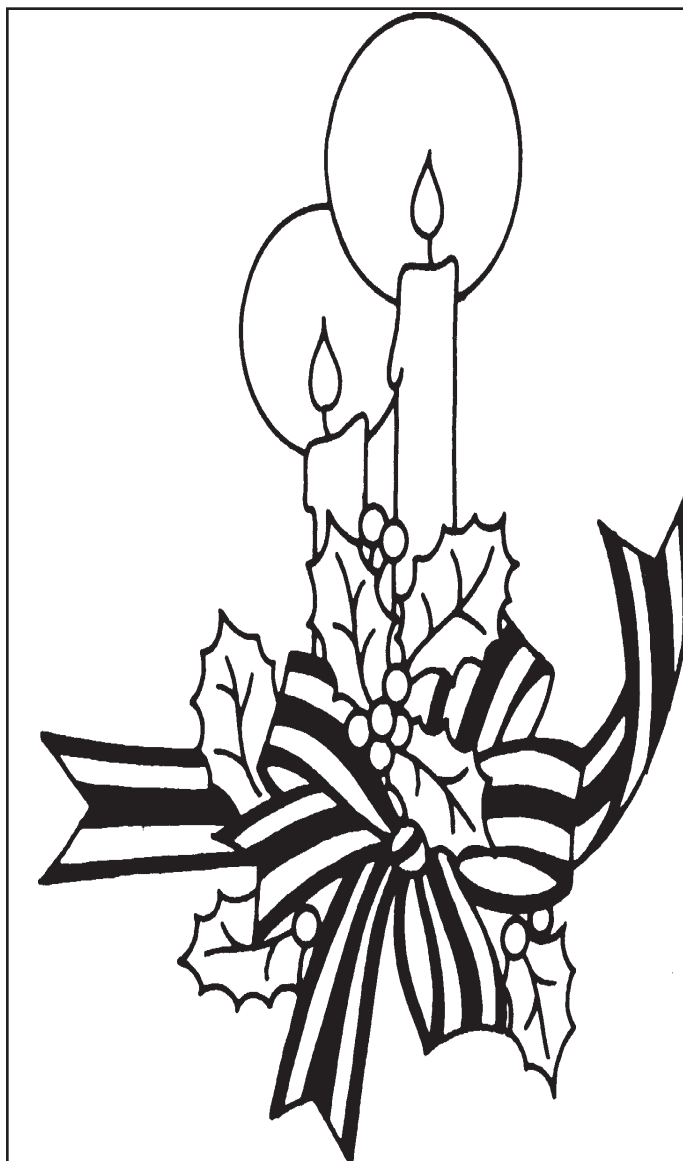
Bonnie Culley

P.S. Please take time to read the Convention News on pages 16 and 17. Darlene Clark has a really good one set up for us in April. I suggest you call your room reservations in NOW.

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NEW COUSINS

* Larry Hayes received his subscription from Jo Ann Coffey. She says that Larry was a customer in the office where she worked and they called each other "cousin", but he didn't know his family lines. While she was between jobs, she researched his family. He descends from Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey, through Jesse T. Coffey who married Lettie Collins. Their daughter was Mary Jane Coffey who married Wyatt Hayes, Larry's great grandparents.

We thank Jo Ann for going the extra mile and helping a cousin with his research. She is a true "Coffey" researcher and very generous.

* Maureen (Coffey) Donald is the daughter of Ralph DeVere and Ina Coffey. She is continuing the tradition of her parents and grandparents to keep the records for their family line. She is a sister to Donna McDonald who hosted the convention in Calgary Canada in 1997. Maureen and Donna attended the Coffey Convention in Chadron, NE. They descend from Oliver Hill Coffey.

Dead End Roads

* (This query was not sent to me but to Jack Coffee who posted it to others who could better answer the questions. I thought it contained so much Coffey family information that I would like to see it answered in the newsletter. Bonnie)

* Debra Dalton, <dbd1234@hotmail.com> states; "I was reading the information posted 21 NOV 2005, (on the Coffey Cousins Web site) 'Descendents of Samuel Coffey' with much interest. The posting names Samuel Coffey, b 1855 in TN, d 20 AUG 1910 in Hamblen Co., TN. He married 1st to Martha Wolfe. Their children are Henry and Elijah. Sam married 2nd Mary Hipshire, with several named children.

In 2003, I asked Effie Coffey Dalton, b 1910, to tell me who her parents and grandparents were. She said her parents were Henry and Emaline Coffey; her grandparents, Billy and Margaret McDaniel, and Sam Coffey. She said that Sam talked of her grandmother, who had already died, but she could not remember her grandmother's name. Effie's siblings were: Martha, Lonnie Elum, Mary Lee, and Elbert, sometimes called Everett. I remember Elum and Mary Lee well. With the exception of Elbert, these siblings all resided in the Thorn Hill area of Grainger County, TN, near the Coffey Chapel Church. I believe their

parents, Henry and Emaline are buried in the White Cemetery above Coffey Chapel Church, as are some of the siblings.

