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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

This year has sped by. By the time you read this message Thanksgiving will be just a memory, and maybe a few leftovers. We'll be looking ahead to Christmas. Everything gets too hectic with too many ads, too many cars on the roads, and not enough space in the mall parking lots.

I hope you are reading all the information that Bonnie has about the next convention in Independence. She has lots of plans in the works. There is a wealth of genealogy information available in the area, as well as other attractions.

We have done some research in Missouri, in Springfield and Dade County. We found my great-great-grandmother's tombstone in a cemetery in a field outside Greenfield. It had barbed wire wrapped around it and I wondered if that was just to hold it together, since it was broken, or if it was sending a message, since she had married John Trousdale Coffey, rebel raider who burned the courthouse down.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Let's all pray for peace on earth and a brighter future.

Jean

**MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS
TODAY.**

See page 17 for Coffey Convention News.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousin,

I'm so glad the election is over! I was hearing from no one doing genealogy. Guess we were all busy answering political calls and surveys. It is so good to be back to normal and hear from more of you.

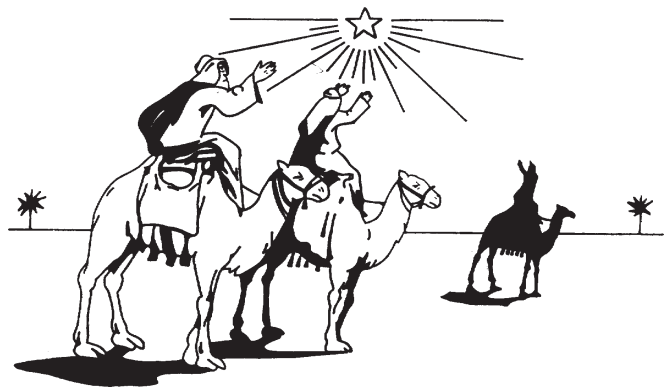
Jim and I drove into Independence, Missouri this last week to check on details for the convention. We have purchased a handicapped van and are now able to get around a little better and take Jim's powered wheel chair along. It worked really well. I was able to meet with Amanda Wiltse, Tourism Service Specialist and Josh Reichert, Hotel Manager. All went really well and you can read more on page 17 for reservations. There are two things I want to call to your attention in Independence that will not be covered in the convention. There is a covered wagon ride and tour of Independence pulled by two Missouri mules. You can learn more about this on www.pioneertrailsadventures.com. It sounds like lots of fun! Then you will be really close to the Midwest Genealogy Center. It is one of our Nation's major genealogy libraries. You can learn a lot more by going to www.midwestgenealogycenter.org. There is so much to do here that you could easily extend your trip for weeks.

Jack Coffee and Fred Coffey have been doing some really great research for us. This issue is full of their work and I'm sure this is only the "tip of the iceberg" on what they have found. Jack has a new DVD out that you can buy and Fred has added some really interesting linages to the DNA page. Be sure to look at it.

Last, but not least, please check your mailing address labels on the last page and see what date your subscription expires. If it says Dec 10, this means December 2010 and your subscription is due. We really don't want to loose any of you.

Now, we hope all of you have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Bonnie

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NEW NAMES**ANCESTOR**

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Clara Coffee Stephens, 807 N. 20 th St., Rogers, AR 72756	Edward

NEW COUSINS

* Kathleen Johnson is the sister of Juliann Lumpkin, both from Texas. We wish to thank Juliann for introducing her sister to our research. They descend from Mary Eudora Coffey Tribble. If you have their ancestor in your file, please let Kathleen hear from you.

* Valerie Martinez, chilis4mehotmail.com, is my (Bonnie) 2nd cousin. Our grandmother's are sisters. Valerie descends from Virginia (Hayes) Hughes. Virginia was called Jenny. Jenny was the oldest child of Hamilton and Elvira (Register) Hayes. Hamilton was the son of George and Elizabeth (Coffey-Whitsett) Hayes and Elizabeth was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rucker) Coffey. This John Coffey is the son of Benjamin and Molly (Hayes) Coffey with Benjamin being the son of John and Jane (Graves) Coffey, son of Edward and Ann (Powell) Coffey. I am so glad to have her join me in researching all our common lines.

* Clara Coffee Stephens says that she descends from the Edward Coffey line.

