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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

What a surprise to go to the convention and come home as president of the association! Thank you for the vote of confidence. We had a great time at the Lake Cumberland State Park. The food was very good, and lots of it! Thanks also to those folks who brought goodies for the meeting room.

Our silent auction and the chances on Bonnie's afghan brought in money to pay the deposits needed for the next convention. We hope to see many of you next April in Claymont, Delaware. The nearest airport is Philadelphia International. We are right off I-95, I-495, very easy to find. We have set up a bus trip to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia on Friday. We plan to drive to Valley Forge on Saturday and be back to the hotel in time for dinner.

Keep in mind that we need a host for the 2011 convention. Any volunteers?

Jean C. Mower

EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins;

I can't thank Danny & Glenda Coffey enough for hosting the Coffey Cousins' Convention. I also want to thank Ed Coffee for serving as President. He filled the void twice when we needed him, 1989 and 2006 but chose not to run again this year. Jean Mower was elected to fill the office of President for the coming year. She and husband, Wayne will host the 2010 convention in Delaware.

It was a real thrill to see so many at the convention this year. There were quite a number of new faces and many old friends. Even the rain couldn't dampen our spirits. Our activities were inside

I'm going to stay busy all summer just going to Family Reunions. I've been to the Coffey Cousins' Convention in April and a gathering of Jim's siblings that we do on Memorial week. Next is my Flanigan Reunion on June 14. (My maiden name is Flanigan.) I hope to make the Herman Leonard Coffey reunion in Bolivar, Missouri in July. In August my Willard/Hayes reunion is in Odessa, Missouri. (This is my roots to my Coffey ancestor, Elizabeth Coffey Hayes.) I'd love to go to the McCaleb Coffey convention in October near Blowing Rock, NC. You can learn more about Coffee/ey family reunions on page 18. Check it out. I'm sure you will always be welcome at any of them.

Fred and Kevin Coffey have donated a new book for our library. It's full of Kentucky records with all the various spellings of Coffey. It includes all of the families in the area, not just the Chesley Coffey descendents, so everyone needs to check it out. See page 13 for more information.

With all the work that Fred, Kevin and Cousins have done in Kentucky, we now need to put some effort into sorting out the Coffee/eyes in Burke and

Wilkes Counties, North Carolina. It makes a lot more sense when these records are put together.

When you get to your family reunions, cemeteries, and libraries this summer, be sure to share your findings with us. They are always appreciated.

Bonnie Culley

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Martin

 George
 George
 George
 George

NEW COUSINS

* Robert Coffey is a cousin that we are glad to have back "in the fold." He dropped out in the process of building a new house, moving and old age. He descends from Martin and Nancy (Hansford) Coffey.

* Herman Leonard Coffey jr and his sisters Winnie, Pat and Donna became new subscribers to the newsletter at the Coffey Convention in Kentucky. Herman's email address is bolivarofficeexpress@alltel.net. It was such a pleasure meeting them and hope we get to see them often.

Shirley Dawson sent their lineage and says that it is open to additions and corrections... Hope others will join them in completing this line. Numbers denote generations.

1. George & Margaret (Rucker) Coffey

2. Thomas Coffey md. Mary "Polly" Hipshire

a) Gilbert Coffey b. 5 June 1834, d. 3 Jun 1915 Wishart, Polk Co. Mo.

2nd md. Martha "Mattie" Simmons

Children all born Polk Co. MO
 a) Henderson b. Aug 1859, d. 15 Nov 1925 Marion Co. OR
 b) THOMAS CIMEON b. 22 Oct. 1861, d. 2 Oct 1924 Polk Co. MO
 c) Mary J. b. abt. 1863
 d) Amanda Eveline "Maude" b. 23 Sept 1865, d. 6 May 1946
 e) Alfred b. abt 1868
 f) William Ira b. 15 Dec 1870 d. 15 Nov 1871 Polk Co. MO
 g) Austin b. abt 1871
 h) Lloyd L. b. 28 Oct 1874 d. 14 Nov 1871 Polk Co. MO
 i) James O.. b. abt 1875 d. Aug 1875
 j) Fannie b. Aug 1879
 k) Allie b. 30 Sept 1885, d. 27 Jan 1886

3. Thomas Cimeon Coffey md 1st Sarah Alice Combs

Children:

a) Alta Lou b. 1 Jan 1888
 b) WILLIAM LEONARD b. 28 Aug 1888, d. 16 Jun 1963
 c) Nettie b. abt 1889
 d) Ernest H. b. 16 Mar 1891, d. Feb 1978

2nd md Mahalia Luvenia Crain
 Children

a) Girtha "Gus" b. 19 Sep 1892, d. 21 Jan 1960
 b) Stella Luvenia b. 7 Feb 1895 d. 25 Jan 1965

4. William Leonard Coffey md 1st

Rhoda E. "Ella" Copeland

Children

- a) Itress b. abt 1915 d. 1995
- b) HERMAN LEONARD SR. "Wink"
- b. 19 Sep 1917 d 11 Jul 1979
- c) Thomas Eldon Green "Short"
- b. 17 Oct 1922 d. 15 Mar 1998
- d) Bonnie Omine.....Living
- 2nd md Ona Pursley (Need info on this line)

5. Herman Leonard Coffey md Pauline

Murry

Children:

- a) Winnie Lee.....Living
- b) Richard Eldon....Living
- c) Donna Sue.....Living
- d) Jimmy Allen.....d. 21 June 1991
- e) Patsy Ann.....Living
- f) Connie Jo.....Living
- g) HERMAN LEONARD JR..Living
- h) Danny Gail.....Living
- i) Kenny Eugene...Living
- j) Elizabeth d. at 2 weeks June 15, 1952
- k) Paul.....Living
- l) Teresa Diane...Living

OBITUARIES

PHILIP COLE COFFEY

Philip Cole Coffey, 71 of Lynchburg passed away Oct. 23, 2008. He was the husband of Mary Lou Hudson Coffey for 51 years. Born in Amherst County, he was a son of the late Flurow Lawton and Mary (Godsey) Coffey. He served in the Korean Conflict, US Army, 82nd Airborne Paratrooper and was a lifetime member of the Elks and Marine Corps League. He was retired from GE and was a former building contractor.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Terry Lou Blatchley and husband James of Huntington, W.VA; a brother, F. Lawton Coffey Jr of Lynchburg, a sister Phillis Laytie of Monrovia, CA.

