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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

We had a wonderful convention here in Delaware. We had beautiful weather for the 3 days. The hotel accommodations were great and the camaraderie was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed the visit to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall and the double-decker bus ride.

Most of us went to Valley Forge on Saturday to soak up some more history. Some went to tour old New Castle and others to Longwood Gardens. We finished with an enjoyable dinner at the hotel, followed by a knowledgeable speaker. There were door prizes for everybody. Bonnie's afghan was won by Ellen Mohr.

The only thing we didn't have was a crowd. Those of you who didn't come missed out on a perfect weekend.

We decided to keep all the same officers for the coming year. Bonnie will host us in Independence, Missouri, next year. I hope more of you will be able to attend.

Jean

**EDITOR'S LETTER**

Dear Cousins;

Yes, I'm late again but have a good excuse this time and I get to blame it all on Jim.

We had only been home from Florida a week when Jim fell and hurt his back. At the Emergency Room, the Nurse Practitioner took ex-rays and said all was well, but gave him some strong pain medicine. Two mornings later, while using his walker, he got vertigo and fell again. It seems the pain medicine created more problems than help and he did have a cracked vertebrae. We nearly lost him as his oxygen and blood pressure dropped drastically. It was bad enough that the doctor suggested that I call the children.

BUT--- good part is that he is doing much better and after a few weeks of therapy at the nursing home, I have him back home. He is using a power wheel chair to prevent more falls and must avoid salt, but we're dealing with that. We also had to have some remodeling to the bathroom to make it accessible with the wheel chair.

I am truly sorry to have missed the convention. (My first one.) It's a wonderful experience to see where our Nation began and I was really looking forward to being there.

I do hope that you will look forward to attending next year in Independence, Missouri. It's centrally located, has a lot of research facilities, interesting

places to see and is reasonable. I will look forward to seeing all of you next April.

I don't want to forget to tell you that I received a box of material relating to the Boone and Coffey connections. I still have to absorb all of what I have here but it looks very interesting.

Keep the research going and let us hear what you are looking for or have found.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie Culley*

Edward Moseley was involved in VA's and NC's survey of a 15 mile strip between the two states in 1709 and 1710.

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**Dead End Roads**

\* Jamy Rogers. jamyrogers@msn.com, writes, "Hi. I am a Coffey descendant of the name Cathleen Coffey I go by Jamy and my last name is now Rogers. I am looking for my NJ line and where it goes back to Ireland.

My great grandfather. James Coffey, born in New Jersey, USA Oct 1881. In 1949 he was living in Jersey City, NJ. I did not start any of this till everyone died. Not my smartest move. I had heard he came from Ireland, so I assumed that was right. Being Irish and stubborn I ignored the census. Someone pointed out that it said born in NJ. Now I am looking for his father and mother. Due to his obit, which said 'my sister Mrs. Elizabeth Flannigan and my brother William Jordan.' We found a Mary Huges from Ireland who married a William Jordan sr. having a son William Jordan jr and in the same house a widow names Elizabeth Flannigan, 2 years older than James. That all fits. Now I need to see who the father is and where in Ireland he came from. I have all his children down to me."

\* My name is Robert Marx, ffspiel@sbcglobal.net and I was hoping you could help me with a genealogical question about the Oregon Coffey's at the turn of the last century. One Coffey in particular: Nancy Bell Coffey.

My wife's family live in Bakersfield, Ca., I'm doing genealogical looking for my wife and her mother, Lynnette and

Audrey, respectively. My main goal is to identify the birth parents of Audrey's mother, Vera, who was adopted in the state of Oregon soon after her 1910 birth. Though I'm not quite there, as far as tying the biological parents to my Vera, I have found out some interesting things along the way, things you might be interested in.

I have strong reason to believe that Vera is related to a relative in the Edward Coffey line, with Vera being the daughter of a Nancy Bell Coffey, of Scio, Linn Co, Oregon (daughter to James B. and Mary E.). Not much is mentioned about Vera, except in the 1910 Willamette, OR., census, showing her as being 2 mos. old. Given that the grandmother was told very early in life that she was a McFarland, and the approximate date of her birth, I used the basis of this as the starting point of my search and narrowed down the possibilities that this McFarland family could very well be the family of my grandmother's origin. Assuming that my Vera belongs to this McFarland family, with evidence growing, I began my search as such finding that she was given up by Nancy (and her first husband, Wm. H. McFarland) shortly after her birth, after the census, and sometime after 1910.

My interest lies in any information/pictures you may have of the Oregon Coffey's, namely Nancy Bell, or whether you might have any contacts with the Oregon Coffey's that you can point

me in the direction of. In doing my search, I had stumbled upon a listing of two children, Charles Mac McFarland and sister Bertha. Curiously, the children were listed as living with their grandparents, the "Caffey's. James "V" and Mary E. Also living with them was a "Belle Rothrock." Looking further into the census, I noted the origins of James and Mary; this information coincided with earlier census information, as well as the ages of "Belle," Bertha and Charles all seeming to match earlier records.