1. Edward Coffey, ca 1670,
2. John Coffey, Essex Co. VA b. 1699/1700,
3. John Coffey, Essex Co. VA b. 1733,
4. Meredith Coffey, Albermarle Co. VA b. 1760,
5. John Coffey, Grainger Co. TN b. 1793/98,

6. Meredith Coffey, Grainger Co. TN b. 1822,
 7. David Coffey, McDonald Co. MO or TN 1850,
 8. Pierce Coffey, McDonald Co. MO 1877,
 9. Ilus Coffey, McDonald Co. MO 1903. (Clara's father)
- Clara says that there is a disagreement on where David Coffey was born. One census says he was born in Tennessee but Clara's GGrandmother came from Arkansas, it would be unlikely she went to Tennessee and married her husband. Clara's address is in the new cousin list and her email is sfpennamel@yahoo.com

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com,

"I am now selling a DVD with all the data that I've collected, including death certificates, marriage certificates, family and/or individual photos and headstones for \$35. Purchase can be made thru <http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/> and then click on the Pay Pal "Buy Now" button. Buyers do not have to be a member of Pay Pal to use the order form. As of today there are 24,036 individuals, 7211 families, 56,453 events (marriages, deaths, etc), 1080 sources, 20373 citations, 3221 multi-media items (documents).

* Clara Stephens, sfpennamel@yahoo.com, says: "I do have this one strange thing I want to

share with you. I have a copy of a picture that I had been told was of John Coffey and Rebecca Ragsdale, along with Jane Hopper. Jack Coffee pointed out and my Son confirmed the type of photo and clothing could not be from the time frame of John and Rebecca Coffey.

I contacted Jean Helm and she said they came from Bertha Jeffers and I contacted her in Hawaii. She said they came from a Joe Davenport but he is deceased so Jack Coffee put them on his Blog to see if anyone knows who they are. I thought that I couldn't see any resemblance to my Father or his Father but you know that isn't conclusive in pictures."

We need to applaud Clara for her search for "facts." How many times have we passed names, dates and photo's that have no documentation behind them. I wish I could print her pictures but my printing service does not do this well."

* Patty Carv, PattyCorv@aol.com, says; "Please do not say the McCaleb Coffey house, is falling down, although it will do so in a few years if someone does not step in to repair it. The Coffey-Welborn Reunion meets there the first of October each year. For more on this old home, you can contact Martha C. Kirby 4026 King Charles Rd. Durham, NC 27707 919-493-1690 or you email me, Patty. They need interested people. The McCALEB COFFEY house is outside of Lenoir enroute to Blowing Rock.

OBITUARIES

JAMES M. COFFEY

James M. Coffey, 60, of Gladstone, MO, passed away June 23, 2010. He was born May 15, 1950 in Kansas City, MO. James has been a lifelong resident of the Oakview/Gladstone area. He attended St. Pius X High School. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Linda, for almost 41 years. He worked the majority of his career at the TWA overhaul base. James was an avid major league baseball fan. He will be missed by his wife Linda and sister, Helen (Bill) Jones.
(Kansas City Star, June 25, 2010)

ELMA SUE DAVIS

Elma Sue Davis passed away on 16 Oct. 2008. We heard from her daughter Vonnie Sue Davis Ullery. We send our sympathy to the Davis family.

BOBBIE PAULINE KENNER

Bobbie Pauline (Hopson) Kenner, age 68, of Mooresburg, TN. was born July 22, 1942 and passed away on Sept. 21, 2010 at the Ft. Sanders Hospital with loving family at her side. She was a member of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church of Thorn Hill, TN. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. George Estle and Alice Coffey Hopson; brothers, Lennie Clayton Hopson and Earl William Hopson; sister, Louvernina Driver and niece, Sherry



Ann Hopson Cox.

She is survived by her: brother, James Ernest Hopson of VA. sisters, Peggy Bernice Mullins and Patricia Charlene Posey of Tazewell, TN., special niece, Linda Sue (James) Coffey of Tazewell, special nephew, Darren Don Lee Posey of Rogersville, nephews, James Estle Hopson, Jimmy Lee (Jody) Posey, Danny Earl Hopson, Mark Wayne Hopson and Ralph Taylor Hopson, nieces, Dorothy Anita Hopson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside service will be held at the Reece Family Cemetery on Tower Rd.