(Amherst New Era-Progressism Nov. 13, 2008 - Ruby Leighton)

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

**Seventh Infantry Division
1917 - 1992 World War I,
World War II, Korea and
Panamanian Invasion**

By Bruce Gardner
& Barbara Stahura

Submitted by Jack Coffee

The book contains a brief bio of men who were members of the Division at various times in its history.

BERNARD M. COFFEY, (Bernie), born in Dallas TX in 1915 and a life long resident. Drafted November 1941. Training at Camp Roberts shortened by Pearl Harbor attack. 49th FA as a forward observer. Due to shortage of skilled first aid personnel, was transferred to 49th Med. Det. Early Boy Scout training in first aid and camping was invaluable. Action was experienced on Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte and Okinawa. Service Awards / Medals: American Defense, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Philippine Liberation, Marksman Badge, World War II Victory and Good Conduct with usual stars and arrowheads thereon. Discharged October 1945 as Technician third grade.

Bernie and Millie married in 1956 at the following year, in addition to their regular jobs, developed Coffey's College of Square and Round Dancing. In 1980 became consultants for this kind of entertainment. Son Wesley was born in 1960. Bernie and Millie retired from their regular jobs in 1976 and 1985 respectively.

* Lorel Kapke sent her lineage from Martin Coffey in February but the newsletter was already put together and there was not enough space left for this file. She is doing a good job of documenting her line. MARTIN COFFEY was born in Essex Co. VA on Sep. 15, 1765. He died on Nov. 27, 1867 in Wayne Co. KY.

Martin married Nancy PHELPS (still being researched) on Aug. 17, 1798 in Madison Co. KY. Their children are?

1) Mary, b. Sep. 16, 1799, Wayne Co KY, married Henry Meadows on Mar. 24, 1818, Barren Co, KY. She died Aug. 24, 1881, Warren Co. IL.

2) Martin was born in KY abt. 1804 (prob.bef this?)

3) Elizabeth was born KY abt. 1811

4) Nancy Ellen, b. 1813, Wayne Co. KY, married William Perry Meadows, Apr. 15, 1831 Barren Co. KY

5) Artemesia Coonis, b. abt. 1817, Wayne Co. KY, married William Kelsay, Sept. 10, 1835 Wayne Co. KY

6) Joel, b. abt. 1818, KY; married Permillia Haynes, July 31, 1836, Russell Co., KY married Mary Ann Mann, abt 1855, KY.

MARTIN COFFEY and NANCY HERIFORD were married Mar. 20, 1818, Wayne Co. KY. Nancy was born in 1795 Jamestown, Russell Co. KY and died 1875, Russell Co. KY. Their children:

1) James, b. Sept. 7, 1818, Jamestown, Russell Co. KY, d. Jul 27, 1897 Turnerville, Lincoln Co. KY, m. Martha (Patsy) Tucker, June 30 1836, Wayne Co. KY. Married 2nd Clarinda Estes, 8, 1879, Lincoln Co. KY.

Notes: James and Martha (Patsy) appear in the Russell Co. KY census on Sept 4, 1850, Lincoln Co. KY census on Aug 20, 1860 and Lincoln Co KY census on Jun 11, 1870. Martha was born 7 Dec. 1818 Wayne Co. KY and died 7 Mar 1877 in KcKinney, Lincoln Co. KY. Their children:

1) James Washington, b. Jun 25, 1837, Russell Co. KY, d. 27 Sept. 1840 Russell Co. KY

2) William Marion, b. Dec. 25, 1838, d. Nov. 27, 1890 Washington Co. KY, m. Aug 12, 1860 Casey Co. KY to Rhoda Holt.

3) Francis Marion, b. Mar 27, 1840, Jamestown. Russell Co. KY, d. Jan. 13, 1933, Soldier, Jackson Co, KS, m. May 25, 1865 Stanford, Lincoln Co. KY to Permelia Jane Hughes.

4) Moses, b. Aug 6, 1843, Lincoln Co. KY, d. Dec. 26, 1902 Lincoln Co. KY, m. Sept 21, 1865 Lincoln Co. KY to Katherine Goode.

5) Dr. George Alfred C., b. Aug. 27, 1845,

Russell Co. KY, m. Jun. 22, 1865 Lincoln Co. KY to Elizabeth Frances Goode.

NOTES: They appear in the Stanford Lincoln Co. KY census on Jun 3, 1880, Rowland, Lincoln Co.. KY census on June 2, 1900.

Elizabeth Frances (Goode) Coffee died Sept. 7, 1906 in Indianapolis, Marion Co. IN

Dr. George appears in the Wabash Co. IL census 1910 & 1920, widower in the household of his son Reuel.