This might show that Nancy Bell, whom I believe to be the Belle Rothrock in the 1920 census, had a marriage between Wm. McFarland (1910) and her two other "known" husbands (sometime after 1920), the Barnes and Frisby gentlemen. -The C"a"ffey spelling in the 1920 census was indexed incorrectly by whomever does it before it's posted on the internet, it should be "Coffey" and if one looks at the census, can clearly make out that the lower case "a" could very well be an "o."

This is relevant as it may show that Nancy Bell(e) Coffey had more than three marriages, and if my continued searching proves me correct, her family story, to include Vera's story, is a chapter in a Coffey book that none is aware of.

I would love to see if you have any information and/or pictures of Mrs. Nancy Belle Coffey, and would really love if you could possibly put me in connection with any Oregon living Coffey that might be in the know with regards to

Nancy, or the story surrounding the breakdown of Nancy's family shortly after 1910. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated."

\* William Joseph Coffey, coffeeylivestock1970@yahoo.com, writes: "My grandpa was Claud Coffey his twin brother was Clide Coffey. My dad is Colston Franklin Coffey. I'm William Joseph Coffey. Our family comes from Kentucky. I'm sure of that. My grandpa and uncle joined the navy at age 16 during WW2 My grandma told me all about it and where the name Colston comes in too play. My great grandpa started a town called Coffeyville. I don't know when. Also somehow the name Grimes comes in there. Anyway I would like to find out exactly where my family is from. How can we check our DNA?"

Fred Coffey helped William and found the following:

Your telling me about the twins Claud and Clide and Kentucky was most helpful, since twins with such names are very unique. And I FOUND them, using that exact spelling! They are in the 1930 census for Sturgeon, Jackson County, Kentucky, and they are each 3 years and 9 months old. Since the official census date was April 1930, we can work back and conclude they must have been born in the middle of 1926.

In the census they are living with their mother, Rutha Coffey, who is 30 years old. There is no sign of a father being present. Rutha says she was first married at age 19. But I can't read her marriage status - the census taker had terrible handwriting. It could

possibly be a "W" for widowed, or a "D" for divorced.

With that info, I then found a Kentucky Birth Index for Jackson County. It tells me Clyde Coffey was born 1 Jun 1926, and his mother's maiden name was "Ruthie Robinson". (Rutha and Ruthie have to be the same.) For some reason the Kentucky index doesn't list the name of the fathers for each recorded birth. "Claude" doesn't appear in that index, don't know why. One guess is that the person who wrote the index didn't realize that "Clyde" and "Claude" were two different people (twins), so he accidentally skipped one?

So far, I haven't found much else. But there is another very interesting clue in the 1930 census. Claud & Clide lived in House #105 (that's the order visited by the census taker). And just down the road, in house #111 lived George Coffey age 62 and his wife Francis, and in house #112 lived Henry Coffey age 43 and his wife Sarah and his family. Living that close to Claud & Clyde, they are PROBABLY all relatives.

And I CAN work out the genealogy of George, and of his son Henry! George Washington Coffey (1865-1945) married Francis Eleanor Mullins (1868-1942). They had a son Henry Coffey (1888-1965) who married Sarah Margaret Smith (1889-1942).

I'm (Fred Coffey) ready to bet that Claud and Clide are SOMEHOW related to George and Henry, but at the moment I'm stumped on how to prove it. Got any clues?

\* John Joseph Coffey,  
johncoffey44@yahoo.com. says,  
"I was born in Winthrop, MA. I

grew up in Everett, MA and I am now living in PA. I am the son of William Edward Coffey who was born in Newburyport, MA on March 14, 1913 and died in Venice, FL on January 23, 1987 and Dorothy (Dorothea) Mae Coffey (Lehmann) who was born in Chelsea, MA on May 25, 1913 and died in South Windham, CT in May, 1993.

My father was the youngest of seven Coffey children of my paternal grandparents, Jeremiah C. Coffey, born in 1874 and Katherine E. Coffey (Shea), born in 1876. Unsure of their dates of death, but they lived in Malden, MA and died there.

Their seven siblings: Julia A. Coffey b.1903, James F. Coffey b.1905, Jeremiah A. Coffey b.1907, Mary E. Coffey b.1908, John J. Coffey b.1910, Catherine E. Coffey b.1911 and William E. Coffey b.1913.

All were born in Newburyport, MA and the whole family later moved to Malden, MA

My paternal great-grandparents are: James A. Coffey b.1849 in Ireland and Bridgett Coffey b.1849.

That is about all that I know." John has taken the DNA test and would appreciate any help.

\* Kathie Faye Hodson,  
kathiehodson@hotmail.com, says;  
"Grandpa -- James Martin Coffey b. 1894 in Sunbright, TN d. ca 1963 in Clinton TN Married Bertha Faye Lanham.

