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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousin,

Where has the summer gone? We here in Missouri have had the wettest August most of us can remember. I dumped 5 1/2 inches out of the rain gage that had accumulated in a 24 hour period just this week and the temperature is quite cool. Wonder what our winter is going to be.

Jim is doing really well. He takes therapy 3 days a week, which keeps us busy but he is walking with a cane again.

We plan to travel to Lexington, MO on the 21st of this month. The Missouri DAR is hosting an 80th birthday party for the (statue) Madonna of the Trail. Jim's childhood friend, Congressman Ike Shelton will be the speaker. We will then travel to Dover, where my cousins and I are meeting to "witch" for our great great grandfather's grave. We are planning to place a tombstone but want more proof that he is buried there.

I hope all of you have had a good summer and are taking every opportunity to forward your genealogy research. Be sure to share all those bits and pieces of info with us. It may add to something that someone else has. Together it might

make that "big find" that you have been looking for - forever.

I want to thank all who have sent in material to print in this issue. You have sent a wide variety of material for me to work with. That's when it's fun.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2009 Convention. You won't want to miss getting to meet cousins in Kentucky. It's really in the heart of Kentucky's Coffey settlements. Danny has invited the past president of the Historical Society to speak to us as well.

Let us know what you are looking for so we can help. Sincerely

Bonnie Culley

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CORRECTIONS

Reams Goodloe sends the following correction. He has been researching the Ambrose Coffee line for a long time. Reams says, "First let me say that in my last message I should have said that my grandfather married one of Ambrose's great grand daughters, rather than just grand daughter. Second, that at the top of p.9 "m. (3) Polly Carter" is just fiction. I have found no evidence that Ambrose married a 3rd time. I believe the name of his second wife was Mary Elizabeth, a widow, whose surname was either Cooper or Rice and whose first husband's surname was the other. Third, Jesse was Holland's brother not his uncle. Although Jesse built the first brick house in McMinnville, he only lived in it a year or two before moving back out on a farm. I think Holland more probably lived with his sister's, America Coffee and Elizabeth or Myra, who were running a small hotel in town. "

But we have another opinion on the subject. Jack Coffee sends the following "from Marvin Coffey's book":

Ambrose lived in Wilkes Co., NC until 1804; lived in TN for a short time then to KY c1806 where he died in 1818. Polly applied for allowance of dower in Sep. and Nov. 1818 respectively. They sold 90 acres of land in Pulaski Co. to Vincent Garner on Sep. 2. The balance of land (157 acres) went to widow and children, which was sold in 1826, also to Vincent Garner. Settlement mentions 12 children but no names.

In all petitions and deeds Ambrose's wife is listed as Polly. Since Polly is not a diminutive of Elizabeth, it appears that Ambrose had a 3d wife. In an indenture of 1826 she is listed as wife of John Mills but no record found of their marriage. Her maiden name is unknown. There is a Polly Coffey married to James McHenry on Jul. 7, 1821, security Vincent Garner, so perhaps she married McHenry first then John Mills before 1826. Because Vincent provided bond when she obtained letters of administration, and he is frequently found in other records involving Polly and Ambrose, it seems likely that her maiden name was Garner. In Oct. 1877 Samuel Tate is granted letters of administration in the estate of Polly Coffey, deceased, but this could be another Polly.

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NEW NAMES**ANCESTOR**

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Chesley jr.

NEW COUSINS**NOTE - DNA SALE**

* Kathy Coffee Simmons great grandfather is Mansel Coffee. She and Ilah Merriman are helping a young school teacher write a book about their great grandfather Mansel Coffee. They will keep us informed as to how it is progressing.

* Jean Hall, jeanhall@cfu.net, had us print a query for her in the Issue 105, June 07, page 5. Her email address needs to be corrected to cfu.net rather than efu.net. She descends from Chesley Coffee and his wife Margaret Baldwin through their daughter Felicia. Felicia married James Turnbow. One of their children was Gracie Turnbow, b. Feb 15, 1819. She married Martin Harrison Johnston, Sept. 14, 1842 in Maury Co. Martin & Gracie's oldest daughter was Frances Elizabeth Felicia Johnston born 1844. She is Jean's great grandmother.

Martin and Gracie Johnston went from Tennessee to Taney Co., Missouri and then to Texas. Martin died in the Civil War in Arkansas. Gracie later married David McLain and died in 1890 in Parker Co. TX. If you can help Jean, her address is in the new cousins list above.

Due to popular demand Family Tree DNA is extending its Sizzling Summer Sale until September 30th! This promotion is geared toward bringing new members to your projects by offering the following big incentives:

Product	Promotion	Sale
Y-DNA12	Free mtDNA	\$99
Y-DNA25	Free mtDNA	\$149
Y-DNA37	Reduced	\$119
Y-DNA27+mtDNA		\$189
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The purpose of this sale is to grow our database and at the same time help our Group Administrators encourage those "fence sitters" to climb off the fence and join your project. To date, the reaction has been very strong and we feel the benefit to the database and to your projects justifies the extension of this promotion.

IMPORTANT: This promotion requires that payment is either made by credit card or received by the conclusion of the sale on September 30th, 2008. VISIT: www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA/

Fred Coffey & Lorie Okel, our Coffey Cousins DNA chairmen, suggest that you hurry and get in on these good prices.

