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Founder: Leonard N. Coffey, b. Mar 21, 1930 - d. Jan 29, 1989

**RECORD FOUND LISTING NAME AS  
"ANNISTER CHENAULT" read page 12**

## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

I'm doing better with my "time" than I did when Jim had his last surgeries but not good enough. Jim is doing well but still is in a wheel chair with another brace to keep his knee straight. They stitched the lining of a pig's heart over his knee to keep the kneecap in place. Only two more weeks to go until he can begin to learn to walk again.

I hope you enjoy reading the things that Fred Coffey has found, as much as I have, on James Coffey, son of Annister and

now he has made a connection with the Chenaults. (Issue 104, pg. 15 and this issue pg. 12) I only wish Leonard and Marvin Coffey had lived to see what Fred has found. I hope that he can come back to the 2008 convention as I think he has just touched on the possibilities we can learn from the Coffey DNA Project. Most of our cousins out east have not heard his programs.

We have several new

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cousins who are researching the 1800 era emigrant Coffeys who settled in Iowa. I hope that some of you can help them, even if it is only giving them pointers or suggestions to places to look. I know they will appreciate all and any help.

We had the opportunity to meet several of these new cousins in Dubuque. I must admit, we sincerely missed several of our long time friends who couldn't come because of health issues, like Virgil Coffee who always helped the new researchers who attended the conventions. Some of the others that come to mind at this moment are Dale and Nola Coffee, Ed and Phyllis Coffee, Reams and Virginia Goodloe, Jeff and Glenna Coffey and Millie Coffey. I know there are several others.

President, Ed Coffee, Vice President, Jack Coffee, Hostess, Connie Coffey Dorsey and John Taylor are collaborating to create a good convention experience for us in Virginia, May 2 – 4, 2008. After the things that Fred Coffey has found, I'm looking forward to doing some research while in Virginia. Be sure to mark you calendars and save the dates of May 2 – 4, 08.

We will give you all the particulars in the next issue. The Inn has a good spread of room prices from \$62 to \$99. John Taylor is working on taking us to Coffeytown, a small mountain community settled by Coffey families descended from Edward Coffey. John has done a lot of research on this area and has printed two books covering the lineage of the Coffey families that settled there. It's a "can't miss" area.

The board has asked me to print

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a survey as we had a very low attendance at the last two conventions. They are asking your input as it will help with where and when to hold it in the future. I do hope that all of the cousins will participate.

The first convention (1984) was arranged by Leonard Coffey and hosted by Betty Coffey with the purpose of meeting some of your fellow researchers and sharing genealogy. It was held in Boone, NC. We now have a very large library of material, much of which has been donated by our generous cousins to be used by our future generations.

I have printed this issue of CCC in a more condensed style of type as I had so much that I wanted to "stuff" in. I hope it is not an inconvenience. If this is too hard to read, please let me know and I will not use it again.

Have you noticed? Now we have genealogy in the comics. Darin, in Funky Winderbean is looking for his birth parents.

If I don't end this soon, you will never get your newsletters. Please be sure to share your research with other cousins. It's a wonderful way to make new friends.

Your cousin,

*Bonnie Culley*

**NEW NAMES**

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**ANCESTOR**

Patrick  
 Annister  
 Jesse  
 Michael

**NEW COUSINS**

\* Ann Agnew is searching for information on her Coffee family. She descends from Patrick Coffee born 1820 in County Clare, Ireland. He died 25 Apr. 1896 in Dubuque, Iowa. Patrick married Margaret \_\_\_ (1835-22 Dec 1912). They had 8 children: 1) John b. 1854, 2) Bryan b. 1856, 3) Margaret b. 1857, 4) Elizabeth b. 1859, 5) Carey E. b. 1863, 6) Kate b. 1864, 7) Michael Francis b. 14 Feb 1864, 7) James b. 1869 all born Boston MA except James who was born in Iowa.

Michael Francis Coffee #7 was born 14 Feb 1864 Boston, MA and died Dec. 1946 at Fort Dodge Iowa. He married Mary Elizabeth Bliss born 11 Jul 1919 and died 2 May 1991. Their children are 1) Michael Emmet (1 Dec 1896-23 Oct 1981 Dubuque, IA – 23 Oct 1981 West Chicago, IL), 2) Margaret (1887 Dubuque IA – 1947 Ft. Dodge, IA), 3) Harry Dewey, (? – 17 Apr 1955 Ft. Dodge IA) 4) Charles, 5) Anna, 6) Pearl (19 Sep 1891 Dubuque, IA – 3 May 1989 Ft. Dodge, IA.

If you can help Ann with this family she would greatly appreciate it. Her mailing address is above and e-mail is alagnew@aol.com

\* Karen Denney is a relative of Leonard Coffey. We hope to hear more from her on this line. She has collected a lot more since we have heard from anyone on this family. Should be interesting.

\* Carol Walsh is looking for information on Jesse Coffee. She said that she has plenty on Sandy Garnett Coffee son of Cleveland and Mary (Barton) Coffee. Her mailing address is above and email is coffeeca@earthlink.net

\* Marianne Ruppertsberger was in the new cousin list of last issue but we failed to put her mailing address in the new cousin list. She descends from Michael Coffey and wife, Ann Lanagan from County Clare, Ireland. She would appreciate any help. WRupp@webtv.net

**DNA REPORT**

New Address for DNA web site  
<http://members.aol.com/FredCoffey/CousinsDNA.htm>

Fred Coffey mentions some things he would like to see in the people we test for DNA. You must be a male with the last name of Coffee/ey. We would like to find a few more candidates for this project.

- (1) Preference for people who know their genealogy back to first entry into America, or beyond.
  - (2) Prefer people whose first connection to any line previously tested is at least 5 generations in the past.
  - (3) Would like to see tests on another person or two with ancestry traced to "Peter", (with preference that they connect at least 5 generations back from Carol Coffee).
  - (4) Similarly would like to see another person or two who traces ancestry to "Hugh".
  - (5) Would like to find people still in Ireland, or recent immigrants, provided they know their genealogy for a long way back within Ireland.
  - (6) Note we already have a lot of "Edward Group" people, many with SOLID genealogy. This is particularly true for people descended from Edward's son John - - would NOT now be so much interested in "more sons of John".
  - (7) Would be particularly interested in people who have a paper trail connecting to one of our "Unknown" groups, provided the connection is at least 4 generations in the past. (Note I think it is usually a bad idea to test two people who are related as closely as a first or second cousins, because there is a risk of family embarrassment if they do not match.)
- If you fit any of this, please contact Fred at FredCoffey@aol.com

**DEAD END ROADS**

\* Michael Gitlin says, "My wife is Dale Earlene (nee Coffey)[ Her father was Herman Dale Coffey [1933], Leslie Dillard Coffey [1896], Louis Jasper Coffey [1860], Elijah Coffey [1813]. Elijah and Louis were born in Wilkes, North Carolina, and the rest in Camden County, MO. I wondered if you had any information on these individuals in your material. Thank you for any help you can give me." His email address is; Pastorgitlin@aol.com

\* Jack Coffee" w5jkc@cebridge.net, is hoping that someone might know something about this family.