Dr George and Elizabeth's children:

1) James D. b. Jun 28, 1867, Lincoln Co. KY d. Jun 9, 1934 Putman Co. IN, m. abt. 1886 Lincoln Co. KY to Sally Frances Russell, m.2nd Dec. 16, 1890 Lincoln Co. KY to Julia Ann Key, m.3rd. Jun 21 1899 Warren Co. KY to Lou Anna Payne.

2) Porter N. b. Jun 11 1869 Lincoln Co. KY, d. 1946 Milwaukie, Milwaukie Co. WI, m. Dec 18, 1895 Washington Co. KY to Nora Campbell.

3) Mila Lula, b. May 7, 1871 Lincoln Co. KY d. Sept 1, 1916 Johnson Co. IN, m. Feb. 24, 1890 Hendricks Co. IN to George Mallory White.

4) Georgiane, b. 1871 Lincoln Co. KY

5) Isalee Parthena b. May 8, 1874 Lincoln Co. KY, d. Nov. 25, 1941 Knox Co. IN.

6) Martha Lee, b. Jan. 22, 1877, d, 1877.

7) Emma, b. Jan 23, 1877 Lincoln Co. KY, d. 1900.

8) Reuel, b. Jul 12, 1884 Washington Co. KY, d. Nov. 6, 1966 Lawrence Co. IL, m. Aug 20, 1909 Edgar Co. IL to Mary Josephine Brown.

9) Robert L. b. Dec. 7, 1889 Washington Co. KY,

10) Evan Goode, b. Sept 23, 1890 Fayette Co. KY, d. Oct 17, 1973 Broward Co. FL, m. Mar 17, 1919 Jefferson Co. KY to Marguerite Ellen Basham.

11) Nora Lorene, b. May 1895 Washington Co. KY, d. Feb 11, 1972 Knox Co. IN, m. Aug 21 1913 Wabash Co. IL to John Wesley Clark, m2nd. Jun 2, 1917 Knox Co. IN to John William Beasley, m.3rd Feb 17, 1925 to Jacob Andrew Heishman.

MAIL BOX

Jeanne Bonham fell and broke her hip on 9 March. She was to have surgery to insert pins. Hope she is doing well by now.

Dead End Roads

* LaVonne Hoel, cdeano@Flash.net, says, "Please remember us to all our Coffey Cousins. Sure wish I could find, for sure, who Spencer Coffey's parents were. I think they were James and Sarah Coffey who married in Wilkes co., NC, but not sure. Please help LaVonne if any of you have any clue on her line. (LaVonne is unable to attend the convention this year for health reasons. She is still taking chemotherapy. We all hope that she is feeling better.)"

* Jeanette Lewis says that she regrets missing the convention this year as her family is from Russell co KY. Her family follows:

1. Nebuzaradin Coffey (1757, d. 1797 Madison Co. KY) - wife; Elizabeth Hays, (1760-1830)
2. Hayes Coffey b: 1793, Wilkes Co NC, d: Nov. 1860 Ono, KY bur. Coffey Cemetery, Russell co. KY, m. 7 Feb 1815 Augusta Co. VA (Staunton) to Mary Polly Burkett (1798 VA - 1860 Ono, KY)
3. James L. Coffey, (1826 Adair Co. KY - 1891 CA) m. 29 May 1849, Jamestown, Russell Co. KY to Susan Ann Bradshaw (1824 NC or KY - 16 Nov. 1899 Jamestown, Russell Co. KY)
4. Frances Cordella Coffey (5 Aug 1856 Jamestown, Russell Co KY - 18 Jul 1949 Ponca City, Kay Co. OK) m. 2 Oct 1881 Jamestown, Russell Co. KY to William Kurtis Elmore (1 Aug 1855 Russell Co. KY - 20 Apr 1920 Pawnee, OK)
4. Kellous Ottimer Elmore (13 Aug 1882 Creelsborough, Russell Co. KY - 23 Jul 1947 Albuquerque, NM) m. 19 Jun 1907 Slater, MO to Elva Elizabeth Allman (3 Mar 1921

Pawnee OK - 28 Nov 1967 Farmington NM)

5. Kellous Warren Elmore (3 Mar 1921 Pawnee OK - 28 Nov 1967 Farmington, NM)

Kellous is Jeanette Lewis' father and she says, "We all would be grateful for anything - even rumors, things only whispered, anything to help us find a crack in the brick wall we keep knocking up against. It's nice to be related to so many nice and helpful Coffey Cousins." Jeanette's address is 2201 L.A. Cann Drive, Ponca City, OK 74604.

*Linda Deppner says that the problem that she is working on is this:

"John Cleveland, husband of Elizabeth Coffey, wrote his will in 1778 and mentioned that his daughter Patty Smith was to receive the land on which he was living, and if she died or moved away the land was to be sold and the money divided equally between his grandchildren Betty and Austin Smith. I believe Betty Smith is the same person as Elizabeth Smith who married William Alexander in 1793 Albemarle Co VA. According to deeds found in Garrard Co KY, Elizabeth's parents were James and Patsy Smith, and her siblings were Austin (also appears as Augustine in some records), John and Mary. Elizabeth Smith and William Alexander are my 4th great-grandparents, and I'd like to prove that Elizabeth's mother Patsy is actually Martha Cleveland, daughter of John Cleveland and Elizabeth Coffey." Linda's email address is linda@psyber.com

* James Kinkead, jimkinkead@msn.com, says that his g.grandmother was Minnie Caroline Coffey born in Wilkes Co. NC in 1884.