Parents: James Coffey/Margaret A. Haggard (who also appears in the index) both I believe were born in Kentucky, perhaps Pulaski or Casey County. Tons of siblings: The only one of whom I am familiar

with is George Washington Coffey b. ca. 1884 and his children, Claude and Ida. Oneida and Paint Rock TN were their stomping grounds.

He was a stone mason in Cincinnati (1930s) and his company was called Monument Works. To my knowledge he did not serve in any war.

Then, of course, we have the Cherokee myth running through the family. But no traditions, language, stories, or recipes, etc., have been passed down. So, I am more inclined to believe they were Malundgeon. My grandfather described himself as a very, very dark, white person.

That's all I know as fact. Any help will be appreciated. Kathie Faye (Mintzer) Hodson; dau. of Doris Jean Coffey b. 1929 Anderson, Indiana; d. 2005, Avon Park Florida.

- Barb Smith, Tbug@volcano.net, writes; "IF I have my facts straight, my relationship is from Martha Coffey who married Mastin Durham. This is what I have:  
Edward Coffey + Ann Powell  
John Coffey + Jane Graves  
James Coffey + Elizabeth Cleveland  
Martha Coffey + Mastin Durham  
John Durham + Elizabeth Allen  
James Singleton Durham + Charlotte Morphew (Murphy)  
Hiram Hansford Durham + Nancy Clementine Everett  
John Harvey Durham + Anna Elizabeth Glaus  
William Robert Durham + Minnie Lee Kirby  
Robert Pleasant Durham + Palmina Puleo  
Barbara Lucia Durham + Marlin Wayne Smith = US

Should you find ANY discrepancies, please let me know. I have tried to be as factual as I could/can in my research, but as I've said, I don't have solid proof beyond John Durham and Elizabeth Allen backwards."

\* Matthew Coffey, coffeecoffey@gmail.com wrote, "Greetings from Kandahar, Afghanistan. My name is Matthew Winston Coffey. I am a Sergeant in the US Army, currently deployed. I stumbled on your website by the egotistical means of "googling" my own name. I have a lot of family pride and a love of history, these things combined make your project very interesting to me. I do not know all that much about my family history prior to WW2, but I would love to learn. I would be happy to participate in your DNA project. Please let me know how I can help. -SGT Matthew Coffey

After some suggestions from Fred Coffey and Jack Coffee, Matthew wrote: Hey guys, About all I know other than my Grandfather is the names. All of the following guys, middle and last names are Winston Coffey, Matthew Me), Steven (father), Morris (Grandfather), Haymond, William, James, William. I don't know how accurate this info is, but that's the legend anyways. Thanks for your help. Sgt Coffey

Jack Coffee found the following for Matthew. Possibly some of you have more on this family for him. I'm sure he would love to hear from some cousins - if nothing else, just to break the monotony. Jack wrote; I've found Haymond and

his parents:

McDonald, Murray Co., GA, 15-  
16 Apr 1910, ED110, Sheet 1B  
dwelling/family

Will W. Coffey, head, MW Age 27 M  
4 yrs., GA GA GA

Emma, wife, FW Age 25, M 4 yrs.,  
Mother of 3, 2 living, born GA TN  
GA

Haymond, son, MW, age 3 yrs, GA  
GA GA

Thelma, dau, FW, age 11 mos.,  
GA GA GA

[Haymond, born May 16, 1907, died  
May 21, 1984, buried at Evergreen  
in Fitzgerald, Ben Hill Co., GA.]

Fitzgerald, Ben Hill Co., GA, 15  
Apr 1930, ED8, Sheet 13A, River  
Road, dwelling 258, family 259  
Coffey, Wm W., head, MW, age 47,  
married at age 23, GA GA GA,  
Farmer

Emma A., wife, FW, age 46,  
married at age 22, born GA GA GA  
[sic]

Ruth E., dau., FW, age 13, GA GA  
GA

John M., son, MW, age 10, GA GA  
GA

Haymond W., son, MW, age 22,  
married at age 22, GA GA GA,  
Laborer

Louise, dau-in-law, FW, age 19,  
married at age 19, GA GA GA

Baston, Evelyn M., G-dau., FW,  
age 1, GA GA GA

[William W., born Apr. 5, 1885,  
died Jan. 20, 1947, buried  
Evergreen;

Emma R., born Sep. 11, 1884, died  
Mar. 22, 1978, also at Evergreen]

[Thelma Coffey Baston, May 1,  
1909, died Jan. 28, 1929, also  
buried at Evergreen; must have  
died when Evelyn was born]

[Ina P. Coffey, born Oct. 2,

1909, died Jun. 20, 1990; buried  
Evergreen. No idea who she is, but  
likely wife of Haymond.]

[TSgt Morris Winston Coffey, Jan.  
18, 1933, died Feb. 2, 1983. Son  
of Haymond and Louise?]