For more information email Fred at FredCoffey@AOL.com or Lori Okel at ljokel@comcast.net

OBITUARIES**VIRGINIA MARGARET GOODLOE**

Virginia Margaret Smith Goodloe passed away 2008 July 11, Renton, Washington just nine days short of her 87th birthday. A native of Paducah KY, she was preceded in death by her parents Wallace Calvin and Beatrice Blanche Goodman Smith. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Radford Reams Goodloe, Sr.; Sons Radford Reams Goodloe, Jr. and wife Rhonda Merickle of Kent, WA, James Calvin Goodloe and wife Rebecca Smith of Webster Groves, MO, Wallace Camp Goodloe and wife Marietta Jones of Ocean Springs MS and John William Goodloe and wife Elizabeth Viola of Watauga, TX, also six grand children. She is also survived by Brothers James E. Smith and wife LaNell Barron of Paducah KY, John Wesley Smith and wife Joyce Sloan of Knoxville, TN and sister Emma Jane and husband George Bourgois of Paducah, KY. Services were held July 19th at Trinity Methodist Church in Paducah followed by burial in Maplelawn Park Cemetery also in Paducah.

MARGARET E. QUINN

Margaret Ellen Quinn, 71, of McAlester, OK, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008. Born July 27, 1936, in Krebs, to Jess Edward and Mary Ann Johnson Turnbow, she graduated from McAlester High School in the class of 1955. She was working at the Veterans Bar in McAlester when she met Wesley D. Quinn Jr. and they were married on Oct. 1, 1957, in Atoka. They then purchased the bar and operated it for several years until her husband entered the military. She lived in Texas, New Hampshire and for several years in Wichita, Kan. After their retirement in 1990, they moved to McAlester and had lived here since that time. Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Keelye and Joey Scrivner, McAlester; a son and daughter-in-law, Kasy and Sheila Quinn, Tulsa; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Irene Roth, of McAlester, Bea Hailey Harbison and Charles, of McAlester, Lois Nyhart and Swift, of Scottsdale, Ariz., a brother and sister-in-law, Charles Turnbow and Terry, of Enid. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Mary Turnbow; her

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husband, Wesley in 2007; a son, Wesley Kevin Quinn in 1967; three sisters, Ola Welch, Thersa Dunigan and Lillian Boyd, and two brothers, Alvin Turnbow and Marion Turnbow.

Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery, McAlester, OK Bennie Loftin says, "This is my Aunt Joanie (Shouse) Johnson. Barnett's granddaughter, wife of Andrew Barnett, a half brother to Uncle Tom and my grandfather Rance Coffey. Margaret descends from John Jackson Coffey, son of John and Elizabeth (Rucker) Coffey, John is the son of Benjamin Coffey 1747-1834."

CHARLES "A.C." ARNOLD

Charles "A.C." Arnold from Kiowa, OK died Aug. 15, 2008 at age 81 years. His wife Betty Jo attended the Coffey Conventions in Calgary, Canada and Ft. Smith, AR. Betty Jo is a step-Coffey. Her great grandfather Andrew J. Barnett was and older half-brother to William Ransom S. "Rance" Coffey. She is related to Bennie Coffey Loftin also of Kiowa, OK.

DORA BERNIECE RUMER

Mrs. Dora Berniece Rumer, age 91 of Jefferson City, MO., died June 22, 2008 at St. Mary's Health Center. Berniece was born Dec. 25, 1916 in Vienna, MO, the daughter of Charles and Eva Copeland Finn, both deceased. She married to Merrill Mark Snell who preceded her in death in 1950. Later, she married Ramond Rumer who also preceded her in death. A life long resident of central Missouri, Berniece graduated from Vienna High School. She was a controller during the construction of Ft. Leonard Wood Army Base. Later, she was the head librarian with the Missouri State Library. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the American Business Women's Assn. Survivors include: two sons, Timothy Charles Judkins and his wife Brenda of Carrollton, TX and Mark Edwin Snell and his wife Susann of Holts Summit, MO.; one stepson, Donald Raymond Rumer and his wife Susan of St. Louis, MO; one sister Mary Louise Edwards of the state of CA; 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Interment was in the Jefferson City National Cemetery. (Jefferson City News Tribune)

PAMELA ANNE BUCKELY

Pamela Anne Buckley, 63 of Jefferson City, MO died July 9, 2008. She was born on Aug. 8, 1944 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of William Edward and Emily Lemaster Coffey Buckley. Her father survives in Jefferson City.

Pamela was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving as a captain during the Vietnam era. She was a registered nurse and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Other survivors include: one sister & brother-in-law, Mary Susan & Thomas Fischer, Jefferson City; one brother & sister-in-law, William Edward & Dianna Buckley jr, Dallas, Ore, She was preceded in death by her mother.