Fred Coffey found one genealogy that claims Minnie Caroline Coffey was born 11 Jun 1884 in Wilkes County, she married George Washington Key, and her father was John Drewery Coffey born 1848. He also found a death certificate for Caroline Coffey Key, died 21 Jun 1967. It reports her Father's name was Druery Coffey, and her mother Sarah Wyatt, and her husband George W. Key. Fred also recommended that James visit Jack's web site www.thecoffeycousins.org for his connection to Edward and Ann Powell Coffey.

If you have information on this line, James would like to hear from you.

* Sheri Kelly, sheri.kelly@yahoo.com, asks if anyone has ever run across Charles Coffey, 10 and Claude Coffey, 6. They appear in the Knox Co., TN 1880 census in the household of Mary Richardson. They and their parents were all born in Virginia. It appears to be either a boarding school or an orphanage.

* Fred Coffey, fredcoffey@aol.com, says, "I've been working through the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census for Russell County, and the following situation is driving me crazy. Do any of you understand what is happening to this family?"
1850 CENSUS (RUSSELL DISTRICT 1, HOUSE #205):

4 James A Coffey Sr b: 1800 d: Apr 1857

+ Mahala Russell b: 1803

5 Anderson H Coffey b: 1828

In this 1850 census, James is Head of the family with wife Mahala, and son, Anderson. James is a son of Joel, who is a son of Nebuzaraden. That all makes sense.

1860 CENSUS (RUSSELL/JAMESTOWN, HOUSE #956):

5 Anderson H Coffey b: 1828

+ Mary Ann Wheat b: abt 1835

6 James L. Coffey b: abt 1852

6 Cyrus Christopher Coffey b: 1854

6 George W. Coffey b: 27 Nov 1856

6 William Coffey b: abt 1859

In the 1860 census, Anderson has left home and married Mary Ann Wheat and they have sons James, Cyrus, George and William. That is consistent with Jack's "Chesley Project", and all is well. (Oh, the census of course doesn't tell me that Mary Ann's maiden name was "Wheat", but Jack Coffee and a lot of other genealogies have it so!)

1870 CENSUS (RUSSELL PRECINCT 1, HOUSE #183):

+ Mary Ann Wheat b: abt 1835

6 James L. Coffey b: abt 1852

6 Cyrus Christopher Coffey b: 1854

6 George W. Coffey b: 27 Nov 1856

6 William Coffey b: abt 1859

+ Fielden Coffey b: abt 1843

6 Mary L Coffey b: abt 1862

6 Sarah G Coffey b: abt 1866

6 Elizabeth A Coffey b: abt 1868

But now it gets messy. In the 1870 census, Anderson is gone, but Mary Ann and the 4 kids from 1860 are still there. And with the combination of names it HAS to be

the same family. But the head of this family is now, one "Fielden Coffey" born about 1843. And here are three new daughters - Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth.

My thought is that Mary Ann might have remarried or divorced after the death of Anderson. but I can't figure out who this "Fielden is". I know Fielden and Fielding are common Coffey names, but I can't find one of the right age among those I have identified so far! Any ideas?

1880 CENSUS (RUSSELL/JAMESTOWN, HOUSE #164):

+ Mary Ann Wheat b: abt 1835
 6 Sarah G Coffey b: abt 1866
 6 Elizabeth A Coffey b:abt 1868
 + Fielding Coffey b: abt 1814
 6 Thomas R. Coffey b: abt 1871
 6 Moses T. Coffey b: abt 1873
 6 Aaron E. Coffey b: abt 1873

And now I get REALLY confused! Mary Ann is still there, and so are two of the daughters (Sarah and Elizabeth) from the 1870 census. But NOW the head is one Fielding Coffey, born about 1814! And there are three new sons, Thomas, Moses and Aaron. Now THIS "Fielding" surely can't be the same as the "Fielden" from the 1870 census, because the ages are vastly different. And, once again, I can't find a Fielding of the right age of known ancestry in my database! Does this mean that Mary Ann married for a third time, now to a mysterious "Fielding Coffey"?

And by the way, THIS "Fielding" claims that ALL the kids are his! (The 1880 census identifies

relationships, and Sarah and Elizabeth are shown as daughters, NOT as STEP daughters).

Or maybe the Original "Anderson" from 1850 and 1860 is still alive in 1870 and 1880, but he changes his name to "Fielden" or "Fielding" as his mood changes, and he's totally hopeless about the mathematics of age? Help? Fred

* Ruth Fish, rbfish@wtrt.net, writes, "I am trying to determine whether it was Isaac COFFEE, who was son of Chesley Coffee jr and Mary Baldwin and who was murdered in 1799 by the Harp brothers on the Natchez Trace. It is said that he was married to Martha MEECE or MEEKS. One online source says Martha Meece was married to this Isaac, and on another site a Martha Meece married another, related Coffee, in Pulaski Co KY in 1848.

If Isaac who d. 1799 was married to a Martha Meece or Meeks, can you give me any information about Martha's parentage? John Ellis of the Stockton Valley in Cumberland Co KY was in position to have married Isaac's widow. This John Ellis was my gr.grandfather, and his wife was Martha. I hope you can help me. Thanks very much.

The Harps killed between 20 & 40 along the Natchez Trace. A couple of names, other than Coffey, that caught my (Bonnie) attention was John Graves and a Dooley in the town of Edmonston along the Barren River.

COMPUTER NEWS

COFFEY COUSINS web site - www.thecoffeycousins.org/coffeycousins.html.
DNA web site: www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA VISIT OFTEN

COFFEY DNA PROJECT: If you haven't checked on the Coffey / Coffee Surname DNA Project recently, drop in at the following and see what's been going on: www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA

RUSSELL CO TOMBSTONES - PDF file at the following location. Examine if interested:

<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/FamilyNotes/RussellTombstones.pdf>

EDWARD & ANN (Powell) COFFEY - CD for \$10.00. Jack Coffee, 110 Lydia Road, St. Joseph, and LA 71366. This is all of the descendents that Jack Coffee has found, books & web, for Edward Coffey.