Sgt. Coffey wrote back;

Thats it!! Its pretty amazing  
that you guys found all that out  
from just a couple names. That is  
my Grandfathers' grave. My family  
were farmers in Georgia until my  
grandfather Morris joined the  
Air Force. My great uncle Dudley  
(Morris' Brother) could probably  
tell me more.

I would love to get a newsletter.  
I will be getting a new place when  
I get back home so I will  
subscribe then. I will see if my  
Dad is interested. Thanks for the  
help! SGT Coffey

\* Stephanie W Coffey, kitti1978@  
yahoo.com, writes; "Hi, Jack  
Coffey told me to email you  
with my questions so, here we  
go. My father was very secretive  
when I was growing up about his  
family. This seems to have been  
a family thing as no one knows  
much of anything about his side  
of the family. I have spoken  
to his brother and gotten as  
much as he knows. So at least I  
finally have names for my dad's  
parents. I don't have a whole  
lot else though. So here's what  
I've been told. William Redwin  
Coffey was my dad's father. His  
mother was Evanell June Swartz  
(1927-1982). Evanell died in  
Kern County, California. She was  
married to PJ Testroet at the  
time. (PJ adopted my dad when he  
was young and changed his last

name but I'm not sure how old dad was when it happened.) I'm not sure when William was born, somewhere in the 20's I'm thinking because Evanell was born in 1927. They were married in Pryor, Oklahoma, Feb 1945, divorced around 1950 in Ottawa County, Oklahoma. They had two children, Michael James Coffey (1945) and Terry Lee Coffey (1952) Some time after the divorce they moved to Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois (that is where my dad was born) and she went after William for spousal support and such some time after that. After that point, I can't find any record of William anywhere. From what Mike tells me, Evanell refused to allow William to have access of any kind to the kids after this point. William's dad was called Ernie, not sure if that's short for Ernest or if it was his real name. My uncle thinks William's mom's name was Corrine. I haven't been able to find any draft registration cards on him or anything. Here's to hoping that possibly you've come across him somewhere in all your searches. Thanks much in advance for any information you can give me."

## **COFFEE/EY FAMILY REUNIONS**

Ellen McLaughlin, emc192@yahoo.com is handing the reunion for the Texas Coffee/y cousins. It will be on July 24 & 25 in Branson, MO. For more information, email Ellen.

## **CURRENTS IN THE STREAM**

Tip-O-Texas Genealogy Society in Harlingen TX puts out a great newsletter, "Genealogical Tips." It is always filled with new places to search. Editor, Marlee Pegg at auntymap@msn.com. There is even one story about cleaning old cemeteries by grazing sheep on them. Spotlight on Ports using Google was also interesting.

Georgia Historic Newspapers available on line. Macon Telegraph (1826-1908), Columbus Enquirer (1828-1890) and The Milledgeville (1808-1920). Milledgeville was the state capital during the Civil War. Go to <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu>

Joyce Grigsby. 125 Bluebird Ln., Killen, AL 35645, says that she read about the Isaac Coffey who was killed by the Harp brothers, near Knoxville, TN, in the newsletter a few issues back. She has found two accounts of this.

1. A book of Early Tennessee Newspaper Records.
2. The Kentucky Gazette 1781 - 1800.

The Tennessee account, "General Abstracts from Tennessee Newspapers 1791 - 1808 - Vol. 6" by Eddlemon, Aug 7, 1799, says Isaac Coffey was found on Beaver Creek in Blount Co. TN. There were several Isaacs. Joyce's great grandfather was Isaac Hamilton Coffey. Joyce says that we ask if the Isaac killed by the Harps was married to Martha Meece. She says that this could only have happened if there were more than one Martha Meece as Joyce has a marriage record for her marrying Landon Coffey in May of 1848. This was



his second marriage as he married Mary "Polly" Tate on Mar. 15, 1821. Both these marriages took place in Maury Co. TN. In 1850, he was in Giles Co. with Martha and his children.

The Isaac murdered by the Harps and Landon Coffey were brothers, and sons of Chesley Coffey jr. The inventory of Chesley Coffey jr.s estate was signed by Nathan Coffey, son of Margaret and Landon Coffey.

Joyce ask if Chesley was a son of John and Jane Graves Coffey and the answer is "NO". He possibly is a son of Edward Coffey Jr. son of Edward sr. and Ann Powell Coffey.

## **OBITUARIES**

### GARNET L. COFFEE

Garnett L. Coffee, 78 of Tulsa, passed away on Jan. 29, 2010. Garnet was born April 5 1931 in Canadian, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents, Garnett and Chloe Coffee; brothers, Pete Coffee; and sister Mary Sue Savage, Bessie Douglas and Geraldine Coffee. Garnett attended McAlester Public Schools. He was a Korean War Veteran serving in the US Air Force. After a long career as a salesman, he retired from C&C Tile and Carpet. Garnett was a faithful member of St. Pius X Church. He is survived by his wife, Billie Coffee; son, Terry Coffee; and grandchildren. The interment was at Mount Calvary Cemetery in McAlester, OK. (Tulsa World, Feb. 2, 2010 & Bennie Loftin)

### ROBERT J. COFFEY, MD

Robert J. Coffey MD, 61, passed away February 18, 2010, after a brief illness. Robert was born

in Tulsa, OK. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Blanche Coffey.