It does not fit that a person born in 1910 as Effie was could remember a Grandfather who died in 1910. Some internet postings name Sam, b 1855-d 1910, as the father of Henry Pat Coffey and grandfather of Effie and/or her siblings.

I wondered if the death date for Sam is posted correctly or if there were another Sam of that era with son, Henry. I did not think to ask Effie for names of her aunts or uncles or where her grandfather Sam was buried.

Johnny and Sarah "Sallie" Coffey were from this family.

Thanks for reading this. Effie is still living but not well."

*LaVonne Hoel has worked her line back another generation. She has proved that Elvira Coffey Cupp's father was Spencer Coffey. He died in Franklin Co., Indiana before April 17, 1854. She believes that his parents could be James Coffey who married Sarah Coffey, Aug. 30, 1794 in Wilkes Co. NC. She would like to hear from anyone researching this line.

In 1850 there was a Sarah Coffee, age 77, living next to Spencer Coffee and his wife, Mary Hensley Pruitt Coffey in Franklin Co., IN. She was not listed in 1860.

The children LaVonne has found so far from Spencer and Mary are; Ann who married David Spear, Campbell Co., KY, Nancy Lewis Coffey who married William Lipscomb, Campbell Co. KY, Elvira Coffey (her great grandmother) who married Jospeh Nelson Cupp,

Franklin Co., IN, Granville Spencer Coffey, who married Mary Jordon, Franklin Co. IN and Mary C. Coffey who married Andrew J. Whitlock in Franklin Co. IN. LaVonne's address is 3108 NW 67th, Oklahoma City, OK 73116. Her email address: cdeano@Flash.net

*Jack Coffee, w5jkc@celbridge.net is still working on his large database for our Coffeys. Here is one that he is having trouble with. Can you help him? He says, "Anyone have Calvin Allen Coffey, born 1839 Grainger Co., died c1907 in Indiana in their line? He was the son of James and Sarah Jane Fielding Coffey."

* Cathy (Parnell) Vance, velvetcres@msn.com, wrote: "I was just visiting the site <http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/2006/03/coffey-family.html> and its great.

My line of Coffey's descends from Chesley Coffey and wife Jane Cleveland through son Nebuzaraden then son Ananias then John who married Julia Ann Kemp in Adair Co. KY. I have no concrete proof of the son Martin Alexander Coffey that was born to John and Julia but the evidence is very good that Martin was indeed their son. If you come across anything on the children of John and Julia I would appreciate having it. They lived in Adair Co. KY and I believe Julia died in 1850 and am not sure when John died. Martin was born abt. 1846 and I have found no death but believe it was abt 1891." Be sure to check and see if you can help Cathy. Thanks, BC

* Mike Dixon says; "My name is Mike

Dixon and I live in Arcadia FL. I am doing some research on the Coffey family from Wilkes Co. NC. I am particularly interested in 2 people that are listed in the Coffey Cousins index. They are Elizabeth Coffey b. abt.1810 NC married John Scarborough 2/15/1830 Wilkes Co. NC. John and Elizabeth are my ggg grandparents. I am also interested in Nancy Coffey b. abt. 1803 NC married Harven Storie 10/13/1826 Wilkes Co. NC. Both families migrated to Hawkins Co. TN I believe in the early 1840's." Mike Dixon, 5471 NE River Ridge Ave., Arcadia, Fl. 34266 cmiked53@yahoo.com

The back issue listed Wilkes Co. NC marriages which Mike already had. Does anyone else have these two Coffey women in their file.

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OBITUARIES

RALPH DEVERE COFFEY

Ralph DeVere Coffey was born October 20, 1909 at Thurman, Iowa. He died March 8th, 2006 at the Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert, SK, Canada, with his loving family by his side. He was the oldest child born to Judson and Jean (Proctor) Coffey who emigrated from Iowa in 1910 to a homestead at Kennedy, SK.

Ralph helped on the farm and worked many jobs in an effort to fulfill his dream of attending Regina Teachers College. After graduating he taught at many schools throughout Saskatchewan. While at his second country school he met his loving wife, Ina. They were married March 21st, 1940 in Regina, married for 66 years. They were blessed with three daughters; Donna (J.R.) McDonald, Calgary AB, Maureen (Robert) Donald, Tisdale SK, Carol (Arvid) Andvaag, Hogan SK, 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Davis, Saskatoon SK and a brother Scofield (Gwen) Coffey, Kipling SK. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Mary Marusheckha and brother Robert Coffey.

Ralph was a teacher for 34 years and had earned his B.A. and B. Ed at the University of Saskatchewan. He was very active in retirement, recently being recognized for his contributions to his community with the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal and the Sask. Centennial medal. His talents were many. Interment: Prince Albert Memorial Gardens

JAMES T. POFF

James T. Poff, age 79, husband of Sarah Coffey Poff died Monday, May 8, 2006 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY. He was born June 10, 1926. James was a retired Trainman for L&N and CSX Railroads and loved his job with the Railroad. James had also received his 50-year pin for his membership in the United Trainmans Union.

