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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

By the time you read this message, summer will be over. We have spent 2 very cool and rainy weeks in the mountains of Colorado with our daughter and grandchildren before driving to Wyoming for 2 more weeks of visiting family and friends.

I'm pleased to report that my younger brother Donald Coffey has finally submitted his DNA and has been told he's related to other Coffeys. No surprise there.

In this bulletin is information about the 2010 Convention housed in Claymont, Delaware. We will be visiting historic Philadelphia to see where the Declaration of Independence was signed and the Liberty Bell was rung. We will travel to Valley Forge where General George Washington and his troops spent such a terrible, cold winter.

While you are here, you should consider staying a few extra days because there is so much to see.

Gettysburg is a historic site for the Civil War. It's a day trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty in New York.

The Hagley Museum where DuPont Powder Mills supplied the powder for the Revolution is nearby in Delaware. Old New Castle on the Delaware River is a 300-year-old city. How many of you know that Delaware was the first state to ratify the Constitution of the United States and is therefore known as the First State?

Delaware is also the home of tax-free shopping.

Jean



EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

What a busy summer we have had! Jim and I have attended four family reunions since the Coffey Convention. Jefferson City has broken records for the most rain we have ever had in July and August. Worst of all is that my computer went down for over a week in August. I had to buy a new hard drive --- but thanks to the new back up system that MAC has built in now, (Time Machine) I didn't lose a single thing. I just lost a week in which to work on the newsletter.

We felt lucky to be invited to the Coffey Family Reunion in Bolivar, Missouri. Danny Coffey (of MO) does a great job of barbeque and has an ideal place for the family to gether. Thank you Danny.

I have to apologize to a couple of people. I sent "DUE" notices to unpaid subscribers last quarter. Carlene Smith called my attention to the fact that she had paid in December. After comparing my computer file and my rolldex file, I found I had entered it only on my rolldex. I also found another with the same problem. I wish to thank Carlene for her help and appreciate it when any of you call mistakes to my attention. I do know that I am FAR from perfect.

Please take note that we have no new subscribers this quarter. We can always use a few more. Pass the word.

Be sure to take a good look at all the things Wayne and Jean Mower have planned for our next convention on page 16. All the things we need to see as good

American history buffs. WOW!!

Don't forget to send a query for things you are searching for and share what you have found on your family. That's what keeps us sharp and gets us worked up about solving a problem. Your cousins just might figure a way to get it done. I've been very impressed with some of the things they have done this last year. Every little piece is important.

Thanks for sharing,
Bonnie Culley

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Dead End Roads

* Connie Fry wrote, "I have been trying for years to find a family connection for Nancy Coffee... born 1804 Wilkes co. NC. She married Harvey Storie in Wilkes co NC and died in Hawkins co TN. I have her marriage license but can't find anything else on her or on the Stories. I am also looking for anything on Elizabeth Coffee who married John Scarborough in the early 1800s." Connie would appreciate any and all help. Her email address is: confry1@insightbb.com

(I attended a program that my daughter's mother-in-law gave on "The use of herbs as medicine in the Civil War." I met Connie and she also is looking for Coffeys!)

* Bette L Anderson, betteatj@juno.com, says, "None of us have ever met Lorie Okel but we have shared a ton of information with her. Her grandmother and my grandmother were 1st cousins. My grandmother's name was Catherine Coffee. My maiden name was Yates. Catherine (Cassie) Coffee was my dad's mother. She would love to hear from other cousins.

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**A COFFEY BY ANY OTHER NAME
MIGHT BE A COFFIA**

By Rick Miller, rmiller21@woh.rr.com

When I started researching my Coffey ancestors a few years ago, the only things that I knew about my great grandmother Rosa Coffey (1880-1914) was that she was born in Tennessee, died young leaving behind seven small children, two of whom quickly followed her, and that she was buried in Tushka, Atoka, Oklahoma.

Not longer after I started researching, Bennie Coffey Loftin found me and helped me put the pieces of the puzzle together. Thanks to her fieldwork in funeral records and obituaries, we quickly established that Rosa was the daughter of Jasper Newton Coffey (1854-1915) and Ruth Jane (Shell) Coffey (1861-1940), and that Jasper Newton was the son of William Carrol Coffey (1824 - ?) and Martha Jane (Jordan) Coffey (1831 - ?).

Working through census records, World War I draft registrations, and the Edward Coffey Project, I was able to fill in the rest of the children and descendents of Jasper Newton and Ruth Jane Coffey. In the process, I made contact with Jack Coffee and he helped me sort the rest of the family out and find them where they were lurking under unusual spellings in the records.

The family, including all but the oldest daughter, Martha who was already married and who stayed in Tennessee, left Grainger County, Tennessee about 1901. They lived in a couple of places in Texas before settling in Tusk in

the Choctaw Nation around 1903-04.

The census takers worked their usual magic with the Coffey name, recording it variously as Coffey, Coffee, Coffie and occasionally even Coffey. But then something odd happened. On their World War I draft registrations and on the 1920 census, Jasper's sons, Charley C (1886-1952), Frank (1891-1928), Willis (1891-1964), Wiley C (1893-1968), and Stoke (1899-1975) all gave their last names as Coffia. Frank died in 1928 and is buried under the Coffey name. Willis and Stoke returned to the Coffey spelling by the 1930 census and that is the name they are buried under. But Charley C and Wiley C retained the Coffia spelling for the rest of their lives. Here were five sons of the same father who didn't agree on what their last name was. Charley and Wiley's descendents live today in Oklahoma and in California, and they all spell the name Coffia.