Robert graduated Cum Laude from Washing University, St. Louis, MO in 1970 and University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He completed his Pediatric Residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1977. He entered private practice I 1982, in the SoHo area of NY City and relocated back to Tulsa in 1998. He has a large list of accomplishments that can be found in the Tulsa World newspaper. He is survived by his partner of 21 years, Andrew Kinslow; his brother, Richard (Elayne) Coffey. Internment was in All Saints Chapel at St. Jerome. Tulsa, OK. (Tulsa World, Bennie Loftin and Lorie Okel found this one and are wondering who his parents were and where he fits in the Coffey families)

### C. L. COFFEY

C. L. Coffey, 83, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at his home in Windsor. He was born June 22, 1926, in Windsor, Mo., the son of Buford Garfield and Delphia Ann (Campbell) Coffey. On September 8, 1950, in Buffalo, Mo., he married Peggy Sue Tindle, who survives of the home. Mr. Coffey attended Lincoln High School, at Lincoln, Mo., and was drafted in the United States Army, before he could complete the 10th grade, and he served his country during World War II. He was a self-employed truck driver, hauling gravel, dirt, and fertilizer, in the Windsor area for over 60 years. C.

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L. was a member of First Baptist Church, Windsor. He gave many years of service to his church. In addition to his wife, Peggy, he is survived by a son, Chuck Coffey, Windsor, Mo.; a daughter, Charlotte Nevius, Louisiana, Mo. He was preceded in death by 2 sons, Dennis Coffey, in June 1974; and Jim Coffey, in January 2004; 3 brothers, Finis Coffey, Boss Coffey, and Clayton Coffey; 2 sisters, Agnes Swisher and Verdie Nations. Burial will be in the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. (Indo: Kansas City Star on April 24, 2010)

ETHEL COFFEE COUVILLION

Ethel Coffee Couvillion passed away in her sleep, May 7, 2010. She was the daughter of Jack Coffee. (Info from daughter Ellen McLaughlin, emc192@yahoo.com)

LOY COFFEY

Loy Coffey passed away November 28, 2009 from lung cancer after an 18 month battle. He was 75 years old. Loy and Wanda were happily married for 54 years, and have 2 children and six grandchildren. He was born in Grayson County Texas. The son of Richard (Dick) and Mattie Lou Reecer Coffey. He is buried at the Van Alstyne Cemetery, Van Alstyne, Texas. Besides his wife, children and grandchildren, Loy is survived by his only living brother Charles Coffey. Wanda Coffey,loyandwandacoffey@att.net

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EDWIN RUSSELL COFFEE

Edwin Russell Coffee "Ed" died- Jan. 19, 2009. He was born on December 9, 1915 in Hugo, Oklahoma. His highest grade reached was the 10th in Clayton, New Mexico at Mansker High School. He was forced to quit school to help with the family farm. Edwin joined the U.S. Army in October 1940 and served his country until September 1945 at the rank of Staff Sgt. He served as a cook and a medical technician. He went to battle and campaigns in China, India and Burma. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Edwin met and married the love of his life in 1946 and had two children. He moved his family from Albuquerque to Bakersfield in 1957 where he worked various jobs until the late 60's and got a job at Allied Van Lines where he worked until he retired. Edwin was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, sisters, wife Peggy and son James. Edwin is survived by his daughter, Linda and son-in-law Mike Harris. Published in the Bakersfield Californian on 1/23/2009 Burial: Hillcrest Memorial Park Bakersfield, Kern County CA. Lorie Okel" <ljokel@comcast.net>

**NEW ADDRESS**

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**DOCUMENTS GALORE**

\* Coleman Coffey sent a list of Coffee/ey marriages for Wilkes County, North Carolina. 1778-1868 All are Coffey (bm=bondsman)

Austin - Sally Hawdins 24 Oct 1822; Thomas W.A. Sumpster, bm: Mary Davenport, wit.

Bengiman - Sally Ferguson, 5 Feb 1805; Benet Coffey, bm; Thos Norman wit.

Cleveland - Jame Witherspoon, 11 Feb 1794; Tho Coffee, bm

Elijah - Betsey Robins, 1 Jun 1831; James Lewis, bm.