- Joseph C. Coffey, born c1802 in Nelson Co., VA, died May 29, 1889 in Nelson Co. Married Elizabeth Phillips, born c1801 in Nelson Co., on Nov. 3, 1825 in Nelson Co. VA

\* Marianne Karlowa Ruppertsberger says, "I recently discovered the web site Coffee Cousin's Clearinghouse. I would like to post a query to this website but am not able to find an email address. I am just a novice when it concerns genealogy and have lots to learn. My grandmother was a Coffey raised in Walcott, Iowa and resided in Davenport, Iowa after her marriage to Henry Wolter. Her father was Michael Coffey from County Westmeath, Ireland and her mother Ann Lanagan, I believe from County Clare, Ireland. Thank you- Marianne Karlowa Ruppertsberger email WRupp@webtv.net

\* Elizabeth Casillas says, "Hello. I received a copy of the Convention information at a meeting last evening. I am not a direct relative but did some research for two ladies on the Michael and Anna Lanagan Coffey/Coffee family this past fall. The information I have on Michael M Coffey is that he was born 29 Sep 1835 in Collingstown, West Meath Ireland and died 14 Aug 1903 in

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Davenport, Iowa. Anna Lanagan was born 10 Jul 1841 in County Clair Ireland and died 1 Aug 1911 in Davenport, Iowa. They had 11 children, Richard, Mary Ann, Ellen, Margaret, Elizabeth, Katherine, James, Lida, Lucy, Adeline, and Josephine..

Since I live in Davenport I was able to research at the Special Collections section of the Public Library. I have many, many obits, census records, death records, cemetery records for the Michael Coffey/Coffee family, their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

My connection is through Ellen & Lucy Coffee. They each married someone in the Wolter family. The Wolter brothers' sister, Mary, married my greatgrandmother's brother, Joseph Schaab. The oldest Wolter sister, Anna Marie, married Michael Streckfus, the widower of my greatgrandfather's sister, Clara. Very complicated!

Hoping to hear from you. Elizabeth Casillas, lizeas710@aol.com

\* Mary Vavrosky, <maryandray@worldnet.att.net>, writes, "I am helping with research on the John (b. 1810) and Catherine Coffey family that appeared on the 1856 Census in the locality of Cedar in Muscatine county, IA. Their children are Catherine (b. 1834), (m. Patrick Wright), Anthony (1836) (m. Ann Loftus), Elizabeth (1839), James (1835), William (1841), and Mary Ann. (b.1838). All born in Ireland. They came to the US on the Ticonderoga in 1852. Anthony and a Michael Coffey (b. 1827) older brother?, cousin?) served in the Union Army from Muscatine County, IA in the Civil War. Anthony and Annie married in 1866 in St. Paul, MN and remained there. At Anthony's death his obit said he had lived in Muscatine, IA, (which is why we found the 1856 census) and Helena, Montana. We have found nothing yet in Montana except 1910 census shows a John Coffey (b. abt 1847) with wife Mary, and a John

Coffey (b. 1861) with wife Bessie. Both Johns were born in Ireland. Don't know who they are. There are other Coffeys on that census. None that we recognize. We were delighted to see a Coffey/Coffee gathering, and others interested in the name. If you can help Mary please e-mail her at the above address.

(Jack Coffee answered this query on line with the following. Hope some of the cousins can add more)

"I have so little information on our Coffey cousins who immigrated to the US in the years just prior to the Civil War. I wish we could find one proven male descendant from any of those male emigrant Coffeys who would agree to participate in our DNA project. Here's what I do have:"

John Coffey, Muscatine Co., IA, buried at St. Malachy's Cemetery at Ardon, Muscatine Co., IA (no dates, but note indicates he was a Civil War soldier)

The book, "The Coffee-Coffey Family" compiled by Margaret E. Maslin Lyman and Frances Coffee of Newton, IA, and Mrs. Helen Lindhorst of Idaho Falls, ID contains some information on Logan Co., IA Coffee/y families. Book should be available through LDS. It was filmed by the Gen. Soc. Of Utah in 1967.

Elizabeth Coffey married Michael Murphey in Muscatine Co. Jan. 6, 1856

James Coffey married Charlotte Hogan Jun. 8, 1859 in Muscatine Co.

Michael Coffey, private, enlisted 22 Aug. 1862 in IA 35th Inf. Co. E; wounded at Pleasant Hill, LA, 1862. See Muscatine County, Iowa Civil War Soldiers.

J. C. Coffey married Tabitha Baker Dec. 25, 1865 in Muscatine Co.

Laura Coffey married William W. Richards on 28 Sep. 1865 in Muscatine Co.

Sarah E. Coffey married Alonzo F. Smith 15 Nov. 1876 in Muscatine Co.

Wm M. Coffey married Mary A. McClure 16 Jun. 1887 in Muscatine Co.

\* Don Coffey writes, "I enjoyed my visit Dubuque and stay at the Julien Inn, and your collection of Books on many Family Genealogy's.

If you can think of anyone who could help Frank and I find out anything on our Great, Great Grandfather and family from Iowa, they were John & Catherine Coffey, that appeared in the 1856 Census in Muscatine Iowa. Haven't been able to find them after that date. I'd appreciate any advice . Don Coffey,Coffdp@aol.com

\* Jean Hall, jeanhall@efu.net, says "I have the names of Chesley and Margaret Coffee who are the parents of Felicia Coffee. Felicia Coffee is married in Maury Co. Tenn. Aug 2, 1811 to James Turnbow/Turnbo who was from South Carolina and they have several children, one of whom was Gracie M. Turnbow.

Gracie Turnbow was born Feb. 15, 1819. Gracie married in Maury Co Sept 14, 1842 Martin Harrison Johnston. They had 9 children. The oldest was Frances Elizabeth Felicia Johnston born 1844 and she is my great-grandmother. She married Elijah Smith Bullard in Texas.