James was preceded in death by his parents David and Alma Cook Poff and a brother David M. Poff Jr. James is survived by his wife Sarah C. Poff of Berea and three children; James T. Poff Jr., (Gwina), Pamela Joyce Poff and Dianna Isaacs (William) all of Berea. Four sisters Pauline Bailey of Richmond, Katherine White of Florida, Eula Bernice Sandlin of Richmond and Betty Farris of Versailles, KY also survive. Two brothers John Douglas and Arch Poff both of Berea and 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren survive. Burial was in the Madison County Memorial Gardens with Military Honors. (Jim and Sarah were co-host at the Coffey Convention in Berea, KY. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.)

William C. "Bill" COFFEY

Funeral mass for William C. "Bill" Coffey, age 87, was held Dec. 27, 2002, at St. Rose Catholic Church in Torrington. Burial followed in the Valley View cemetery. Bill died Dec. 24, 2002, at

Torrington Community Hospital. He was born Aug. 29, 1915, at the family homestead north of Node in Niobrara County, the son of Samuel and Mary Margaret (Bannan) Coffee. He married Ramona Hanson Sept. 26, 1940, at Harrison, NE. They lived at Harrison until 1945 when they moved to a ranch in the Prairie Center area. They moved to Torrington, WY in 1967, and he tended bar at the Mint for 16 years.

Bill was a member of the Catholic Church; a life member and past-exalted ruler of the Elks; a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association; and a member of the District #1 school board for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife Ramona; two sons, Robert of Shoshoni, and Donald of San Francisco, Calif; three daughters, Jean Mower of Claymont, Del., Joanne and Carolyn Coffee of Torrington; two brothers, Robert Coffee of Torrington, and Arthur Coffee of Oakton, VA; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great- great grandchild. His parents, two sisters and four brothers preceded him in death.

KENNETH W. COFFEY

Kenneth W. Coffey, age 70 passed away in Mc Alester, OK on May 15, 2006. Kenneth was born on November 14, 1935 in Kiowa, OK to William Benjamin and Lou Ellen (Simcox) Coffey. He was a graduate of Kiowa High School's class of 1954. He married Martha Ann Adams, on November 25, 1954,

daughter of Charlie and Laura Farmer Adams. He returned from the McAlester Ammunition Depot. He was also a cattleman. Kenneth is survived by his wife Martha, three daughters, Avonda Carol Effenbeck, Theresa Kay Feemster (and husband Rocke), Tonya Ann Rogers (and husband Randy) all of Kiowa. He is also survived by a sister, Bennie Lou Loftin (and husband Bob) of Kiowa. Interment; Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kiowa, OK

LANDON C. RUCKER

Landon C "Crow" Rucker died May 14, 2006, Grainger Co. TN. He was a Deacon at Bridgeport Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Rucker was preceded in death by: parents, Landon and Clara (Coffman) Rucker; His wife, Kathleen (Coffey) Rucker; two sons, David Rucker and Dil Ray Rucker and wife Bonnie; two daughters, Anita Harrell and husband Clifton, and Kathy Coffey and husband Stanley all of Thorn Hill; brothers, Earl Rucker and Wayne Rucker and wife Evelyn f Morristown; sister, Mary Ratcliff of Knoxville, and sister-in-law, Edith Rucker of Corryton. Burial in McGinnis Harrell cemetery.

(L.C. Rucker was married to Kathleen Coffey, daughter of Terrance Coffey and Susan Rucker. Kathleen is a sister to Lillian Coffey Rucker of Thorn Hill. Info B. Loftin)

(Grainger Today newspaper, May 17 2006 - Obit from Archie Dalton)

JOHN J. COFFEY Sr.

John J. Coffey Sr., 82, of Largo, Fla., died Sunday, March 5, 2006 at East Bay Nursing Center under the care of The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. He was born in Morristown, N.J. and moved to Florida in 1997 from Richmond, VA. He was a salesman employed by Moore Business Forms for 28 years. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Largo, a graduate of Georgetown University, a Life member of Knights of Columbus Council 395 in Richmond, Va. and was appointed Grand Knight in 1973, and a Navy veteran of WWII. He is survived by his wife, Mary S., of 52 years; two sons, John J. Jr. of Richmond, Va. and Paul M. of Largo; two daughters, Mary Nugent of Richmond, Va. and Patricia Aleshire of Smithfield, Va.

(Richmond Times-Dispatch on 3/8/06, Jack Coffee)

JAMES A. COFFEE

James A. Coffee was born in South Dakota, Jan 20, 1947. A resident of Vancouver, WA for the last six years, he passed away Feb. 24, 2006. James is survived by; brothers, San and Steve Coffee; sisters, Brandy Marks and Linda Johnson; daughters, Tammy Woltersdorf, Jennifer Wright and Iris Coffee; son, Nathan Coffee; and 14 grandchildren.

