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MOLLY (Hayes) COFFEY

How she was found!

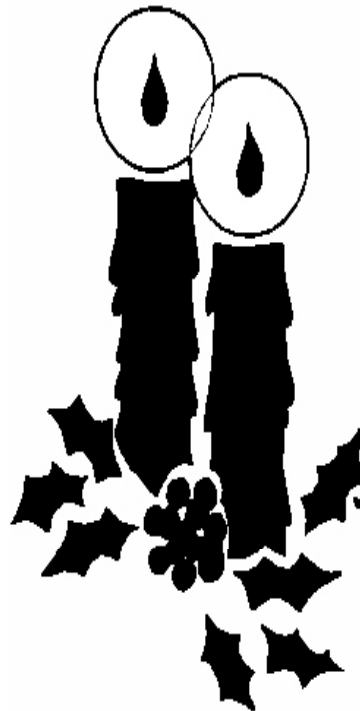
## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

This issue completes 27 continuous years of Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse. We can applaud Leonard Coffey for his courage and innovation in getting us started. Issue 108 in March will begin our 28th year.

This year has been fun. There has been so much dug out of the records and groups of you are piecing it all together. I can only applaud the efforts and time put in these projects. Computers make sharing so much more fun. Then the DNA project is really getting off the ground. It just gets more exciting with every participant.

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My personal thrill was when Bennie Loftin and Ed Coffee came up with Benjamin Coffey's FINAL PAY VOUCHER (part of the pension) from the Revolutionary War. This is the check that goes to his heirs after his death. It is the first time his wife's name (Molly) has been documented. I was hoping the children would also be listed but will have to be satisfied with at least some success. This is my ancestor.

My goal for next year is to get the back issues scanned and saved to CDs in a form that can be read by all.

I am looking forward to the May convention in Virginia. (see page 17) My hotel reservations are already made. I hope to get a couple of days research in while in Virginia as well. John Taylor has a great banquet speaker lined up for us and Coffeytown is a most scenic area. The church built of chestnut lumber, cut from the Coffey farm is really beautiful. Everyone should have a chance to see this at least once. I hope we see lots of you there. We have a lot to share this year.

Please excuse the compressed "Times" print this issue. I had so much that I wanted and needed to put in that it required some real squeezing to fit.

Jim and I are very thankful as this year comes to a close. He's able to walk again and his health is improving every day. We're fairly settled in our new townhouse and we're expecting a new great-grandchild in April.

Please keep Virgil Coffee and our other cousins in your prayers and have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Culley



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**NEW NAMES**

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**NEW COUSINS**

\* Wilbern "Hank" Hayes is my first cousin, once removed (I think!). He is the son of Wilbern LeeRoy and Zoeretta (Cawley) Hayes and the grandson of Hamilton and Elvira (Register) Hayes. Hamilton is the son of George W. and Elizabeth (Coffey) Hayes. This Elizabeth is the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rucker) Coffey and granddaughter of Benjamin and Polly (Now corrected to Molly Hayes) Coffey. Benjamin is the son of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey and grandson of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey. On Hank's Hayes side, his great grandfather George Hayes who married Elizabeth Coffey was the son of Thomas and Sarah (Rucker) Hayes Jr. This Thomas Hayes is the son of Thomas Hayes Sr. (1745-1829) who died in Burke Co NC. We have no name for his wife. Thomas Sr. is thought to be the son of George Hayes (?- d.1747 Augusta Co. VA), and Sarah (Dyer) Hayes – Edminston. Hank's email address is hayeshank@charter.net

\* Mark Coffey is the brother of Patricia Ann (Coffey) Christensen. They are the children of Jesse John Coffey b. July 31, 1923 and died Jan 1991. Jesse Coffey married Mildred Irene (Phares) Coffey b. May 14, 1930 and died Sept 21, 1998. Mark has taken the DNA test and can be found in the DNA web site along with his lineage. His address is in the new cousins list. Email CoffeyMA@sbcgloval.net

\* Rick Miller, rmiller21@woh.rr.com, says; "My mother was Marie Yvonne Welch. Her parents were Hubert Welch and Leoma (Zellner) Welch. My grandfather's father was John D. Welch born 17 May 1878 in Morristown, Hamblen, TN. His wife was Rosa (sometimes spelled Rossie) Coffey. She was born 20 Aug 1880 in Morristown Hamblen TN. I have not been able to identify any of her family. I guess she was born too late for

the 1880 census. The 1890 census got burned up. By the time of the 1900 census, she was already married to my great-grandfather. They were married 14 Mar 1900 in Sneedville, Hancock, TN. They moved to TX shortly after they were married and moved on to OK before 1903. They had seven children between 1901 and 1914. Rosa and two of the little girls died in 1914 in Tushka, Atoka, OK, which is the reason why I have not been able to find out much about her family. She died very young and her surviving children didn't know any of her family or anything about them. I would dearly love to identify her parents and the rest of her family. If anyone can help me out on this, it will be greatly appreciated.

That is not the end of my Coffey connections. My great-grandfather John D. Welch's parents were Henry E. Welch and Mary Matilda (Coffey) Welch of Grainger County, TN. He was born in 1854 in Claiborne County, TN. Henry E. was the son of William Welch and Clarkie Scofield. Mary Matilda was born abt 1855 in MO and died about 1932 in TN. Her parents were William Ira Coffey and Sarah Jane (Hipsher) of Grainger County, TN. Wm. Ira is the son of George and Margaret (Rucker) Coffey.

Both of their lines are fairly well documented, with William Ira being a descendent of Edward Coffey and Anne Powell. I have additional information about other family members and collateral descendents that I would be happy to share. Rick'

\* Margaret (Mickey) McKay, margmcka@comcast.net, says; "My Great Great Grandmother, Mary Coffey (Ballinasloe, Galway), married Patrick Naughton, both born about 1818. Their son- my great grandfather- Stephen (b 1842, Ire),

came to America around 1860. He married Mary Gallagher (b 1842, Ire- d 1879, NJ). They may have lived in Brooklyn, NY then Passaic, NJ and had five children. Stephen moved to Mt Forest, Ontario, Canada around 1900 and in 1902 married Rose Keais, Dowling (b 1857). Stephen died in Canada after 1920).

My mother's 2nd cousin, Annie Coffey (b 1878, Ballinasloe, Galway) migrated to Passaic in 1897, married Michael Carney (b 1874, Ire) and had six sons, including twins. Annie's brother, John E (b 1880, Ballinasloe) immigrated in 1901, lived in Passaic, m: Catherine and had son, John E (b 1918, Passaic).