Burial with full military honors will be in Resurrection Cemetery. (News Tribune, Jefferson City, MO)

WILLARD LESLIE COFFEY

Willard Leslie Coffey, 86 of Vinton, VA. died Friday, June 27, 2008. He retired from Atlantic Greyhound after 32 years of service. He was predeceased by his parents and brother. Surviving is his wife of 52 years, Phyllis Thompson Coffey; two daughters, Sylvia (Hylton) Glass of Goode, VA, and Bargara (Preston) Osborne of Rustberg, VA. He served in the Seabees #521 in WWII. Interment; Glade Creek Cemetery, Blue Ridge, VA (Roanoke Times, June 29, 2008 – Ruby Leighton)

CLIFTON LEE COFFEY

Clifton Lee Coffey of Hardy, VA, passed away on Wed. May 28, 2008, at the age of 52. He was born on Aug. 21, 1955 and preceded in death by his father, Dr. E.L. Coffey and mother, Janice Mundy Coffey. Surviving are his wife, Leslie Firebaugh Coffey; his sister, Barbara L. Coffey; Stepson Brent Firebaug. He was a graduate of James River High, Roanoke College and the Medical College of VA. He was an accomplished jazz guitarist. In his twenties, he had worked as a counselor at Roanoke Valley Psychiatric before returning to school to pursue a career in Pharmacy. He worked locally as a pharmacist for the remainder of his life as an employee and consultant at both Franklin Co. and Bradley Free Clinics. Memorial services

at Oakle's North Chapel & Crematory.
(Roanoke Times, May 30, 2008 – Ruby Leighton)

Rev. MATTHEW MULLINS

Rev. Matthew Mullins, age 83 of Rogersville, TN was born on Sept. 12, 1924 and passed away on April 30, 2008. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Thornhill. He was a minister of the gospel for 50 plus years and a WWII Veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents: Will and Gracey Mullins, brothers: Chester Collins, James Mullins, J.R. Mullins, Matt Mullins and Clyde Mullins, Sons: Michael and Norman Mullins. He is survived by his wife Bernice Mullins of Rogersville, TN, Sons: Mitchell Mullins of Hamilton, OH, Bill Mullins of Dayton OH, Daughters; Susan Barloew of Huber Heights, OH, Pamela Howard of Smiths Grove, KY, Nellie Howard of Towling Green, KY, Deborah Boydston of Richmond, IN, Beverly Savage of Dayton, OH, Sisters; Novella, Virgie, Willa Mae and Jean. Burial was in the Reece Cemetery.
(Info; Bernice Mullins pbm378@charter.net)

THOMAS WARD COFFEY

Thomas Ward Coffey, 77 of Kingston, TN passed away May 21, 2008 at Methodist Medical Center, Oak Ridge after a sudden illness. Born in 1931 in Old Hickory, TN he was the son of Ralph Bascomb 'R.B.' and Willie (Billie) Dillard Coffey, both of whom preceded him in death. He was a retired senior laboratory technician at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and K-25, and a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of 58 years Pearl Nussmeyer Coffey of Kingston; Sons and daughters in law Mike and Tammie Coffey of Oak Ridge Mitch and Sherry Coffey Mark and Sheri Coffey all of Kingston. Sister and brother in law Joyce and Ernie Kohn of Palos Park, Illinois; Sisters in law and brothers in law Lois Gatlin of Mt. Joliet, Illinois Jean Miller of Knoxville Shirley and Clyde Clemons and Carol and Bethel Poston. Burial will be in Kingston Memorial Gardens on Lawnville Road.
(Info: Sheri Kelly)

Dead End Roads

* Kevin Coffey, kevinbcad@comcast.net, went through old pictures with his mother and has found some new info on his family. He has a new "twist" on Thomas J. Coffey (Stonewall Jackson Coffey). He was a twin and his brother was Robert L. Coffey. (Gosh, wonder who they were named after?) Robert is believed to have lived in DeKalb County, Missouri and was married to Mary T. (1930 census). Kevin has updated the list of children for Stanton and Mary (Saufley) Coffey. He found two more children in the Kentucky birth records and can only assume that these children died at a very early age and possibly just after childbirth. Mary remarried after Stanton's death. She married Reuben Payne.

Stanton & Mary Coffey's children:
 Henry C. b. abt 1851; George b. abt. 1852; A. Jane b. 1 Dec 1855; Letticia b. abt 1856; infant b. 25 Dec 1857; William G. b. abt 1859; Virginia "Jenny" b. abt. 1862; Mary A. b. abt, 1863; Robert L. 20 Sept. 1866; Thomas J. (Stonewall) b. 20 Sep. 1866, d. 21 Dec. 1945; Charles S. b. abt. 1868.

Kevin would like to hear from others working on this line of Chesley, Salathiel, Eli, Thomas J. Coffey, Stanton Presley Coffey.

* Dwight Gray, DwightG@coopercm.com, is trying to tie together missing fragments of his family tree. He is the grandson of Clara Coffey, who's father was Ira Coffey jr, obviously, his father was Ira Coffey Sr and he was the son of Wyatt (or Wyatt depending where you look) and his father was

Thomas and mother was Mary "Polly" Coffee. Can anyone help him go beyond this? He would appreciate any help. P.O. Box 3036, Battle Ground, WA 98604.

* Susan Riley, RILEYSU@UCMAIL.UC.EDU, is researching her husband's paternal great-grandmother, Jennie (Coffey) Riley, who was born in 1890 supposedly in Kentucky. Susan found the Coffey Cousins web site and found Jennie Riley in the index. She needs to make more contacts for help with this family.

* DOUGLAS COFFEE dwcoffee@msn.com, wrote the following to Fred Coffey; "I sent my DNA samples for the Coffey/Coffee project earlier this year, and received email notification from them not long before I received your own message.

I'd like to give you a brief summary of what I know of my own paternal family history. I would be curious to know if any of it sounds familiar to you from other sources.

My grandfather once showed me an obituary of my great-grandfather, George Coffee, who at the time of his death was a lawyer in Calhoun, Georgia. The article mentioned that George's father was a Starling (or Sterling) Coffee, and that Starling's father, or perhaps an earlier ancestor of Starling's, was named, if I remember correctly, Elijah Coffee.