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE INDEX - CD for \$10 write Reams Goodloe, P.O. Box 9332, Covington, WA 98042

This is all 110 issues of Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse, 547 pages of index with 3,573 different surnames. There are 17 spellings of Coffey, not counting the 9 that have an "r" or "n" in them.

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CORRECTIONS

Fred Coffey says, "Just looked through the latest newsletter (page 17), and spotted an error: You said Danny Coffey was helping create our "giant database". While Danny, yourself and others have provided comments, it is KEVIN Coffey who has really dug in and spent hours and hours working through genealogies and census records to provide a substantial part of the work involved. Also not sure I would use the term 'reliable genealogies.' Hey, we can't even decide if one of the most central figures, Chesley, even exists! :-)" Sorry Kevin - Bonnie

Christopher Coffey, coffeychristopher@sbcglobal.net, says that he is almost certain that Marvel Coffey's first name was Asbury. (Story starting on page 8.) Jesse Boon's will has an Asbury Marvel Coffey. He could not be the son of James and Delilah Coffey as his age would not fit in their family. Marvel is likely a cousin of Smith and William. Marvel's children; Squire was born in Kentucky and Campbell was born in Tennessee. The Benjamin Coffey that signed all the bonds in North Carolina (and Marvel's marriage bone) was more than likely the son of Edward and Grace Cleveland Coffey. He was

an elder in the Church that Jesse Boon belonged to according to the records.

Lorel Kapka, lorelak@vom.com, (story on page 3) says, "While browsing through the newsletter I found I may have sent you a file that was sent to me. Some corrections follows: This is the Chesley Coffey line (not Permelia).

Porter KENDRICK Coffey (George Alfred³, James², Martin¹) was born in Stanford Lincoln Co., KY on 6 Nov. 1869. He died 28, Apr. 1944 Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co. WI. (The birth & death date for Porter and his wife Nore need to be verified as well as the death date for Nora Lee.)

She adds dates for their children: Lorena Coffey b. KY 21 Aug 1900, d. 23 Oct 1929 of TB

Bernice Earl Coffey b. KY 21 Sept 1897, d. 2 Dec 1954.

Lorel would love to hear from anyone working on this line or allied lines.

Reams Goodloe, reamsg@gmail.com, says, "I know at least two of Jean Hall's "corrections" on CCC 112 p.6 are not correct. James didn't marry and die 17 days later and have more than four children. Gracie' m. date is a century off." (These could be my errors as I had to type from Jean's letter. Hope Jean will write and give us the correct dates. B.C.)

DOCUMENTS GALORE

Obituaries from Camilla LaFavers, Russell Co. KY

REX COFFEY

Rex Coffey, age 46 of Glensfork, KY died June 11, 2006 in Nashville, IN. He was the son of the late Leland Leslie Coffey. Rex is survived by his mother, Imogene Grant and his stepfather Garvis Grant of Glensfork, KY; his wife Tammy Harper Coffey; one son Matthew Coffey; one daughter Leslie Coffey; one sister, Pam (Brent) Cundiff of Glensfork, KY. Rex was a deacon of the Beech Grove Separate Baptist Church and was the owner of Rex's Cycle Shop in Columbia, KY. Interment was in Grider Chapel Cemetery.

(Rex was gunned down with a rifle by Willie Paul Grant while Rex sat in a picnic shelter at his church on Sunday.)

EDITH COFFEY

Edith Coffey, age 81, of Mt Eden community of Russell Springs, KY passed away on Nov. 19, 2007 at her residents. She is survived by two daughters, Sandy Edwards and Barbara McFarland, both of Russell Springs, one sister Beatrice Wilson of Crawfordsville, IN; five brothers, Carl Bradshaw of Columbia, Arthur and Adria Bradshaw, both of Eubank, Clarence and Ottis Bradshaw, both of Cincinnati.

Burial was in the Salem Cemetery.

CARLOS BASCOM COFFEY

Carlos Bascom Coffey, age 76, of Jamestown, KY, passed away May 21, 2006 at the Russell Co. Hospital. He was the son of the late Cyrus Bascom and Opal Aaron Coffey, and widowed by the late Maye Cape Coffey. He was a retired

construction worker and veteran of the US Navy.

Surviving him are two sons, Gary Coffey of Lexington and Dan Coffey of Detroit, MI; three daughters, Carlotta (Bobby) Roach of Radcliff, KY; Diana (Dick) Hendrich of Atlanta GA and Deborah O'Bryan of California. Also surviving are three brothers, Lester Coffey of Jamestown, Bruce (Judy) Coffey and Milford Coffey OH and Daryl (Joyce) Coffey of Mt. Washington KY and a sister Carol (David) Holt of Jamestown. Interment was in Coffey Family Cemetery.

EXIE M. COFFEY

Exie M. Coffey, age 85, of Russell Springs KY passed away on Jan. 28, 2007. She was a member of the Bethlehem Separate Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Melva Jane Smith Stephens and Bryant Stephens; her late husband Onis Coffey, 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

She is survived by 2 sons, Wendell B. (Nancy) Coffey of Shelbyville, IN and Jimmy D (Rita) Coffey of Russell Springs.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

RUBY JOY COFFEY

Ruby Joy Coffey, age 73 of Russell Springs, KY passed away Oct. 16, 2006. She was survived by a special friend Lester Coffey of Jamestown; one daughter, Vicki (Jeff) McGaha of Russell Springs; three sisters, Mable Thomas of Jamestown, Mary Wheeler of Columbia, Morene Byrd of Granite City, TX and two grandchildren. Interment was in the Columbia City Cemetery.