Internment Willamette National Cemetery.

(The Columbian, Mar. 12, 2006 - Info Lori Okel)

Bessie Douglas

Bessie Isabel Douglas, 82, of McAlester, OK, died Dec. 20, 2005, at a local nursing center. She was born March 8, 1923, in Canadian, OK and was the daughter of Garnet and Chloe Daugherty Coffee. She graduated from Canadian High School and married John B. Douglas in 1942.

She began her career with the newly constructed U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot in 1943 as a clerk-stenographer in the administration branch. She retired 30 years later as personal secretary to the commander and was given several awards and recognition for her service, including an outstanding performance rating during the transition period to the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant. She lived her entire life in Pittsburg Co., was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of McAlester. Survivors include her husband, John B. Douglas, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, John B. Jr. and Jeannie Douglas, of Shawnee; a brother and sister-in-law, Garnet (Dee Dee) and Billie Carol Coffee, of Tulsa, and numerous nieces and nephews, including Billie Sue Crownover and husband, Lloyd, of Oklahoma City. She was preceded in death by her parents, Garnet and Chloe Coffee, two sisters, Mary Sue Savage and Geraldine Coffee, and a brother, Leon "Pete" Coffee.

Burial was at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Eufaula.

(Bennie Loftin)

GEORGE LEIGHTON COFFEY

George Leighton Coffey, born Nov. 19, 1921 in Idabel, Okla., passed away June 22, 2006 in Sacramento, Calif. George was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II in Europe. After fulfilling 75 missions, George returned to the U.S. and married Marie Manenna and took his bride to Norman, Okla., where George graduated from the University of Oklahoma and began a career in accounting for the U.S. Military. George and Marie retired in Minden, Nev. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, two daughters: Georgianne Broffman and Kathleen Hibbard; and two sisters: Bessie Jeanne Cantwell and Vida "Bobby" Collier, and several loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

George participated in the Coffey DNA project. He is the descendant of: George Leighton Coffey, Sr. - Liston Pancoast Coffey - Albert G. Coffey - And probably: - George W. Coffey - Cleveland Coffey - Joel Coffey - Chesley Coffey.

George Coffey was a loyal subscriber to the newsletter for many years. He passed his collection on to Cheryl Harris a few years ago and was very happy that someone was researching the Coffey genealogy.

(Cheryl Harris)

JOSEPHINE COFFEY

Josephine Coffey, formerly of Dallas passed away Oct. 19, 2005 at a nursing home in Waco, TX. Josephine was born in Dawson TX,

Mar. 18, 1916 and later moved to Mart, TX. She was retired from the federal government after 30 years of service. Preceded by husband of 50 years, James D. Coffey, parents, Stella Gable Renfro and Sam Renfro, brother Charles Renfro and 2 sisters, Lois Thomas and Opal Williams. Survived by 1 sister, Onetta Jeanne Moody of Waco, 1 brother, Rufus Renfro of Mart, TX. Interment at Restland Memorial Park.

(Info Ilah Merriman)

JAMES COFFEY

James Coffey, 86, Ada, OK, died Dec. 15, 2005 at a local hospital. He was born Feb. 13, 1919, at West Point, N.Y., to James Joseph and Elizabeth Stamm Coffey. He graduated from Highland High School, NY and came to Ada, in 1946. Mr. Coffey married Dymple Smith, June 21, 1953. He was employed with Ada Men's Store for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, one daughter Barbara (Bill) Morgan of Ada, two brothers, Donald Coffey Bloomingdale, NJ. and William Coffey, Highland Falls, NY. Burial, Rosedale Cemetery.

(Info: Tulsa World, OK - Jo Ann Coffey)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rod and Margie Coffey celebrated their 38th Wedding Anniversary on November 16th, 2006.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* LORIE OKEL, ljokel@comcast.net, paid a visit to the "Marie Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center and the C. F. Coffee gallery in Chadron, NE. Lorie wrote to the Center requesting a copy of the video about Col. C. F. Coffee and was told that it would be available in the fall. Lorie is planning to purchase a copy and I am sure she will share it with us at the next convention. If you wish to purchase a copy, contact Sarah Polak, Director of the Heritage Center. Her e-mail address is spolak@csc.edu.

* JERRY COFFEE, version.net provides the following interesting information on Logan Coffee. It follows:

"My sister, Patsy, has always been of the opinion that the unknown Coffee who settled at Coffeetown in Upsher County in 1854, may be the father of Logan Coffee of Mason County. In the 1870s, Logan Coffee moved from Mason County into the Texas panhandle and became a foreman on several large open range cattle ranches. Many of Logan Coffee's descendants live in Amarillo today but their ancestry back to Peter Coffee can not be established.