As I continued my research, I made contact with Charley C Coffia's daughter Alphialee Yarbrough and with Stoke's daughter Sydney Marie "Ree" Upjohn. Alphialee confirmed that the names were different, but she didn't really know why. But Ree had a story about it. She said that her father Stoke told her that about 1912 all of his older brothers went to Arkansas to visit relatives, and when they returned, they were all spelling the last name Coffia. Stoke had always thought that the name was spelled Coffey, but he figured his older brothers knew better than he did, so he adopted the Coffia spelling too. But years later, he found in the family Bible that the name was spelled Coffey, so he went back to

that spelling, as did his brothers Frank and Willis. Ree said that Stoke speculated that his brothers might have gotten into trouble while they were in Arkansas and had changed their last names to throw off the pursuit.

Recently, I found another Coffia family in Kiowa County, Oklahoma, and I wondered if and how they might be related to my Coffia cousins. I thought that with that odd spelling they must surely be fairly closely related. The father, William P. Coffia, was born in Tennessee in Feb 1878 and died in Hobart, Kiowa, Oklahoma in 1948. His wife, Ida Pearl Riley, was born 3 Apr 1895 in Owen County, Kentucky and died in Oklahoma City in April 1975. Both of them are buried in the Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, Kiowa, Oklahoma. I identified their children as Mildred (1917-?), Samuel Homer (1919-1988), Theda (1923 -) Lucette (1925 - ?), Imogene Margaret (1926 - ?), Robert (1928 -) William James "Billie" (1929-1981), and Pat Leroy (1933-2007).

After some more research I establish that William P. Coffia's parents were Perry Coffia, born 14 June 1856 in Hancock County, Tennessee, died 1926 in Spring Hill, Johnson, Kansas; and Nancy Mayes, born April 1857 in Tennessee, date of death as yet unknown. I located the family in Sturgeon, Jackson co, Kentucky on the 1880 census and in Spring Hill co, Kansas, on the 1895, 1905 and 1915 Kansas state censuses and the 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 federal censuses. In addition to William P. Coffia, the other children were Nora (1882 - ?), Thomas (1883-1921), Vernia (a son despite the

name, 1887 - ?), and Walter Homer (1889-1945). The three oldest children were born in Tennessee, and Vernia and Walter Homer were born in Bolton, Harrison co., Missouri.

I knew that my ggg.grandpa William Carrol and Martha Jane Coffey had a son named Perry who was born abt 1855. Could this Perry Coffia be the same person? Luckily, I found an obituary for Perry Coffia online, which gave his parents' names as Carrol and Jane Coffia. Bingo! Perry Coffia was the brother of my gg.grandfather Jasper Newton Coffey.

I think that Perry Coffia might be the original source of that spelling of the name. His last name is given as Coffey on the 1860 and 1870 censuses in Hancock County, Tennessee. It is given as Coffee on the 1880 census in Kentucky. But from the 1895 Kansas census on, he is consistently spelling his name as Coffia.

So it seems that all the Coffias living today in Oklahoma, Kansas and California are really my Coffey cousins. There are also Coffia families listed in Georgia and Alabama. I wonder what the story is behind them.

Reams Goodloe, our indexer, wanted to know the parents of Verdie Mae (Flowers) Coffey Crowder. We printed her obituary in the June edition of C.C.C. Bennie Loftin had sent us the obituary and she furnished the following lineage for Verdie's first husband's family. She was married to Theodore Roosevelt Coffey Sr.. The lineage is as follows:

1. EDWARD - 2. JOHN - 3. BENJAMIN

4. GEORGE COFFEY 1782 - 1860 m MARGARET RUCKER 1787 - 1860
5. ELIJAH COFFEY b.ca 1819 m REBECCA SHOCKLEY b.ca 1820
6. GEORGE COFFEY 1847 - 1946 m MARTHA M. JOHNSON 1846 - 1922
7. JOHN HENRY COFFEY 1874 - 1920 m SARAH HARVILLE 1876 - 1974
8. GEORGE COFFEY 1895 - 1933 m WINNIE TABOR 1897 - 1992
9. THEODORE ROOSEVELT COFFEY SR 1920 - 2005 m VERDIE M. FLOWERS 1923 - 2008
10. THEODORE ROOSEVELT COFFEY JR ca 1955 living CA m VIOLET _____

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COUSIN helping COUSIN

Radford Reams Goodloe helps Ruth Fish with her inquiry in Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse, issue 113 p.8.

The answer to the questions in the first paragraph is yes. Isaac Coffey who m. Martha Meece was the son of Chesley Coffey Jr. and was the one murdered by the Harp brothers. See CCC # 23 p.13. However I could find no info on Martha's family or a second marriage.