WOODROW COFFEY

Woodrow (Woody) Coffey, age 86 of Carmel, IN (formerly of Jamestown, KY), passed away. He was a veteran

of WWII and a retired employee of Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Toody) Coffey and a brother, Charles C. Coffey of Florida.

CHARLES COLEMAN COFFEY

Mr. Coffey was proud to have hailed from Horseshoe Bottom, KY that lies under the waters of what is now Lake Cumberland. He was a millwright by profession, foreman during the construction of the Wolf Creek Dam. He was in the US Marine Corp. during WWII. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly sixty years, Francis Louise Dabney Coffey; their two sons, Charles Edward (Carol Sue) Coffey and Jimmy Coleman (Brenda) Coffey. Services at Jamestown Christian Church.

GERALD WAYNE COFFEY

Gerald Wayne Coffey, age 71 of Enterprise, AL passed away on July 26, 2006.

He served in the US Air Force at Ft. Rucker, AL and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Enterprise and was a Mason.

Mr. Coffey was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Wanda Epps Coffey; a daughter, Terri (Edd) Ellis, Enterprise; a son David Randall (Christine) Coffey, McKinny, TX.

Burial was in Meadowlawn Cemetery.

CHRISTOLA COFFEY

Christola Coffey, 82 a resident of Summit Manor Nursing Home, formerly of Portland, died Feb 12, 2006. She was a daughter of the late Rice and Carrie Conyers Twyman, the widow of Ray Coffey, a member of Pickett's Chapel United Methodist Church and was retired from Fruit of the Loom.

Mrs. Coffey is survived by one son, Jimmy (Virginia) Coffey of Portland and daughter, Joyce (Billy) Rodgers of Portland;

one sister, Wilda Bailey of Hodgenville.

Burial was in Columbia Cemetery.

* Joe Culley found an interesting Coffey story at <http://www.sfmuseum.org/bio/coffey.html>. Some highlights are:

ALVIN A. COFFEY

by Sue Bailey Thurman

ALVIN A. COFFEY has told his own story in the Book of Reminiscences, which can be seen at the library of the California Society of Pioneers, located on McAllister Street near Van Ness, in San Francisco.

We gather from other sections of Coffey's amazing story that he was born in Mason County, Kentucky, in 1822, moving later to Missouri with the family of his owner. Dr. Bassett had included him as his slave, in the party journeying to California, and Coffey used the venture as a golden opportunity to make money enough to buy his own freedom and that of his wife and children, whom he was compelled to leave behind in Missouri. By clever ruse, his owner took the first money he made at Redding's Diggings, and the next year decided to return with Coffey, via New Orleans to Missouri. He died October 2, 1902 in Beulah, California.

* Connie Fry, confry1@insightbb.com, is looking for parents for NANCY COFFEE, born 1804 in Wilkes Co. NC. She married Harvey Storie in Wilkes Co. NC and died in Hawkins Co. IN early 1800. She has lots of information on the Stories that she will share. She would appreciate any help.

SOME OLDER VIRGINIA OBITS.

ROBERT L. COFFEY

Robert L. Coffey 79, of Port Charlotte, FL, formerly of Fairfield, VA died Wednesday, July 28, 1999 at Port Charlotte hospital.

He was born June 16, 1920 in Buena Vista, son of the late Henry Coffey and Molly Oliver Coffey. He was married to Helen T. Coffey and attended St. Maximillian Kolbe Catholic Church in Port Charlotte. He worked for many years at the Sigma Nu Fraternity headquarters in Lexington, VA before retiring in the early '80s. He was a member of the D.A.V. and veteran of World War II, receiving the Purple Hart.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son Robert L. Coffey jr. of Lake Suzy, FL; two daughters, Barbara L. Gray of Potomac Falls and Suzanne M. Wade of Lexington; three sisters, Georgie Henson, Audrey Staton and Joyce Coffey, all of Buena Vista. (The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA)

C.L. COFFEY

Clarence Loving Coffey, 80, of Buena Vista died Saturday, Aug. 9, 1997 at his home.

He was born March 30 1917, in Amherst County and was married to Charlette Holmes Coffey. He was a member of Buena Vista Presbyterian Church and was a longtime member of American Legion Post 126. He was a retired carpenter.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Ronnie Coffey and Larry Coffey, both of Buena Vist; two brothers, Henry Coffey Jr. of Buena Vista and Maurice Coffey of Madison Heights; five sisters, Buelah Edwards of Waynesboro, Georgia Stanley of Williamsport, PA, Elsie Coffey of Gladstone, Jean Hartless of Fairfield and Bernie Woolridge of Hampton.

Burial was in the Green Hill Cemetery

(The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA)

Free Book on Coffey Families, Russell County, KY

By Fred Coffey

As part of the effort surrounding the Coffey Convention in Kentucky, Kevin Coffey and I undertook to compose a "book" containing a tabulation and genealogy of all the Coffey families we could identify as living in or near Russell County, KY, up through about 1880. Don't expect to read exciting narratives - this is a tedious tabulation of names, sources, statistics and connections!

We worked through every census from 1810 through 1880, and also through a number of abstracts (e.g. tax lists, deed books, will books, court orders, etc) that covered the early years.

What we did is undoubtedly riddled with errors and omissions. But it may give you a start, and help identify sources you might explore as you carefully develop your own family tree and define its Russell Area roots.