Martin and Gracie Turnbow Johnston went from Tenn. to Taney Co. Missouri and from there to Texas. Martin died while in the Civil War in Arkansas. Gracie later married David McLain and died 1890 in Parker Co. Texas. Martin and Gracie Johnston would be my great-great-grandparents. James and Felicia Coffee Turnbow would be my 3great-grandparents. Chesley and Margaret Coffee would be my 4great-grandparents. Jean Hall, 150 Summit Dr., Cedar Falls, Iowa 5061. Jean and her husband Bob Hall were at the convention in Dubuque. We hope to see them again soon.

**OBITUARIES****ROSEMARY E. MOORE**

Rosemary Elizabeth Moore, 63 of Sunrise Beach, MO, passed away Mon., Oct. 2, 2006 at her home. She was born Apr. 23, 1943, in Leavenworth, Kan., the only child of Henry Andrew Mappes and Thelma October Coffey both who pre-deceased her. A daughter, Lee Anne Brumm and husband, Brad, and two grandchildren Allen and Delaney Brumm survive her.

Rosemary and deceased husband Bob Moore will be interred at Garber Memorial Estates in Laurie at a later time.

(News Tribune, Jefferson City, MO)

**ROY R. HARVILLE**

ROY R. Harville, age 78, of Bean Station passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at Life Care Center of Morristown. He was preceded in death by his parents; the Rev. Gus and Bell (Coffey) Harville; brothers, L.C. and Elam Harville; sisters, Clara Dalton and Doric Harville. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Geneva (Carpenter) Harville; daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Ron Schwarz of Panama City Beach, Fla.; Donna and Dave Garman and Debbie and Rick Waddell of Franklin, Ohio; brothers, Coy Harville of Bean Station, Jack Harville of Thorn Hill and Robert Harville of Middletown, Ohio and sister, Minnie Dalton of Thorn Hill

Interment in the Freedom Chapel Missionary Baptist Church cemetery.

Citizen Tribune 4-5-2007, Bernice Mullins  
pbm378@bellsouth.net

**PEARL E. LAWSON**

Pearl E. Lawson, age 87, of Morristown, TN. was born August 25, 1919, passed away on April 4, 2007, at Lakeway Regional Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fate Lawson; parents, the Rev. Johnny and Sallie Coffey; brothers, A.T. and Bill Coffey; sister, Iva Ward.

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She is survived by her children, Annette and Bobby McGinnis of Rogersville, TN., Dean and Geraldine Lawson of Mooresburg, TN., J.W. (Dub) and Susie Lawson of Bean Station, TN. Wilma and Jackie Barnard of Morristown, TN; sisters, Velva Warwick of Knoxville TN., Pauline Clement of Morristown, TN., Gynette Soard Denton of Aluchia, FL., Elsa Croucher of Middletown, OH., brother, J.C. Coffey of Middletown, OH.

Graveside services will be at Lawson Cemetery in the Big Creek Community.

Citizen Tribune 4-6-2007, "Bernice Mullins"  
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**JAMES ARCH COFFEY Jr.**

Coffey Jr., James Arch, 87, of Morristown, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2007, at Life Care Center. He was of the Baptist faith and a veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Arch Coffey Sr. and Grace Wells Coffey; son William Mike Coffey; brother Carroll Coffey; sisters Mary Lee Coffey and Margie Coffey; step-sons Edward Lee Rayle, Steven Carroll Rayle and Ronald David Rayle. He is survived by his wife Edith Coffey; sons, Donald L. Coffey, Alan J. Coffey and Stanley A. Coffey all of Morristown; daughters, Edith Saymons of Talbott and June Bailey of Morristown; step-daughters, Evelyn D. Smith of Morristown, Rita Ann Rayle of Parrotsville, Tn. and Linda D. Taylor of Morristown; sister, Edith M. Reynolds; aunt, Francis Finchum. Interment in the Jarnagin Cemetery

Citizen Tribune 4-10-2007, Bernice Mullins,  
pbm378@bellsouth.net

**MARY MAGDALENE SPIRES COFFEY**

Mary, age 89, of Rutledge, passed away April 14, 2007 at Ridgeview Terrace Nursing Home. Her husband, Avery Coffey, and grandson, Randy Myers, preceded her in death. She is survived

by her son, Richard A. Coffey of Belleville, MN.; daughters and sons-in-law, Norma Ruth and Lawrence Myers of Talbott; and Rhonda and Bascom Whitt of Rutledge. Interment to follow in Avondale Cemetery.

#### ELVA MAE COFFEY HAYES WOLFE

Elva Mae Coffey Hayes Wolfe, age 88, (born Jan. 23, 1919, Liston TN) passed away Friday, April 13, 2007 at Life Care Center in Morristown. She was preceded in death by her parents Golden Ballard and Louisa B. Coffey; husbands, Horace Hayes and Millard Wolfe; four brothers, Virgil Coffey and Lester Coffey of Miamisburg, OH, Donald Coffey of Dayton, OH, and Frank Coffey of Mooresburg; and one sister, Glatha Gray of Dayton, OH. Survivors include her daughter, Eileen Hayes Coffey of Morristown; three sisters, Christine Shipley of Suitland, Md., Elsie Chippendale of Franklin, OH and Gertrude Rymer (Donald) of Knoxville; two brothers, Corbett Coffey (Cloda) and Delmas Coffey (Deloris) of Morristown; Special sister-in-law, Velva Coffey of Mooresburg; Interment at Davidson Cemetery in Thorn Hill.

(Note: Elva's sister, Elsie Chippendale, of Franklin, Ohio has a husband, Charles and a son, Scott, missing in a fishing accident since April 2nd, 2007. There have been postings on Google for Charles Chippendale, Franklin, OH.)

#### ELLA MAE BATES.

Ella Mae Dalton Bates was born 1 Jan 1924 and died 27 Apr 2007 at Ruthledge, TN She was the daughter of James Archie Dalton and Sarah Ann Darting Dalton Maples. She is predeceased by husband Claude Bates. Ella Mae is survived by siblings Manuel Frank and Samuel Curtis. . She is the eldest sister of Archie Dalton. Interment at Sunrise Baptist church, Rutledge.

#### CYNTHIA ANN PARKER

Cynthia Ann Parker, age 83, of Owenton, Ky., was born July 10, 1923 in New Tazewell and passed away December 12, 2006 in Lexington, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Authur J. and Tina Elizabeth Coffey Love and the widow of George F. Parker. She was also preceded in death by her brother: Thomas Love; half sister: Elizabeth Phelps; half brother: Wade Love. She is survived by sons: Donald Wayne Parker of Orlando, Fl and Robert Dennis Parker of San Diego, Ca.; daughters: Sandra Kay Schwalb of Knoxville and Vicki Elaine Greene of Owenton, Ky.; brothers: Cleve Love of Monroe, Mi. and Dan Love of New Tazewell; sister: Jenny Ward of Monroe, Mi. Burial in the Fairview Cemetery.