Coffey Funeral Home in charge.
(Info: Bernice Mullins & Bennie Loftin)

KATHLEEN COFFEY FOX

Kathleen Coffey Fox, 91 of Fairfield, VA died Sept. 19, 2010. She was born Oct. 11, 1918 in Amherst and was a daughter of the late Flecher Beatles Coffey and Maggie Harris Coffey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Roy Thomas Fox, Sr. and a son William Fox.

Surviving are two children, Mary A. Grant of Fairfield and Roy Thomas Fox, Jr. of Staunton, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Internment was in the Mt. Herman Cemetery, Middlebrook VA.

(Info: The Rockbridge Weekly, Lexington VA and Ruby Leighton)

LAVERNE FAY COFFEY

Laverne Fay (Dean) Coffey, age 64, died Oct. 1, 2010 in Sapulpa, OK. She was a sales associate. Mrs. Coffey was buried at Green Hill Cemetery.

(Info: Tulsa World and Bennie Loftin)/

BILL JOBES

Bill Jobes, husband of Marguerite Jobes, has passed away. At print time we have not received his obituary. We will print it in the next issue. We send our sympathy to Marguerite and her family.

CORRECTIONS & ANSWERS

Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com, says; In the Dec. 1988 and June 1994 editions of the newsletter, Cherry Jones of Albuquerque, NM wrote that Nathaniel "Nathan" Coffey married Nancy Clarke in 1823 and was the 10th child of James and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey.

I have Joel as the 10th child of James and Elizabeth, not Nathaniel. Nathaniel was the son of Joel, son of James and Elizabeth. He married Martha someone, born c1804 in NC, died probably in NC. I haven't found a death record for either of them. I've been doing a bit of work on one of his sons, Armstead Armstrong Coffey, born July 1836 in NC. He married Catherine Cannon c.1866 in NC. She was born Jan 1841 in NC and was probably some kin to Elsie Cannon that married Armstead's brother, Ervin.

As best as I can determine, Armstead and Catherine had five children:

Newton Asbury, born c1867 in Lower Creek Twp., Burke Co., NC, died Feb. 3, 1941 in Morganton, Burke Co., NC. He married Ella D. Baker c.1892 in Burke Co. She was born Aug 14, 1869 in Burke Co., died Jan 21, 1943 in Morganton. Their children were Essie M., born c.1900; Grace M., born c.1902; Rosa E., born c.1906 and Homer D., born c.1910, all in Morganton. Newton's death record found in North Carolina Death Records, 1908-1967, says that he was born 10 Aug 1874, which is incorrect. He was three years old in the 1870 census.

Emma, born c.1869, Burke Co., married George Matlock c.1898. I found one child, Walter, born Oct. 1898 in NC.

Louisa, born c.1874. She appeared only once with the family, and then in the 1880 census.

Samuel Wesley, born Oct. 1878, died Sep. 20, 1945 in Morganton. Sam's death record reports his birth in Nov. 1893. This too is incorrect as he was 22 years old in the 1900 census and still living with his parents in Burke Co. His birth date was given as Oct. 1878. His mother would have been in her early 50's if the 1893 birth date were accurate.

Lula Jane, born c1880 in Caldwell Co., died Aug. 28, 1930 in Hickory, Catawba Co., NC. Lula married twice; 1st to George Wortman and 2nd to Waid Preston

Raby. I believe she had two children; one by each husband.

Lula died Aug. 28, 1930 in Hickory, Catawba Co., and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Morganton. She died from third degree burns caused when her clothing caught fire as she was starting a fire using kerosene. Waid Preston died on Aug. 25, 1909 in Morganton.

To summarize the census:

1870 - Armstead, age 34;
Catherine, age 30; Newton, age 3;
Emma, age 1
1880 - Armstead, age 42;
Catherine, age 28; Newton, age 12;
Emma, age 11; Louisa, age 6; Sam,
age 3

1900 - Armstead, age 63;
Catherine, age 59; Emma, age 28;
Sam, age 21

1910 - Armstead, age 73; Sam, age 30

Catherine died between the 1900 and 1920 census. Newton and family hasn't yet been found in the 1900 census.

Let me know what you think about Nathaniel being a son of Joel and not of James. Also, do you have any clue to the maiden name of Joel's wife, Martha?