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OBITUARIES**MARY ELLEN (COFFEY) DICKENSON**

Mary Ellen passed away July 25 at Rochelle Rehab & Healthcare Center, KS, Born Feb. 17, 1937 in Alma, KS, daughter of Joseph and Hazel (Kietzmann) Eagan, Attended schools in Topeka, KS, Employed by Amoco Oil, Rochelle terminal, retiring in 1999. Was a member of the VFW and WOTM 438. Married L.R. (Tex) Dickenson on March 25, 1988. He preceded her in death. Survivors include, daughter, Jane (Joe) Redcliff of Rochelle, IL; son Richard (Tesia) Coffey of LaCygne, KS; brother, Steve (Nancy) Eagan and John (Pam) Eagan of Topeka, KS; seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Tim Coffey; and a sister, Margaret Hinson. (Topeka Capital Journal, Aug 2009)

JOE WILLIAM COFFEE

Joe William Coffee, an Edmond, OK resident, was born August 11, 1943 in Coalgate, OK to Jay Arthur and Ida (Graham) Coffee. He passed away, August 17, 2009 at Ft. Sill, OK, age 66 years. He attended school in Coalgate, graduating in 1962 and was a construction worker. Joe married Maxine Nichols on June 17, 1962 in Coalgate. He is survived by his wife of the home, and son. Anthony William Coffee and wife Linda, grandchildren; Kasondra, Nikkolas, Steffan, and Isabelle Coffee all of Edmond; brothers, Carl Coffee and wife Kathy of Coalgate, Ronald Coffee

and wife Sharon of Pauls Valley, OK; sisters, Hazel Leonard of Stafford, KS, and Juanita Watson and husband Jerry of Linden, TX, Wanda Jones of Oklahoma City, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Edith Brannon. Interment will be in the Coalgate Cemetery.

(Bennie Loftin says, "This Coffee family came to Oklahoma from Alabama. His cousin, Mary (Lemons) Isom is my neighbor. His grandparents were John Coffey b. 1817 SC and Martha Epperson, Coffey.")

MARY KATHERINE WILLIAMS

Mary Katherine Williams, CPS, died Aug 11, 2009 in Morrilton, AR. She was born in Russellville, AR April 9, 1929. She was preceded by her parents, Lamar and Mary Pearl (Kendrick) Williams, twin sisters, Cleotha Hallman (Dibbrell), and brothers Junior and Don.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 25 years, Archie E. Dalton, brother Raymond E Williams, Sr (Rose). sisters Cleve Glutamine Williams and Imagine Himmler (Gilbert), and two stepsons, Kenneth and Robert Dalton.

Mary was a Life member of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), a long time member of Beta Sigma Phi, a former president of the Capital Chapter, Office Professionals International, in Washington, DC, and a former member of the governing council of

the District of Columbia before it gained semi-independent status.

Mary worked as an executive secretary for the Department of the Army at the Pentagon, supporting a series of general officers in research, development and acquisition, for 37 years. Burial was at the Adam Valley cemetery,

Archie added a personal eulogy; Mary K and I square danced in all 50 states.

A baseball fanatic, we watched a game in some 30 major league parks.

We had established two other goals:

a. Fishing in every state with few accomplished

b. Water skiing in every state with none accomplished. Perhaps I will try some of it, imagining that Mary K is riding on the back, arms around me.

Mary K could be serious enough to conduct a good meeting and could giggle with the silliest of us.

MAIL BOX

Joe Langwell had total hip replacement in early July. She expected to be away from home for some time. We hope that she is up and walking without pain by now.

I.V. Crawford has been in medical facilities for four and a half months this last year. She says that she has a tumor that makes it hard for her to write. She is back home but could still use our prayers that her health improves. We hope she is doing well.

CORRECTIONS

Jack Coffey forwarded us a note from Sue Ikerd, pikerd@webound.com.

She says, "I'm sure you agree with me that it is important to have accurate information. On your website (and our newsletter) it states, "Marvin Coffey wrote that the children of Reuben and Sally are not entirely agreed upon." Perhaps this is one of the disagreements. A Thomas Coffey may well have been the son of Reuben Coffey but not Thomas Caffey who married Sarah Stokes with the children listed."

"The attachment of Thomas Caffey to the Coffey line is the one I am questioning. I have researched this family for over 26 years and had a great deal of help from others who have researched the Caffey's longer than I have. The misinformation connecting the Coffey line to our Caffey line has been out there for years and I have tried to correct it before. Our Caffey's are mainly in the Guildford-Rockingham counties of North Carolina where the Coffey line seems to be in the Wilkes Co. area."

Reasons I believe Michael is the father of Thomas and not the son of Reuben Coffey:

1. Thomas's parents were born; father Maryland; mother North Carolina, name usually spelled Caffey; named son Michael.
2. Michael was born in Maryland;

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name usually spelled Caffey.

3. Thomas's wife's mother was a Chilcuitt from Maryland.

4. Hooper Caffey, grandson of Michael, married a Chilcuitt.

5. John Stokes, who married Jane Guerrin, was a brother of Sarah Stokes, wife of Thomas Caffey.

6. Hooper Caffey was Bondsman for John Stokes and Jane Gerrin 1814.

7. Thomas incurred debt to James Walker 1817 in Rockingham Co.

NC (I have an original paper with this info and dates). Old family letter states family came to Tennessee in 1824 from North Carolina.

8. Thomas lived in Guilford Co. North Carolina in 1821; appointed Brother-in-law James to recover the inheritance from deceased mother of Rockingham Co. NC.

9. Stokes, Caffey's, McElroy's, Flacks, Patricks, Averetts, all lived in the same general area in Guilford Co. NC and are all connected by marriage. The June 23, 1804 will of Michael Caffey, probated Nov. 1810 in Rockingham Co. NC, lists wife Margaret, sons Michael, Robert, Thomas, John, and daughters Sophia, Mary, and Margaret.