I was told that George Coffee had eight or more children, and that Waln Coffee Sr., my grandfather, was one of the youngest. My own father, Waln Jr., was an only

child--son of Waln Sr. and Annie Ray. Annie's family was in Cartersville Georgia.

I am fairly sure that Starling, George, Waln Sr., and Waln Jr., were all born in Georgia, and that Waln Jr. was born in 1924.

The following is a completely anecdotal and unproven paternal history I remember being told as a child, mostly stories told by my paternal grandmother, Annie Ray. Elijah, or some ancestor of Starling, moved into north Georgia during the period immediately following President Jackson's expulsion of the Cherokee nation from that region. The Coffees who settled in north Georgia, around Calhoun and Dahlonega, came from Coffees who had earlier settled in the Yadkin river valley of western North Carolina.

Of the "Calhoun" Coffees, there was a tale that two brothers, 15 and 17, were killed on the same day in 1864 while fighting skirmishers in Sherman's army as it advanced from Chattanooga to Atlanta. They may or may not have been younger brothers of Starling, who himself fought in an unknown Georgia regiment with an unknown rank. The family tales tended to regard Starling as an officer, since he afterward married well and was able to send his son George to college, and probably from a natural inclination to embellish.

A member of the "Yadkin" branch of Coffees, named Benjamin, supposedly fought against the royalist militia at Kings Mountain. The "Yadkin" branch of Coffees were descended from an original Coffee who came to the Virginia colony in the late

1600's, from county Cork via Liverpool. I never heard any mention of an Edward Coffee/Coffey.

Anyway, those are the only salient facts or legends I can recite. While I was born in Chicago in 1952, we moved back to Georgia when I was three. I grew up in Smyrna Georgia completely ignorant of the fact that my name had nothing to do with beans but was derived from the Irish sept O' Cobhthaigh.

I look forward to further correspondence with you and others in the hope I may be able to obtain a more detailed and truthful version of my paternal history, and perhaps meet and learn the history of distant relations.

Sincerely, Douglas Waln Coffee.

(I have clipped Fred Coffey, DNA Chairman's answer for space purposes) fredcoffey@aol.com responds:

As usual, I can't resist poking my nose into other people's family trees, particularly if their DNA says they are my cousins! (And, like you, I grew up thinking my name had something to do with a beverage.)

I did a very cursory look for info online, and I think YOUR link back to Edward Coffee/Coffey may be something like this:

Douglas Waln Coffee (1952, IL)
Waln Jr. (1924, GA)
Waln Sr. (1889, GA)
George (1852, GA)
Starling (1829, NC)
Elijah (1788, NC)
Thomas (1742, VA)
John (abt 1700, VA)
Edward (16???)

FYI, your grandfather "Waln Sr.", was born 30 Mar 1889 in Georgia (per WWI Draft Records), and died 22 Mar 1961 (Georgia Death Records). Your father, Waln Jr., was born 5 Dec 1924 and died 6 Mar 1996 (Social Security Death Index).

Found your great-grandfather George in the 1900 census for Calhoun County, GA. He was born May 1852, and his wife Dorn was born Sep 1862. At home are sons Carl, Don, Waln, Hal, and Tim, plus daughters Beth and Altai (?). Everybody in the family was born in Georgia, and so were George and Dorn's parents.

Found several genealogies on ancestry.com that take George on back to Edward, but the best source I found is the following. Suggest you click on this link, and trace the Descendants of Edward down following the above sequence.

<http://www.thecoffeycousins.org/Edward%20Coffey%20Project/>

Now, our DNA project has 9 tested people (other than yourself) who trace their ancestry to Edward's son John. However you are the FIRST one with ancestry traced to John's son Thomas.

* Betty Landers dclander@bellsouth.net, has been trying to find parents for Henry B. Coffey for years. She says that he shows up on the 1870 census with Mary Elizabeth Coffey and W.C. Delk. There is also a Benjamin age 22 and a Henry age 17 on the same Bedford Co., TN census. Also below them is a Thomas Coffey age 76 and Priscilla age 62. Betty originally tried to use papers passed by a relative

that had Mary Elizabeth Coffey connected to Henry Bradford Coffey, son of Rice but she no longer feels that this Henry Bradford Coffey fits with her Mary Elizabeth Coffey, who appears to be kin to the Marshall Co. Coffeys. Betty also has had no luck in finding information on Thomas Coffey except a transfer of property between W.C. and a Henry B. Coffey dated 9-6-1873. It mentions land of Thomas Coffey in the 18th district. Betty remembers her grandfather speaking of being raised in the 18th district.

Betty has passed our name on to Emma Bostick Abbott who is also working on the lineage of Henry B. Coffey. We hope she joins Betty in the search. Emma's email address is Napi3@aol.com

* Viola I Dyer, harvestm@toledotel.com, says, "I recently found several people on the Ancestry Website that tie into my husband's family, the Dyer Line. Matilda Dyer and another one, Sarah Dyer, somehow they tie into the Coffey/Dalton lineage. I would like to know how much the subscription is to your newsletter. I also found a reference to a book, Coffey/Coffee Cousins. Do you know if there are still copies available to purchase and if so, the fee for the book and postage." Can any of you help Viola?



CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

*Don Coffey, Coffdp@aol.com, wrote with some interesting questions and I don't have the answers for him either. I hope some of you can help. He says, "I'm hoping you can take the time to explain something Domhnall said in your Issue 109.