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Dead End Roads

* Jack Coffee, jack.commee@gmail.com, is working on his Coffey DVD and has run across a problem. He says; "I have Ananias and Jane with a son named John David Coffey, born Sep. 16, 1821 in KY, died c1859. He married Sarepta Chambers on Nov. 30, 1852 in KY and died before 1860. He and Sarepta had three children, all born in Adair Co., KY: John W., 1853; Julia Ann, born 1855; and Lloyd M., born 1857. Sarepta had remarried by the 1860 census to Berry Coomer, born c1816 in Stokes Co., NC and had a bunch more kids. After first married to Coomer, they lived in Columbia, Adair Co., but by 1870 they were in Leatherwood, Adair Co KY.

I found a genealogy on Ancestry that says John David Coffey - same birth date - married Martha Gray and they had a son they named Annanias, born 29 Jan 1846 in Warrick Co., IN, died 28 Aug., 1897 in Warrick Co. This son Annanias married Mary Skelton and had a son Elijah Coffey who married Arrie Belle Rover. Their son was Russell Rex Coffey.

Now, I'm unsure if my John David Coffey who married Sarepta is the son of Ananias and Jane. Of course, the Annanias who married Mary Skelton is a clue that some connection may exist. I'm just trying to figure out if I need to start looking for another John David Coffey-Martha Gray family. Do you have anything on either couple?"

I suggested we check with Fred Coffey to see what he had in his Kentucky Coffey file and his response makes it more confusing yet. Do any of you have documentation on this family? Fred Coffey has; "As you know, I and Kevin Coffey made an attempt to find a "genealogy home" for as many as possible of the people found in the census for Russell and surrounding counties in Kentucky. That resulted in the genealogy found at www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo In that genealogy, the Ananias Coffey who married Jane Hindman (Herndon? Herdsman?) is person #501. And his son John David Coffey is person #547. So far, so good.

But the genealogy I found (unknown source) said that John David first married Mary Ann Carter, and then he married Julia Ann Kemp. And it shows that he and Julia had one son, Martin Alexander Coffey. Martin married Margaret A. Kemp (unknown relationship to Martin's mother Julia Kemp!) and they had six kids."

* Clara Stephens, sfpennamel@yahoo.com, writes, "I am a long ways from completing my family book. I have been trying to see if I could find some information on the original Coffey Family in Ireland. I am reading Irish History for Dummies now. It is very interesting but I feel I may not be able to track what happened during the uprisings between the

Irish and the English.

I am assuming, and you know what that can get you into, that our family lost their lands because of their Catholic beliefs.

Since Edward came to America as an indentured servant and bought his freedom from the Mosley family I am thinking the Mosley's were English, but I am so curious to know how he became involved with them.

Did he go to England to escape the war or did the Mosley's come to Ireland and then decide to leave for America and he went with them. I don't think anyone has explored this part of the history, maybe because it could not be verified, but I would love to know."

I hope someone will want to answer some of this for Clara. There is a lot I would like to know more about on the subject also. (BC)

* Clare Bredin, captandtheboss@aol.com, says, "I emailed a very nice man at JKCOffee@yahoo.com asking if he had any information about my husband's great great grandfather, Christopher Columbus Coffee. He referred me to you saying that he did not have much information on the Peter Coffee line. My husband's grandmother was Anna Camile Coffee b. 1888 d. 1961. Her parents were Christopher Columbus Coffee b.1859?, 1854? or 1849? d. 11-12-1928 and Ella C. Ragsdale b. 1865 d.1920. They were married in 1884. I think she came from Meridan AL? and I know that he

lived in Mobile, AL, for a number of years. I know he was a 32nd degree Mason. His parents were Peter Harrison Coffee and Susan Ann Rogers.

Would you have any information about this man? I am trying to do some family tree work and would really appreciate any help."

Sue Boland, bolandsue66@yahoo.com, has been getting help from her Coffey aunt and uncle. She says; "My Uncle was Glenn Richard Coffey b- Apr 1929 and d-27 Feb 1992, in an automobile accident near Versailles, MO. He was the Benton County, Missouri assessor at the time of his passing. Lived on a farm near Lincoln, MO.

My Aunt is Wanets Jo Coffey Matney b 14 Jul 1936, still living in Edgewood, WA.

My Dad was the oldest of 9 children and I am the oldest grandchild of 21. We had a Coffey reunion here in Warrensburg, MO Sept. 7, 2009 and 3 Aunts and 1 Uncle were there (only ones living). Of the 21 grandchildren, 4 are deceased, 15 showed up, 1 was in Florida getting ready to be shipped overseas with the Air Force and the other one just doesn't do get-togethers.