Info: Sheri Kelly, sheri.kelly@yahoo.com

#### DANIEL MATTOX PLATT

Daniel Mattox Platt died 8 Nov. 2005 in Missoula, MT. He was born 26 May 1962 in Springfield, IL, the son of George Mattox and Constance (Connolly) Platt. He moved to with his family from Illinois to Eugene Oregon in 1966.

He is survived by his parents and sister Ellen Platt of San Jose, CA and a brother Thomas Platt of Missoula, MT. (Info. Connie Platt)

#### JAMES EDWARD COFFEY

James Edward Coffey, age 72 passed away on MOv.23, 2006 in Plano, TX. He was born on Jan. 4 1934 in Oklahoma City, OK. to Virginia Ruth (Harvill) and Clyde Anthony Coffey. He married Shirley L. Cook on Aug. 31, 1959 in Morman, OK. Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife Shirley, of Plano; sons Mike Coffey and wife Susan of Allan, TX; Chris Coffey of Van Alstyne, TX; daughter, Shelley Jones of Plano, TX.

Internment at Ridgeview Memorial Park (from Jo Langwell)

**MAIL BOX**

\* Jessie Coffey says that he is coaching baseball at the local high school so can not get to the convention this year. He and Robin hope to see us soon – hopefully. (Hope he has a winning team with all good kids.)

\* Loretta Selmer is having problems with her eyes. Sure hope this finds her better and we hope she takes good care of herself. Loretta has been doing Coffey genealogy longer than many of our researchers have been alive!

\* Mason Dalton celebrated his third birthday Mar 24. He is the son of John and Mikki Dalton and the grandson of Sam and Lene Coffey and Doyle and Delta Dalton of Thornhill. Mason shares his birthday with his papaw Sam Coffey.

\* Ruth Studer says that she now does her research in the Terre Haute Library. There are some Coffey researchers in Terre Haute and in Sullivan, IN. A granddaughter of John O'Neal Coffey lives in Terre Haute. Ruth will have to learn more about John O'Neal Coffey for us. We hope that she can get this grand daughter to join us in our Coffey pursuit.

\* Ellen Wagner sends an update to her family. Sydney Marie Wagner was born 16 Mar. 2007 to David and Lisa Wagner. Her Coffey lineage would be Charles Coffey, Edwin H. Coffey, Edwin Douglas Coffey, and grandmother Ellen Coffey Wagner. We send our congratulations. Ellen also says that baby Sydney's mom was a Coleman. Her parents, Alfred and Sharon Coleman live in Argentina.

\* Millie Coffey of Dallas fell on Jan. 17 this year and has been in the hospital and rehab learning to walk again. We sure hope that she is better and back home by now. Sure miss seeing her at conventions.

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\* Connie Platt had some happy news as their son Thomas Mortan Platt and wife, Jennifer Fernstein Platt had a baby on Oct 9, 2006, which they named George Emmett Collins Platt. (George for his grandfather.)  
Connie says that his line is from Chesley & Jane Cleveland Coffey (We hope that she will change this to Edward jr. and Grace Cleveland Coffey) through their son Salathiel and Elizabeth Coffey (Connie has a double line here as Salathiel's son married his brother, Nathan & Mary Saunders Coffey's daughter Mary) This brings us to the next generation Eli Coffey (son of Salathiel) and Mary Polly Coffey (daughter of Nathan). Next is Nathan Jackson (1817-1899) & Nary Naney Carter (1818-1892). They had a daughter Louvina Coffey who married Thomas Key. They had a daughter Ivey Jackson Key who married Margaret Cordery and their daughter Beatrice Key married Leo A Connolly. These are parents of Constance Connelly who married George M. Platt. Connie and George Platt have 3 children. Ellen, Thomas and Daniel. Now they have a grandson George Ennett Collins Platt. Congratulations on adding another generation. Connie added, "Yeah Tim!!" (Peterman) His Newton and her Nathan Jackson are brothers. She was delighted to see Tim's info on Salathiel's wife Elizabeth. "Another blank filled."

**NEW ADDRESS**

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**COMPUTER NEWS**

Reams Goodloe <goodloev@bellsouth.net> keeps the index to CCC current. The index through # 104 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, and FL. 32175-0942.

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

After some years of maintaining the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse website on the servers at Rootsweb.com, I have finally moved all files to our own Coffey Cousins' domain.

The new website address is <http://www.thecoffeycousins.org/coffeycousins.html>.

The files at Rootsweb will remain on-line until about July 1, 2007 or until I completely finish testing all of the links at coffeycousins.org. I will then delete the Rootsweb files leaving only a reminder of the link to the new site.

There is plenty of room for files on the new server. Anyone wishing to add files to the collection already there (family group sheets, GEDCOMs, family history write-ups, etc.) can send them to me at [jkcoffee@yahoo.com](mailto:jkcoffee@yahoo.com). If Yahoo rejects the attachment send them to me at [jack.coffee@gmail.com](mailto:jack.coffee@gmail.com).

Photos taken at the 2007 convention in Dubuque are up and ready for viewing at the new site. I have not yet added names to the photos, but if you were there, you probably already know everyone.

An Edward Coffey/Ann Powell CD is available for only \$7.50 postage and handling. The CD was created using Roots Magic, my favorite genealogy program. It looks exactly like the file found at the new website where the Edward/Ann link is accessed. The only difference is that the one on the website is only updated once or twice a year while the one on the CD will contain all of the information found up to the date the CD is mailed. The CD includes all photographs, sources, and other documents that I have found and was able to scan. A CD with similar data on descendants of Jordan Coffey is also available for the same shipping and handling cost. Use either of the above e-mail addresses to ask for additional info. Also, anyone who wants to can pay via Pay Pal by using the e-mail address [jkcoffee@yahoo.com](mailto:jkcoffee@yahoo.com) My address is Jack Coffee, 110 Lydia Road, St. Joseph, and LA 71366.

**CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

\* Lori Okel was featured in the "The Reflector" May 16, 2007 on page 3. The title is "Genealogist finds family tree treasurers. She gives some very good advice along with an interesting story of how much hard work she has put into her work. Congratulations Lori.

\* A BRIEF HISTORY OF PAOLA, KS  
(from Lori Okel)

Paola, the county seat of Miami Co., had a large influx of settlers coming to the area starting in 1854. It is believed that Fr. Ponsiglioni of Italy arrived in 1851 and named the area after a town in Italy on the western coast of Calabria. The Peoria Indians, out of great respect to the priest, continued to call the area Paola. When the white

settlers came to the area, it was still being called by this name.