Lillian Coffee, formerly of Sherman, Grayson County, was mentioned in the acknowledgements of Gladys Bright Ray's book, "Murder in the Corners" which was about the Lee-Peacock Feud. I traced Lillian Coffee to Plainview, Texas in the Texas panhandle and was told by a former neighbor that she died there. I think she was related to Logan

Coffee and the unknown Coffee who settled in Coffeetown, Upsher County, Texas.

That is all we know about Logan Coffee and his line back to the Coffee progenitors in America, Peter (c . 1700-1871) and Susannah (Matthews) Coffee of Prince Edward County Virginia. My grandfather, John Coffee jokingly told us that if your surname was "Coffee" and you are white, you are related. This was before DNA research was available and the Coffees were tracked back to three or four lines of Coffees and Coffeys who settled in America prior to 1750.

Holland Coffee, the Red River trader, was tracked back by Reams Goodloe, a known relative of Holland Coffee, to his progenitor Edward Coffey of Virginia. Holland Coffee changed the spelling of his surname when he was orphaned at 11 years old in Kentucky. He moved to McMinnville, TN to live with Joel and Martha (Moore) Coffee. Holland Coffee's parents were Ambrose and Elizabeth (Moore) Coffey. Joel Coffee was my great great grandfather, Joshua Coffee's brother. Holland Coffee was not related to Joel Coffee but to Joel's wife, Martha (Moore) Coffee. She was definitely one of Holland Coffee's relatives, according to the Patrick Moore's family tree.

Martha Moore and Holland Coffee's mother, Elizabeth Moore, are descendants of Patrick and Elizabeth (Mullins) Moore. Patrick and Elizabeth Moore are buried in the Moore Cemetery, Brush Creek, Smith County, TN. My great grandfather Joshua David Coffee and great-great grandfather Joshua Coffee were born in Smith

County, Tennessee. Joshua and his second wife, Sarah Hill moved to Stanislaus County, California about 1873.

Patrick Moore (1768-1836) was born in Ireland. Elizabeth Mullins (1767-1837) was born in Virginia.

Betty Moss of Alabama is related to both the Coffee and Mullins families, who says "Sometimes I think every one in the south can trace their ancestors back to three or four families who either settled in Virginia between 1700 and 1740 or the Jamestown Colony in 1608."

* NOREVA SHARR says that I leave out her husband's line when I print addresses. She is correct as the "data base" that I use will only hold one entry for each address. I apologize for my limitations.

Noreva's husband's line is:

1) Edward Coffey, 2) John Coffey, 3) Reuben Coffey, 4) Joel Benjamin Coffey, 5) Milton Coffey, 6) James Coffey and 7) Bessie Coffey Sharr, nother of Noreva's late husband.

Noreva descends through James Coffey and Mary Blair down to Mary Coffey who married her grandfather's brother, James Alexander Neill.

Noreva's address is P.O. Box 1720, Tehachapi, CA 93581.

* BONNIE COFFEY, was honored by "The Senior Center" newsletter in Ozark Co. Missouri, I quote: "I am the daughter of Ebe and Bessie (Schofield) Long. I was raised in Ozark County where my father was a log cutter. Dad took a long saw and cut it off to make two saws so myself (age 12) and my brother (age 9) could help him

saw logs. This was hard work, however, with there being seven kids, we all had to work. I was the only girl up until 6 months before I got married when Mom and Dad finally had another girl. In the 1930s we would cut post and sell them for 3 cents each.

We moved to California during the Depression and there I met Basil Coffey, whom I fell in love with and married in Remo, Nev. in 1940. In 1945, when Basil got out of the service, he moved me back to the farm in Ozark County. We were married 55 years before I lost him. God blessed us with 3 children; Lorene Loftis, Louise Taylor and Jimmy Coffey.

I was forever moving furniture which proved to be a mistake. Late one night, Basil and I were both asleep when I woke him up to tell him that I heard something in the chicken house. He jumped out of bed and tried to find the door. Now we had no electricity, so all he could do was stumble in the dark and make a lot of noise. I was really getting upset with him. After all, anyone can find a door, right? Wrong, I forgot that I had moved the furniture so, when I jumped up to see what was going on, I couldn't find the door either.

After a few choice words by Basil, he told me to just go back to bed 'cause whatever was in the chicken house would have already eaten them. I really wanted to laugh, but I knew if I did, he would probably kick me out of bed. Still to this day, when I move furniture, my mind goes back to that dark night."