I'm hoping to make connections with other Coffey's and/or Naughton's from Galway and other places. I'm interested in attending your 2008, Coffey Cousin Conference. It's not far from my home in Dover, DE."

## **OBITUARIES**

### **EVERETT W. COFFEY**

Everett W. Coffey, age 76 of Thorn Hill, TN passed away suddenly Wednesday October 10, 2007 at his home. He was a life- long member of Dotson's Campground Methodist Church where he served as secretary/treasurer for many years. He was a rural letter carrier in Grainger County and currently carrier for the Citizens Tribute. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Wolfenbarger Coffey; parents, Benjamin and Birdie Singleton Coffey; brother, Ethridge Coffey.

He is survived by his children: sons & daughters-in-law, Benny Coffey of Morristown, TN, Rickey and Cynthia Coffey of Washburn, TN, Pat and Susan Coffey, Sam & Shelia Coffey all of Thorn Hill, TN; daughters & sons-in-law, Melva and Ronnie West of Rutledge, TN, Sherry and Terry Monroe, Regenia and Roger Holt of Thorn Hill, TN, Karen and Joe McMahan of Morristown, TN: 2 sisters-in-law, Joan Coffey of Washburn, TN, Ruth Wolfenbarger of Lenoir City, TN  
Burial at the McGinnis-Harrell Cemetery with Military Honors.

(Knoxville News Sentinel on 10/12/2007)

(Info: Bernice Mullins, Archie Dalton & Jean England)

### **GARY A COFFEY**

Gary Arthur Coffey, 50, a resident of the Tigard, Oregon community, died Aug. 24, 2007. Gary was born Oct 25, 1956, in Tillamook, the son of Loyd Coffey and Virginia (Hervey) Coffey. He was raised and received his education in the Tillamook Community. He was a 1974 graduate of Tillamook High School. He united in marriage to Delores D Franck, Sep 11, 1982, at the First Christian Church in Forest Grove. Gary and Delores were happily married for 23 years and made their home and family in Hood River and later Banks. Gary and Delores later divorced.

For the past 15 years, Gary had been a truck driver for Alpenrose Dairy in Portland. He was an active member of the Dayspring Christian Fellowship in Banks. Gary also served for four years on the Banks City Council.

Gary is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Katherine D and Owen Gibson of Yuma, AZ; a son and daughter-in-law, David A and Wendy Coffey of Banks; extended son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Heidi Duggan of Forest Grove; two brothers and sister-in-law, Scott and Pam Coffey of Albany, and James Vessey of Portland; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Bob Anderson of Sacramento, CA; Kathy and Dave Rannings of Hamilton, MT; and Sherri Gallino of Dallas; and his former wife, Delores D Coffey of Hillsboro. (Headlight-Herald Sep 5, 2007; Info- Dianne Kile)

### **CECIL DALTON COFFEY**

Cecil Coffey, age 83, of Thorn Hill, TN, passed away Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 in the Ridgeview Terrace Nursing Home. She was a member of Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Coffey; daughter, Audrey Banks; parents, Simmie and Lula Dalton, and one brother and three sisters. Survivors include daughter, Joann Dalton, and son, Alvin Coffey of Bean Station; two brothers, Ira C. Dalton and Berlie Dalton of Thorn Hill. Burial will be in the Coffey Cemetery in Thorn Hill.

(Citizen Tribune, Oct. 23, 07 info. Bernice Mullins)

### **VERNON H. COFFEY**

Vernon H. Coffey, born Jan. 14, 1933, passed away on Nov. 14, 2007 in TN. He was retired from

Jefferson Federal Bank. Vernon served in the US Army with the 749th Battalion. He was a longtime member at Fernwood Baptist Church.

Proceeded in death by his parents, Lester Paul and Mossie M. Coffey; brothers, Alvis M., Kenneth, Ermon and Bill Coffey.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Ann; daughters, Mavis (Robert) Taylor and Melissa (Tim) Crews, granddaughter, Heather Crews; brothers, Harold Dean (Ludell) Coffey of Knoxville, H.T. (Ann) Coffey of Morristown and Wayne (Betty) Coffey of Bean Station. Sisters, Mabel Roberts of Talbott and Faye (Robert) Spurgeon of Morristown; brothers-in-law, R.J. (Lois) Crigger and Thomas D. (Vivian) Crigger of Morristown.

Interment was in Hamblen Memory Gardens. (Citizen Tribune 11-16-07 – Bernice Mullins)

### **JAMES C. COFFEY**

Jim Coffey, of Spring Lake, Michigan, died Thursday, October 18, 2007. Jim and his son Chris Coffey have attended many of the Coffey Conventions. Jim descends from Marvel Coffey who settled in Maries Co. MO. We send our condolences.

### **COMPUTER NEWS**

Great News! Reams Goodloe is back. He reports that he has the newsletter index complete through issue 105. So good to have him back on line.

\*New DNA website [www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA/](http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA/)

\* Visit the new website at, <http://www.thecoffeycousins.org/coffeycousins.html>.

An Edward Coffey/Ann Powell CD is available for only \$7.50 postage and handling. Jack Coffee, 110 Lydia Road, St. Joseph, LA 71366.

\*Check out [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) for their one-week free trial.

\* Searching for Chicago Ancestors – check [www.lakeclaremont.com](http://www.lakeclaremont.com)

\* How to care for your family tombstones – [www.gravestonestudies.org/](http://www.gravestonestudies.org/) or [www.rootsworld.com/~inperp/repairtoolbox.html](http://www.rootsworld.com/~inperp/repairtoolbox.html)

### **NEW FIND**

#### **MOLLY (POLLY) HAYES COFFEY WIFE OF BENJAMIN COFFEY by Bennie Loftin**

The Final Payment Voucher for Revolutionary Soldier Benjamin Coffey 1747-1834, is the first legal document found naming his wife. The payment was made to his widow Molly Coffey.

Bonnie Culley learned in a workshop she attend this past summer where the Final Pay Vouchers for the heirs of Revolutionary Soldiers were located.

Thanks to Ed Coffee who shared his files with us, we now have documentation for the name of Benjamin Coffey's widow as Molly Coffey and his death date as January 4, 1834 in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Before receiving this Final Payment Voucher the only source for the name of Benjamin Coffey's wife was old correspondence between Ann (Lake) Ketrone, Etta (Hayes) Coffey and Ella (Coffey) Carpenter. They named his wife as Polly Hayes, a tradition, no legal documentation.

I have never seen any document that names her as Mary "Polly" (Hayes) Coffey as some researchers list. Molly and Polly have been listed as nicknames for the given name Mary.