In early 1855, the town plat was laid out for Paola and incorporated by the legislature in regular session on March 20, 1855. The Paola Town Company was set up with the first members being Baptiste Peoria, Isaac Jacobs, A.M. Coffey and Dr. Lykins.

In 1857, Mrs. Cyrus Shaw started the first school. In 1861, Kansas was admitted to the Union. With admission, the county, which had previously been named after Dr. Lykins, was renamed Miami County.

Part of the Civil War was played out here, and William Quantrill was even a guest of the local jail charged with grand larceny in April 1861. He came back by way of Paola after his infamous

raid on Lawrence, KS, to settle up for that earlier indignity. When he heard of a force of Union soldiers waiting for him, he bypassed the town. Paola's way of life was changed by the railroad. In 1870 the Kansas City-fort Scott and Gulf Railroad was begun. It ran north and south connecting Hillsdale, Paola and Fontana with Kansas City, Fort Scott and points beyond.

North of the Lykin's Mission site in 1888, the first oil well west of the Mississippi River was discovered. To handle the oil, a small refinery was built in early 1890

#### \* KALAMA TELEPHONE CO.

##### A Family Tradition

Three generations of the Coffey family have made service to customers and community a tradition at Kalama Telephone Company.

Green Coffey founded the family enterprise in 1904 with three telephones in the back of his confectionery. A spirited history of growth followed, including a "trust busting" challenge of the largest company in the world, which culminated in court victory. A news account of the 1914 triumph is on display at the company business office.

By the time Green's son Darrel took over leadership in 1924, the business was serving nearly 200 customers. Upon Darrel's retirement some 42 years later, the company had grown six-fold to 1,200 telephones.

Kalama Telephone is presently headed by Green's grandson, Ron Coffey, who began climbing poles at age 13 and joined the company on a full time basis in 1953.

Today, the company provides service to nearly 2,600 telephones and its investment in equipment exceeds two million dollars. It also operates one of the largest paging services in the northwest, with over 450 units in service.

Kalama Telephone has been dedicated to service through its history. It has taken great satisfaction

in conducting its business in a warm, friendly manner.

(Sent by Lori Okel, ljokel@comcast.net Lori says that she knew Darrel Coffey before he died.

#### \* NEW RADIO SHOW FOR GENEALOGY

This afternoon at 1p.m. Pacific (4pm Eastern) will be the first airing of "Family Roots Radio," a new weekly hour-long radio show hosted by Kory L. Meyerink. The show is the result of a partnership between my company, Genealogy Today, and ProGenealogists, Inc. a well-respected Utah-based research firm.

The show will feature a wide range of "how-to" elements designed to assist all people interested in family history, from the novice to the professional. In addition to answering general questions from listeners, spotlighting important family history news and providing research tips from professionals, the show will include guests from among the most prominent genealogists today.

The show will also explore effective ways to use software and the Internet in the pursuit of family history, including spotlighting data-rich websites. In addition, an "interactive" feature will walk listeners through the use of important sites, while they are listening to the broadcast.

The guest for the first episode will be JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, who is probably best known for his work with immigration issues, including his popular book, They Came in Ships, now in a third edition from Ancestry.

For more details, and instructions for how to listen (NO special software required) with your Internet browser, visit [http:// www.familyrootsradio.com/](http://www.familyrootsradio.com/)

If you have a chance to listen, I would love to get your feedback. Please send to me directly to me (not to this list) at [editor@genealogytoday.com](mailto:editor@genealogytoday.com).

Each show will air three other times during the week. The schedule is also available at the site mentioned above

\* Carolyn Howington writes, "I have finally after 10 years found my Coffey(Coffee) family as follows:

Edward Coffey & Ann Powell  
Edward Coffey Jr & Grace Cleveland  
Jesse C Coffey & Nancy Alexander  
Cleveland Coffey & Martha Brown  
James Ivory Coffee & Theodosia?

Does any one have her last name??

Mary Evelyn Coffee & James D Taylor  
Nettie Lee Taylor & William E Sitton  
Arthur C Sitton & Josephine Long  
Carolyn Sitton & Bud Howington Jr

Buddy Howington's line was  
John Coffey & Jane Graves  
James Coffey & Elizabeth Cleveland  
Reuben Coffey & Sarah Scott  
Jesse Coffey & Mary Edminston  
Reuben Coffey & Rachel Hayes  
John A Coffey & Emaline Jones  
Harley P Coffey & Allie Brooks  
Bonnie Coffey & Bud Howington  
Bud Howington Jr & Carolyn Sitton

Does anyone have any information on John A Coffey. he left Buncombe Co late 1880's and I think he may have gone to Tennessee. Any additional information or corrections are greatly appreciated. Carolyn Howington, CSHDTH@aol.com

\* Shirley Cobie <shirley.cobie@homecall.co.uk> says, "Do you know any Coffey/Coffee's in Co Cork., Ireland.

Best wishes Shirley.

## DOCUMENTS GALORE

### \*GRANGER CO. TN DRAFT RECORD

Jesse Morris Coffey registered for the draft in Grainger Co. on Sep. 12, 1918. He was of medium height with slender build, brown eyes and black hair.

Jesse was 18 yrs. old, born Jun. 1, 1900 in Idol, TN. He was a self-employed at "loafing" and named his mother Mollie E. Coffey of Idol as his nearest relative.

Thought yaw'll might get a kick out of this:  
"Jack Coffee" w5jkc@cebridge.net

\* He also says, "Check this out!

Not too many newspapers on line yet, but KY and VA are represented by those that are available now."

<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>  
Examples that I found in Richmond [VA] Times Dispatch:

Sues C. & O. Railway Company. [Jan. 8, 1910]  
Suit was brought yesterday in the City Circuit Court by Norborne [sic] L. Coffey against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for \$5000. No declaration has been filed. The plaintiff is represented by Brown & Brown, of Lynchburg, and the occasion of the alleged damage is believed to have originated in that city

Headline: Mason - Coffey [Special to The Times-Dispatch] Lynchburg, Va.,  
January 8. [1910] - Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of Centenary Methodist Church, Miss Bula Elizabeth Coffey, of Amherst county, was married to Leonard T. Mason, of Lurchburg. The pastor, Dr. J. A. Thomas, officiated.

**ANNISTER & AUSTIN COFFEY**

Fred Coffey's findings on James Coffey (base born son of Annister) has grown. (Published issue 104, page 15) Or I should say that his knowledge on Annister has expanded and he has shared it with us.