(Basil Coffey is a grandson of Andrew Jackson Coffey. Info: Juanita Daniel)

COMPUTER NEWS

Reams Goodloe <goodloev@bellsouth.net> keeps the index to CCC current. The index through # 100 is now available on CD-R for \$20. They must be purchased from Reams. His mailing address is Reams Goodloe, P.O. Box 942, Ormond Beach, FL. 32175-0942

Visit Coffey Cousins Web page;
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffeycousins/coffeycousins.html>

Read the Coffey/Coffey Call Blog
<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/>

NEW - Cemeteries online at
<<http://www.cemeterysurveysinc.com>>

complete with pictures of each stone and panoramas of the cemetery. There is more. You can spend days here. Let me know if you find anything to share with the other cousins.
Bonnie

Missouri Death Records are now posted on line at:
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>

ANNIVERSARY

Jim and I (Bonnie Culley) celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary on October 13th in the hospital. The food service sent us a nice meal to Jim's room. We were married in Higginsville, Lafayette Co. MO.

Thanks to Darlene Clark for providing the following. She says; "My sister obviously copied this from a book as it is a 2-page spread but the source is not given. I sat on the train (Chadron dinner) with the wife of Bill B. Coffee, mentioned in the 2nd paragraph above the three asterisks. The C.F. Coffee exhibit at Chadron State College gave a more detailed description of the role that C.F. Coffee and Bartlett Richards played in the claiming of public lands for ranchers with Kendrick, a U.S. Congressman getting a law passed that allowed homesteading on 640 acre tracts of land - and this law allowed such homesteading only in Nebraska...to the chagrin of President Theodore Roosevelt who didn't want the fencing of any public lands..."

1873-COFFEE HAT CREEK RANCH-1973

Charles F. Coffee

The Coffee Hat Creek Ranch in the Hat Creek valley in Nebraska had its start while the area was unsurveyed and designated as public domain. The possessor would establish his holdings by picking a location of his choice, with no government records to prove his rights.

In Charles Guernsey's book, "Wyoming Cowboy Days," published in 1936, Mr. Guernsey wrote that Charles Coffee drove "longhorns over the historical Chisholm and other noted beaten trails from

Texas to the fresh ranges in Wyoming, finally locating in that new territory and starting a ranch in '73 in the Hat Creek Basin country, south of the Black Hills, lying partially within the borders of Wyoming, Dakota, and Nebraska."

Charles F. Coffee started up the trail from Round Rock, Texas, to Cheyenne, Wyoming, as a trail boss for the Snyder Brothers. J.W. Snyder was his brother-in-law. (J.W. was also half-uncle to the wife of the late Senator Kendrick from Wyoming.) After driving cattle up the trail for two years for the Snyders, Charles decided to go into business for himself. He brought cattle up from Texas, drove them 50 or 60 miles north of Cheyenne to Boxelder Creek where he stayed for a time, then moved north to the south bank of the North Platte River and built a rock house between Lingle and Torrington, Wyo., known as the Rock Ranch. Here, he said, you could whip a horse for half a day and come to a neighbor, so again he moved north.

Charles Coffee was one of the five men who met in a livery stable in Cheyenne in 1872 to organize a vigilance committee to cope with rustlers. "70 Years Cow Country" states: This may be considered the nucleus meeting of the Stock Association of Laramie County, later called the Wyoming Stock Growers Association."

Early one spring, he rode north

from the Rock Ranch, crossing the Hat Creek valley, to the Black Hills, then back-tracked 50 miles to the place he had seen in the Hat Creek valley, and started his ranch now known as the Coffee Hat Creek Ranch, in country that was all free range. He said that he stuck a stick in the ground and it grew, proving how good was the land where he decided to put down his buildings. One of these buildings still stands at the ranch on the original location. He was already irrigating there when the surveyors came through, and his canals were shown on the first surveyors' maps filed in the Surveyor General's Office at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Charles was married in 1879, but his wife and children maintained residence in Cheyenne, the closest town to the ranch. However as the railroad continued on westward and other settlements were started, he moved his family to the ranch in 1888, the same year he started into the banking business in Harrison. He continued to operate and increase the size of the ranch, buying out home-steaders and other ranch holdings in Wyoming and Nebraska.

Charles Coffee was running a round-up wagon from Gordon to Casper, and was in the Gordon area when the tracks came through there, and when the trains first reached Chadron in August of 1885, he shipped the first train load of cattle from that location.

Charles Coffee served on the Board of Directors of the South Dakota Stock Growers Association for several years, and was elected as Representative from this district to the Nebraska Legislature in 1900 to serve in 1901. In 1900 he moved his family from the Ranch to Chadron, as he had traded 2000 head of cows with calves by their sides to Bartlett Richards for Richards' home in Chadron and Richards' shares in the First National Bank there.

His son, John T. started working on the ranches in 1897, and in 1902 became operator of the Hat Creek ranch with his father, continuously looking after his father's ranching interests in Nebraska and Wyoming until his father's death in 1935. They operated under the name of Coffee and Son. John, too, on the death of his father, became President of the Sioux National Bank in Harrison.

In 1946, John's son, Bill B., became a partner with his father in the ranching operation and although John passed away in 1959, Bill continues in 1973 to operate the Hat Creek and other ranches under the name of Coffee and Son.

Thus the plan to celebrate the Centennial on June 10, 1973.