Since Molly is the only name I have seen on a legal document, then I will list Molly as her legal name.

(If you would like a copy of Bennie's book, COFFEY COUSINS, CLINCH MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE AND BEYOND, she is giving it away by e-mail. Write to her at [coffey.loftin@coalgate.net](mailto:coffey.loftin@coalgate.net)



**DEAD END ROADS**

\* Rick Miller asks, "My great-grandmother Rosa Coffey's sister, Martha's daughter Sophia Coffey and her son Leo Coffey both live in Franklin, Warren, Ohio. I tried calling both of them, but got answering machines in both cases.

Have any of you had any contact with this Coffey family in the past? If so, any better ideas on how to contact them? Answer at [rmiller21@woh.rr.com](mailto:rmiller21@woh.rr.com)

\* Karla says, "I located your information on the Coffee/Coffey Cousins Online Blog. I am searching for descendants of William Cheney (b 1819) and Emily Cheney (b 1815) to return a family Bible that somehow came into my family. One of their daughters married into the Coffee family. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for me to locate a true descendant that is interested in this document. Perhaps a note in the Coffee newsletter?" Sincerely, Karla Ewalt, [klewalt@hotmail.com](mailto:klewalt@hotmail.com)

\* Bennie Loftin, [bloftin34@yahoo.com](mailto:bloftin34@yahoo.com) is helping a friend locate his Coffey ancestor. The following is all they know about this family. If you can help in any way, it would be appreciated.  
Hannah Barret Coffey arrived in Maine from County Cork, Ireland with sons Nicholas, John Jr, William John (his biological maternal grandfather) and Daniel plus daughters Mary, Polly and Catherine. Hannah's husband, John died in Ireland just before Hannah and kids emigrated to U.S.A. I don't have much information on my grandfather William John's siblings except that Nicholas, John Jr. and Daniel all had sons...deceased by now.

\*Jack Coffee, [w5jkc@celbridge.net](mailto:w5jkc@celbridge.net), asks:  
"John W. Coffey, a son of Meredith and Esther Coffey, born Oct. 18, 1798 in Grainger Co., married Rebecca Ragsdale according to the book "Marriages of Grainger County, TN 1796-1837, Whitley, Edith Rucker, 1982." The bondsman was Jacob Arnett.

However, the death certificate for two of the children of John and Rebecca name their mother as Rebecca Toler. The following is from their death certificates;

Name: Caleb Coffey, Death Date: 29 Nov 1923

Death Location: Wayne Residence

Location: Wayne, Age: 89, Gender: Male,

Ethnicity: White, Birth Date: 25 Jun

1834, Birth Location: Kentucky,

Father's name: John Coffey, Father's Birth

Location: Kentucky,

Mother's name: Rebecca Toler

Mother's Birth Location: Kentucky

Name: Franklin Coffey, Death Date: 17 Sep 1919

Death Location: Wayne, Residence Location:

Wayne, Age: 82 Gender: Male, Ethnicity: White,

Birth Date: 25 Jul 1837, Birth Location: Wayne

Kentucky, Father's name: John Coffey,

Father's Birth Location: Virginia, Mother's name:

Rebecca Tolor, Mother's Birth Location: Wayne,

Kentucky

Any ideas? Jack"

\* Archie Dalton, [adalton478@hotmail.com](mailto:adalton478@hotmail.com), sends the following:

An Arizona local newspaper article said that the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution is looking for gravesites of "real daughters", ergo, immediate daughters of veterans of the American Revolution. My ancestor, Elizabeth Shockley, apparently the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Shockley, was the wife of my Reuben Dalton. Reuben, of course was a veteran by virtue of supplier. I know the gravesite of Elizabeth. Does anyone know if Richard was a veteran of the Rev war?

Does any descendant of Colby Rucker know where his daughter (s) are buried?

DAR wants to put a special plaque at the gravesites of "real" daughters. Thanks, Archie.

\*Janelle Lansley, <mailto:angelaunty@bigpond.com>, wrote Jack Coffee the following note:

“Hi, my name is Janelle Lansley and I am from Sydney Australia. (My maiden name was Coffey). I was actually on line wishing to trace the Coffey’s from Ireland who were shoemakers and up until a few years ago I believe that they were still making shoes. I came upon your site and wondered if you had heard of other Coffey’s from Australia and who had originated from Ireland. Thank you Janelle”

Jack responded with some Australian immigrants that I thought might be of help to others working that area so I will print a few here to get them in our index.

Several years ago I found a John Coffey, convict, who was transported from New Gate to AU, landing there on Sep. 8, 1821. It doesn’t say what eventually became of him.

Here are some of my other raw notes:

James Bouchier Coffey, born c1828 in Galway, IR spouse: Eliza Hogan

Remarks: b c1828, son of Michael and Bridget Bouchier Coffey; spent time in Australia and later to America where he married Eliza, b c1833 County Clare, IR, dau of Michael Hogan and Eliza Whelan. Married Eliza c 11 Apr 1858 in Brooklyn, NY, then returned to Australia. Had business and land in Lamplough & Ampitheatre on Victorian Goldfields. Children were: Catherine Maria, c1859; Ann Eliza, 1860; Mary Catherine, 1862; Louisa Mary, 1863; Bridget Agnes, 1865; Michael c1867; James Francis, c1869; John Joseph, 1871; Winifred Mary, 1874; Bridget Alice, 1876; William Patrick, 1880. Some of children went into coach building in Richmond, Victoria, and were active in Catholic community at St. Ignatius Parish, Richmond.

James Coffey, born c1842 in IR Remarks:

James was born in Ireland, the son of a farmer. Patrick and Jane (Reddin) Coffey. Date of birth is approximate. In 1871 James was living at 28 Bertha St., Birkenhead, Cheshire, England with

his wife, b. Liverpool ca. 1850, and son, William Henry, 4 mos. Also at the same address are James’ mother Jane Rogers (presumably widowed and remarried) and her children Richard (10), Jane (9), and Mary (6), Rogers. James Coffey immigrated to Australia, leaving behind his family in 1880. He had another son, Clifford in 1890 and married Clifford’s mother, Louise Lovett in 1898. James died in 1943 in Victoria Australia and is buried in Brighton General Cemetery.