Will give you a run down as to how I am related - Edward Coffey, John Coffey, Thomas Coffey, James Coffey, Eli (Elijah) Coffey, James Harper Coffey, John Milton Coffey, (my Dad) Lloyd Delmar Coffey, and (me) Letha Sue Coffey Boland.

I haven't done much with the

Boland's, yet, but planning that soon. My husband passed away September 2, 2009, and he just did not understand why I enjoyed genealogy so much, but did not make a fuss about me spending time trying to connect family members." If you can help Sue, she would appreciate hearing from you.

* Alaine Coffey, alainecoffey@yahoo.com, contacted Fred Coffey saying; "I was wondering if you could tell me a little bit about my Coffey line. My grandfather is John Brindley Coffey who married Valarie Kendall (maiden name) and had three sons. The oldest is Christopher James Coffey. The middle is Kendall Coffey. My father is the youngest, Kevin Robert Coffey. One of my great uncles is Robert Lewis Coffey Jr who became a congressman of Pennsylvania. My great grandfather is Robert Lewis Coffey who married Curry Brindley (maiden name). Thank you for taking time out of your day."

Fred answered: I wasn't familiar with any of the names you cite, but your clue about your great uncle the Pennsylvania congressman made it easy - "Google" can find almost anything about anybody who is even slightly famous! You descend from Richard Coffey, born about 1799 in Ireland, died 5 Dec 1872 in Pennsylvania.

We hope someone else will recognize her information and write to Alaine.

* Suzanne Schlinsog, suzschlin@comcast.net, says;" My great-grandmother was Malinda Izora Coffey (1870-1946). Her parents were William Abram Coffey (1841-1899) and Mary A. Franklin (1842-1924). William's parents: Archelaus Coffey (1810-1900) and Rachel Wilson (1814-1885). I am particularly interested in tracing Rachel's parents which may or may not be Jonathan Wilson and Sarah Boone from N.C. If that connection is correct, many families believe Sarah's grandfather was Israel Boone, brother of the famous Daniel Boone. I am trying to be careful not to fall into the "famous ancestor" trap. I see in the newsletter index that there might be some info in this area.

Continuing: Archelaus' parents: James D. Coffey (1786-1869) and Hannah Alloway-Strange (1790-1871). And James D.'s parents: Reuben Coffey and Sarah "Sally" Scott. I am having a little trouble pinpointing this Reuben's birth since there are several Reubens floating around at that time. Most trees then trace Reuben to John Coffey and Jane Graves and then back to Edward Coffey and Ann Powell.

Initially, I started this project because my mom turns 85 this month and I thought I would spend a few weeks researching her background to commemorate her life. That was last spring and after working on this for 9 months now, I can safely say: I'm hooked. I have found several lost

but still living relatives and everyone is excited to see what I come up with. I don't want to let them down and I most certainly don't want to provide them with mis-information."

Suzanne would appreciate hearing from others working this line.

* Colleen Stutz, stutzfab4@yahoo.com, wrote the following to Jack; "I found your blog with a Google search, and I'm interested to know more about your research on the Coffee family. I seem to be related through Chesley Coffey Jr.'s son, Landon. I haven't found any blogs or websites of anyone researching this line. Do you have any knowledge of this line? Also, I saw that you have a CD you're selling of the Edward Coffee mystery. I've read all I can on this topic online, and it seems to me that Chesley Jr. was an actual person. Is that your findings as well?"

Jack's response: "Yes, Chesley, Jr has been shown to have been a real person. It is his father that remains the mystery. Certainly, if he was a Jr., then a Sr. must have existed yet no one has ever found him."

Colleen would appreciate hearing from other Chesley Coffey jr. researchers.

* Jack Coffee found this book, he says; "According to the book, Kentucky: a history of the state compiled by William Henry Perrin, J. H. Battle and G. C. Kniffen,

published 1888 in Louisville and Chicago by F. A. Battey and Company, Pages 855-856 (<http://preview.tinyurl.com/26l7esl>), Martha Coffey who married Joseph E. Hay(e)s was a daughter of Cleaveland [sic] Coffey of North Carolina. Cleaveland was a son of Joel, Jr. a native of North Carolina, and he a son of Joel Coffey, Sr. "of English parentage."

I think Coffey researchers have always connected Joel who married Martha Stepp and, the father of Joel, Jr. to Chesley.

Has either of you previously heard of this? Seems to me the authors are saying that Joel, Jr. was the son of English emigrants? Or perhaps, he is an emigrant himself."