Executors were Wife Margaret and son John. Witnesses were W. Payne, Waiter Good, and Charity Payne.

The documentation that Sue sends should be interesting not only to me, but to other descendants of Reuben. Jack

(We might ALL want to correct our James Bluford Coffey books by

2008

Marvin Coffey on this one, found on page 20 of "Supplement to James B. Coffey, Vol. 2 Ancestors."

COMPUTER NEWS

COFFEY COUSINS' web site, <http://www.thecoffeycousins.org/coffeecousins.html>

COFFEY DNA PROJECT:

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

RUSSELL CO TOMBSTONES - PDF file at the following location. :
<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/FamilyNotes/RussellTombstones.pdf>

EDWARD & ANN (Powell) COFFEY - CD for \$10. Jack Coffee, 308 Summer Ridge Loop, Sunset, LA 70584. This is all of the descendents Jack has found, books, & web for Edward Coffey

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE INDEX- CD for \$10. Write Reams Goodloe, PO Box 9332, Covington, WA 98943
This is all 113 issues of Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse. Reams says that there are 17 spellings of Coffey, not counting the 9 that have an "r" or "n" in them.

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE- saved to CD. Issues 1 to 33 - 34 to 63 and 64 to 92, sold for \$10 each - Bonnie Culley

TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE - Database, Land Grants: www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/landgrant.html

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS hosts images of maps of many places in the world all over 70 years old and out of copyright.

DOCUMENTS GALORE

* Carolyn Eigel sent a Bio of a professional baseball player Joseph Todd Coffey, born 9, 1980 in Forest City, NC. A graduate of Chase High School in Forrest City. His grandfather, A. T. Coffey jr., played minor league baseball. Todd has played for the Milwaukee Brewers & St. Louis Cardinals.

Carolyn also sent an obituary for Todd's grandfather.

MR. A.T. COFFEY JR. 1925-2008
Forest City - A.T. Coffey jr., 83, of 159 J.E. Morrow St. passed away Thursday, 2 Oct. 2008 at White Manor of Shelby, NC.
Burial: Rutherford County Memorial Cemetery.

* I have lost address and name of the sender of the following tombstones. It did not save with the pictures of the tombstones. The cemetery is in Dayton, WI.
COFFEY, James T. 1904 - 1983
Helen R. 1914 - 1990
Manasek, Joseph A. 1935 - 2004
Janice nee Coffey 1936-2000

ASBURY M. COFFEY

Janet de la Peña dlpstudios11@comcast.net has furnished us with the following information. She is hoping to prove the connection of her Daniel Boone ancestor to be the son of Jesse Boone, and that information on his sisters will help document this. She would appreciate ANY information or documents that you might have. Rachel Boone who married Marvel Coffey is one of this Daniel Boone's sisters. We hope to prove

that Marvel is (or isn't) the brother of Asbury M. Coffey and son of Eli Coffey. Knowing more about Asbury M. might help as there is more written about him.

(all from internet)

Tennessee Tidbits, 1778-1914, by Marjorie Hood Fischer, Ruth Blake Burns, 2008 History - 428 pages - p. 64:

Coffee, Asbury M.

2 June 1828 was certified to be 21 years of age and of good moral character, on the motion of R.J. Meigs. (McMinn Co. TN, Co Ct Min, 2no#292)

Coffy, Marvel

With his wife, Rachael, sold land in Wayne County, KY, to Thomas Hutchinson of Ky, which was proved by Asbury M. Coffy & Jesse Boone. (McMinn, TN, Co Ct Min, 2no#310)

Copied from **McMinn County, Tennessee, Wills, Will Book A - Fragment, Book B.-** Complete, p. 196, Copied under Works Progress Administration, 1936 - Isabell E. Allmond, Asst. Librarian, N.S. D.A.R., Certified to be a true copy of the original record. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of May, A.D. 1950, at Washington, DC (Notarial Seal) Ida E. McWhorter, Notary Public: The will follows:

JESSE BOON'S WILL written on Nov. 23, 1829:

"In the name of God, Amen. I Jesse Boon of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee of sound and dispositive mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

"First, I commit my soul to God who gave it, and my body to my friends that it may be decently buried.

"All my property both real and personal that may remain after my debts are paid, I lend to my beloved wife, Sarah Boon, for her use during her natural life and widowhood. After her death I wish my Negro woman, Dinah, be freed and set at liberty.

"My land lying on Middle Creek to be divided between my sons Israel and Jonithan according to lines thereto agreed afore, - viz. the parts laid off for Israel and Daniel Boon to belong to Israel and the parts laid off for Jonithan Boon and Marvel Coffey to belong to Jonithan, the whole to be valued at seven hundred dollars; out of the property which then may remain, I give to the amount of two hundred dollars to Jonithan Wilson, Smith Coffey, William Coffey and William Gregg, which with a Negro man named Martin heretofore given to them and valued at five hundred dollars is intended as equivalent to the land all ready disposed of - then the remainder, if any, to be equally divided between Daniel Boon, Israel Boon, Jonithan Boon, Marvel Coffey, Jonithan Wilson, Smith Coffey, William Gregg and William Coffey.

"Lastly, I appoint Israel Boon and Asbury M. Coffey executors of this my last will and Testament, Sign, sealed and published in presence of us this 23rd day of Nov 1829."

Jesse Boon (seal)

"Witnesses: A.M. Coffey, John Thompson, Jonithan Allen."