Charles Coffey: Source: The Coffee - Coffey Family, compiled by Margaret E. (Maslin) Lyman, 1791 Vine St., SLC, UT 84121 and Frances Coffee, Box 565, Newton, IA 50208 and Mrs. Helen Lindhorst, 1091 Pacific St., Idaho Falls, ID 83401; Orig. Pub. Date Unk., filmed by Gen. Soc. of Utah, c1967 Remarks: Charles enlisted in “E” Co., 136 NY Volunteers on 2 Sep. honorably discharged 27 May 1863; d. 1870. Had one son, Frank, who in turn had a son, Frank, Jr. These later 2 moved to Sidney, Australia, for business reasons. Source: NY W4A -- Warsaw, Wyoming Co., NY; Robinson’s History of Centennial Celebration, Warsaw.

Michael Coffey born 1873 in IR, immigrated to Australia prior to 1906, married Edith Ella Harrison, born Tasmania in 1866. Married in Perth in 1906.

Michael Coffey, born unknown year in IR, married Hanna Dunne. Remarks: MICHAEL COFFEY (Born date unknown- 1930.) married HANNAH DUNNE (born February 23rd 1877) on the 20th August 1907 by Roman Catholic priest M O’Flynn in Annascaul County Kerry Ireland. Michael’s profession at time of marriage was horse dealer; his father was Denis Coffey, a farmer. Hannah’s father was Michael, also a farmer; her mother was probably named Norah. Hannah was born in Knockglassmore, Tralee. They left Europe from Port of Southampton and arrived in Australia on ship Von Bulo at Port Adelaide on Oct 18, 1907.

They lived at 156 Gouger St., Adelaide from 1915-1924 and at 163 Whitmore Sq. from 1926-1930. Michael died in 1930. Four children: Molly, b1908; Jack, b1910; Kid, b1912; Hannah b1915.

\* Igor Handel, igor.handel@libertysurf.fr, says, "I am 50 , I live in Lyon, France. I am looking for information about my father's uncle who left Europe in ... I don't know exactly. I found him in the 1920's US census:

George Jacob(s) , born around 1880, died in 1946, Terre Haute , Indiana where he was a violin teacher. I have a few picture of him from my grandmother . I know his wife name was Lena ( born around 1880) and his son George-Edgar ( born around 1915 ). I know he had a house on Lafayette Avenue in Terre-Haute.

What I found on your website suggest that his wife was: Lena COFFEY born in Indiana in Aug 1880 who married George Edgar JACOBS.

Could you help me in looking for George Edgar Jacob ( possibly alive) or his descendants? Thank you, Igor Handel

Jack Coffee responded with the following and hopes that someone else might be able to offer more current information on this family for Igor.

1. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 . National Archives and Records Administration. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. M1509, 20,243 roll. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. George Jacob of 516 St. 8th St., Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN, registered for the draft in that county on Sep. 12, 1918. He was 38 yrs. old, born Jan. 11, 1880. He was a self-employed teacher of violin in Terre Haute where he lived with his wife, Lena Jacob. He was of medium height with slender build, blue eyes and light colored hair.

2. United States Federal Census for years indicated. 1920 Vigo Co., Terre Haute city, Ward 1, ED119, Sheet 1A, 911 S. 5th St., dwelling

12, family 13, Jacob, George, head, male, white, age 39, married, emigrated 1908 via Pa., born Germany, father born Russia, mother born Germany, violin teacher; Lenna [sic], wife, female, white, age 29, married, born IN, parents born IN; George E., son, male, white, age 4 yrs., 8 mos., born IN, father born Germany, mother born IN.

\* Brenda Moneymaker, Bmoneymakerc@aol.com, needs help with the following family.

Henry Moses COFFEY was born in Nelson Co., VA on Sep 20, 1869. He married (1st) Julie C. HYMEN on Nov 14, 1889.

He married (2nd) Eva RAMSEY on Oct 26, 1898. They appeared in the census on Jun 6, 1900 in Walkers Creek, Rockbridge Co., VA. Eva RAMSEY was born Oct 26, 1898. Henry Moses COFFEY and Eva RAMSEY had the following children. (All children born Rockbridge Co., VA per Rockbridge Co. Federal Census 1900, 1910, & 1920.)

1. Katie L. COFFEY c. May 1900.
2. David H. COFFEY c. 1903.

Henry Moses married (3rd) Alice WARD on Jan 9, 1904. They appeared in the census on Apr 28, 1910 in Rockbridge Co., VA.

Henry and Alice had the following children.

3. Etta R. COFFEY was born in Rockbridge Co., VA about 1908.
4. Martha C. COFFEY was born in Rockbridge Co., VA about 1912.

Henry Moses married Mary L. (Mollie) \_\_\_\_\_ were married about 1915 in VA. They appeared in the census on Jan 19, 1920 in Rockbridge Co., VA. They appeared in the census on Apr 14, 1930 in Buena Vista, Rockbridge Co., VA. Mary L. (Mollie) was born in Virginia c. 1892. Henry and Mary L.'s had the following children.

5. Maxie D. COFFEY about c. 1916.
6. Georgie L. COFFEY c. Feb 1919.
7. Robert COFFEY c. 1921.
8. Hasford [?] COFFEY c. 1922.
9. Voit [?] COFFEY c. 1923.



10.. Elizabeth COFFEY c. 1925.

11. Henry Moses COFFEY Jr. c.May 1927.

\* Clara Stephens clarastephens@sbcglobal.net says, "My GGGGrandfather Meredith was the only child of John Coffey and Rebecca Ragsdale. After her death he came to McDonald County Mo with Meredith and did marry an Elizabeth, (Betsy) Hopper. Meredith married her younger sister Jane Hopper. One of their sons is my Great Great Grandfather David Coffee.

The way it looks there were a lot of Johns and Meredith's in my family.

John born in 1704 VA

John 1733 VA

Meredith 1769 VA

John 1798 TN

Meredith 1822 TN

David 1850 MO

Pierce 1877 MO

Ilus 1903 MO

Clara says that Pierce is her Grandfather. Ilus is her Father. She needs the name of the wife of John Coffee/y born 1798 TN. All help appreciated.

## **CORRECTIONS**

Don Coffey, Coffdp@aol.com, says; "I appreciate you putting in our family search for John & Catherine Coffey. I don't know if you have any mailings to Helena Montana, instead of Helena MN. as noted in Issue 106, page 3 for my family. I did hear from a woman in Timonium, Md., who has a Michael Coffey in her ancestors, who isn't the Michael in our family, but haven't ruled out that he is maybe a relative. Unfortunately her brother did the research and is no longer with us to ask questions."

## **CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

### **The History of Gassville, AR**

Reported for The History Society's quarterly, by Dale Sharp. Gassville history comes alive at July 1997 meeting. (Sent by Shirley Dawson)

The Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society met at the Gassville community center on July 24, 1997. Mr. Hubert Marler, longtime Gassville figure, provided an entertaining program of local history.