1- What or where is the Gaeltacht Area of Ring, County Waterford or another area.?

2- What the Boundaries are for West Cork Sept in Munster ?

3- What or where is the Midland Sept ?

I haven't done any research in Ireland yet and don't understand the terminology used. I would appreciate an explanation if you have the time. Thanks again in advance for your help. Don Coffey"

* Peter Coffey, peterlcoffey@gmail.com, writes, "My grandparents (Charles Coffey III and Betsy Willis) both did a lot of work on the family history but that was before we got this wonderful tool of the internet! I'm excited to see what other's have discovered. I have enclosed my history (the Coffey side at least), as best as I can recall tonight, I've considered entering the DNA pool, especially since I'm studying biology at UNC-Asheville and am interested in that kind of thing anyways. I love the website, and put it on my google page, and I'd love a sample newsletter if the offer is still on the table... My address is: 69 Beaver Dr., Asheville, NC 28804 Peter Lawson Coffey,

Peter's Parents: Charles Welton Coffey and Mary Burton Willis

His Grandparents: Charles MacDonald Coffey III and Ruth King Wood: Betsy Lawson Willis and Charles O. Willis

His Great Grandparents: Charles MacDonald Coffey (1894-1967) & Martha Lura Finley (1894-1967)

His 2nd Great Grandparents: Charles Daniel Coffey (1869-1950) & Meta Belle Critcher (1871-1958)

His 3rd Great Grandparents: Henry Clay Coffey (1841-) & Sephronia Tate Coffey (1841-1906)

His 4th Great Grandparents: McCaleb Coffey (1803-1884) & Elizabeth Collett (1809-1881) Daniel Boone Coffey (1805-1862) & Clarrisa Estes (1817-aft. 1860)

His 5th Great Grandparents Thomas Coffey (1742-1825) & Sally Fields

Abram Collett & Amelia Parks William Coffey (1782-1839) & Anna Boone (1785-1876)

His 6th Great Grandparents: John Coffey (~1700- ~1775) & Jane Graves

Squire Boone (1696) Sarah Morgan (1700)

His 7th Great Grandparents Edward Coffey (1670-1716) & Ann Powell (-1744)

**HOW DO YOU SPELL
 COFFEY - COFFEE, ETC.?**

We had several suggestions as follows;

Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com, responds:

Sometime ago I read Jerry Coffey's question on the internet about why Edward Coffey descendants changed their name to Coffee. Now, I see the question repeated in the newsletter.

In my experience, having

researched and nearly documented more than 7000 of Edward's descendants, I find no evidence that they changed their name from Coffey to Coffee!

My question would be why did Peter Coffey family change their name to Coffee? Wasn't it Peter COFFEY who was sentenced to transport to the colonies?

After Jerry's question appeared on the internet, I received a question from Sheri Kelly asking me if Jerry had a point. My reply, and subject of a subsequent blog, was this: I have noticed from time-to-time that some researchers believe that a few Coffey families "changed" their name to Coffee, or vise-versa.

A friend recently wrote asking what I thought about that. This was my response:

"My personal opinion: For the most part all of the descendants of Edward Coffey that I have researched in VA, NC, SC, TN, KY, et al, continue unto today to spell their surname COFFEY. Those few that have been found in records of those areas as COFFEE were mostly the result of clerical error, and not a conscious act by those families to change the spelling.

I have found some who were Coffey in NC but Coffee when they moved to IL, OH, etc. where the surname was not very common. Clerks, etc., thought it should be spelled Coffee and that's how the name was changed, but only in records, not in family tradition. Because Coffey/Coffee is a translation of the Irish Gaelic O'Cobthaigh, I don't believe there is any "correct" way to spell the anglicized version. I believe

current spelling in most families is by tradition. Some families who pronounce their surname as Coffee/ey actually spell their name Coffie, Caughey, Cowhey, Cowhig, etc.

I believe that the Peter Coffee family has pretty much retained the EE ending over the centuries. I have no idea whether or not he was literate, but I would suspect that he spelled his name as he was told it should be, or as it was spelled for him in his personal records created over the tenure of his life. As a result, his children and grandchildren continued to spell it that way out of tradition. I think the longer family descendants remained in a given area, the more a certain spelling predominated.

In my case, I belong to the Edward Coffey side, but from a Coffey female.

I'm unsure why my ancestors spelled the name EE. That's the way it is spelled in what few records left by my earliest ancestor, and how it has come down to me over the last six generations. I have since passed it on to two additional generations.

I have found some of my personal records (school, church documents, etc.) that were created when I was a youngster in which my surname was spelled COFFIE. Because no one in my family checked those records - or perhaps we're not even aware they had been created - a correction was never made. It is likely that a couple of hundred years from now someone researching my family will find those records and wonder why I changed my surname!

* Gwendolyn Pigg, ghpigg@msn.com, says: "I noticed that in both, there are cousins who get hung up on the spelling of Coffey or Coffee. May I share some insight on that? My grandmother, born 1860 and died 1950 told me that many of the country people did not want the "Government man" asking these questions for census and would hide from him. Rather than have to return to some farm, the census taker would get the information from the neighbor. This accounts for the discrepancy of spelling, ages, places of birth, etc.

Many, my family included, could not read nor write and never knew if what was compiled was correct. Some of the census takers themselves were limited by their literacy. Note the writing and scratch-outs on the census. Think of the many foreign surnames of the early years and how the pronouncing sounded to an Englishman. He wrote what he thought he heard.