James - Sarah Coffey, 30 Aug 1794; George Hayes, bm

James - Liley Ferguson, 31 Aug 1799; Moses Ferguson, bm

James - Winneford Crumpton, 22 Dec 1821; Larkin Coffey, bm

Joel - Jane Coffey, \_\_\_ Aug 1793; Benjamin Coffey, bm

John - Hannah Wilson, 3 Oct 1796; Eli Coffey, bm

Joshua - Rebbecca Shepherd, 1 Nov 1842; John F. Shepherd, bm

Larken - Libby Wyatt, 28 Nov 1853; Linvill Barlow, bm

Larkin - Catherine H. Wilson, 9 Jan 1826; Lewis Coffey, bm; Mary Davenport, wit

Levi - Dolley Edmundson, 17 Aug 1799; Wm Edmisten, bm

Lewis - Bidunt Moore, 10 Dec 1795; Ambrose Coffey, bm

Thomas junr. - Nancey Barlow, 22 Sept 1823; Lewis Coffey bm

Wellborn - Sarah Cottrell, 2 Jan 1832; Filliam Coffey, bm

Wm. C. - Carrie L Curtis, 10 May 1866; A.J Curtis bm; 10 May 1866 by Rev. Jas. McNeil.

William - Polly Coffey, 3 Jul 1796; Benjamin Coffey, bm

William - Margret Robins, 15 Aug 1829; John Robins, bm

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\* Jack Coffee found the following and says, "This Edward may account for some of the unidentified/unconnected Coffee/y families found in later years Virginia." The Boston Newsletter, Sept. 12, 1720, has an advertisement in which it is stated that an Irish manservant, Edward Coffee, had run away from his master, Stephen Winchester of Brookline, Mass. Coffee was probably a bondservant or redemptioner. He is described as about twenty years of age, with 'cinnamon coloured breeches with six puffs tied at the knees with ferret ribbon.' He also had 'a wig tied with black ribbon.' A reward was offered for his capture.

Source: The Journal of the American-Irish Historical Society, Vol IV, Thomas Hamilton Murray, publisher BiblioBazaar, LLC, 2008, Page 72.

Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com and Karen Hill khill63@msn.com collaborated on finding the following; Bruton Parish was in W'burg but originally established in Jamestown in 1607. Capt. Philip Chesley was one of the colonial wardens and partly responsible for erecting the church in W'burg in 1674. He is mentioned in the first entry of the vestry book of that year. He is also said to have died in that year. He left a will probated in 1675 York Co. which doesn't mention any children.

His will names cousins, neighbors, nephews, the poor, his wife, etc. as beneficiaries. He also left one hogshead of tobacco "to every person whose surname is Chesley Inhabiting in Welford, Gloucestershire.."

Source: The Virginia Magazine of

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Wm. COFFEE & REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
by Jerry Coffee

My g.g.g.g.grandfather, Sgt. William Coffee, was discharged from Col. Daniel Morgan's Sharpshooter Corps, Continental Line when his enlistment was up in February 1778. In January 1777, William Coffee enlisted in Capt. Samuel Jordan Cabell's 7th Rifle Company at Williamsburg Virginia. In March 1777, the 7th Rifle Company was assigned to Lt. Col. James Hendrick's 6th Virginia Regiment of Foot, Congressional Forces, Continental Line. The 6th Regiment of Foot was made up of seven musket companies with recruits from the Tidewater Counties near Williamsburg, and three rifle companies made up of recruits from the western frontier, east of the mountains.

In July 1777, Captain Patterson's 3rd Rifle Company and Capt. Cabell's 7th Rifle Company were among 500 hand picked Scots-Irish riflemen that were reassigned to Col. Daniel Morgan's Sharpshooter Corps. In October, at the Battle of Bemis Heights (Battle of Saratoga) New York, General Benedict Arnold rode up to Col. Morgan and pointed towards British General Simon Fraser and said, "That man is worth a regiment". Col. Morgan then called upon a rifleman named Timothy Murphy and told him "That gallant officer is Simon Fraser, but it is necessary that he must die. Do your duty". After climbing a tree, Murphy shot killed British General Simon

Fraser at a distance of 250 yards. In 1751, Timothy Murphy was born in northern Virginia and his parents were Scot-Irish immigrants from County Donegal, Ulster Plantation, Northern Ireland.

In 1775, Andrew Pickens married Rebecca Floride Calhoun. The famous statesman, John Caldwell Calhoun was her brother and was also the grandson of John Caldwell, the founder of the Caldwell Cub Creek Settlement where my g.g.g.g.g grandparents Peter and Susanna Coffee established a 400 acre tobacco plantation in 1748. Rebecca Floride Calhoun was the aunt of Floride Bonneau Calhoun, who was the wife of John Caldwell Calhoun, twice Vice President of the United States and avid secessionist. John C. Calhoun was Floride Bonneau Calhoun's first cousin once removed - John C. Calhoun was his father-in-law's first cousin.

In July, 1780, while still subject to recall, Sgt. William Coffee enlisted in one of two companies of militia in Amhermarle County Virginia under the command of Major David Cabell, brother of Capt. Samuel Jordan Cabell. Major Cabell's two militia companies, two North Carolina militia companies and Capt. Lawson's company of Virginia State Troops were placed under the command of Brig. Gen. Andrew Pickens. These 200 North Carolina and Virginia militia men along with 200 Virginia State Troops were combined with 400 Continental troops and placed under the command of Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan. The American forces then proceeded to meet British Col. Banastre Tarleton

at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina. The two Virginia militia companies were assigned as skirmishers with instructions to withdraw to the rear after firing three volleys at the approach of Tarleton's cavalry. When the British cavalry and infantry were drawn into the salient, the Virginia State troops and the militia troops halted and returned fire and the Continental troops commenced firing from the sides, and Col. Tarleton barely escaped capture.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan was the famous frontiersman Daniel Boone's uncle.