RootsWeb: Bonnie Milam Johnson

Ancestors

Entries: 6515 Updated: Tue Nov 12 09:59:05 2002 Contact: Bonnie Johnson

Asbury Madison Coffey (Eli, James, John, Edward), born, Jan. 25, 1804, died, 1902, Knobster, MO. He married Mary Bradford Jul. 22, 1828, TN.

Welcome to Fletcher-Online
Leaves from the Family Tree: The Coffeys
 (exact Fletcher author unknown)

Col. Asbury M. Coffey, born January 25, 1804, Wilkes County, North Carolina; died 1902, Knobnoster, Missouri. Col. Coffey served as treasurer of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad, later moved to Missouri and was appointed Indian agent by President Filmore. Coffey County and Coffeyville, Kansas, were named in his honor. (Ed. Note: Coffeyville KS was not named for him.)

Eli Coffey, son of James and Elizabethson of Cleveland Coffey, was born March 1, 1763; died September 5, 1847, in Missouri; married Hannah Allen. In 1814 he moved to Wayne County, Kentucky, where his son, Col. Asbury Madison Coffey, was reared. Col. Coffey was born January 25, 1804, in Wilkes County, North Carolina; his wife was Mary Bradford, whom he married July 22, 1828. In 1826 he moved to McMinn County, Tennessee, where he resided until 1842, during which time he was treasurer of the East Tennessee & Virginia railroad. In 1842 Col. Coffey removed to Missouri. In 1850 he was appointed Indian agent by

President Fillmore and for several years was located among the Peories in Kansas. Coffey County, as well as Coffeyville, Kansas, were named in his honor. In 1859 he made his home at Knobnoster, Missouri, where he died.

**ASBURY COFFEY
DPA/SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EDITION,
June 10, 1969, p.H-4.
McMinn County Historical Society of
1969**

"Asbury M. Coffey was prominent in the early records of McMinn County and the town of Athens. The first mention of him is on March 6, 1827 when he was taken into Meridian Sun Lodge No 50. On July 22, 1828 a marriage bond made for his marriage to Mary G. Gradford. (Mary was the daughter of Henry Bradford who owned considerable area of the County near Columbus.) Jonathan Allen signed the Bond as security.

In the 1829 Tax List, A.M. Coffey appears as does Marvil Coffey. This Eli is the father of Asbury and probably Marvil Coffey as well. Asbury M. Coffey was named in the will of Jesse Boone, dated 23 Nov. 1829 with Israel Boone as executor of his estate.

When the Hiwassee Railroad was organized Asbury M. Coffey served as Secretary and Treasurer and was one of the men of Athens who personally signed as subscribers when enough stock had not been sold to keep the Charter for the railroad in force. He was very active in the affairs of the Hiwassee Railroad and after he left Athens in 1842 and moved to Missouri he heard of the trouble the

railroad was in, the officers being accused of mismanagement, he came back to defend his reputation.

**History of Johnson County, Missouri
published in 1881**

'A.M. Coffey familiarly known as Colonel Coff, was born in Wilkes county, Kentucky (This should be North Carolina – BC) January 1804. His father, Eli was a native of Virginia, emigrating to North Carolina in a very early day and in company with Daniel Boone, went to Kentucky. His mother was a native of New Jersey. Her father moved to North Carolina when she was quite young. A.M. Coffey was raised and educated in Kentucky. He is a graduate of Centre college, located at Danville, now Boyle County. In 1826 he went to Tennessee, where he married to Miss Mary Bradford, daughter of Colonel Henry Bradford, of McMinn County. Mr. Coffey's residence being at Athens, he continued to reside there until 1842 when he moved to Missouri and settled in Pettis County. Before coming to Missouri, however, he purchased land in Tennessee. In 1850 he was elected to the legislature from Pettis County. In 1851, was appointed by President Fillmore as Indian agent for the eastern border, of what is now known as Kansas. At that time it was very rare to see the face of a white man. In 1855-56 was a member of the council of the Kansas legislature, which was instituted by congress in 1854. Then following the Kansas troubles, Colonel Coffey, however, was an unwilling participant in many of them. He came to the neighborhood of Knobnoster in 1859 and settled on a farm. In 1873 the State Grange met at this place, and he was elected secretary of the State Grange, and has held the office ever since. He is also member of the school board, of which he has been president for several years. His family consists of three children – Mary C., Henry B. and Rachel, who is now living in Oregon. Personally, Mr. Coffey is above the average height, is pleasant in his manner, and is possessed of rare

conversational powers.

(Editor's note: As Asbury Madison Coffey was still alive when the History of Johnson County, Missouri was written, and probably written or, at least edited by him, we can assume that he did know who his parents were, where he was born and lived, etc. At this point it is still a point of conjecture that Marvel could be a brother to A.M. Past researchers do not include him in their list of children for Eli Coffey.)