My grandfather was Coffe, Coffie, Coffee and Coffey at various times in his life. It finally stabilized to Coffey in 1900. One more thing: when my sister entered school in 1920, her teacher told my mother that Valeria was incorrect and was spelled Valerie. I was named Gwenlian (mom was Welch) but the teacher said it was properly spelled Gwendolyn. So we became! Just take it all with a grain of salt."

* Jerry Coffee send a story from the "Your Abilene online REPORTERNEWS," dated Aug. 5, 2008. It's not a happy family story. We send our sympathy to Liz's family.

Authorities are not saying if foul play is suspected in the death of a missing Comanche, TX woman whose body was found Saturday in a brushy area in Comanche County. Elizabeth "Liz" Frances Coffey, 43, was found in the front seat of her 2001 Chevrolet pickup on a ranch near Proctor. Her body was sent to the Tarrant County medical examiner's office for an autopsy. Investigators are interviewing some people, but so far no suspects or people of interest have been identified, said Comanche County Chief Deputy Chris Pounds. Coffey was reported missing to Comanche police June 17 by her father, Charley Coffey of Brownwood.

Elizabeth Coffey was found by her father, about four miles from where she was last seen, police reported. The vehicle was down in a draw below a hill in the middle of some heavy brush. Elizabeth Coffey had rented a home on a ranch owned by Jim Purvis, of Midland, in the 3500 block of FM 1476 in Proctor. That home burned Jan. 14. She was living in Comanche at the time of her disappearance.

Jerry says that Elizabeth's ancestor was Rich Coffey of Coleman Co. TX. She is the daughter of Charley Coffey Sr.

* Kevin Coffey presents an interesting theory. He says; "I've got another crazy thought. Has anyone ever thought that "Anstes" was shortened from "Annister" or "Annisters" (as it is shown in some documents)? I could just hear someone in a Irish /Southern brogue saying Anstes instead of Annister much like

"spittin' image" came from "spirit and image".

In other words, maybe Ann was just Ann, named after her mother, and "Anstes" was Annister. Maybe some other documents and birthdates contradict this idea. I'm just intrigued by the name Anstes - and trying to figure out where it came from!"

Fred Coffey responds; "There may be an easy answer, but I can't answer without doing some digging into what we know about Ann, Annister, and Anstes Coffey. Edward Coffey's will names daughters Ann and Anstes. We have been assuming that the one named "Ann" was the one alternatively named "Annister", and "Anstes" was a different daughter, and one we've been puzzled about. Maybe "Anstes" is just a different spelling of Annister or Annisters? And the one called "Ann" in the will is simply named after her mother, and she is the puzzling one?"

(I liked this one. BC) "Then here's a really wild theory: Edward and Wife Ann had decided to call the new baby "Ann", if it was a girl. When it arrived, the midwife said "here's Ann". Then there was a second baby, and the midwife said, "Here's Ann's Sister". They thought about it a bit, and decided that made a cute name - so it became "Annister" for "Ann's Sister". No? Oh well." (Makes ever bit as much sense as Ann Essther which we have absolutely no documentation for. Also, in the past, I have had people comment on the number of twins in the Coffey lines. BC)

MAIL BOX

* Dorris Coffee of Enid, OK writes that she has a new great granddaughter, MaKenna Marie Gratz. MaKenna's mother is Mahalia Marie and her grandmother is Dorris' youngest child. (One of 9). Dorris said that her husband, Marion Coffee, passed away in 2004 from cancer as a result of Agent Orange from Viet Nam. Sorry to hear about Marion, but we send our congratulations on the new great granddaughter.

* Ramona Coffee will turn 88 on July 15. (Congratulations from all of us.) She is still baby setting a grandchild which she says is a great joy. She has given up gardening though. She says that the Peter Coffee that Jerry Coffee wrote about in the last issue sounds like their Peter. She enjoyed reading about him.

* Lillian Harrell writes that her daughter Alice Willett is really ill. She needs our prayers. Lillian celebrated her 88th birthday on June 22nd. We send our congratulations and wish her many more.

*Jo Langwell tells me that she moved before the remodeling was finished. It must have been really fun with carpenters working around her boxes. She also has a new job and is really liking it. We send our best wishes.

• Dr. Carol Coffee is very proud of his kid-brother, Jerry, who is the Coffee to whom I have thrown the genealogy torch. We agree that Jerry has been very active in his research. Dr. Coffee says that he turned 84 this year. Congratulations.

NEW ADDRESS

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Mary Kinnard, marynella@bellsouth.net

New Address for DNA web site –

www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA/

www.coffey.ws/familytree/familynotes/Coffey

ChenaultConnections.htm

www.coffey.ws/familytree/familynotes/James

Coffee.htm

DOCUMENTS GALORE

* Janine Ramsey, jeders2@fuse.net, has been really active in her search for ancestors of Mary Adeline Coffee. She has been gathering documents to prove every step and doing it well. She also has a web page if you are interested in seeing more at janieology.com. Going backward she has,

(1) Mary Adeline b. 17 Feb 1891 Polk Co. TN, d. 26 June 1920, Knox Co. TN. Mary married Simon Peter Angel, 19 Oct. 1912 Campbell Co. TN

(2) William Coffee, wife; Sarah Saleney Womble
Children: Emma Jane 1888-1956, Mary Adeline, Margaret Catherine 1894-1900, Dock Charles 1896-1973

(3) Levi Coffee, b. 1829 NC d. 20 Jul 1863 Knox Co. TN, (Civil War)
m. Catherine Kilpatrick abot 1852, Cherokee Co. NC

Children: Susan Malissa 1853-1944, Mary Jane 1857-1931, William 1858-1898, Adaline Ann Dorcus 1859-1910, John J. 1862-1920.