### **MAIL BOX**

Maureen Donald writes that in December, her mother, Ina Coffey, sister, Donna McDonald, Carol Andvaag and she, Maureen spent a week in Kauai, Hawaii. She said, "The sunshine and warm temperatures were quite a change from the 3 feet of snow and -40 degree weather in Tisdale, SK, Canada.

Julie Duncan Wilbur, ygeniestuff@gmail.com wrote in March that she was planning to send some material on Hiram Coffey and added, "I have been retired for several years now, and frankly, it is gettin' old(ha, ha). The SS does not go far, and as we all know jobs are hard to come by. But I am fine. My Momma is 94, and still doing ok. She has known since before last summer that cancer was in her right breast, but until last month she had not done anything about it. She is now on an estrogen pill, that is suppose to do something. She has no pain at this time, and declares she's fine."

### **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's been going on: [www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA](http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA)

### EDWARD & ANN (Powell) COFFEY

- CD for \$10.00. Jack Coffee, 308 Summer Ridge Loop, Sunset, LA70584. 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 116 issues of Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse, 547 pages of index, over 3,573 different surnames. There are 17 spellings of Coffey, not counting the 9 that have an "r" or "n" in them.

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE - back issues on CDs, 1 thru 33, 34 thru 63, or 64 thru 93. \$10 each. Bonnie Culley, 4012 Cambridge Cir. Jefferson City, MO 65109.

### **CORRECTIONS & ANSWERS**

Reams Goodloe says, "Ref: your input on pp 7 & 8 of the March issue 116, of C.C.C. The Michael Coffey who m. Ann Lanagan is also mentioned on page 2 of issue 104 and on pp 3 & 4 of issue 105." Thanks Reams

## 100 Birthdays, May 20, 2010

Mary Coffey has thousands of happy memories of the dance floor, doing the Tennessee Waltz with the love of her life, her late husband, John Clayton. Clayton proposed to her on the dance floor and for the entire 58 years of their marriage, the Dallas, Texas couple would go out dancing every single week. Coffey believes their waltzes were what kept the romance alive in their relationship for such a long time." Brings the love closer, a little more kissing, a little more hugging and a little more something else," Dallas. Clayton passed away 15 years ago, and Coffey hasn't set foot on a dance floor since. But now, she knows her days are numbered. She has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, and is predicted to have just six months left to live. Volunteers at Mesquite's Christian Care Center, where she now resides, wanted to make sure that Coffey was able to do everything she'd hoped to do in her life, and asked her if there was anything on her bucket list. Coffey's answer was simple: one last Tennessee Waltz. So, the staff and volunteers at the center decided to bring her fantasy to life, hosting a festive party for the elderly woman. They got her a pink dress, a tiara, and a limo, and drove her to the Dallas Arboretum to dance to the live musicians performing at the Concert in the Park Series on Tuesday night. During the band's first song, Coffey danced with several of her friends from the center, showing that she still remembered all the moves. Coffey

soon became tired, and needed to rest after the end of the song. Nonetheless, she was thrilled with the opportunity to step onto the dance floor one last time. Although she knows she will not have the chance to dance again in her lifetime, she believes that she still has an eternity of dances waiting for her with her favorite partner. "I look forward to seeing (my husband) again...dancing with him again," she said.

**(from Lorie Okel & Bennie Loftin)**

## VITAL RECORDS

This link lists the Absolute Best Free Resources on the web, The Social Security Death Index, Roots Web and a favorite, VITAL RECORDS.COM.

## NEW COFFEY BOOK

(This one is well worth the money and a real treasure to have. Bonnie)

I just finished my Coffee Book. It is about the two Coffee families that lived in West Plains, MO. It includes the Wemple's and Dakin's as twin Wemple sisters married a Coffee from both the families. The price is \$35.00 that includes postage.

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LATE QUERY

Jagger Coffey, Jagger.Coffey@EKU.EDU, wrote: "My grandfathers name is: Carlos Coffey and he married a Cora Alice "Snead" from Columbia Kentucky. They had 3 children, David, James E. and Linda Coffey.

David Coffey married and had a son Scott Coffey.

Linda Coffey married a "Bill Holtsclaw" and had a son Jameson Holtsclaw

James Edwin Coffey married Edna Sarah Wolfe and had Steven Jagger Coffey (Me). My wife, Angela Dawn Wells and I have 5 children, Samuel Ethan, Nathan Jagger, Zechariah Clay, Lydia Grace and Andrew Patrick.

I would like to know more about my line."