This book is yours for free. However you have to bring your own notebook binder, paper and ink! In other words, it can be printed from the Internet. If you print it all, it will take about 150 pages. You're invited to visit the following:

[.www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo](http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo)

There you can read our introductory discussion. If that sounds interesting, you can proceed to examine and print all the "chapters" in our book.

DNA Project "Deep Clade" Testing:

By Fred Coffey

At our Convention, I had the

privilege of talking about our DNA project. And I mentioned that we were just beginning to do some "Deep Clade" testing. This is intended to explore the origins of the male Coffey y-DNA lines going back several thousand years. It places people in "Haplogroups", which each descended from older groups at various times.

This isn't going to help us attach names to our genealogies - we're talking about time long before family names became common. But it is interesting to think about our more ancient roots.

Two of our DNA Project groups have now been tested, and both of these do share a common origin - if you go back a couple thousand years!

One of those now tested is the one we call the "Edward Group". This is by far our largest Coffey-DNA group, and it probably encompasses most of the people reading this newsletter. It includes all the males who trace their y-DNA lineage back to either Edward Coffey, or to Peter Coffey.

This "Edward Group", on the Deep Clade test, can be labeled as part of Haplogroup "R1b1b2a1a2". Sometimes older nomenclatures call this "R1b1b2a1b". And sometimes it is called "R-P312", based on the DNA test that defines it. If you want to "Google" for more information, you can use these labels.

This group has a heavy presence in Western Europe, including a large concentration in Ireland. There is some additional discussion at our DNA Project Web Page, which can be found at:
www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA

A COFFEY GENEALOGICAL HISTORY

By Maureen Joan Coffey Donald and
Donna Beryl Coffey McDonald

(This is a story extracted from Maureen & Donna's book with permission. I think it potrays how and when this group of brothers lived and moved from North Carolina to Kentucky. It also shows that we should have more records on the other brothers from the North Carolina area.)

Issac Nebuzaraden Coffey was the fourth son of Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland. He was born in the King's Creek region of what is now Caldwell County, North Carolina. The name is of Biblical origin. Nebuzar- Aden is found in II Kings , Chapter 25, verse eight. He is captain of the guard of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, who sacked Jerusalem. In the US census the name is shortened to Ebum, Nebu, Ebem, Zaradin or Zara. In approximately 1780 he married Elizabeth Hayes whose family resided in the same area of North Carolina. He was a private in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War. He was a strong whig partisan who rode with his brother Joel under the command of their uncle Ben Cleveland. All of his children were born in North Carolina and lived in close proximity.

Nebuzaraden seems to have had a close relationship with his older brother Joel and Joel's family. He is named (along with Joel's eldest son Cleveland, then 24 years of age) as executer of Joel's will in 1789. Joel had his will witnessed by Ananias Allen

who was a neighbor of Nebuzaraden (and also of Joel) in the King's Creek area.

When Nebuzaraden made his will in 1797 it was witnessed by William Allen (probably Ananias' son), Cleveland (Joel's son, then 32 years of age) and Joel's wife Martha. Nebuzaraden in his will makes provision for his slaves Bert and Jack (probably the same Jack named in Joel's will in 1789) and also to raise the children Joel Coffey, James Coffey and Fielden Coffey. This James may be a son of Joel and perhaps the James listed as a child of Nebuzaraden by some. (b. 1774 23 years old in 1797).

All of Nebuzaraden's siblings eventually left North Carolina. Joel's wife and children moved to Kentucky after his death in 1789. Salathiel died before July 28, 1784 (intestate) in Wilkes County and his wife and children moved to Adair County Kentucky about 1800. Chesley Jr. moved after 1795 to Tennessee and then to Adair County, Kentucky by 1802. Nathan moved to Adair County, Kentucky then to Jackson County Alabama where he died in 1823. Mary also moved to Kentucky and then to Tennessee. The circumstances surrounding these departures are interesting. The Wilkes County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of 1784 cites a "riot". It appears that Salathiel, Nathan, Chesley Jr. along with John William Crosswaite, Joseph Strapp (Step), Nimrod Shenault, Elias Powell and Archelaus Coffey were involved in a civil disturbance in which Salathiel, John and Archelaus were killed. The court ordered Patrick Hambrick be paid

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for carrying Nathan Coffey to the Burke Jail. At this time Nathan Coffey disappeared from Wilkes County tax lists. Chesley Jr. may have lost his residence in Burke County and moved to Wilkes County at a time when Whigs openly displaced Torries from their land.

Chesley Jr. was married to a Baldwin from Burkes County, a family accused of being Loyalists. Indicted as suspected Torries were Joseph and Nimrod. Elias was a young Loyalist militiaman from Burke County who had served as personnel orderly to British Colonel Patrick Ferguson during the battle of King's Mountain. Joel, Nebuzaraden and Nathan were all Revolutionary soldiers. Although the exact nature of the riot is unknown it appears to have greatly influenced the migratory patterns of the family.

In 1796 Nebuzaraden sold his property and left North Carolina to join relatives who had settled in Kentucky.

Nebuzaraden died the year after his departure from North Carolina moving to Madison County, Kentucky.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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The Coffey Cousins wish to thank Danny and Glenda Coffey for hosting the 2009 Convention. When Danny Coffey told us that Lake Cumberland, KY State Park would be a good place to hold a Coffey Cousins' Convention, he wasn't kidding. Hospitality was exceptional at the State Park. Our meeting room was huge and met our needs real well. We had room for everything, library, silent auction, coffee and lots of goodies brought by the ladies who are such good cooks.