NOW, DO NOT PICK YOUR PENCIL UP AND START ENTERING THIS IN YOUR COFFEY RECORDS. THESE ARE NOT "FACTS" AT PRESENT BUT ONLY THEORIES. Lets see where we can get them to take us and see if there are any records out there to support them. I DO NOT want to see them as facts on the web using this newsletter as support.

Fred says, "Some of you are aware that I and Lorie Okel have been administrators of a Coffey DNA project, and that project has led to connections to a James Coffee of Surry and Stokes Counties, NC, who was probably the illegitimate son of Annester Coffey (a daughter of Edward Coffey), and that Annester may have later married a Stephen Chenault, and that I have recently been exchanging notes with Rev. John Chenault who believes he is descended from Annester and Stephen, and that John has done his own analysis of the Chenault/Coffey connections that differ in some respects from the book written by Marvin D. Coffey, and that John's DNA test suggests that James' father was NOT a Chenault."

First we want to refresh on what Marvin Coffey said about Annister, it follows:

"Dr. Laurence H. Coffey in his early work on the Coffeys lists the spouse of Anister (his spelling) as \_\_\_\_\_ Shenalt, but in his list of the children of Edward and Ann Coffey he doesn't mention the son Austin (Austes in Edward's will). Since Dr. Coffey's study of the family, others have listed Austin as marrying a Miss Shenalt. Not having other proof I am also listing Austin this way, and assuming that Annister was not married.

As was mentioned in connection with the will of Ann Powell Coffey Dooling, Annister had a son named James Coffey, but no Coffey or other husband is known for her. James may be the one who later turns up in Surry and Stokes counties North Carolina after a brief time in Pittsylvania County Virginia. Or he may be the James Coffey in Botetourt County, Virginia in 1785, which we have tentatively listed as a son of Edward. We really do not have enough information to be certain one way or the other."

"(Regarding) Austin, one reason to believe this was his true name is that some of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey's descendants used the name Austin. Where Edward and Ann Coffey got the name we do not know but there was a Daniel and Susannah Austin family in Essex County contemporary with Edward, and others before 1700. Of course the name might really be Austes and the person be a female (<<NOTE: This is indeed the opinion of Rev. Chenault, see Attachment ). However I do not believe the weight of what little evidence we have is in favor of this idea. Assuming then that this child was a male named Austin and married a Miss Chenault (this is the correct spelling) what happened to him? We really haven't a trace in the records as far as I am aware. A Stephen Chenault family occurs in the early 1700s in Essex County and is later in Orange county (1750). When John and Jane (Graves) Coffey sold their land in Essex County it was sold in 2 parcels, 1 in 1745 and the other in 1747. In the first instance the witnesses included William Duling and William Chenault, in the second instance William Duling and Stephen Chenault Jr. Thus we see the closeness of the Duling (or Dulin), Chenault, and Coffey families in Essex county. Presumably Austin would have been there too, but if so he apparently failed to create any records. He may have died as a young man or perhaps he did move out of the area.."

**ANNESTER: The Mother of James Coffey  
of Surry County, NC**

(Rev. John Chenault 's Version)

MEMO: Following received from John Chenault  
(Jault3@aol.com on May 13, 2007. Sent to Fred  
Coffey)

“Hi Fred Coffey, I am John Cabell Chenault, 93 year old retired minister of First Christian Church, Frankfort, Ky. Seventy-five years ago today, I preached my first sermon as a 19 year old seminarian. I shall try to forward to you my recent letter to the Mellicks, Carolyn Sue Chenault and Christopher Errol Shinall in which I state my theory about our Coffey connection.

“Richard Stanley Harsh of Winchester, our best genealogist had given his views in a book on the Chenaults about eleven years ago.(Unfortunately Stan died last June--a tremendous loss to all of us.) He believed that our ancestor, Stephen Chenault II, son of our ancestor from France by way of the Netherlands and from England on the Nassau in 1671, had married Anstes, daughter of Edward and Ann Powell Coffey, and had sons--Stephen III, William , Benjamin and John. He considered the possibility that he might have married Ann (Annester) but ruled that out because of Annester’s base born child, James, for which cause she was called before the court in 1736. Ann did not marry until after her mother, Ann’s death in 1744. Now we know through a Merchant’s account record in King and Queen County in the mid 1700s that “Anniester” married a “Chinault” after her mother’s death and in time to have mothered our William Chinault in 1749. So it seem more than probable that she married Stephen Chenault II and THEY were the parents of our ancestor, William.

“I have had a DNA test a few years ago, in an attempt to ascertain if the family tradition that our David Chenault, William’s eldest son, could have had a relationship to Thomas Jefferson.

Therefore my DNA test is the one, I suppose, that led to your inquiry about our possible connection. My test did not show relationship to Thomas Jefferson. If it should help to discover my relationship to the Coffey family and help us work out this enigma, that will be greatly significant!

**FOLLOWING EXTRACTED FROM  
THE LETTER JOHN WROTE TO SUE  
CHENAULT AND OTHERS:**

“We have all been wrestling with the Chenault-Coffey connection and especially with Stephen II and William, born in 1749, who came to Kentucky in 1786. I thought I would share where I am right now, until some one comes up with other evidence.

I am going more and more to the position-- since our former view that William was the son of Sarah Waller and John Chenault in Caroline County has been disproved-- that Col. Thomas Brown was correct when he said “We know his mother was a Miss Coffey”. I believe that Stephen Chenault II and “Anniester Chinault” were his parents. I know that she was near 40 years of age, and Stephen II was 46 or 47; but I believe that is not biologically impossible. (More below on this)

Regarding Anstes Coffey, genealogist say that Anstes married a Chenault. (I am omitting the debate over Anstes and Austin, as there is no doubt in my mind that it was Anstes, a girl, in her fathers will, and not “Austin”. I conclude that Anstes, as the early Coffey genealogist, James Buford Coffey held, that Anstes married a Chenault, Stan believed it was Stephen Chenault II, which is my conclusion too. They were the parents of Stephen III, William and Benjamin. Then I have wondered if Anstes must have died. This made it possible and

probable that her sister, Ann or “Anneister”, after the death of her sister, Anstes and her mother, Anne Powell in 1744, must have married Stephen Chenault II. How else could ‘Anniester Chinault’ have appeared in the Merchant Account book in King and Queen County in the mid 1700s? What other Chenault could have married her? Give me any other answer you may have.

