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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

I hope everybody has had a good summer. We just got back from a two-month vacation. My family had a 90th birthday party for our mother in July and all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there. We spent 3 weeks in Wyoming and it's good to come home.

Now that we're back, we're looking forward to some cooler weather. It's very hot and humid here in Delaware. Our yard is suffering from neglect and heat.

We're also looking forward to the next Coffee/y Cousins' Convention. Mark your calendars now for April 28-30 in Independence, Missouri. Bonnie has lots of plans in the works. See her message for all the details.

Keep working on your genealogy. That's what keeps this organization alive. We never know when we'll find a tidbit that leads us on to another trail.

Jean

**Never been to a Coffey Cousins' Convention!
Haven't been for a couple of years!**

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins,

WOW! This was sure a hot summer. I know that most of you stayed home and in the cool as I have heard of very little genealogy research from you guys. Isn't there someone or some place that you really want to know more about? This would be a great time to look for them or it. All we're getting on TV is oil spill, economy and politics. I need a "brain jolt."

I've lost some subscribers this year and could sure use a few new ones. I do understand as I dropped a couple of magazines that I have subscribed to for years. Genealogy is actually one of the least expensive hobbies you could get involved into. You even have a choice of researching on the computer at home or traveling the country to actual locations. We all get more however if we share our finds and resources.

I'm hoping to share my large library at the convention in Independence, MO in April. I push the tourist point of view on the Convention page 16/17 but I know most of you are more interested in the research and meeting cousins with whom you share genealogy. I do however; look forward to showing off Truman's home area. That is not just because he was from my home state, Missouri, but also because he was a regular, unassuming guy. He had no plans or idea of ever becoming president. He did a pretty good job of it when the responsibility fell to

him. I know you will enjoy the tour of his library.

I do hope you will look at your research and see if you have something to share with your cousins and then see if there is something you might want to ask them if they have ever found and not shared with you. ----- A QUERY??

Be sure to point any potential subscribers our way. Every cousin has a piece of the puzzle to offer and we really hope that we can point new researchers in the right direction.

Your cousin,

Bonnie

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DEAD END ROADS

* Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com, needs some help. He says, "Enoch Jordan is said to have married Alice "Allie" Mills and had children:

1. Calton, born c1835; Calvin, born c1839;
2. Abigail "Abby", born Apr 22, 1842;
3. Thomas, born c1843;
4. Riley, born c1846;
5. John, born c1849;
6. Nancy, born Dec. 2, 1851;
7. Houston, born 1853;
8. Jane, born 1854 (two Janes?);
9. James, c1859
10. Marvel, c1861.

All were born Hancock Co., TN. Some, particularly Abigail, Nancy and Houston went to Rockcastle Co., KY.

Abigail married Marvel Coffey, son of Benjamin and Nancy Hayes Coffey. He died in 1917 in Rockcastle Co; she in 1936.

Nancy married Tilmon A. Coffey, son of Wiley and Sarah Nash Coffey. He died 1925 in Berea, she in 1953.

Houston married Tilmon's sister, Nancy Lucinda. He died 1913 in Rockcastle Co., she in 1901.

Marvel married Manda ____?____, probably 1882-83

The question arises is this: Was Allie Mills really a Mills or a Coffey? In 1880 Rockcastle co., her son Marvel was living with his "cousin", Thomas Jefferson Coffey who married Perlina Hayes, daughter of Harmon and Jane/Jenny/Jincey Barnes Hayes.

He could only have been a cousin if Thomas Jefferson Coffey and

Marvel Jordan's mother was a Coffey. Course, could be a second or earlier cousin, but for the moment let's assume first cousin. Thomas Jefferson was a son of Ausburn and Tildy Dalton Coffey. I have 13 children for Ausburn and Tildy (Jefferson is the eldest), but no Alice.

Do you have any information that might tell me if Enoch Jordan's wife was a Mills or a Coffey? Do I have all of Ausburn and Tildy's children?

Thomas Jefferson, Nancy, Rebecca, Wiley, Elias Henry (Eli), James Madison, John Ausburn; Elizabeth, Addison, Elvira, Tilman, Cornelia and Mary J."

* Clara Stephens, sfpennamel@yahoo.com, says, "I am interested in the names that used to be listed on the plaque at the Pea Ridge Park. My brother Larry had the interest in the Civil War information. He had it all documented and tried to give me a copy but unfortunately at that time I had no interest. The park has been renovated and the plaque is no longer there I am told.

Henry Coffee - 18 years old enlisted Sept. 2, 1862 at Pineville, MO, McDonald County, in Co. K, 4 Regiment of the Missouri Infantry. He was captured near Carthage, Jasper Co., Missouri 20th May 1863.

Sent to St. Louis then City Point, VA for exchange. After exchange he re-joined the Army, and was gut shot at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, GA. June 27, 1864 serving in the Army of the Cumberland during the Atlanta Campaign of Sherman. He died in an

Army Hospital.