(Boy would this one confuse a new researcher!! BC)

ON THIS SUBJECT

Fred Coffey, fredcoffey@aol.com, says; "Hey, anybody who gets confused by the "Joel" Coffeys, is in good company! Please see the following: <http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo/JoelPuzzle.pdf>

(Oh, by the way I read the source, Martha Coffey didn't marry Joseph Hays, she married G. Hays, the father of Joseph?)

The Cleaveland Coffey who was the father of this Martha Coffey who married G. Hayes was a son of the Joel (#951) on my "Puzzle" page. THIS Joel is the one who married Martha Step, if I have things right? and this was Joel

SENIOR, not Jr.

This page does indeed show a "Joel Junior" (#1016). However this one would have been the BROTHER of Cleveland, not the FATHER of Cleveland? I'll make a guess that the book's author mixed up his Joels?

We do show Joel Senior to be a son of Chesley. However, since we can't even convince ourselves that Chesley existed, who is to say that Joel is NOT of Unknown English Parentage? I think part of the reasoning is that we've never heard of an "English" Coffey? They're all IRISH!

In addition, we have DNA tests on three members of the "Joel Senior" line: One through his son Cleveland, one through his son James, and one through his son Nebuzaradan. All three have DNA consistent with being descendants of Edward (or of an Edward ancestor). And I have real trouble believing that someone from the line of Edward, or Edward's ancestors, came to America through England.

So we may not know if there was a Chesley, but I'm pretty convinced that Joel Senior does descend from Edward via SOME path.!"

* Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com, asks; "Any idea who was John Coffey who married Rebecca Toler? They appeared in the 1850 Wayne Co., KY census. John, age 53, born KY; Rebecca, age 39, born VA; Catharine, age 18; Caleb, age 15;

Franklin, age 12; Jane, age 10; Polly A., age 8 and Rebecca, age 6.

A neighbor was Benjamin F. Coffey, age 33, born KY; Mary A., age 23; Martha E., age 2; Charles Elam, age 13, and Sarah Elam, age 11. I think this is Benjamin, son of Lewis Russell and Biddy Moore Coffey. Mary A. was Mary Ann Worsham, born 1826 in Wayne Co. I don't think John is a son of Lewis and Biddy. But, he could be the John born 1796 to John Coffey, Sr., son of James and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey. I don't have a wife for 1796 John."

* Wesley Patrick Pryor, wapryor@kc.rr.com, wrote the following to Fred Coffey. "My mother's maiden name is Mary Lou Coffey. Her father, Marvin (Mike) Coffey died in Parkville, MO. His father was Lincoln Coffey. Mary Lou's uncle was Holt Coffey who was the Sheriff of Platte County, MO and had the shoot out with Bonnie and Clyde at the Red Crown Tavern. My mom can remember going there when she was a little girl. I believe uncle Holt actually owned the place. Anyway I was wondering if you might know which part of the family tree we descend from?" Fred answered: "I think you descend from "Edward" via the following:

Mary Lou Coffey

Marvin Coffey (1908 - 1968)

Lincoln Sherman Coffey (1865

- 1933) & Emma Alice Gunter

Jesse Coffey (1818 - 1885) &

Lucinda Burpoe

Joel Benjamin Coffey (1795 - 1843)

& Exea Saphronia Stepp

Reuben Coffey (1744 - 1818) &

Sarah Scott

John Coffey (1700 - 1775) & Jane

Graves

Edward Coffey (~1670 - 1716) &

Anne Powel"

* Lou Ann Boone, ivalex@wavecable.com, says; "Our Thomas Boone 1774 is well documented and in a Boone Bible. The only problem is that Thomas Boone 1774 and Elizabeth his wife (some say Elizabeth was a Wilson, some think she is a Coffey) is that there are children listed with them as family that are not all his. Also found that our Jesse Boone 1748 son of Israel Boone, brother of pioneer Daniel Boone, married Elizabeth Betsie Coffey November 26, 1773 Rowan County, NC she died giving birth to their second child. Jesse next married Sarah McMahan. This Jesse Boone along with Jonathan Boone were land Barons with many copies of land grants in Burke County, NC. Jesse Boone 1748 layed off land for all his children before moving to TN. In his later will, before dying in TN, he disinherited some of his children. So as to Coffey and Boone the more I find confirms they were a close family, and I am working under the "Purely speculative opinion" I am no expert at this-- that my Coffey connection does not lie in TN." Any help would be appreciated.