Danny had arranged for Fred Coffey to show how our DNA program has grown and what it is telling us. Fred was able to show the connections by projecting it on the big screen at the end of the meeting room. The DNA program has come a long way, thanks to Lorie Okel and Fred Coffey but as Fred told us, we especially need more Coffee/ey men to take the test that descend from the Peter Coffee line and the Hugh Coffey line.

Several of the cousins took advantage of Danny's list of libraries and genealogy societies in the area and used their spare time to do some research. I was told that the service at the local libraries was excellent. Our own library of research material was well used. It helped that we had plenty of room to display our books.

Danny Coffey welcomed everyone to the banquet on Saturday evening and led us in prayer. He then introduced Rickie Mann, a very gifted musician who entertained us through our meal. Dinner was served buffet style and no one went away hungry.

After the meal, Danny introduced Rita Popplewell Johnson, the Past President of Russell County Historical Society, former State Officer, of Kentucky Society Daughters of the American Revolution, currently serving as member of The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Speakers Staff and State Chairman of Project Patriot and much, much more. Important to us is that she personally has three Coffey lines of her own. As she said, "If you have Russell Co. ancestors, you almost certainly have Coffey ancestors. The Coffey family got here early." Mrs. Johnson had a lot of good advice in the chain of events that led to the founding of Russell County. These are the places that you need to research to find all of the records and history of Russell County. I was scribbling as fast as I could but could not keep up. I did learn that after 1780 Lincoln County Virginia has some of the original land grants. It later changed to Lincoln County, Kentucky by 1792. This was divided to become Green, Cumberland, Pulaski and Wayne, Counties. Russell County was established in 1825. She reminded us not to forget to check the Becker and Doss Indian roll. (Hope I have this right.)

Ed Coffee called the meeting to order and asked Danny Coffey for a Treasury report and asks Nelda Coffee to read the minutes for the last meeting. Election of officers was the next order of business with nominations from the floor. We elected the following officers, Jean Mower, President, Gail Bachman, Vice President, Nelda Coffee, Secretary and Danny Coffey as Treasurer.

Wayne Mower presented the plan of what we will do at the 2010 Convention. It will be housed in Claymont, Delaware with a trip into Philadelphia, PA. You will hear more on this in the next issue of the Clearinghouse.

No offers were made to host the Convention in 2011. Please consider making an offer at the next convention.

Silent auction prizes and door prizes were presented and Donna Coffey won the afghan.

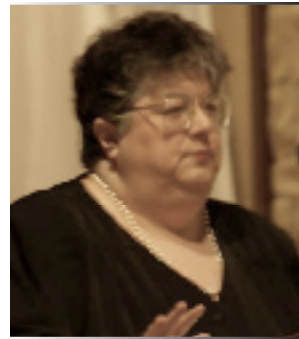
Not everyone signed the guest book therefore, I'm sure I have missed a few. I apologize for this and will have to make a better effort to see that everyone is listed in the future. Those in attendance were:

Danny & Glenda Coffey, Ed & Yara Brown, Janice Grider, Rich & Rasa Miller, Sarah & Pamela Poff, Charles & Pam Webb, John Coffee, Ellen Mohr, Marguerite Yates, Bill & Gail Bachman, Wayne & Jean Mower, Larry & Mary Coffey, Paul Coffey, Edward Coffey, Elaine Coffey, Stella Smith, Fred Coffey, Alice Coffey, Ray & Georgia Nell Coffey, Edd Smith, Marvin & Jeannine Griffin, Kenneth & Jane Richardson, Bennie Loftin, Bonnie Gill Kendrick, Reams Goodloe, Jim and Bonnie Culley, Joe Culley, Lorie Okel, Jack & Nelda Coffee, Ed & Phyllis Coffee, Fred & Carol Coffey, Jim & Cozie Brown, Don & Donna Coffey, Rita Lowe, Larry & Faye Starbuck, Carl & Sandi Hammond, James F. Coffey, Shirley Dawson, Howard Smith, Winnie Ball, Pat Steely, Donna Ahart, Herman Coffey, Camilla LaFavers.

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Danny & Glenda Coffey



Speaker, Rita P. Johnson

Musician, Rickie Mann



Jean Mower
New President

Winnie Ball & her
Silant Auction Prize



Class room & Library



COFFEY FAMILY REUNIONS

TEXAS COFFEE-COFFEY FAMILY REUNION is to be held July 17-20, 2009 in Amarillo, TX at the Country Inn & Suites. For more information on this gathering contact Richard Glasscock, 6328 Hampton Dr. Amarillo TX 79109. His e-mail address is lrglasscock@gmail.com and phone: 806-356-7699.

BOLIVAR, MISSOURI, COFFEY FAMILY REUNION – Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the home of Danny Coffey near Bolivar, MO. Meat will be furnished. Please bring a dish to share. Meal starts at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, call Danny Coffey at 417-326-4731.

RUSSELL SPRINGS, KY COFFEY REUNION – Aug. 16, 2009 at Russell Springs City Park. A basket dinner is to begin at 12 p.m. Bring your own dinner service – plates, silver, and glasses.

COFFEY+WELBORN REUNION will be held, Sunday, October 4, 2009 at the yellow McCaleb COFFEY house is located at the bottom of the mountain as one is in route to BLOWING ROCK, NC. Martha Carter Kirby, PattyCorv@aol.com can provide driving instructions. A basket dinner will be held on the grounds with a meeting to begin at 12:30 pm. It will be interested to see the interior of this OLD house as well as the COFFEY family trees and other historical items on display inside the house. It was quite the house for the time ...Sadly, it is in need of major repairs. (Chimney appears ready to fall, wrap-around porch a bit rotten, etc.) McCaleb Coffey was a descendant of Reuben Coffey, son of John & Jane (Graves) Coffey.

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