Using a blend of local history written by Mary Ann Messick with personal touches of his own recollections, he traced Gassville's roots from its early days known as "Turkey Neck" through the Civil War, the great depression, the boon provided by the shirt factory, to present day. Mr. Marler's folksy homespun style left no doubt that he is one of the pre-eminent storytellers of this region.

He established his own roots in Gassville from his birth near the old Rollins Hospital, in 1912. His father was born near there in 1888. His grandfather ran a blacksmith shop and general mercantile store in a building a short distance west of present day Gassville prior to the turn of the century. That building still exists today.

By 1840 early settlers had begun arriving in the Gassville area. In the true pioneer spirit, they traveled by covered wagons, which provided their first home until a one-room log structure could be built. The location was considered ideal in that it was close enough to the prime river farm land for folks to market their crops, and far enough away to satisfy those who preferred to live away from the river bottom and the water. The early settlers called their community "Turkey Neck," due to the course of the river, which essentially formed a peninsula around them. During the Civil War most settlers sympathized with the South, and while the men were away those left behind suffered at the hands of bushwackers and other unsavory characters. Mr. Marler's grandparents told him about bands of horsemen who plundered the region with impunity. After the war those who

returned worked the land with renewed hope. By 1868 farms were back in production and residents began to turn to other needs.

The Baptist Church was organized that year, and Rev. C.A. Mayfield was the first pastor. The first school was held in the church building. In 1869 twenty-one families arrived from Cherokee County, Georgia. Col. James A. Coffee led the wagon train and established a cotton gin near a large oak tree that still stands on the old Gassville school ground. From his own recollection, Mr. Marler described three other cotton gins that eventually located in the immediate area. In 1876 the Cox and Denton store opened and carried a fine line of merchandise. Mr. Cox is credited by many for causing the name change of the community to its present Gassville. Mr. Marler related there is only one Gassville in the entire United States, an interesting distinction. He described Mr. Cox as an incessant talker. Locals began to refer to him as a "gasser." When the post office was established in 1878 with Mr. Cox as the postmaster, it seemed inevitable the name would become Gassville.

\* Jack Coffee responded to Mary Mitchell's <nitewriter@hush.com> query in Issue 105, page 9 with the following. (Robert Coffey was in Jack's database on the CD that he is offering for sale. See Computer News) issue 106, page 3.

Robert Lawrence Coffey was the son of Jesse Finley and Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Craig Coffey. He was born c1895 in Caldwell Co., TN and died there in 1991. He first married Lula Shell in Caldwell Co. in 1913. They had at least three children: Laura Mozelle, born 1914, died 1933; Finley Tuttle, born 1915, died 1979; and Charles Woodrow, born 1917, died 1919.

Robert married Lula Lavinia Hart in Caldwell Co. in 1922. She was born c1905 in NC and died Apr. 5, 1978 in Caldwell Co. In 1920 and 1930 Robert worked in a cotton mill in Caldwell Co.

Their children were:

Frances, born Mar. 3, 1923

Mable Ruth, born Jun. 6, 1924, died 1989

Lemuel Hart, born Jun. 13, 1927, died Jun. 26, 1976

Lawrence Craig, born Feb. 18, 1929

Florence Elizabeth, born Feb. 22, 1932'

Alice Hart, born Jan. 2, 1935

Daniel Luke, born 1937

Grace Lavina, born Apr. 9, 1940

Sara Nell, born Jun. 12, 1945

You can find Robert Lawrence family here: <http://www.thecoffeeycousins.org/Edward%20Coffey/b17429.htm#P17430>

You can navigate backwards by clicking on Robert's name at the top of the page, and likewise all the way back to Edward and Ann Powell Coffey. The only descendant info that I have for Robert is his son Lemuel Hart.

The theory that Robert was at the Grant-Lee surrender seems to be belied by his year of birth. However, there is sufficient room for error, and the Robert Lawrence info in my files may be mixed up with info on an earlier one. Perhaps you can straighten out my error(s)! Jack

\* Shirley Dawson, Bennie Loftin and Lorie Okel all helped with locating and identifying the people from the following story. We can be proud to be related to the Hille family. Their information came from a story published on the 2006 Dolan Media Newswires, Provided by ProQuest Information and Learning Company.

I quote; "Oklahoma University College of Medicine, Tulsa, receives \$1 M for diabetes. Journal Record, The (Oklahoma City), Aug 30, 2006 by Journal Record Staff

The Hille Foundation has donated \$1 million to the OU College of Medicine, Tulsa, to establish the Hille Foundation Chair in Diabetes.

"This generous gift from the Hille Foundation will be of enormous benefit to those who suffer from diabetes, especially for those in the Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma area," said OU President David Boren."

It quotes Maggie Hille Yar, executive director of the Hille Foundation as saying, "The effect of our gift is dually important to us because we have a particular interest in funding diabetes research and in funding research in Oklahoma,"

William and Lucinda Coffee, who settled in West Plains MO, had a son named Barnett Coffee, who had a daughter Aletha Coffee who married a Dr.

Henry Hille. Aletha had three sons, one of them was a Joseph Walter Hille, who had a son Jo Bob Hille. This is the same family that Ruth Lanning was working on. Lorie Okel is a double cousin to the Coffee's and the Wemple side of this family. Wm and Lucinda were neighbors to Lorie's Collins Coffee in West Plains.

Shirley, Bennie and Lorie visited with Charlie Hille and Jana & David Bradley while researching in West Plains. Shirley says, "Jo Bob Hille the brother of Jana was the one who had the Vintage Petroleum Company."

### INDENTURED SERVANTS IN AMERICA

From Jerry Coffee j.coff@verizon.net

An indentured bond servant was one who signed a contract to work as a servant for a period of years, in return for passage to America, clothing, room and board, and at the end of the period of servitude, receive a barrel of seed corn, two hoes and 30 acres of land. In many case non-violent convicts were offered passage to American as indentured servants for a period of no more that 14 years. The term "indenture" refers to the fact that the contract was "indented" or torn in half, so each party could keep a signed copy.

The first known indentured servant (bond servant) in the Virginia Colony was Robert Coopy in 1619. The contract in America was then for three years. In 1635, Thomas Carter, 25, was among two hundred indentured servants who landed in Virginia on one ship. After his service, Carter became a respected farmer and had four indentured servants of his own. One of his descendants, Jimmy Carter, became the President of the United States.