(4) Rice Coffey, b. 1802 Wilkes Co. NC d. aft. 1870 Clay Co. NC
m. Jane Medaris abt 1828.

Children: Levi 1829-1863, Dorotha Adeline 1832/5-1922, Wm. R. 1838-1850, Noah R. 1840-1863, Martha A. 1847-1926, Sarah 1848-1860 twin, Mary Melinda 1848-1860 twin.

(5) Levi Coffey, b. 29 Dec 1774 VA, d. 1850
m. Dorothy Edmundson, 17 Aug 1799 Wilkes Co. NC

Children: Rice 1802-1870, Mary Ann 1804-aft. 1880, James C. 1806-, Robert 1807-, John Collins 1809- d. 8 Sep 1864 West Plains, MO, Enoch 1812-, Keziah M. 1812-

, Eliza 1814-, Levi 1814-, Nancy 1816-.

(6) John Reid Coffey, wife Mary Ann Corss

(7) Rice Coffey 1766-1853, wife Sally Bradford

(8) James Coffey 1729-1786, wife Elizabeth Cleveland

(9) John Coffey, wife Jane Graves

(10) Edward Coffey, wife Ann Powell

MOSLEY'S QUARTER

I, Bonnie Culley, think I have the answers to my question (Issue 109, pg.2) of who was living on Mosley's Quarter and when it was sold. From information I received from Rev. John Chenault, Jack Coffee, John Taylor and documents that we have in some of our various Coffee/y books. Here is they way I think it all goes:

1. [Source: Vol. 9, Essex County Wills and Deeds, 1714-1717)

Just before his death (10 and 11 Nov. 1714), Edward sold 118 acres to John Barbee for 5000 lbs of "lawful sweet scented tobacco." The property had been bought by Edward from Augustine Smith and lay on the branches of Occupation Creek adjacent to land of Thomas Warren, on east side of Chickahominy Path, land of Col Francis Gouldman, to a "corner red oak and white oak corner to Mr. Beverly, his great tract..." [ibid]

Ann Coffey signed Ann X Coffey relinquishing her dower rights on 11 Nov 1714.

2. Feb. 14, 1715/6 Edward Coffey writes his will leaving his land to John & Edward Coffey equal to

be divided at their 18th birthday. All tenables, stock & bock went to Ann until she marries or dies. Ann marries Robert Dooling (Dulin) before Mar. 19, 1717 as there is a mention of Robert Dooling and Ann his wife on this date. (Essex co. Ct. Ord. 5, p.125)

3. The paper work for Edward sr.s land evidently had not been completed when he died as the record changes from the sale being to Edward sr. to John & Edward jr. On 16 Jul 1716 John Mosley, planter, of St. Ann Parish, sold to John Coffey and Edward Coffee [sic], planters of same parish, for 8000 lbs of tobacco, 200 acres commonly called Mosely's Quarters, in St. Ann Parish on east side of Occupation, a small branch of Gilsons, adjacent to land belonging to Tho. Button. Signed John Mosley and recorded 18 July 1716. [Source: Virginia Colonial Abstracts 1710-1714, Essex County]

4. Robert Doolin (Dulin) died in 1734 and John Coffey and Ann (Coffey) Dooling & Tobias Ingram gave security for Ann Dooling as administratrix.

5. Administration of Ann Duling's will 18 Dec 1744 in Essex Co. VA. On Feb 19, 1744/5 Annister Coffey and William Duling turned in their inventory. There was no total valuation. Ann did not leave any land in her will.

6. I think Ann Coffey Dulin, Annister Coffey and her son James Coffey and possibly William and Thomas Dulin were still living on Mosley's Quarter when Ann died.

7. In 1745 John & Jane (Graves) Coffey are already living in Spotsylvania Co. VA as they sell 100 acres "being part of a tract of 200 acres formerly called by name of Moseley's Quarter. One of the properties that bound the land belonged to Stephen Chenault.

8. July 15, 1749, John & Jane sell the last 100 acres of Mosley's Quarters. It is again listed as adjoining the lands of Stephen Chenault who Annister marries. Their son William Chenault was born Dec. 30, 1749.

(The transfers of land for John & Jane Coffey can be found in "The Coffeys of Wayne County" by Jacqueline Coffey Sexton as well as in Essex Co. records.)

COMPUTER NEWS

Reams Goodloe reports that he has the newsletter index complete through issue 109.

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

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

WEB SITES TO VISIT

<http://janieology.com/themccallaside/coffee.html> web site on Rice Coffee & wife Jane Medaris Coffee.

* Rev. John Chenault has provided us a couple of documents that I have not seen before. I thought that if I could get them to print in the newsletter, it would allow all of us to have a copy for our records. The Chenault researchers and especially Rev. John Chenault have a broadened our view of the Edward Coffey family in Essex Co. VA.

December 4th 1716. We the subscribers being first sworn before _____ of the justices of this county have inventoried and appraised the estate of Edward Coffey dec. As followeth.