The Army of the Cumberland was Union, so did he switch sides?"

Here is Clara's line. She says she is sure of the lineage from John 1793 to Ilus is correct but not positive about the others.

Edward died 1716 Essex Co. VA

John born in 1700 VA

John 1733 VA

Meredith 1769 VA

John 1793 TN

Meredith 1822 TN

David 1850 MO

Pierce 1877 MO

Ilus 1903 MO - Clara's father.

* Sherry Coffee, coffee.michael@gmail.com, says that her husband Michael is descended from the Peter Coffee line. We were trying to find more information on General John E Coffee from GA mostly, if we can find any actual records of where in Telfair County his plantation was. Oddly enough Michael grew up not far from Telfair county and has driven on the Old Coffee Road having no idea at the time that it was one of his ancestors that had helped make it and it was named for.

Oh yes by the way, I am Michael's wife and even though Michael does like finding stuff about his family, I am the insane one that will stay on a computer or in a library or records room for hours trying to find any little scrap of info. If there is anything in one of your books about either Peter's (2) plantation or John's plantation we would greatly appreciate every little bit you can send our way. An email will be plenty as once I have something of a lead I can go from there. I

found online an old hand drawn map of Jacksonville Ga that had a reference to the old home place of the Coffee's and I have found the lotteries won/bought by John but haven't been able to track down any old plat maps from the time period. Another funny coincidence is that Michael and I moved to north Alabama to the Florence area (my parent's grew up here and graduated from Coffee HS) only to find out that General John R Coffee was responsible for surveying out this area. He would be Michael's first cousin um 4 times removed I think could be 5. We have seen his gravesite.

Speaking of gravesites, Michael visited John E Coffee's grave last year and we were dismayed to find that it had the wrong information on it. It had information for the other John (TN). There is also an incorrect historical marker there in McRae or Jacksonville GA. We have talked about trying to find other direct descendants to see if they would be interested in adding a new plaque or something with the correct information on it. If you know of anyone that is descended from this line please feel free to pass on my contact information. If you have any information on this, please let Sherry hear from you.

* Linda Bolen, lckuber@comcast.net, is researching the line of Joseph Coffee and says: "Jack Coffee referred me to you -- I'm researching my Coffee line (from Pennsylvania) and understand you might have information that pertains to Joseph Coffee and his wife Patience. Jack told me that Patience was Joseph's second wife

and that they were married in 1766 in Burlington, NJ. Daughter Keziah married Thomas Logan May 24 1788 in Hagerstown, Maryland and Keziah died 4 July 1862 in McConnellsburg Twp., Fulton Co., Pennsylvania. He thought you might have additional information in your files. Would you mind letting me know if you have any additional, or perhaps if you know of other sources I might check (or experts on this line), would you pass along their contact information?"

Hope someone recognizes this family and can add some information to it. We don't get many people working on Northern lines. BC

MAIL BOX

John Chenault has suffered a stroke at age 96 but is doing well and is taking therapy. He was interested in knowing if Fred Coffey had learned any more about the marriage of Annister Coffey and Stephen Chenault. He wishes we could find more on Anstes and says "we have continued to think of her as Stephen Chenault's first wife, mother of his children, Stephen, William, Benjamin and John, born in the 1720s. I realize she would have been rather young." We hope John is doing well and would like to know if Anstes was Stephen's first wife as well.

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL CORY PURCELL

Michael Cory Purcell, 32, Austin, died March 22, 2010 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Austin, TX.

Michael was born Oct. 5, 1977 in Thousand Oaks, CA and spent the majority of his childhood in Northville, MI. He had a BFA in Computer Art & Design and was employed as a Technical Artist by Challenge Games in Austin. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Purcell of Austin, his father, Robert Purcell and step-mother Christina of Vonore, TN, grandmother, Cecile Purcell, Atlantic Beach, FL, step-brother Aaron (Betsy) Wallace of Plymonuth MI, step-sister Stephanie (Peter) Cerling of Oceola, IN, mother Chris Dirkson and step-father Dean of Zortman, MT.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather John C. Purcell, grandmother Mary Beers Allen and uncle William Purcell.

JOHN (JACK) C. PURCELL

John (Jack) C. Purcell, 93, died March 21, 2010 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Billings, Montana, 20 Feb. 1917. He was predeceased by his parents Thomas Elmore and Edith (Reynolds) Purcell and a brother Thomas A. Purcell and a sister Bonnie Purcell Simon and a son William C. Purcell.

Mr. Purcell was a graduate of General Motors Institute, class of 1938 earning a degree in automotive service engineering. He had a career with General Motors for 43 years, retiring in 1977. He was a WWII Veteran, serving as

a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a racing sailor on the Great Lakes and raced his 35-foot Bristol sailboat in many long distance races. Mr. Purcell used his many talents to organize various clubs everywhere he lived. There are more than we can mention here.

Survivors are his wife, Cecile Montgomery Purcell and children: Robert A. (Christina) Purcell, Sherry Purcell Kissner and Bradford A. (Katherine) Purcell. He had 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mr. Purcell's ashes are inhumed in the Memorial Garden at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.