In 1717, non-violent criminals were forced into exile from England for no less than seven years servitude in the West Indies or America. From 1729 to 1776, seventy percent of the prisoners in London's Old Bailey prison were transported to America as indentured craftsmen, servants and laborers, depending on their skill levels.

In 1729, a Scots-Irish Ulsterman named Peter Coffee sailed from London's Newgate Prison on the immigrant ship Forward Galley and arrived

in the Virginia Colony as an indentured unskilled laborer. Peter Coffee worked as a field hand on a tobacco plantation.

In 1737, Peter Coffee was released from servitude, received 50 acres of land as a requirement of his service and married Susannah Matthews, the daughter of William Matthews, a Virginia Landowner from England. It is likely that Peter Coffee was indentured to William Matthews. Indentured servants and laborers could not leave their place of work without permission so travel and meeting people of the opposite sex was limited.

On September 9, 1748, Peter Coffee received a patent for 220 acres in Amelia County Virginia in an area, which later became part of Prince Edward County when that county was formed in 1754.

In 1748, Virginia law established "freedom dues" of three pounds, ten shillings in lieu of land.

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed the Declaration of Independence, which eliminated the indentured labor system in America. The Declaration did not outlaw slavery.

\* Jerry Coffee also sent a copy of a letter that I could not print but he describes it as follows; "The letter from Jim Bowie dated August 3, 1835, mentions Holland Coffee trading with Indians for livestock the Indians stole from Texas frontier settlers, immigrants and Mexican traders. Bowie offers to take a small company of rangers to Coffee's Trading House on the Red River and arrest Coffee and put a stop to Coffee's underhanded activities. Houston refused to give Bowie permission to proceed to Coffees Trading House and chose to look the other way because Coffee provides a valuable service by paying ransom demanded by Indians in order to recover white captives. "

### MAIL BOX

We have heard from Edwin Coffee that his father and our dear friend VIRGIL COFFEE is in very poor health. We send our best wishes and are asking all of you, the cousins, to pray for his recovery.

**DOCUMENTS GALORE**

\*Lorie Okel send a death certificate for ORA COFFEE. Ohio Department of Health. Warren Co. OH City of Franklin, 9 East Franklin St. Length of residence – 15 years. Certificate number 59547 <sup>a</sup>might be 59517) Died 5 Sept. 1944. She is listed as Female, White, Divorced, husband, Jess Coffee, age 44  
Ora is 42 years, 4mo. 4 days old. She was born in Grainger Co, TN daughter of Tobe Shipley born Clayborne Co. TN and Mattie Hightbraer (Hightower?) born in SC. The informant was K. R. Kelley of Abilene, TX. She was buried in the Woodhill Cemetery, Franklin, OH.

\* While searching Pennsylvania records on [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) for some family records, I found the following for Coffee/ys. (Bonnie)  
Pennsylvania Archives – Series 3, Vol XX, Transcriptions & Taxables of the County of Cumberland for the year 1782 page 588.  
Thomas Coffey, 200 acres, 3 horses, 4 cattle & 0 negroes  
Pennsylvania Archives – Series 3, Vol. XXV Warranties to land in the County of Huntington 1787 - 1889  
James Coffee, EX 400 acres July 17 1837.  
James Coffee 300 acres July 31, 1837

James Coffee married Rebeccah Wintertod, 1768, May 20, Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA

Mary Ann Coffee married Benjamin Bagnall, 1794, July 10, Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA

\* Bennie Loftin found the following:  
Funeral Home Record  
Frank Coffey, died 6 June 1928, age 35

years, buried at Tushka, OK, died in Dennison, TX, cause of death Cancer, charged to Atoka County, OK, order given by Masey/Mapey? Paid

**GEORGE HOLLAND COFFEY**

by Maynella J. Kinard (Mary) [mkinnard@netscape.com](mailto:mkinnard@netscape.com)

George Holland Coffey was born, (I Marynella J. Kinard believe) in NC, 1 July 1841 to Cleveland and Malinda Coffey. Cleveland was thirteen years older than his second wife Malinda. George had older siblings from his father's previous marriage about 1830 to Susan Hayes: Andrew Jackson, William M. (some records show William W or Y.), Thomas M., and Susanah (some records show Susan).

Next, Cleveland & Malinda marry in 1939 and had George H., Margaret E., Nancy M., Francis L. and Daniel P. (All the previously listed children except Andrew J. are shown on a Census for 1850 in Grainger Co., TN, in the household of Cleveland and Malinda.) Andrew J. Coffey being the oldest was probably out on his own by then. Susan, his first wife, must have died sometime previous to this 1850 Census. When I read the 1860 Census on Caldwell, NC -- I interpret that Elvira, age 19 is really Margaret E.; Mahala, age 17 is really Nancy M.; Frances is really Fanny age 15, and Daniel P. M. is really Perry age 9. Then more children were born to Cleveland & Malinda: Sarah, age 3; Napoleon, age 2; and finally Jepa or Jepo. Children not mentioned in the Census of Grainger Co., TN and Caldwell, NC are: Marvin who died at age 2 and Clara Bell who died at age 7 according to my little notebook.

Cleveland marries a third time on January



8th, 1854, Grainger Co., TN, to Mary Ann Miles.

My small Spiral Notebook written in by my aunt Manella Georgia "Otse" Coffey Burkholder around 1938 states a few facts about her grandfather George Holland Coffey.

Personal: 6 foot tall, 175 lbs., shoe size 10 and shirt size 16.

Occupation: Owned a bakery in Walnut Ridge, Lawrence Co., AR.

Military: Veteran of Civil War.

Served (1861-1865) under Gen. Thomas Dive in the 33rd Volunteers, U.S. Infantry.

Habits: Chewed tobacco, whittling, reading, and he loved to talk about politics. Geo. H. Coffey belonged to the Republican Party.

Inventions: (a). Invented a patented hoe that was used for several things. (b). Invented a release harness to use on runaway horses. (c). Invented a fruit picker.

George Holland Coffey died about 1905 at the Hotel Britain, in Portia, AR. Portia is just a crossroad about 3 to 5 miles out of Walnut Ridge.

#### GEORGE HOLLAND COFFEY'S MARRIAGES

Marriage #1 I (Maynella) believe that his first wife was to Rebecca A. V. Bowman on 15 Jun 1867, Jefferson Co., TN.

- a. Etta Rees (Born 1881) a stepdaughter.
- b. Flora R. Coffey (B: 1876). She married, Thomas Blythe and had four children, then married Mr. John Gibson Turney and in 1938 lived in Tulsa, OK.. Homer was her son by Thomas Blyth.
- v.. John F. (B: 1869)
- d. Charles D. (B: 1874 (He lived in Mountain Home, AR in 1952)

Marriage #2 was to my Great Grandmother

Samantha Ann "Sam" Ridgway.