In 1948, a monument honoring Texas Trail drivers, the pioneer

cattlemen, Warren Livestock Company, C.F. Coffee and John B. Kendrick, was dedicated, where it stands on Rawhide Creek on the highway running through from Torrington to Guernsey on the old Texas trail. The back of the monument bears their brands.

In 1966, Charles F. Coffee was elected to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. He represents both the states of Wyoming and Nebraska.

The big old ranch home of Charles Coffee and his family, built about 1888, and later lived in by Mr. and Mrs. John Coffee prior to their moving into Harrison, was torn down six or seven years ago. No member of the family has lived permanently on the ranch since about 1925.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dr E Vernon Coffey and Virginia Ruth (Needham) Coffey celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jul 2, 2006. They were married 1966 at Powder Springs Missionary Baptist Church by J.L. Qualls. Dr Coffey is Director of Schools for Grainger County and Mrs Coffey is retired from the county school system. They are blessed with 2 children, Gina Coffey Hipsher and husband Mark and Brett Coffey and wife Candace. They have 3 grandchildren, Will

Mark, Marisa Lynette, and Macey Ruth Hipsher.

(Grainger Today Jul 5 2006)
(Archie Dalton states; "I cannot say for sure but it is my guess that his parents are Walter Preston and Mamie Dent Stapleton Coffey, grandparents Elijah Coffey, JR / Rosa Shockley, great grandparents Elijah Coffey, SR / Rebecca Shockley, g.great grandparents, George Coffey / Margaret Rucker (Colby), g.g.great grandparents, Benjamin / Polly Hayes.)

DARKES COFFEY WELCH

WELCH, DARKES "GRANNY," age 89, of Blaine, TN, went to become an angel with Jesus Sunday evening, July 2, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer "Hi" Welch; parents, C.W. and Lissie (Reece) Coffey; her son, Anthony "Smiley" Welch; her brothers, Amos "Bud" Coffey, Walter "Skeet" Coffey, Kyle "Pap" Coffey and Willis "Cub" Coffey. She will be sadly missed by her granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Rhonda and Frank Humphrey, Kim and Tommy Hensley; great-granddaughters, Tiffany Humphrey and Taylor Morse; sisters, Bobbie Beeler, Mae White, Dessa "Dood" Holt and Faye Satterfield; brother, Noal "Bear" Coffey; special friends, Tom and Shirley Pack and Bill and Jewell Daniels; also many family members

and friends.

Interment at McGinnis-Harrell Cemetery. Arrangements by Coffey Funeral Home in Tazewell.

From: "Bernice Mullins" <pbm378@bellsouth.net>

MAIL BOX

Maureen (Coffey) Donald wrote;
 "My father, Ralph DeVere Coffey, age 96 years, was hospitalized for 3 weeks before his death, March 8th 2006. On the morning of the 8, he told me to take my mother down to the safety deposit box at the bank and collect the American money, which he had saved, from previous trips to the U.S.

He said that he wanted my sister, Donna and me to carry on with our plans to go to (the Coffey Convention) Chadron and to make sure that our Canadian Coffeys were represented. So our trip to the 2006 Convention has been in memory of our truly wonderful father who knew the importance of family, and nurtured and cherished his entire family to the last."
 Maureen Donald

* Larry Coffey writes that their house burned down (Stockton, NJ) on Oct. 22, 2005. They were able to save their valuables like photos and records. The fire came on the heels of Katrina and their daughter was attending school in New Orleans. She left hours before the storm. They are all safe but Larry says that it

was not one of their best years. (Hope they are back in their new home by now.)

CORRECTIONS

James Scott. Loganville, GA says that I made an error in listing his ancestor as Robert T. Coffey He descends from:

Lula Frances Coffey (1920-) & Vernon Vaughtimore Scott (1914-1986)

James Wesley Coffey (1869-1950) & Lilly Mae Kiltner (1880-1970)
 Andrew Jackson Coffey (1845-1928) & Dorinda Frances Rogers (1851-1918)

Zidner Ananias Coffey (1810-1828) & Marganna L. Kiltner (1809-1882)
 William Ananias Coffey (1785-1828) & Jane Hindman (1781-1865)

Nebuzaraden Coffey (1747-1797) & Elizabeth Hayes (1750-ca1820)
 Chesley Coffey (ca.1708-) & Jane Cleveland (ca.1710-)

Francis Coffey (prior to 1680-)
 Mary Wallis (Wassace) (prior to 1680 -)

James says that Francis Coffey and Mary Wallis were married in 1701 in Essex Co. VA both being of legal age. James says that he can't prove it but would like to think that Edward and Francis are brothers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have never heard of this Francis Coffey and hope that James can find his records. If it could be proved, we would be more than glad (thrilled actually) to publish them.

Coffey/Coffee Cousins' Convention

Dubuque, Iowa

April 26 - 29, 2007

Dubuque - Home of Julien Dubuque 1762 - 1810. French Adventurer and Founder, City of Dubuque. Wife, Petosa.