DOCUMENTS GALORE

Janet de la Peña, dlpstudios11@comcast.net,

Janet received her subscription to the Wayne Co., KY Historical Soc. It is called the "Overview." She sent records that she found in it for "Coffey" with no identification as to whom the Coffey women descend from.

Wayne County "Marriage Bonds 1885"

Emmerson S. Foster to Jane Coffey
Jan. 15, 1885

Joseph Blevins to Mary Coffey
Jan. 26, 1885

Janet sent more:

Emmerson S. Foster a.k.a.

Emerson Lafayette Foster and Jane Coffey were the parents of Granville Foster, b. 7/20/1891, d. 10/10/1968. Granville was buried in Elk Spring Cemetery, Wayne Co., KY, which identified him as their son.

Granville Foster was husband of Flonnie H. Mayfield, also buried in Elk Spring. She b. 2/26/1900, d. 7/30/1977.

"Descendants of David Strunk," author unknown (internet)
Mary Polly Strunk b. 1803 NC, to David & (first wife) Margaret Strunk.

David Strunk was married 4 times and had a total of 35 kids!! Mary was child #5.

Mary Polly Strunk first married Joseph Coffey on Dec. 6, 1853, in Pulasky Co., KY. Mrs. Mary Coffey second married Joseph Blevins on Jan. 26, 1885, Wayne Co., KY.

Fred Coffey <fredcoffey@aol.com,>
add some information on these
families. He has Jane Coffey as
person #1491 at <http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo/Genealogy.pdf>

There is also a Joseph Coffey
as Person #1356 who seems about
right, but my source said his
wife's name was "Beth Ada Strunk",
not "Mary Strunk". But he did have
a daughter named "Mary" who would
be about the right age to marry
Mr. Blevins?

Fred says the introduction and
disclaimers for this database are
at
<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo>.

OVERWHARTON PARISH REGISTER

You can find the complete
membership from 1720 - 1760 by
Googling the title above. The
list is taken from the book,
"Virginia, Overwharton Parish
Register 1720-1760, Old Stafford
County" by Wm. F. Boogher,
Washington DC. Printed by The
Saxton Printing Company, 1899.

Some names I (Bonnie) recognized:
Coffee, James, son of Peter &
Susannah born Feb 27, 1741
Coffee, Lydia, dau of Peter &
Susannah born Jan 25, 1742
Coffee, Benjamin, son of Peter &
Susannah, born Oct 9, 1743
Coffey, Mary - married James
Kendal, Feb 25 1745
Moussby, Anne died at Wm. Mason's
Nov 3, 1745 (could be Mosley)
Dooling, Nancy, dau Robert born
Oct 31, 1750
Dooling, Mary Ann, dau Robert born

Apr 5, 1753
Dooling, son of Robert,
born May 9, 1755
Dooling, Nancy dau of Nicholas
died Oct 24, 1756
There were a lot of Powells,
mostly children of Charles &
Elizabeth

Jack Coffee found the following
record.

Records of Colonial Gloucester
County, Virginia: A Collection of
Abstracts from Original Documents
concerning the lands and peoples
of Colonia Gloucester County.
Compiled by Polly Cary Mason,
Vol. 1 & 2, pub. Date unknown,
Clearfield Pub., Baltimore, MD:

Deed, John Garnett to Anthony
Garnett, 1747: John Garnett of
Essex County for 30g sold to
Anthony Garnett of the County
of Orange 30 acres part of 100
acres which formerly did belong
to Anthony Garnett deced uncle to
said Anthony & John Garnett...by
last will and testament of John
Garnett late of Gloucester County
decd. Witnesses: Wm. Duling,
Stephen Chenault junr, John Coffey

NORTH CAROLINA RECORD
14 Jul 1788 - Joel Coffey to
Ananias Allen, 200 pds for 200
acres on Kings Creek, adjacent to
Philip Davis, John Witherspoon
and Thomas Witherspoon, granted
Joel Coffey by deed from John
Witherspoon. Witnesses were
Nebuzaradan Coffey, Thomas Wisdom.
/s/ by his mark



JAMES EDWARD COFFEY

James Edward Coffey, the first soldier from Nashua, New Hampshire to die in battle in World War I, was born on April 22, 1897, to Daniel J. and Catherine (Dillon) Coffey. He attended Nashua schools and St. Patrick Church, and in June 1917, became one of the first Nashua men to enlist in the Army at the outbreak of the war. He was assigned to Company D, 103rd Infantry, 26th Division, and trained in Concord and Westfield, Mass.