### A FEW POINTS TO BE NOTED

We knew nothing about our Essex County, Coffey connection prior to the Chenault Notes which Ann Brown Rogers of Frankfort gave to me in the late 1980s. Ann Rogers is a great, great granddaughter of William, born in 1749—two generations closer to my 4th great grandfather than I am to him. Her great grandmother, Nancy Chenault, was William’s daughter, born in 1790. Her son, Thomas Brown, born 1819, six years after the death of William, must have gotten his impressions from his mother, William’s own daughter. He told us that he never heard of William having brothers and sisters. William would have had half brothers, but he did not grow up in the home with them. Thomas Brown said Williams parents died when William was quite young. This was probably the occasion for William’s going to Albemarle where Annester’s brother, thus his uncle, John Coffey and his aunt Jane Coffey lived. John’s son Thomas Coffey and his wife Elizabeth were charter members of Lewis’s Old Meeting House, the first Baptist church in the county. They, I imagine, took William to their church. He may never have joined there, but there is record that he contributed financially to the building of their first meeting house. Stan Harsh noted this in his excellent life of Andrew Tribble, and Stan told us that William and his family joined Tribble’s church when they got to Kentucky.

The big problem with this is that Stephen

II and Anstes already had a son “William”, so it is not likely they would name another William’ unless the first William had died. I have considered that Annester was very close to her half brother, William Doolin. William Doolin named a daughter, I think, for Annester, and I have wondered that there could be a possibility that Annester named her son for her half- brother, “William Chenault “ at his birth in 1749. It is probable that Stephen II did not live to know his son, or that he died very soon after the child’s birth. I say this on the basis that Stan did not find him recorded in any document after 1747. Annester was probably rather dependent on William Doolin in her bereavement. Also, we have already considered William’s move at an early age to Albemarle to her brother, John and Jane Coffey.

Stan ‘s approach was to find William’s Coffey connection through John. I think that is out. Moreover, Stephen II and Anstes had their first three sons considerably earlier than William’s birth. Annester afforded Stephen II a second chance to have been William’s father. Again, apparently he married the two sisters. Again it is possible, I believe, that they could be William’s parents. The additional evidence that Stan referred to could be the discovery of “Anniester Chinault”.

Regarding the ages of Stephen II and Annester, Col. Thomas Brown himself did not father his son, Waller Chenault Brown, father of Ann Rogers, until he was 63 years of age. That is just two generations after Stephen Chenault II.

For what it is worth, this is where I am right now.”

John Chenault

**DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

**March 6 2007**

RETIRED colonel,  
decorated WWII intelligence officer  
by Joe Simnacher (staff writer)  
(Procured for us by Joe Langwell)

Retired Army Col. Alfred E. Coffey was decorated by his government for gallantry in action as a WWII intelligence officer in the Philippines. He was also decorated by Cuba and Colombia for his U.S. Army service as an attache to those governments during his 32 year military career.

Col. Coffey, 88 died Feb.20 of heart disease at his home in Anthem, AZ, where he had lived since 2003.

He will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on Mar. 21 2007.

Col. Coffey received the Silver Star for gallantry in action for his actions on Biak Island in May 1944. Allied forces were fighting off the coast of Indonesia to liberate the island from Japanese control.

"Just like other guys who were in the thick of it, he never really talked about that part of it," said his son, Al Coffey II of Anthem. "He just said it was hard, but you did what you had to do."

"That's the kind of guy he was....He understood what he needed to do, and he disregarded his own sensibilities and gutted it up and did it. He was just one of those old Texas types.

In May 1944, Col. Coffey was a 26 year old captain who had been separated from his regiment while on a forward reconnaissance mission.

His Silver Star citation said Capt. Coffey "consistently served in an outstanding manner" by continuing his reconnaissance work "at great danger to his life."

Capt. Coffey continued to make reports on the enemy positions that assisted the withdrawal of the rest of his regiment. He demonstrated "an unabated devotion to duty under extremely adverse conditions, often under heavy enemy fire. His efforts contributed decidedly to the success of the organization," his citation said.

Capt. Coffey also received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his actions, but it is not clear whether those honors were for the same battle.

Born in Terrell, Texas, Col. Coffey grew up in Dallas and graduated from Adamson High School, where he had been an ROTC second Lieutenant. In 1939, he earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M Colldge, now Texas A&M University.

He married Frances Louise Taylor in May 1941. Mrs Coffey died in 1987.

After graduating from Texas A&M, Col. Coffey was commissioned a lieutenant and assigned to Fort Sam Houston before he was sent to the Philippines in late 1941.

After three years in the Pacific, he served in Washington, D.C. Many of his Army assignments were in association with the State Department. His assignments included serving as a temporary aide to Gen. Matthew Bunker Ridgway, with the Inter American Defense Board, the inspector general's office and with embassies in Havana, Cuba, and Bogota, Colombia.

"He knew all the leaders of the Latin American governments on a first name basis," his son said. "He knew the people down there:

Col. Coffey retired Oct. 1, 1971 and returned to Dallas.

He was an active 32nd Degree Mason.

Col. Coffey will receive full military honors at his Arlington National Cemetery funeral. A caisson followed by a riderless horse will carry him to his gravesite.

He will be buried in his dress uniform with his medals.

"He earned them, he can take them with him," his son said.

In addition to his son, Col. Coffey is survived by his daughter Celeste Quarterman of Conway, S.C.; four grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

**COFFEY CONVENTION  
MAY 2 - 4, 2008  
VIRGINIA**

**Mark your calanders and plan to do some research at that time in Virginia. Particulars in the September issue or go to the Coffey Cousins Web page.**

## THORN HILL

### Before it was Thorn Hill

By Tracey R. McFarland

(Provided by Bennie Coffey Loftin)

Wilber Coffey, 72 still resides, with his wife, Kathryn, on the same Thorn Hill farm where he grew up and has spent his entire life. But, he hasn't always lived in Thorn Hill. How can this be? Well, Thorn Hill has not always been Thorn Hill. It was once known as Idol, TN because of the abundance of Idol family members who inhabited the area. And Wilber Coffey ought to know since his grandmother Rosa, was the postmistress of Idol when the mail was still being delivered on horseback and his grandfather, Elijah, owned the building that housed the office.

Grandpa Elijah also owned a general store as well as the farm where the Coffeys live today. The store building just down the road from the farmhouse is still in good repair, thanks to Wilbur, although it is no longer in business. Kathryn grew up just down the road from the Coffey farm, but when asked if she and Wilbur knew on another growing up, she laughed. "No," she said, shaking her head. That distance was greater 50 years ago, she said, than it is nowadays. She and Wilbur attended different schools, different churches, and traded at different stores. Both grew up, though, with many of the same memories and experiences. Both families were farming families, keeping cattle and raising tobacco. Kathryn's father also raised two acres of strawberries. For picking those berries, Kathryn said, "I believe he paid us a nickel a cup. That was good

money back then."