DOCUMENT OF INTEREST FOR RESEARCHERS OF JOEL COFFEY

Wayne Co. Deed Bks 1801-1901 roll #590703

Kentucky State Archives

Wayne Co. Kentucky: Deed Books: Vol. B: 1811-1818 page 92

Coffey to} Deed Boone

This Indenture made this 4th day of February 1813 Between Joel Coffey of the County of Burke & State of North Carolina of the one part and Daniel Boon of the County of Wayne and State of Kentucky of the other part witnesseth that the said Joel Coffey for & in Consideration of the sum of Four hundred and ten Dollars to him in hand paid hath granted bargained and Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Daniel Boone one certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Wain and State aforesaid containing 76 and 79 pole more or less Beginning at a hickory in the Barrens running south seventy west Eighty Seven poles to a Stake thence South 30 poles to a Stake thence South Sixty Eight West forty Eight poles to a poplar thence South thirty five west twenty Eight to hickory thence North seventy East seventy four poles to a Spanish oak thence South Forty two East nineteen poles Elm thence South twenty west seven poles to a post oak thence South Eighty five East fifty three poles to the Beginning it being the upper part of the tract of land that the said Coffey bought of Blanett Cauld the Rypatch and he the said Coffey doth by these presents warent and forever defend the said land with its appurtenances unto him the said

Daniel Boon and his heirs or assigns and against the claim of all and every person whatsoever. In Witness where of the said Joel Coffey hereunto set his hand and seal the day and date first written

Test Joel Coffey (seal)

Martin Durham]

Polly her Xmark Durham]

At a court held for wayne County at the court house on the 15th day of February 1813

This Indenture was proven in open court by the oath of Martin Durham Polly Durham the two Subscribing witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of Joel Coffey party thereto Whereupon the same is admitted to Record

Test Jn Christman CWCC

Genealogy Terms & Abbreviations You May Find in Old Documents - But not in Your Dictionary by Robert Ragain

(extracted from Genealogy Tips, Harlingen, TX)

There are terms, abbreviations, acronyms and unique references that you may find in old documents and vital records. You may see them in images of the actual documents online or in a transcription of the text from a document.

Here is an example of a document transcription that has intentionally "overdone." Think about it first, before you look at the answers. Have fun.... "Thomas Seaver, occupation yoe, and his family ft. He was m/1 whose name cnbl. After being widr for two years, he m/2 Elizabeth Jenkins d/o Sir Harold Jenkins.

This has been op.cit. His elder brother, William was bp at Langham, Aug. 1749, and resided there until his m. to Sarah. The g.r. shows that he d.y., and the c.r. states that d.s.p."

Here are some genealogy terms and abbreviations you may see while doing your research:

- * abt = about
- * ae = age
- * b = born
- * bap/bp = batized
- * c/ch = child or children
- * cnbl = can not be learned
- * c.r. = church record

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(I found this story in one of Virginia Johnson's notebooks and thought it interesting. After all, the Dula/Dowling children are step brothers to our Coffey ancestors if you descend from Edward and Ann Powell Coffey.)

DULA FAMILY

By Capt. Edward R. Dittmer, USN
Recent personal research on the origins of the Dula family of Wilkes Co NC has resulted in a few surprises. This research has documented that the Dula family's ancestry in America traces back to Essex Co VA and that the Dulas are closely allied with the Coffey, Cleveland and Stepp families who also settled early in Wilkes Co NC.

In tracing my wife's maternal ancestry back from north Georgia to Wilkes Co. NC, where her maternal great-great-great-grandfather John Dula Kendall had been born and lived the early part of his life, I had been stymied for some time on the ancestry of his mother Mary Dula, who had married James Kendall in October 1795 in Wilkes Co NC. It is known that Mary (Dula) Kendall (c1775-1849) was the youngest sister of several Dula siblings who migrated to Wilkes Co NC from Virginia shortly after the Revolutionary War, including William Dula, Judith Dula (the wife of Thomas Hall), Bennett Dula, John Dula and Jane Dula who was married to John McMullan jr. However, determining the identity of parents of these Dulas had been difficult, mainly due to much inconsistency in the spelling of the Dula surname. The Dula surname is not found in early VA.

In William Dula's personal

deposition which he made in Wilkes Co NC on 1 August 1833 in order to document his military service in his pursuit of a Revolutionary War pension, he stated that he was then 77 years old and was born in Orange Co VA in 1756 and resided there until he was nearly grown, when he moved to Rockingham Co VA in the fall of 1776 and soon after the close of the war, he had removed to Henry Co VA where he lived for about three years, after which he moved on to Wilkes Co where he has lived ever since. William Dula became a prosperous planter with large landholdings in the Yadkin valley in Wilkes and Caldwell Co.s NC.

With the information in this deposition as a start, there should be some evidence of William Dula's parents in the records of Orange and Rockingham Cos VA of that period. Indeed we find his parents there, but not of the surname Dula, but rather having the surname Dowling or its variant forms Dooling, Duling, Dulin, Doolin, Doulin, Dowlin, Dowley, Duley, Dooley and Dooly. It is evident from a study of the Orange and Rockingham Cos VA records that the father of the Dula siblings that migrated to Wilkes Co NC was a certain "Thomas Dowling" who first appears in Orange Co VA on 28 May 1752 when he appeared before the Orange Co Court and made oath that he was immediately imported into this Colony from Ireland and this is his first opportunity to make oath to the same in order to entitle him to 50 acres of land in this Colony which right he assigns over to Honorias Powell. "However, further research in Virginia colonial era records leads me to

believe that this Thomas Dowling was almost certainly born c 1720 in Essex Co VA to a certain Robert Dowling (or Dooling) and his wife Ann (Powell) Coffey, a daughter of Thomas Powell and Mary (Place) Powell of Essex Co VA and widow of Edward Coffey who died in 1716 in Essex Co. VA. Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey were the ancestors of all the Coffey, Cleveland and Stepp families in early Wilkes Co NC as will be shown.