12 head of cattle	15. -
18 head of hogs	8. 9
1 featherbed covering & bed stoad	3. 10
2 old beds and covers	2. -
2 chests and some remnants of goods	1. 7
2 coats and 2 _____ and a pair of _____	2. -
2 pairs and 1 yard of goods	. 12
25 pounds of powder	1. 5
23 1/2 of old powder	. 12
a parcel of earthenware	4. 6
1 box iron and heaters	3. -
1 faying pan and skillet	6. -
1 lot of iron wedges	5. -
53 pounds of nails	13. 3
1 saddle and bridle	7. -
1 iron _____	5. -
a parcel of old iron	4. -
_____ and buttons, pins and needles	5. -
1 tub and 2 _____	10. -
3 bushells and a peck of beans and wheat	8. -
2 old barrels and 2 old sifters	3. -
some bowls & _____ and table leaf	5. -
a pole saw & carving knife and 6 bottles	4. -
1 old tub and pail	5. -
1 _____	3. -
1 horse and mare	6. 0. -
1 saddle tree and 2 forms and 2 old bags	5. -
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Samuel Edmondson
Will Taylor
Nicholas Talcum

her
Ann A Coffey
mark

At a Court hold for Essex County on Tuesday of 18th day of December 1716 the within inventory being returned is truly recorded.

Just. Thomas Hermann Court Clerk

Provd by the oaths of the witnesses hereto in Essex County Court ye 10th day of A
 rded. Test. Francis Meriwether, Cl Cur

INVENTORY OF THOMAS POWELL

A true and perfect inventory of all _____ the estate, goods, cattle and chattels of Thomas Po
 aised by us whose names are underwritten on this 5th day of December 1701.

a _____ and Furniture	4.50
two iron pots and pothooks	1.50
one paille and piggen and buttons, and sifter flour tray, an old tub	1.50
one floor (?) bed and rug	4.00
his wearing apparel	2.00
a parcel of pewter and earthenware	2.00
a parcel of small boards	.25
2 yards and 1/2 of broad cloath	1.50
a parcel of thread silk, buttons and buckles	.50
one ell (?) of canvas	.10
one chest and old box	1.50
3 boxes _____ and a gimlet	.20
2 old axes, 7 old _____, and a frying pan	1.00
a parcel of nails	1.00
one gun	1.50
2 old bags and 12 bottles	.50
1 cow and calf	4.50
1 cow and 1 heifer	9.00
1 old box and 1 old tray	.30

15th 1702

fore me
 Brooke

Richard Good
 Robert Moss

sign

Will M Jones

ed by Sarah Powell, administratrix of Thomas Powell, decedent, whose oath at a Court hold fo
 11th day of January anno domini 1702 truly recorded.

Rec. _____, Clerk Court

COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION 2009

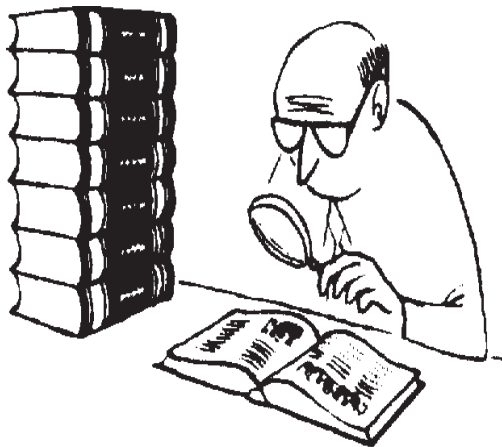
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Campsites with electric - \$22.00
(All have 10% tax.)



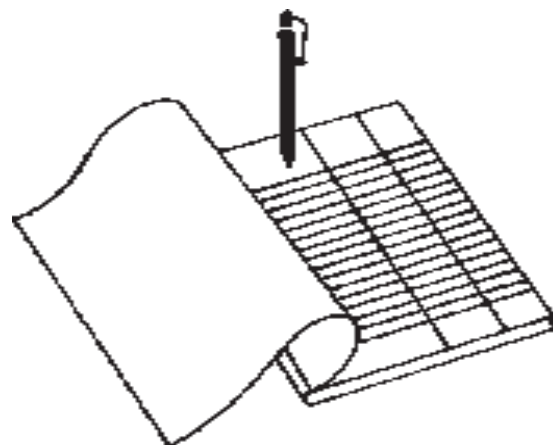
FACILITIES

We will have a 6000 square feet meeting room with lobby and restrooms in it. It will be available all day Friday and all day Saturday. This is where we will have our banquet on Sat night, a great Hot Buffet with 2 entrees, b plus. More on this in the next issue of CCC. Be sure to check it out.

PLACES TO VISIT

Danny Coffey is checking the times and locations for research in the libraries and courthouses of Russell co, Wayne co, Pulaski co. and Rockcastle co.'s KY all in easy driving distance.

A Natural Arch called Rockhouse. Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, and a great place to trout fish.



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John Taylor found this record and found it rather funny:

(John Taylor didn't go into a lot of detail on the rest:)

Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol 18, Acchawmacke (Accomack Co), 1632-1637:

"...a child was bruised, a woman called a whore, and more beatings, and one woman, wife of Edward Drew, accused of laying with William Payne and "young POWELL" while her husband was off somewhere."

"Elizabeth Powell: 16 Nov 1635: Thomas Powell and wife Eliz.; court case involving Wealthy Evans, wife of Thomas Evans. Evidently Eliz. was alleged to have beat Wealthy to a miscarriage and Thomas Powell broke in and beat up Reynold Kinsman, the "mate" of Thomas Evans.