Dubuque - Home of National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium featuring 300 years of river history and including the William M. Black 300 foot long dredge boat (steamboat), a national historic landmark. (Note: Jim Culley used to visit the Missouri River to watch the William M. Black dredge the River.)

Dubuque - A city embarked on long-term commitment to strengthening its civic core through historic preservation and redefining its relationship with the Mississippi River.

HOTEL: JULIEN INN, 200 Main Street, overlooking the Mighty Mississippi and the Port of Dubuque and located in the heart of the civic core historic preservation area..

Courtesy airport transportation from Dubuque Regional Airport.

Call 1- 800-798-7098 (or 563-556-4200) Specify a reservation for Coffey Cousins' Convention and request our special rates. Multiple variety of room choices available but limited number of rooms in each category. See room choices at end of this email. Make your choice early and call for your reservation.

Group Name: Coffey/Coffee Cousins' Convention

ROOM RATES*: (Rate + add 7% Tax)

(What Julien calls their rooms)

Standard Rooms

9 rooms with one queen size bed at a rate of \$56.00 plus tax.

Deluxe Rooms

6 rooms with one king size bed at a rate of \$76.00 plus tax.

Deluxe Rooms

12 rooms with two double beds at a rate of \$76.00 plus tax.

Economy rooms

3 rooms with one full size bed at a rate of \$48.00 plus tax.

Hospitality Suite (Interior room with no windows)

2 rooms with one king size bed and pull-out sofa at a rate of \$65.00 plus tax.

Hospitality Suite (Interior room with no windows - Jo wanted this)

1 room with one queen size bed and a pull-out sofa at a rate of \$56.00 plus tax.

Family Suite

1 Family Suite (with two double beds, two bathrooms, living area) at a rate of \$65.00 plus tax.

Whirlpool Suite

3 rooms with one king size bed and whirlpool tub at a rate of \$93.00 plus tax.

*Rates available to CCC with block of 21 rooms or more

Note: Miller RV Park about. 1 mile from hotel along Mississippi River. Operated by the city, opens April 1, unless high water: Alternative is American Marina, open all year. Each is on Dubuque's Island in the Mississippi, across the highway from one another. (I'm also checking on another RV Park that overlooks the Mississippi River.)

The Crown Gallery: Our Meet & Greet Room

Pick up your registration packet containing maps of Dubuque and descriptions of oh so many more things than you have time to visit!

Tables for research you want to share; Color and b/w copier provided. Coffee and snacks provided. Comradeship and friendship.

Tour: Trolleys of Dubuque

Friday, April 27, A one-hour narrated tour including original historic sites, an explanation of current economic development, and a visit to an historic preservation district. Board trolley 9:30 a.m.

OPTIONAL, on your own or, on Saturday in small groups, tour the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Fee less than \$10.00. One block from the Julien Inn. If weather is bad, Museum offers guided tours of the William M. Black at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Door prizes from Petosa's Cache.

Silent Auction: Bring one or more regional items.

(You may find yourself bidding on a jack-alope!)



TEAR OFF & Mail:

I am paying for _____ reservations for the Trolley Tour @ \$15.00 each. Total_____

I am paying for _____ reservations for the CCC Banquet @ \$25.00 each. Total _____

Final Total _____

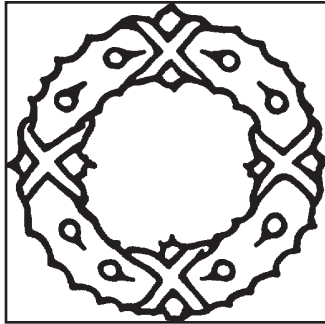
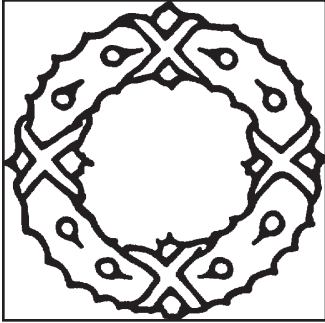
Be sure to include your return address, phone number and e-mail address.

Please send each person's choice (by name) of Roast Beef, Baked Ham, or Baked Chicken along with your check to Darlene Clark, 1500 41 Place, Des Moines, IA 50311 - 2544

Please send a list of names and addresses (if different from yours) for each person who will be attending. (Confirmation by e-mail)

The banquet/business meeting is a sit-down dinner. Menu selections are due not later than April 1, 2007.

For more information: email: cdbh@msn.com or phone: 1-515-279-3194



Be sure to check the Convention Pages

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There is a lot to see in Debuque. I garantee it to be an interesting site. If you think you even might be interested, make your reservations now. The rooms go fast and early in this historic hotel. It is a popular honeymoon destination. If something in your life changes, you can always cancel but can't get a room in a hotel that is already full.

Bonnie