(info: Cecile Purcell - The Beach Leader March 26, 2010 & Ponte Vedra Leader)

WILLIAM P. "Wild Bill" COFFEY
William P. "Wild Bill" Coffey, 67, formerly of Caseyville/Collinsville, IL area passed away at his home in Vassar in Nov. 6, 2009. He was born on July 13, 1942 in Kansas City, KS the son of William F. and Ellen O'Neill Coffey.

Bill attended Washington High School in Kansas City, KS. He later received his Bachelor's Degree from Cambridge University, in Cambridge, England. Bill served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the V.F.W.

Kahokia Memorial Post #5691 in Collinsville, IL. He retired from the State of Illinois as Maintenance Supervisor at the National Guard Armory in East St. Louis, IL. Bill was active in the Masons, Scottish Rite and

Shriners. He was raised to Master Mason in 1874 in Collinsville and transferred his membership to the Arab Shrine in Topeka where he joined the Legion of Honor, serving as its Commander in 2008. He then became an active member of the Topless Unit and was serving as its secretary this year.

On Aug. 24, 1973 Bill was married to Mary Ann Rojak in Caseyville, IL. He is survived by Mary Ann, his sister, Carol Cummings (Jim) of Vassar, his son, William F. Coffee II (Denise) of Argyle, WI, his daughter JoAnna McDowell (Roger) of Basehor and six grandchildren.

Interment will be in Illinois.

Msgr. ANDREW V. COFFEY
Monsignor Andrew V. Coffey, a longtime priest in the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento and pastor at St. James Parish in Davis CA for 31 years died Aug 12, 2010. Reared in a family of seven children, Msgr Coffey, 89, was born in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland to William Coffey and Mary Flynn. He grew up on a farm in County Meath, graduated from seminary at St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland, and was ordained in 1947. He immigrated to California and served as associate pastor at St. Anthony Parish in Winters from 1955 to 1963 before moving to Davis. Pope John Paul II named him a prelate of honor in 1979 with the title of monsignor.

The funeral for Msgr. Coffey was held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, CA. Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins of Oakland was to be the homilist. (Info. Sacramento Bee 18 Aug 2010 & Juanita Daniel)

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

Jack Coffee says that this is a very long address for the Oregon Archives page. It's a good site if someone is researching the family of Nebuzaraden and Elizabeth Easley Coffey.
<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personProfileSearch.do?earlyOregonian=true&searchReset=true>

60-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

(The Sunday Oregonian, July 18, 2010)
 Hazel and Clayton Coffey of Portland, Oregon are celebrating 60 years of marriage. The Franklin High School sweethearts wed on July 6, 1950. An anniversary celebration is planned for next month with family which includes Karen Potts and her husband Craig; daughter Sally Coffey; daughter Marda Turnquist and husband Ed; daughter Linda Stone and husband Peter and 5 grandchildren. Clayton is a retired Portland police lieutenant and Hazel is a retired homemaker. Clayton and Hazel have fun attending their grandchildren's ball games and spending time with family and friends.
 (Sent by Lorie Okel)

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Chris Coffey, chriscoffey@comcast.net

Fred R. Coffey, fredrcoffey22@yahoo.com
 (We have 3 Fred Coffeys – Fred Leo & Fred M. Be sure not to change the wrong one.)

DOCUMENTS GALORE

* Janet de la Peña, dlpstudios11@comcast.net, says, "Just got this book, hot off the press (really!) :0)"
 Bethel United Baptist Church, Wayne Co. KY, Celebrating 200 years, 1810-2010," written and compiled by Eileen Mullins, Marilyn Fisher, & Wanda Gregory, Published by E & M Genealogy Books. Includes Bethel Church Cemetery as recorded in 2010.

Membership List 1831 to 1901:

Membership Date	Name of Member
1865	Sarah E. Coffee
(Late Dobbs) - Excluded	April 1885
Jan. 3, 1897	Matthew Coffey
	Killed
Jan. 3, 1897	Emily Coffey
	Dismissed by letter
Jan. 23, 1897	Richard Coffey

The church has a cemetery with grave markers, but no marker photos were included in the book for Coffee/Coffey. It has many unidentified graves.

*James Scott, 3685 Claude Brewer Rd., Loganville, GA, 30052 has sent a copy of the 1782 Wilkes Co NC Tax list:

page 3 .

Chesley Coffe 50 acres, no slaves, 1 house and 4 cows

Page 15 has:
 James Coffee, Senr. 700 acres, no slaves, 1 horse and 12 cows

Jas. Coffe (single man) has nothing.

Jesse Coffe no land, no slaves, 1

horse and 1 cow

Thomas Coffe, 125 acres, no
slaves, 3 horses and 3 cows

Jane Coffee, no land, 4 slaves, 1
house, and 6 cows

Other names I recognize are
Stephen Carpenter, Robert
Whitesides, many Diers, Hardie
Mills, Thomas Fields, Moses Guest
and John Webb.