Wilbur helped his father with the rolling store on Saturdays. "They'd (customers) mail in postcards," he remembered. "Of course, there weren't any telephones." The postcards would have the customer's grocery list jotted on the back. "On Saturday, we'd load all that in a pickup truck and deliver all those groceries to whoever'd wrote in," said Wilbur. The Coffey's delivered to Dry Valley, Broken Valley and "all these little valleys over in here," recalled Wilbur. They also ran an ice route at one time, hauling 100 pound blocks from Morristown.

Wilbur and Kathryn both remember when Highway 131 was "just a little old gravel road" and a mention of Highway 25E triggered lifted eyebrows and laughter. "Little old winding two lane," said Kathryn. "There was one curve up there that if you met a tractor trailer, you had to stop. They called it the Henry Bray curve. Henry Bray lived off the side of the highway there. You could see where the trucks had scraped the rock coming around there." Wilbur recalled seeing the drivers of those tractor trailer trucks standing out on their running boards while driving their rigs up that mountain. In those days, he said the interior of the cab would get overheated by the climb the drivers couldn't bear to set inside. "He wouldn't be doing ten miles an hour."

(Continued next issue)

## **COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION**

### **DUBUQUE, IOWA, APRIL 26-29, 2007**

Chadron, Nebraska was a surprising little city. What they are doing with their history should be an example to all cities. Our city trolley tour was really interesting and the old homes were beautiful. Darlene Clark found a really interesting old hotel (being refurbished at present) in the heart of "old down town" called The Julien Inn. Abraham Lincoln actually had stayed there as well as Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Mark Twain & "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

Darlene kept us busy with the Trolley Tour, Museum Tour, Coffee/y Library, Silent Auction, Afghan Raffle and really tasty treats provided by Nelda Coffee, LaVonne Morehead, and Betty Streets. Betty Streets won the afghan this year.

The real star of the convention was Fred Coffey, co-chairman of the DNA project. There are enough DNA participants now that it is getting interesting as Fred has people to compare the new researchers to proven lines. Research on Annister and her base-born son, James Coffey have been particularly interesting lately as well as the DNA for the descendents of "supposed" Chesley Coffey and the Peter Coffee lines. We could still use more DNA for descendents of Hugh Coffey and Peter Coffee.

The following letter from the board replaced the business meeting:

"The elected board of directors - three present and one proxy; one resigned prior to the vote - has voted to use the next year to survey our membership with a view toward making and implementing as many new changes as feasible and which are supported by consensus.

With that in mind we propose to maintain the current slate of officers, with the exception of the treasurer, until such changes are made. One of the first changes will likely be an option for all subscribers to recommend and vote for a slate of officers to take office prior to the next convention.

The former treasurer has been asked to settle accounts for this convention and to forward as soon as possible the balance of funds in the treasury to the current president, Edwin Coffee of Woodbridge, VA.

The offer to visit Staunton, VA has been withdrawn. The board will make arrangements for a replacement city and inform all subscribers within the next six months."

Thirty-eight people were registered for the convention. Edwin & Yara Brown, James & Iralene (Boots) Brown, Harold Butz & Darlene Clark, Jack and Nelda Coffee, Christopher Coffey, Donald Coffey, Frank & Helen Coffey, Fred & Carol Coffey, Robert & Joan Coffey, Jim and Bonnie Culley, Bob & Jean Hall, Dean & LaVonne Hoel, Jo Langwell, Bob & Bennie Loftin, Richard & Rita Low, Stuart & LaVonne Morehead, Jim & Lorie Okel, Tom & Betty Streets, Ronald & Rosemary Till, Charles & Pamela Webb.

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# CONVENTION SURVEY

Please complete the following survey and return to Jack Coffee:, 110 Lydiard, St. Joseph, LA 71366

1 - Have you ever attended a Coffey Cousins' Convention? \_\_\_\_\_

2 - If not, why? Circle answer.

a - too early in year

b - too far to go for a three-day weekend

c - location unsuitable

d - Accomodations (hotel, restaurants, etc) unsuitable

e - Other (please explain)

3 - The reason for the current late April convention date is to accommodate people who will be attending graduations, weddings, celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc., later in the year. If late April is too early in the year for you to attend, what time of year would be suitable for you and your family? Jan-Mar Apr-Jun Jul-Sep Oct-Dec

4 - If too far to go for a three-day weekend, would four or more be suitable? Please say how many you feel would be required in order for you to attend. \_\_\_\_

5 - Coffey Cousins' is mindful that not everyone can budget a trip to a convention that charges admission on top of steep charges for luxury suites or rooms at high-end hotels. Therefore, we attempt to keep room charges in the \$60-\$70 range and includes other amenities in your room charge(free meeting rooms, free coffee, free continental breakfast, free wireless internet, etc.). This generally means using hotels like Hampton Inn, Best Western, etc. Please comment here if these types of hotel accommodations are preventing you from attending, and if would prefer higher end accommodations.

6 - Coffey Cousins' attempts to hold conventions in historical areas of the US where Coffeys have been known to have lived and worked for several generations. Sometimes these areas are remote with little or no opportunity for anything other than research. At the same time we also attempt to hold the convention close to areas (national parks, etc) so that they can be visited by those coming to or leaving the convention. If you have not attended because of unsuitable location, where in the US would you consider attending a convention?

a - Areas closer to theme parks

b- Areas closer to national monuments, national parks, etc.

c - Historical cities (e.g., Boston, Philadelphia, D.C.) d- Other (please explain)

7 - You may have noticed that Coffey Cousins' is not a "formal organization." That is, we do not have a constitution, by-laws or other rules and regulations that cost time, effort and money to write and enforce. Do you believe that Coffey Cousins' should be more formal by incorporating or otherwise be ruled by a constitution and by-laws?

8 - If you believe that Coffey Cousins' should be more formally organized, would you consider volunteering for office (president, secretary, etc?) \_\_\_\_\_

9 - Coffey Cousins' does not collect dues or charge any fee to attend a convention. There are no requirements for attending other than having an interest in genealogy and specifically Coffey genealogy. Do you believe there should be dues or registration fees required for admittance to a Coffey Cousins' Convention? \_\_\_\_\_

10 - Sometimes a Coffey Cousins' Convention host will charter a bus and guide to tour a specific area in or near the Convention city. Charges for a bus tour usually start at about \$25/person for a couple of hours, and can be substantially more if the tour site is at some distance from the convention hotel. Do you believe that a guided tour is necessary at each convention, or would you prefer to site-see on your own? \_\_\_\_\_

11 - Have you ever hosted a convention? \_\_\_\_\_

12 - If not, would you consider hosting one in your area if guidance and assistance were offered?

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