Sam was born 6 August 1852 to William Alexander Ridgway and Evangeline Killibrew Kennedy.

Sam died 1942 in Walnut Ridge and is buried in Lane Cemetery, Walnut Ridge, and Lawrence Co., AR. (Now known as the Memorial Gardens)

Personal: According to the "Spiral Notebook" she was 5 ft 5 in tall, had gray eyes, and long back hair.

Hobbies: She was a Democrat, loved to fish, and was an excellent seamstress. She loved to entertain people.

Lineage: English on father's side and Indian decent on mother's side. According to my father's memoirs written in 1912 and published in the Sun Times Express in San Antonio, TX; "as children we were so dark that we told folks that we were of Mexican extraction rather than Indian because to be Indian then was most unpopular."

Note: I am not sure if Flora was born to the first marriage or second! (MK)

#### CHILDREN OF GEORGE H. & SAMANTHA ANN

- a. Clara Bell (died age 7)
- b. Marvine (died about age 3)
- c. Cara Duffle Coffey, Born 1878
- d. Willie LeAnn (mid name also listed as Lillie) Coffey, Born 1880
- e. Thomas Hardy Coffey, Born Feb 25, 1881. (My grandfather)

My brother Mack Thomas Thornton tells me about our Great Grandmother Sam when we were little. Macky said he saw her standing on her porch & she wore a man's felt hat, had on a floral housedress and a man's boots. She had long long braids hanging down her backside and was smoking a corn cob pipe with a lid on it. She had been out picking peas that day.



Marriage #3 was to Sarah Barnett

a. Jesse Dewey Coffey, Born 1898 & lived at Tuckerman, AR in 1958.

b. Myrtle E. Coffey. Born in 1899. She married Mr. Kelly and lived in Hardy, AR in 1958.

Note: My only proof that George Holland Coffey is the George H. Coffey born to Cleveland and Malinda is that the age is correct. My family used a cattle/hog mark passed down from this same family. I believe my grandfather Thomas was named after George H's older brother. I have proof in the little notebook that Perry is a brother. (Marynella J. Kinnard).

From: "Shirley Dawson" <bd.sd@townsqr.com>

SANDERS (South) CEMETERY,  
OZARK CO., MO

Early settlers, Steve and Alice Sanders, set aside land for this burial ground on their homestead here when the child of travelers camping in the area died. Her grave and that of Steve Sanders are among the 30 graves marked with fieldstones. (Sanders' wife is buried at Mammoth Cemetery.)

Doris Hayes and the late Alice Sanders have listed the names of some on the fieldstone burials. They are: Mrs. Holland, Granny McGrew, Charley Stevens, infant of Charley and Eliza Stevens, Jan McMahan, infant of Virg and Nina Sharick, three children of Sam Smart, and five members of the Coffey family.

There are seventeen inscribed stones, the earliest being dated 1870. The grounds are fenced, and the cemetery now lies on land owned by Barry Pleasant. The stones with inscriptions are:

Coffey, Louisa J., wife of A. J. (Andrew Jackson) April 1 1833-Sept. 13, 187?;

Initials M. E. H., died Oct. 4, 1892;  
McGinnis, Mary Elizabeth McAnally, wife of Aaron, 1842-1889;

Peters, Robert E., Aug. 8, 1931-May 30, 1969; Peters, Joseph H., Dec. 15, 1886-Feb. 9, 1959; Peters, Bernice I., Dec. 22, 1900-July 28, 1976; Peters, Marilyn Sue, b. May 7, 1952; Petro, David S., 1877-1949;

Sanders, Alice, April 23, 1869-Sept. 3, 1939; Sanders, H. I., Nov. 9, 1871-June 27, 1957; Sanders, Ida, Sept. 2, 1904-Nov. 10, 1904; Sanders, Ezra, Dec. 13, 1905-Feb. 7, 1976; Sanders, James M., Sept. 8 1862-Sept. 20, 1894;

Stevens, Eliza J., wife of C.B., Dec. 20, 1856-Feb. 9, 1908;

Turley, Ignatius, Feb. 25, 1818-May 2, 1870; Turley, one fieldstone with initials M.T.;

Webster, Elizabeth, wife of C.W., June 25, 1841-July 6, 1883.

According to Shirley Dawson, this cemetery was not easy to find. She says, "Archie Dalton and wife Mary K and I got lost....Archie made another phone call and we finally found it....Thanks to Mrs. Barry Pleasant." Write Shirley at bd.sd@townsqr.com

Shirley also found the Mammoth Cemetery, Mammoth, Ozark Co. MO with the stones for Susan E. Coffey (daughter of Cleveland Coffey and Susan Hayes) and her 1<sup>st</sup> husband James C. Webb. His death date is 1890 and the stone is in 3 or 4 pieces but is all there.

Susan's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband is also there .... Aaron McGinnis died 19 Apr 1913. Shirley and Grace McGinnis are cooperating on this

line. They send the following on these families:

Aaron McGinnis, son of Edward McGinnis & Mary Rucker, was b 7 Jul 1840 Grainger Co.,TN, d 19 Apr 1913 Ozark Co., Mo, mar Mary Elizabeth McAnally 1 Jan 1863 Grainger Co.,TN.

Mary b 29 Aug 1842 Grainger Co.,TN d 1 Aug 1889, bur Ozark Co., Mo. Mary dau Thomas P. McAnally and Arena Hutcheson of Grainger Co., TN. After death of Mary Elizabeth, Aaron mar 2nd Susan E. Coffey Webb 6 Nov 1890 in Mo. Children by Mary Elizabeth McAnally:

1. William Joseph McGinnis b 1 Jun 1865 Grainger Co., TN d 10 Dec 1871 Lee Co., VA
2. Charles E. McGinnis b 6 Apr 1869 Lee Co., VA d 10 Jan 1871 Lee Co., VA
3. Louisa Matilda McGinnis b 13 Mar 1871 Sharp Co., Ark d 19 Mar 1935 Stroud, OK
4. Luther Madison McGinnis b 1 Aug 1875 Ozark, MO d. 2 Sep 1944 Ozark Co., Mo, bur Mammoth Cem., Gainesville, MO.
5. Andrew Lee McGinnis b 14 Jan 1877 Ozark, Mo d. 28 Sep 1924 Ozark Co., bur Mammoth Cem., Gainesville. MO
6. John Levi McGinnis b 29 Aug 1881 Ozark, Mo d. 14 Dec 1962, bur Mammoth Cem., Gainesville, MO
7. James Robert McGinnis b 15 Sep 1885 Ozark Co., MO, d 29 Aug 1973.