Fred Coffey responded as follows:

Hello, Jagger! I'm ready to bet you belong to our "Edward" group, which you read about on our DNA page.

You presented a CHALLENGE, by not giving me any dates and places for the people you name below! And I was about to give up, until "Google" found YOUR name as a pallbearer in the obituary of your grandmother, Cora Alice Sneed Coffey, born July 6, 1920 in Adair Co., KY, died 2002, in Lancaster, Garrard County, KY. Now I knew when and where to look!

That led to the Social Security Death Index, which named Carlos A. Coffey born 7 Dec 1916 in Buckeye, Garrard, KY, died 9 Apr 2000 in Lancaster, Garrard, KY. (It helps so much when people spend their

whole life in the same county.)

That puts us in range for the 1930 census, and sure enough Carlos (indexed as Carlus) is there in Buckeye, Garrard, KY, in the household of George and Lizzy Coffey.

Now we're far enough back to find assorted published genealogies, and the rest is easy (but possibly unreliable?). You seem to descend from "Edward Coffey" (see our DNA project) as follows:

Edward  
Edward Jr.  
Chesley (if he existed)  
Nebuzaraden (1757-1797)  
Ananias (1785-1828)  
Zidner (1810-1869)  
Andrew Jackson (1848-1928)  
George (1886-1975)  
Carlos (1916-2000)  
James Edwin Coffey  
Stephen Jagger Coffey

You will of course want to verify all this with your own research. I think the above ancestry is very plausible back to Nebuzaraden, and we do have two other descendants of "Neb" who have submitted DNA."

(If you share this line with Jagger, write to him and see what he may have to share with you!!  
Bonnie)

EVERGREEN CEMETERY,  
Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, GA  
Tombstone reads:

**Morris Winston Coffey**

TSGT US Air Force

Korea - Vietman

Jan. 15, 1933 - Feb. 1, 1983

**COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION 2010**

I was unable to attend the convention this year for the first time in 28 years. You can read why in my Editor's Letter on page 2, so I will rely on other's observation for my report.

Jean and Wayne Mower are great leaders and created a wonderful experience for those who could attend. (I'm envious as I have always wanted to see Philadelphia, PA and the early beginnings of our nation.) I received two glowing letters from cousins which I will attach at the end.

I'm sure there was a lot of discussion at the business meeting but the two things of importance that came out of the meeting was to retain the current officers and to accept my offer to hold the convention in Independence, MO. It is a good central location.

The officers are: Jean Mower, President; Gail Bachman, Vice President; Nelda Coffee, Secretary and Danny Coffey, Treasurer.

From: Marguerite Jobes mimjy@webtv.net

I think Gail told you of our great banquet. The Bachmans and Ellen and I had family members join us. Strangely, my niece, Gail's cousin, has recently moved to Lincoln, Delaware, with her husband, and the two of them drove up to be with us. Kerry, my granddaughter, and Bill and Gail's daughter, and Donna, a dau-in-law also joined us so we had a party of eight at our table. Need I say, "A good time was had by all!" Ellen was ecstatic at winning your beautiful afghan and happily posed for pictures. I won a very nice New Orleans tote bag and I thanked Jack and Nelda as I knew they were responsible for the donation.

From: Ellen Mohr elmo120@webtv.net

This was an especially memorable meeting for me as I was the LUCKY WINNER of your beautiful afghan! I love it! I feel so fortunate, and I will treasure it for the rest of my life! I want to give it proper care, and if it requires special treatment I would want to know.

Our CC meeting was very special. Jean and Wayne Mower were so helpful and pleasant, and rightfully very proud of their beautiful area - so rich in history! There were many choices to make. We drove to New Castle, where William Penn landed. We saw beautifully preserved brick buildings hundreds of years old, amid flowering trees. It took our breath away. We also drove to Valley Forge, did the auto tour of the park, with stops for a film showing stories of the area, a visit to a chapel with the most beautiful stained glass, and a meeting of cousins at the little restaurant in the park. Breath Taking! We were blessed with good weather - both days clear and sunny.

Since I'm giving you a rundown on the trip, I'd like to add also that the hotel was really special! Excellent service at the desk, wonderful mattresses, and best of all, our dinner was first class! Excellent food!

I'm mentioning all of this because it really was a GREAT meeting, and I'm truly sorry that more of our cousins were not able to attend. Hopefully we'll have a larger attendance next time.





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2010**



**BIRTH DATE CALCULATOR**

Ever wish for a quick way to translate tombstone date of death information into a birth date? Now you have it at [www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthdate.html](http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthdate.html).

Let's say that Samule Smith was 69 years, five months and three days old when he died on 20 Oct. 1897. Plug in these numbers into the handy calculator at this site, hit compute and voila, you learn that he was born on 17 May 1828. This site also offers calculators for days of the week, age and Soundex.

(from: Genealogy Tips, Tip of Texas Genealogical Society, 410 '76th Drive, Harlingen, TX 78550

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