Mr. Scott has a large collection
of records on the Chesley Coffey
family from NC and KY. He is
willing to share.

COFFEY FAMILIES OF SPRING
FORK, FLAT CREEK TOWNSHIP,
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
(found by Janet de la Pena)
Census Records for Flat Creek
Twp., Pettis Co., MO:

June 5, 1900 Flat Creek Twp.,
Pettis Co., MO
Coffey, John (35), b. Apr. 1865,
married 10 years to Dora B. (32)
b. Jan. 1868, had 6 children, 3
survive, John M. (8), b. June 1891
MO, Nellie (7), b. Dec. 1892, and
Leo T. (2) b. Aug. 1897.

Next door to:

Coffey, Jerry (37) MO, Ire. Ire.,
b. Aug. 1869, Mary E. (36) MO Ire.
Ire., b. Jan. 1869, Mary A. (4)
MO, b. Feb. 1896, Edmond J. (36)
MO, b. Nov. 1863,
Coffey, Mary (68) Ire. Ire. Ire.,
Jerry's mother, b. 1832 (month
blank)

April 15 & 16, 1910, Flat Creek
Twp., Pettis Co., MO
Coffey, J.W. (46) MO Ire. Ire.,

farmer, first marriage 19 years to
Dora (42) MO Ire. Ire., who has
had 6 children, 3 survive, John
(18) MO, Nellie (15) MO, and Leo
(12) MO.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC
CEMETERY,

Flat Creek Twp. Sec.15, Pettis
Co., MO "On the west side of
U, a half mile north of its
intersection with V in the Spring
Fork area. Well-attended, fenced
compound about 50 yards square,
and currently accepting burials."
Recorded June 5, 2003, by George
C. Willick copyrighted. He listed
spouses together if buried
together.

INFANT COFFEY of John & Dora, 1895

JEREMIAH 1862 - 1933

JOHN COFFEY; born in Parish
Tampleno, County Kerry, Ireland,
b. Sept. 27, 1839, d. June 20,
1893

MARY COFFEY, wife of John, d.
Feb. 18, 1913, aged 84y (hot dog!
There is a Death certif. for her
following!)

JOHN COFFEY, John, son of J. &
Mary E., d. Sept. 27, 1896, aged
3y.

JOHN W. COFFEY b. April 14, 1865,
d. Jan. 4, 1930

DORA B. COFFEY b. Jan. 1, 1868, d.
May 30, 1944

LEO COFFEY; aged 2y

LEO T. COFFEY b. Aug. 20, 1897, d.
Aug. 23, 1983

RUBY M. COFFEY b. May 25, 1900, d.
Oct. 16, 1992

MARY A. COFFEY, 1896 - 1984

MARY E. COFFEY d. March 8, 1907,
aged 37y

NELL COFFEY b. Dec. 27, 1892, d.
July 16, 1960

PATRICIA McGLINCHEY COFFEY b. Jan.
15, 1936, d. June 7, 2002

MISSOURI DEATH CERTIFICATES on
line:

DORA BRENNON COFFEY, widow of John
W. Coffey

b. Jan. 1, 1868, Smithton, MO, d.
May 30, 1944, Springfork, Rural
Flat Creek Twp., Pettis Co.,
MO. Res. for 55 years. Daughter
of Michael Brennan and Dora
Seggerson. Buried June 1, 1944,
Springfork. Informant: Leo Coffey

JEREMIAH JAS COFFEY b. Aug. (ink
blot) 1862, Jefferson City, MO,
widower of Mary Coffey, d. Feb.
11, 1933, Route 1, Springfork,
Flat Creek Twp., Pettis Co., MO,
farmer, son of Jno Coffey Ireland,
and Mary Shannon, Ireland. Burial
Springfork, Informant: Mary A.
Coffey

MARY COFFEY, widowed, b. unknown
1829 Ireland, to Wm Shanahan of
Ireland and Mary Ryan of Ireland,
d. Feb. 18, 1913, Springfolk (has
line thru it), Flat Creek Twp.,
Pettis Co., MO. Buried Spring
Fork, MO. Informant Jerry Coffey

Peyton Community

By Jerry Coffee

In 1645, Jeremiah Roberts came
America from England and settled

in the Virginia Colony. Jeremiah
owned a slave named Peyton who he
gave to his son, who passed the
gift to a grandson named William
Roberts. William Roberts freed
Peyton and eight other families in
1836 and all came by ox cart to
the vicinity of Lockhart Texas.

Not having any help on his Texas
farm, William Roberts persuaded
Peyton and his former slaves to
continue working for him until
1865. After the civil war,
William Roberts worked with the
carpetbagger government in Texas
to find land for former slaves.

I examined some more history
about the Peyton Community and the
named of the old post office where
I talked to the black gentleman
was approved as Boardhouse,
Texas by the U.S. Postal Service.