Thomas Powell first appears in the records of (Old) Rappahannock Co VA as early as 1656 and had married Mary Place, the eldest daughter and heir of Francis Place, by 1667. Thomas and Mary Powell lived in that part of (Old) Rappahannock Co VA south of the Rappahannock River that was set off as Essex Co in 1692. On 2 March 1700/1 Thomas Powell made his will in which he named his wife Mary and sons Place, Honorias, Thomas and William and daughters Elizabeth Salmon (wife of John Salmon), Ann Coffee and Frances Powell. It is believed that there had been another son John Powell who had died c1699. The daughter "Ann Coffee" was the wife of Edward Coffee who witnessed the will. Of note is that the son Honorias Powell named in Thomas Powell's will was the father of the Honorias Powell to whom "Thomas Dowling" in 1752 was to assign his rights in Orange Co VA court to the 50 acres headright for supposed importation into the colony of Virginia from Ireland.

Edward Coffey was married to Ann Powell c 1698 in Essex Co VA and they were the parents of six children before Edward Coffey's death there in late 1716. In his

last will Edward Coffey left all of his land to his two sons John Coffey and Edward Coffey, to be equally divided between them at age 16 if their mother should die, otherwise at age 18. He also made bequests of a cow each to daughter Martha Coffey and son John Coffey, with the rest of his estate to go to his wife Ann to be used by her until her death, but if she should remarry, then the estate was to be divided among his six children: John, Edward, Martha, Ann, Austin, and Elizabeth Coffey.

The eldest son John Coffey (c1700-c1775) married in the mid 1720s Jane Graves, a daughter of John and Hannah (Johannah) Graves of Essex Co. VA. John and Jane Coffey lived in Essex Co Va until the early 1740s when they moved temporarily to Spotsylvania Co VA and then to Orange Co VA where he bought land from John Foster, the ancestor of most of the Foster, Jones, Kendall, and Goforth families in Wilkes Co NC. But in 1752 he sold this land and moved to Albermarle Co VA where he died in 1775. His widow and most of his nine children moved on to Wilkes Co NC prior to 1782 and settled in the upper Yadkin valley in what is now Caldwell Co NC. Many of the descendants of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey moved on to Kentucky and Tennessee, but many still remain in the Wilkes Co area.

The next son Edward Coffey (c1702-c1770) moved early to Orange Co VA c 1737 and was married there to Grace Cleveland a daughter of Alexander Cleveland of Gloucester Co VA who had moved to Orange Co VA c 1734. Edward and Grace (Cleveland) Coffey

were the parents of at least 6 children and lived in Orange Co VA along (Big) Blue Run with other members of the Cleveland family until c 1765 when Edward Coffey joined his brother John Coffey and family along the Hardware river in Albermarle Co VA. Edward and Grace Coffey are believed to have died in Albermarle Co VA but most of his children also migrated to Wilkes Co NC at the close of the Revolutionary War, before moving on to Kentucky and Tennessee.

Martha Coffey, the eldest daughter of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey, married Joshua Stepp, a son of Abraham and Dorothy (Moss) Stepp of Essex Co VA, and they were the parents of at least nine children. Joshua and Martha Stepp lived for a time in Caroline Co VA, but had moved to Orange Co VA by 1744, where they both died, but again several of their children joined the migration to the Upper Yadkin valley of Wilkes (now Caldwell Co) Co NC, joining their Coffey cousins in the Kings Creek area.

Elizabeth Coffey, the youngest daughter of Edward and Ann Coffey, was married in the late 1730s in Orange Co VA to John Cleveland, a brother of Grace (Cleveland) Coffey. John and Elizabeth (Coffey) Cleveland lived on (Big) Blue Run, near her brother Edward Coffey, and they were the parents of at least eight children, including the celebrated Revolutionary War patriot leader Colonel Benjamin Cleveland. Most of John and Elizabeth (Coffey) Cleveland's children moved to what is now Wilkes Co NC prior to the Revolutionary War, setting north of the Yadkin River.

The remaining two children of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey - Ann and Austin - have not been previously traced. Austin no doubt died young after his father's death, since there is no further mention of him. However the daughter Ann named by Edward Coffey in his will is the "Annister Coffee", with a son James, who was identified as "my daughter" by Ann Duling of Essex Co VA in her last will dated 30 October 1744 and probated on 18 December 1744. Annister Coffey was the still unmarried daughter of Ann Powell by her first marriage to Edward Coffey, but Annister had an illegitimate child named James Coffey born prior to 17 November 1736, when she was indicted by the Essex County grand jury "for having a base born child."

In her will, Ann Duling also named as legitees sons William Duling and Thomas Duling. Ann Duling was the widow of Robert Dooling (or Dowling) who had died intestate in Essex Co VA prior to 21 May 1734, when Ann Dooling was granted administration of his estate. Her eldest son John by Edward Coffey posted a security bond for her administration of Robert Dooling's estate. Robert Dooling had married Ann, the widow of Edward Coffey, prior to 19 March 1717/8 as proven by an action of debt brought on that date before the Essex Co Court by Robert Dooling and his wife Ann "executrix of Edward Coffee deceased.