### **AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH**

**Good Luck!!**

**I hope it works...**

**May there always be work for your hands to do;**

**May your purse always hold a coin or two;**

**May the sun always shine on your windowpane;**

**May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;**

**May the hand of a friend always be near you;**

**May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.**

### **DNA REPORT**

From:Fred Coffey, fredcoffey@aol.com

Hello cousins,

Many of you have been following our (my?) theory that James Coffey, the illegitimate son of Edward Coffey's daughter Annister, was fathered by a member of the Cleveland family that was closely associated with the Coffey family in Virginia in the early 1700's:

We now have the 37-marker result for the DNA test on a descendant of James, which can be compared with the 37-marker DNA test for several members of that Cleveland family. And to my disappointment, there is NOT a close match. FYI, here is roughly the sequence of events:

(1) Robert Edwin (Bob) Coffey and Joseph D. Coffey are believed to be descendants of James Coffey of Surry County, NC, and James is believed to be the son of Annister Coffey, a daughter of Edward Coffey. Bob and Joe have submitted DNA samples (for 12-marker test) to the Coffey Project, and they match each other.

(2) First thought was that James' father might be descended from the Chenault family, into which Annister later married. But we found the appropriate line of Chenault DNA, and there was no match.

(3) We then looked at the list of Bob Coffey's 12-marker DNA matches (of which there were 170 such matches – they usually don't mean much). However we found one recognizable name, "Cleveland", and his family tree showed descent from the Alexander Cleveland who had 3 children married into the family of Edward Coffey. Also James Coffey named one of his sons "Micajah", and one of Alexander's sons was named "Micajah", so it seemed a connection might be likely. So Bob Coffey ordered a test upgrade to 37-markers, to see if it confirmed this theory.

(4) When the 25-marker test result came back, there was a big surprise: There was NO match reported to "Cleveland", but there were several

excellent matches to a “Butler” family (which also had roots in Colonial Virginia at the right time). However a closer examination of the DNA detail convinced me that the match to “Cleveland” was really closer than it looked, so I remained optimistic. (This was because the mode of the 4 Cleveland samples was a better match to Bob Coffey than any of the individual 4 samples, and I thought the results were just mutating off in random directions.)

(5) Now, however, we have the 37-marker results back. And the differences between “Coffey”, “Cleveland”, and “Butler” are quite substantial for the final markers.

(6) Therefore I have to conclude that the evidence for a relationship between Annister, and any one of the Cleveland brothers, is now quite poor.

If you are interested, you can examine the following spreadsheet wherein I compared Bob Coffey’s DNA to that of the Cleveland and Butler DNA Projects: <http://members.aol.com/FredCoffey/CoffeyClevelandButlerComps.pdf>

**THE OPTIMIST VIEW:** But perhaps we shouldn’t give up on our theory just yet: There is a finite probability that the big genetic difference is just a statistical fluke, that there have been an exceptional number of mutations in your DNA line for the last 17 (out of 37) markers. The probabilities may not favor it, but it is possible. After all, people do sometimes win the state lottery despite the odds against it! As you observe, it is also “unlikely” that there would be such a good match between unrelated people for the first 20 markers. Maybe the “statistical fluke” is NOT that there was a good match for the first 20 markers, but that there was such a terribly bad match for the last 17 markers?

Most important, I think we have genealogical information that goes **WELL BEYOND** a simple surname match: We **KNOW** (1) the Coffey and Cleveland families were very close with 2 or 3 marriages of siblings between the two families,

(2) there was an illegitimate male child, (3) that child chose to name one of his kids after the prime suspect “Micajah” Cleveland, and (4) we can even observe that the birth date of the child roughly coincides with “opportunities” provided at the wedding celebration for the marriage of Micajah’s sibling to one of the Coffey girls 9 months earlier.

About 40 years ago I had some training in probability analysis and Bayes’ Theorem, most of which I’ve forgotten. However one thing that stuck was that if your “prior information” (the Coffey/Cleveland relationships) is good enough, it can **OVERRIDE** what would otherwise be a statistical improbability.

**HOW CAN WE RESOLVE OUR REMAINING DOUBT?** I think what I would like to do is (1) get Joe’s test upgraded to 37-markers and (2) get one of you to upgrade to 67-markers. I think this will do two things:

First, it might show that **YOUR** individual line has had an unusual number of mutations in the last 25 markers (out of 37), and **JOE** might be a somewhat closer match to the Cleveland Line. If you read the discussion at the above FTDNA reference for 37-marker matches, they point out that finding an “in betweener” can be significant.

Second, we would have an additional 30 markers (beyond your 37-marker test) to compare. (One of the Cleveland men does have a 67-marker test result.) If those additional 30 markers show a poor match, then we would absolutely have to give up. But if they are a good match, then we may be back in business.

(P.S. Bob and Joe are going to go for the 67 marker test. Wish them luck! Bonnie)



# 25th ANNUAL COFFEY REUNION May 2 - 4, 2008

**Virginia – Here we come!!**

We have received confirmation of 30 rooms tagged for the date May 2, to May 5, at the Days Inn, Raphine, Rockbridge Co., VA.

The rooms set aside are:

Double - non-smoking and smoking and King - non-smoking  
Rooms are \$64.95 plus tax. **NOTE:** Reservations have to be made by Apr. 15, 2008. Anyone arriving early or leaving late will be charged the hotel's regular rate for days outside the reunion dates. Check with reservations desk for those costs.

**Telephone 540-377-2604 for reservations and make sure the hotel understands that the reservation is being made for the Coffey Cousins' Reunion.**

It is suggested that anyone planning to attend make reservations early. This is the heart of Coffey country (NC/VA) and we expect a large crowd.

We will carpool to Coffeytown. A program has been prepared and picnic lunches will be served there. Make arrangement for you Sack Lunch at the hotel restaurant on arrival. They will include Ham or turkey sandwich (no mayo) or Peanut butter and jelly, chips, fruit (usually a banana), and a homemade cookie or brownie for \$9.95 John Taylor will be our guide in Coffeytown. He also has a great speaker lined up for the banquet. More about that next quarter.

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Number wishing to eat at the banquet @ \$20 each----- \$-----

baked chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ apricot tender loin # \_\_\_\_\_

Three vegetables (your choice) rolls, a dessert, coffee or tea

Please list the names of those attending on the back so name tags and packets can be prepared ahead of time.

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