. The Boardhouse Texas post
office closed in 1920 and was
the second post office at the
settlement. It was given the name
of Boardhouse Texas because the
post office was located in A.V.
Walker's "board" house. The house
is only a residence today and is
still occupied. There is no
longer a post office in the Peyton
Community.

The Peyton Community Heritage
Foundation will host the annual
Juneteenth Celebration at the
Peyton Community. Lawrence
Coffee, Jr. will be cooking the
brisket and Patty Coffee will do
the beans. The BBQ is free with
donations to be used to repair the
well and school house.

The 350-acre historic ranch
at Peyton Texas, outside Austin
Texas, has been in the Coffee
Family since it's creation in
1865. The Peyton Texas area has
been the scene of paranormal

activity in the recent years and Ellen Coffee has photographs of ghostly apparitions. Lawrence Coffee, Jr. and his wife Ellen live in a home built by their aunt and uncle about 50 years ago. The Capitol City Ghost Research Society in Austin Texas is currently investigating the reports of paranormal activity in the Peyton Community.

I checked the cemetery listings and the Peyton Cemetery (black) has 176 graves and 22 have Coffee surnames.

I was confused in my description of the Peyton Community. Peyton Roberts was an ex-slave who formed a wagon train of freedmen and their families and moved from Lockhart Texas and settled in that area in 1865. The area was public land after the civil war and the land for the community was acquired by Roberts by preemption. In 1874, the property for the church was donated by a white landowner from Virginia, named Jim Upshear who established a ranch in that area in 1870.

In the 2000 Federal census, the population of Peyton Texas was thirty.

Incidentally, the Peyton Community is located in Hays County Texas, named for Jack Coffee Hays.

An interesting subject about freedmen is that there is a colony of Negroes called the Peyton Community a few miles east of Blanco Texas that was established by freed slaves in 1865. The first black family who settled there was named Coffee and their descendants spread throughout the community. I was in that community in 1967 doing rural survey work for the

telephone company. I stopped by the old rural post office and had a conversation to an elderly black gentleman and he told me about the history of the Peyton Community after I told him my name. He also added that there were no descendants of the original Coffee family left in the Peyton Community. The last Coffee that lived in the Peyton Community left in the 1950s. The community was named for Peyton Roberts; the landowner to donated the area for the settlement of freedmen.

I have a photo that shows the road sign that spells the name "Payton" but the correct spelling is Peyton, with an "e". The old gentleman in the Peyton Community post office thought my ancestors may have been involved in the settlement in some way because my late father's name was "Peyton Coffee." The Peyton school closed in the 1980s and there is nothing remaining of the community today except for a few dilapidated structures and the Mt. Moreb Baptist Church, where services are still held. It is a nice old wooden church building and is in very good condition.

EDWARD COFFEY

John Chenault sent a copy of the following article written by R. Stanley Harsh. We appreciate having such good descriptions of these documents.

LAWSUIT IN ESSEX CO. VA

Edward Coffee v. William Mosely estate.

On 10 Sept. 1700, Edward Coffee received judgment for his freedom, corn and clothes. (This ended his indenture. BC)

LANDOWNER IN ESSEX CO. VA

- 1704 Quit Rent Roll did not list Edward Coffee. This is a fairly reliable indicator that he owned no land on that date.

- On 7 Feb. 1706, Edward Coffey of St. Ann's Parish, Essex Co. bought 118 acres on branches of Occupation Swamp from Mr. Augustine Smith and wife Susanna for 4720 lbs. of tobacco with apparently half down. The land was part of 2,359 acres granted Smith by patent 2 May 1705. Adjoined Thomas Warren on east side of Chickahominy Path, corner to Mr. Francis Gouldman hill near head of branch, corner to Beverly's great tract. On 6 Mar 1706/7 Coffey took possession. Witnesses were Robert King and Thomas Warren.

- On 20 Oct 1707 his land is listed as adjoining land of Mr. Augustine Smith of St. Ann's Parish sold to Henry Martin. Also adjoining Beverly Park path, Patrick Kernal and Mr. Francis Gouldman.

- On Nov. 1714 Edward and Ann Coffee of St. Ann's Parish, planter, sold 118 acres on Occupation Creek to John Barbee for 5,000 lbs. tobacco. Adjoining Thomas Warren, east side of Chickamony Park, Col. Francis Gouldman. Coffee had purchased the land from Augustine Smith.

- On 16 July 1716 Edward and Ann Coffee of St. Ann's Parish bought a plantation of 200 acres in St. Ann's Parish from John Mosely, son and executor of Edward Mosely. The plantation includes houses,

buildings, barns, tobacco sheds, gardens, etc. The land was on east side of Occupation Creek, a small branch of Gibsons Creek a part of parcel commonly called Mosely's Quarter. Adjoining Mr. Motrum Wright and land formerly belonging to Thomas Button. They paid 8,000 lbs tobacco.