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Coffee/y Cousins Philadelphia Area Reunion April 22nd to April 24th 2010

Jean and I look forward to hosting the "Cousins" in Delaware in 2010. We have put together several tours, two of which will be done during the usual time period of the reunion. Another tour to Gettysburg Battlefield, which is optional, can be done on either Sunday the 24th or Monday the 25th. If we have enough interest I can get busses or we can car pool. It is about a 2 ½ hour trip from the Hotel.

The first tour will be a bus trip to Philadelphia on Friday, April 22nd. We will take busses due to the amount of traffic and the route to be taken. For a group of 70 people it will figure out to be the same amount as parking. If you are not familiar with the Center City Philadelphia area the trip would not be fun by car and then you have to pay parking which is about \$27.00 for the day. We will have trolleys to take us around a big loop to the various spots of interest. You can ride them around and just look or get off and on at the various points of interest.

We will leave the Hotel in Claymont at 9:00am. The tickets for Independence Hall, which are now required, have been reserved for 11:00am. This will allow time to tour the Visitor's Center and watch the film or to visit the Liberty Bell. After the Independence Hall tour you will be on your own to tour Independence Park. As I mentioned before there will be trolleys to take you around the Park at your own speed. Lunch will be available at the many restaurants in the area around the Park. Philadelphia has many unique restaurants to try, enjoy.

After lunch you will have the afternoon to tour. Just remember that the bus will pick us up at 5:00pm sharp. The rest of the evening will be free. Dinner can be had at the restaurant in the Hotel, or another in the area. The hospitality/ genealogy room will be open at 7:00pm or earlier if someone will act as monitor. There will be other events in the Hotel so we want to make sure that they do not abuse our room.

On Saturday we will leave at 9:00am to car pool to Valley Forge National Park. The drive is not as hectic as it is to Philadelphia so we can save some money. We will leave for home about 3:00pm. This will give us enough time to freshen up for dinner at 6:00pm.

For those who would like to visit Gettysburg National Park I can set up a trip to be taken on Sunday or Monday. We will travel by car pool or if there is enough interest, by bus. Let me know your preferences when making reservations.

I need to have the reservations no later than March 1st. After this date I cannot guarantee you a place on the bus. All bus reservations are non-refundable except for emergency.

Jean and I look forward to welcoming you to Claymont and encourage you to save room in your car to carry all of your sales tax free items home.

Wayne and Jean Mower

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Claymont, DE 19703-1420 Phone: (302) 798-3828

Convention Continued:

Costs/ further information

- The Hotel reservations will be up to you. I have settled with the Hotel to hold the room charge at a very reasonable \$69/ night, plus tax. The Hotel said they will honor the convention price for room extensions a few days before and a few days after at the same amount.
- The banquet will be a buffet with two entrees; beef and chicken or chicken and fish, The charge will be \$30/ person including gratuity.
- Breakfast will be available for \$6.95/ person for Continental or \$13.95 for hot breakfast buffet. Children's breakfast, under 12, will be about \$5.00, whatever the prevailing rate.
- The cost for the Independence Hall tour will be \$1.50 each; this is a fee for early reservations. The cost for the bus to Independence Park will be about \$30 dollars. There is a trolley/ double-decker bus which travels a loop around Independence Park. The price is \$27 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for children ages 4-12, this will cover the entire day, again I need the money by March 1st to get the group rates..
- As a point of information, the tour to Independence Park was made on Friday, because you do not want to travel to the Park on a Saturday unless you have to, too many people. We will still have some school groups to contend with. The early reservation of tickets will assure that we can all go on the tour of Independence Hall together. Please remember that the tour time is 11:00am sharp and it is requested that you be there at least 15 minutes early. Be careful what you carry in your pockets, as the security is very tight.
- Extra Hotel days prior to or after the convention will be charged the convention price of \$69 plus tax so think about visiting other attractions in the area. Don't forget that Delaware does not have a sales tax so here is an opportunity to save some money.
- The name of the Hotel is Holiday Inn Select, and is located at I-95 in northern Delaware at the border with Pennsylvania. 630 Naamans Rd., Claymont, DE 19703, telephone number is (302) 792-2700, Fax. (302) 798-6182. You must make your own room reservations. Room reservations cut off 3/25/10. Rooms will be released after this date and you may not get the convention price. Make sure you mention the Coffee Cousins to get the rate.

RESERVATIONS for Bus by MARCH 1
RESERVATIONS for hotel by MARCH 25

- * ct.r = court record
- * d = died or death
- * d/o = daughter of
- * dea = deacon (church)
- * desc = descendant
- * div = divorce
- * doc = document
- * d.s.p. = Latin: decessit sine prole (died without issue)
- * d.y. = died young
- * fl = flourished
- * fmc/fwc = free man of color/free woman of color
- * g.r. = gravestone record
- * g.s. = gravestone
- * h = husband
- * idib = repeat reference (in same place)
- * i.e. = in other words
- * inf = infant
- * int - intention (marriage)
- * liv = living
- * m = married, marriage or month

- * mul/m = mulatto (color of person)
- * N.B. = nota bene (note well/please note)
- * N.S. = New Style calendar
- * op.cit = opera citato (in the word cited) It has been much used in footnotes documenting quotations and citations.
- * O.S. = Old Style calendar
- * q.v. = which see, reference
- * rem = remove
- * res = residence
- * s/o = son of
- * sic = copied exactly from original
- * unnm = unmarried
- * viz = namely
- * w = wife
- * wid = widow
- * widr = widower
- * yoe = yoeman (farmer)
- * m/1, m/2 = married first, married second
- * wit + witness

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