A note of explanation about the above land transaction. The subject Edward apparently purchased the plantation from John Mosely sometime prior to the above deed making payment of 8,000 lbs. tobacco. Inasmuch as Edward and Ann had sold land in 1714 for 5,000 lbs. tobacco. They had the major part of the payment for the 1716 purchase of the plantation. The plantation purchases above appears to be the land Edward bequeathed by his will of 14 Feb. 1715/6 to his two sons, John and Edward with one third to wife Ann. Ann would have been entitled in any event to a widow's dower in any property, which her husband owned during his lifetime. For some reason the deed to the purchased plantation apparently did not get recorded prior to Edward's death. After his death the deed was recorded vesting title to his two sons John and Edward both who were under age of 16 pursuant to his will. This suggests that Edward died after making his will on 14 Feb 1715/6 prior to the recording of the deed on 16, July 1716.



JOHN JAMES COFFEY

By Jerry Coffee, Plano, TX

My great grandfather's brother, John James Coffee, moved from the Orangeville Community in Fannin County Texas and settled in McDonald County Missouri in 1867. He wanted to get his family away from the post-war strife in Fannin, Collin, Hunt, and Grayson Counties and his intention was to study law under John T. Coffee. Apparently he did not know that John had left that area for Texas by then. John James Coffee moved to Mitchell County about 1879 and became an attorney for the Snyder Brothers Renderbrook and Spade Ranch Cattle Operation in Lamb, Hockley and Mitchell County, Texas. * * After the death of his father in 1840, John Wesley Snyder accompanied his older brother, Dudley Hiram Snyder to Missouri and became aquatinted with John T. Coffee, as their attorney. In the fall of 1856, the Snyder brothers moved to Georgetown Texas and started an apple orchard, horse farm and a cattle operation. With the outbreak of the War Between the States, John Wesley Snyder enlisted in the Confederate Army and assisted his brother in selling and shipping cattle to the Confederacy's Trans-Mississippi Department and freighted cotton to Brownsville, Texas and Matamoras, Mexico to avoid the Federal naval blockade. After resigning from the Confederate army in the winter of 1862, Col. Coffee moved to Brownsville and assisted the Snyder Brothers in shipping their cotton into Mexico and the shipping it overseas. John Wesley Snyder married Catherine

Jane Coffee in 1868, daughter of Col. John T. Coffee and they had eight children. In 1870, John T. Coffee established his goat ranch in Georgetown, Williamson County Texas with the assistance of his son-in-law. In 1891, the Snyder Brothers sold their Renderbrook and Spade Ranch to Issac W. Elwood and moved back to Williamson County and raised fine horses. In 1895, John James Coffee resigned from the Renderbrook and Spade Ranch and opened a private law practice in Big Spring, Texas. John Wesley Snyder died on April 14, 1922 and is buried in his family plot in Georgetown. His home in Georgetown is now Southwestern University's fine-arts building.

The Snyder brothers are famous for their cattle drives from Georgetown along the Western Trail through Central Texas to Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming. Charles Franklin Coffee, son of John T. Coffee, accompanied them. Charles Franklin Coffee served the Confederacy in the entire four years of the Civil War in Missouri. In 1882, after learning the cattle business from the Snyder Brothers, C.F. Coffee established his Hat Creek Cattle Company in Nebraska and Wyoming and in 1886, built the largest cattle processing plant west of the Mississippi River at the railhead at Chadron, Nebraska. The inspiration for the book by Eugene McMurtry and TV mini-series "Lonesome Dove" was from the lives and cattle operations of Charles Goodnight, Oliver Loving and Charles Franklin Coffee. Charles Franklin Coffee is in The Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

COMPUTER NEWS

COFFEY COUSINS web site, <http://www.thecoffeycousins.org/coffeycousins.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

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 1156 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.

SORT YOUR STORY –sortyourstory.com is sponsored by Lorel A. Kapke, loreelak@vom.com

Short educational video - www.youtube.com/user/genealogyscrounge

Small Town Newspapers - www.newsvoyager.com/voyager.efm

IMMIGRATION FILES TO GET NEW HOME
IN LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

By Matt Campbell, The Kansas City
Star

The U.S. government was prepared to destroy millions of files documenting every person who immigrated to this country, or tried to, over the last century. Instead, those records will be saved and the vast majority of them will be kept in the Kansas City area, providing invaluable information to historians, genealogist and the merely curious.

They're called A-files, as in alien registration files. They are the paperwork of wretched refuse and the huddled masses and everyone else who yearned for a better life

in America.

The minutiae of every great migration wave of the 20th century are recorded in citizenship applications, photographs, personal correspondence, foreign birth certificates, marriage licenses, health records, interview transcripts and more.

People might learn where their great-grandfather lived and what he did for a living in the old country. Sociologists might glean insight into who was on the move and why. Researchers might discover patterns in the way immigrants were treated over the years.

The salvation of these records

is the result of a remarkable agreement between two federal agencies, Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Immigration, formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, had long considered the A-files "temporary," which meant they were disposable after 75 years.

But before that could happen, the archives ordered a moratorium on the destruction of those and similar records. Then the two agencies negotiated an agreement to transfer the A-files to the archives, where they will be made available to the public.

Records of people who immigrated through Angel Island in San Francisco, primarily from Asia, will be stored in San Bruno, CA. But all the rest will be stored in limestone caves in Lee's Summit. The Kansas City region of the archives was chosen because the immigration service was already storing its records in Lee's Summit as well.

The difference the transfer between agencies makes is that A-file will now become easily accessible to the general public without having to file a Freedom of Information Act request. Instead, they can be viewed within a day or so of being requested.

For privacy reasons, the A-files will become available 100 years after the subject's birth. That means the records of people born in 1909 or before will be

available first, no matter what year they immigrated. Then every five years, a new batch will become available within a few months, NARA said.

The records will not include people who immigrated before 1907 because that is when the immigration service was given jurisdiction over arriving aliens. Before that, records were not centralized.

CIS said the immigration agency is updating its database to create an index, which the archives plans to put on its Web site so people can search it.

-www.kansascity.com, June 14, 2009.

USING ENCYCLOPEDIAS IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

by Gena Philibert Ortega, Editor, WorldVitalRecords Newsletter

Finding aids assist genealogist in obtaining the information they need. One finding aid valuable to the genealogist is encyclopedias.

GENEALOGY ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Sometimes an encyclopedia can provide you with an overview of a subject. Dick Eastman's *Encyclopedia of Genealogy* located at www.eogen.com/ includes genealogical articles of all kinds. This is a place to find out how to conduct research, what different genealogical terms mean and where to find historical records. This collaborative website allows you to search on a term and then choose corresponding articles. Searching on term

"Canadian," for instance, brought results ranging from specific terms involved in French Canadian research such as *dit* names, Filles du Roi, and a generalized article on Canadian townships. In Addition there were general articles on sending cash overseas and research facilities.

The web site FAMILY HISTORY 101 at www.familyhistory101.com/encyclopedia.html has several online encyclopedias and glossaries that can assist in your genealogical research. Genealogical Abbreviations, Early Illnesses & Diseases, Early Occupations, Common Nicknames, Tombstone Symbols, Genealogical Terms, and Worldwide Epidemics are among the topics represented here.

RELIGIOUS ENCYCLOPEDIAS

The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750-1930 is a six-volume work compiled by William Wade Hinshaw from Quaker monthly meeting records. This work provides information on over 400,000 Quakers who lived in New Jersey, New York, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia. This collection is available online through Genealogy.com at www.genealogy.com/192faed.html. An index of the encyclopedia is located at www.rootsweb.com/~quakers/hinshaw. The actual encyclopedia is available for purchase through various book retailers and on microfilm through the Family History Library.

Other religions:

Catholic www.newadvent.org/cathen/index.

Baptist www.baptisttop1000.com/

Baptist_Encyclopedia.html
also WWW.wmcarey.educarey/reference/ref2
Mormon www.gameo.org/

FRATERNAL ORDERS

Freemasonry www.phoenixmasonry.org/mackeys_encyclopedia/index
(You can buy the book for \$6.99 at <http://ebooksebookmall.com/title/encyclopedia-of-freemasonry-mackey-ebooks>)

Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History - Fraternal Sickness Insurance at <http://eh.net/encyclopedia/article/emery.insurance.fraternal>
This is Woodmen of the World.

STATES

When researching a family, it is as important to learn about the time period and locality the family lived in as it is to know about the family's biographical information. This can be especially vital in researching places that you are unfamiliar with. Life is different from one region to another. Learning how a region is different can help us better understand our ancestors and where they lived.

Exaples of state encyclopedias:

- Encyclopedia of Alabama
- Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture
- Floripedia
- Maryland Online Encyclopedia
- Encyclopedia Louisiana
- Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri
- North Carolina Encyclopedia
- Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture
- South Carolina Encyclopedia (WorldVitalRecords.com Family History Bulletin, Sept.10,2009)

COFFEY COUSINS' CONVENTION

April 28 – 30, 2011

Independence, Missouri

What was it like to travel to California or Oregon in a covered wagon? Come to historic Independence and visualize what it must have been like. This would have been the last time you would have seen any kind of civilization for months, until you got to California. You would have to make sure that you had everything that you were going to need before you joined the wagon train at the edge of town.

You can still see some of the remnants of what those immigrants saw before leaving, like the 1827 log courthouse, the 1859 jail and marshal's home and a pioneer cabin. Later wealth to Independence brought the 1852 Bingham-Waggoner Estate, the 1881 Vaile Mansion and the 1879 Chicago & Alton Depot. Then as genealogist you won't want to miss the Midwest Genealogy Center, one of the best in the nation and the Church of Christ Temple Lot (Mormon church and library).

I'm sure most of you know that President Harry S. Truman 'hailed' from Independence, Missouri and his library is not far from the town square. We will car-pool to this on Friday morning and be given a guided tour by a friend on one of my cousins who is a docent there. You will have some time to explore on your own. Secret documents from Truman's time as president have been opened recently and some of the more interesting will be on view. He and his wife are buried in the garden at the library. You may want to visit Truman's office and the courthouse where he officiated as judge. I found the Truman home very interesting as my husband's Aunt Blanche used to play bridge with Bess Truman there. She just lived a few houses down the street. You will have to tour this home in small groups as it is a National Historic Site and the park service has cut the size of each group touring for preservation reasons.

Independence is a small city (pop. 112,000) that has been hemmed-in by Kansas City and other small towns to the east. There is a lot more than this to see without going any great distance if you are interested. One of my favorites is the museum where the River Ship Arabia is housed in the Old Kansas City Market. It contains the contents of a river ship that was excavated from the flood plains of the Missouri River. I have visited this museum at least 4 times and see something I missed every time. This is just the tip of the iceberg of things to see in this part of Missouri. Check out the web sites for Kansas City, MO, Blue Springs, Liberty, and Raytown.

With the convention being held in Missouri, I should be able to take my entire library to the hospitality room. The last few years, I have only been able to take what I could haul but I will have help from my family with the meeting being so close by. I have also 'twisted' Fred Coffey's arm and convinced him that we want another report on the Coffey DNA Project. Fred has spoke to us before about a little of what has been accomplished using findings from this collection of DNA. Some really exciting and wonderful findings have come about using these records. It has helped solve several "Dead End Roads."

I am still working on the catered banquet that will be held on Friday, April 30 at 6 p.m. I will have more information on this in the December issue.

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WHERE and HOW

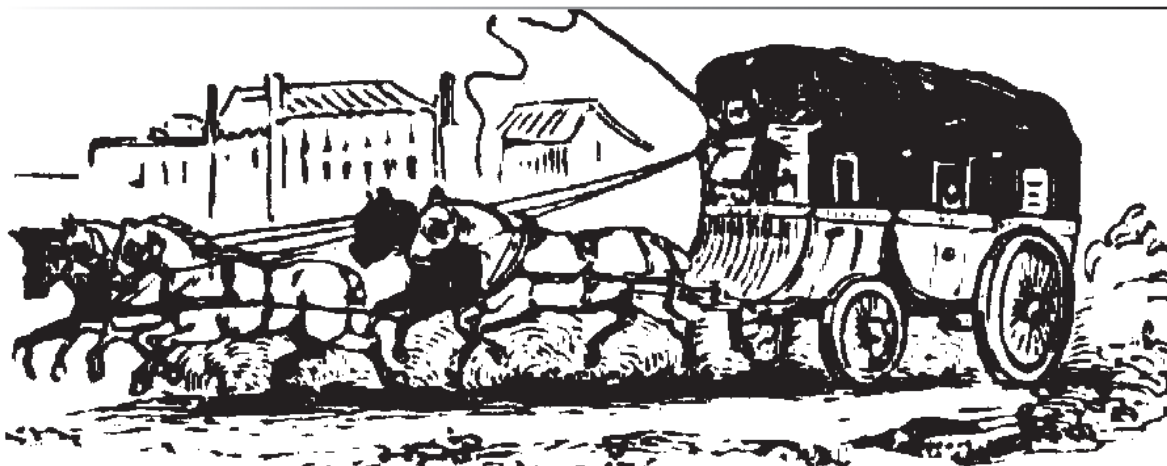
I hope you are planning to attend the convention in April. I need you to make reservations early so we will have some idea of how many to plan for. If you give a credit card number to reserve your room and something happens that you can not attend, you can cancel and still have no charges. I have already made my reservation for a handicapped room in the Residence Inn by Marriott. I need to be close to the meeting room and feel this will be easier for Jim and me. We hope to see you there.

We have something new this year. We actually have two hotels!!! The Marriott and Fairfield hotels in Independence are next door to each other and both belong to the same company. You can stay in either and we will still get credit for convention rates. They share parking lots but the two face different streets.

Our meeting room will be in the **RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT**, 3700 S. Arrowhead Ave., Independence, MO. Phone number 816-795-6466. A room with king or 2 queen beds will cost Coffey Cousins \$74.99 plus tax. They also have suites w/kitchen & living room. Check with The Sales Manager for price of this room. The hotel has a full hot breakfast.

The sister hotel is **FAIRFIELD INN** 18700 E. 37th Terrace, Independence, MO. Phone number is 816-795-1616. A room with a king or 2 queen beds will cost Coffey Cousins \$69.99 plus tax. They serve a continental breakfast.

BE SURE TO SAY THAT YOUR RESERVATION IS FOR COFFEY COUSINS.



The Elusive Ancestor

**I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.
He married where a courthouse burned, he mended all his fences.
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.
He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame,
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe. They should be on some list
of passengers to the U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.
And no one else in this world is searching for this man.
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.
He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.
No family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.
To top it off, this ancestor who caused me many groans,
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES!
Author Unknown**

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