Coffey and his unit, the famous 26th Yankee Division commanded by Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, deployed overseas in September 1917. In the early morning of May 10, 1918, Coffey was injured during heavy enemy shelling that included lethal mustard gas, the effects of which led to his death later that day.

The telegram bringing news of his death was sent to his parents at 51 Broad St., as was a subsequent, March 1921 letter from the War Department. That residence is no longer there, but it probably sat between Sullivan Street and the railroad tracks.

Coffey was buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery and Memorial in France. The pastoral, handsomely appointed cemetery is 40 acres and contains the graves of 4,153 American casualties. Coffey is one of an estimated two dozen New Hampshire soldiers buried at St. Mihiel.

There is a really interesting story on the web about James Coffey and I recommend that you go to the following web site and read it.

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/>

news/901452-196/revisiting-last-days-of-a-nashua-war.html

Jack checked the census record for this family and found that James and his parents (Daniel and Katherine) were born in the US but his grandparents (James and Julia Coffey) were from Ireland. Haven't found Katherine's parents.

DNA PROJECT:**REALLY DISTANT COFFEY COUSINS:**

By Fred Coffey

I have a lot of fun helping Lorie Okel manage our Coffey DNA Project, and have developed an interest in "non-surname" matches. And that has led to a lot of recent correspondence with people that, according to DNA, are clearly "Cousins" of the descendants of the Edward Coffey who arrived in America prior to 1699.

Of course everybody in the world is related if you go back far enough. And we do see a huge number of meaningless y-DNA matches to our Coffey group at the 12-marker level. But if a match persists when tested at 67-markers, we know we're not just looking at a common ancestor who lived maybe 5,000 years ago. And I've been corresponding with two families that, according to the DNA, share a common male-line ancestor with us within roughly the last 500 years. We're talking about a 99%+ probability.

Further, our correspondence seems to rule out any connection in America since the arrival of our patriarch Edward Coffey. So back in Ireland, between roughly

1500 and 1700, we are connected via a common ancestor with the following:

WILSON FAMILY:

I've been exchanging notes with Mike Wilson, who matches myself on 65 out of 67 markers. We of course can't find a paper trail connection, but Mike offers some speculation: Mike says "We are mixed up with Scottish gypsies surnames Wilson, Baillie and Tait... some traveled back and forth to Ireland and Scotland." So perhaps we have a romance between a "Coffey" in Ireland, and a travelling Scottish gypsy "Wilson", 300-500 years ago?

KEHOE/KEOGH/KAHO FAMILIES:

We have Coffey matches to a "Kehoe" and a "Kaho". And again, it seems impossible that there was any connection after Edward arrived in America.

I speculated that "Coffey/Kahoe/Kaho" sounded a bit similar, and wondered if they could connect to a common ancient Irish name. As most of you know, "Coffey" is a name of Irish origin, with one possible Gaelic spelling of "O'Cobhthaigh".

I got a note from Dianne Kehoe Lawrence, who confirmed their Irish origins with "My great great grandfather Henry Kehoe was born c1791 in Co. Wexford, Ireland and came to Canada in 1825." (Her brother was one of the matches.)

Miles Kehoe, the Administrator of the Kehoe/Keogh Project, jumped in with his own speculation:

"I think it is very possible, even probable. The name Kehoe/Kerogh derives from MacEochaidh, pronounced 'Mack K'yoh hee'. The genitive spelling is MacEochadha,

pronounced 'Mack K'yoh hoo'. There is also the spelling 'Ma'g'Eochaidh (Eochadha)' which gives us the name Geough, pronounced 'Goff'. In Irish, the middle 'ch' and/or 'gh' is often pronounced as an 'f' sound, so, MacEochaidh could easily be pronounced, 'Mack Koff ee'. The name McCaughey can come from MacEochaidh, also, as the name Haughey comes from O'hEochaidh. It could also be just a coincidence, or our Kehoes were Coffeys to begin with!"

We'll probably never find the actual family connection, but it's always fun to correspond with new "Cousins".

You can visit our DNA Project web page at www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA.

A NORTHERN COFFEY LINE

David Bazzett, David.Bazzett@gmail.com, says; "I'm wondering if we're related and if you can find the common link, perhaps you can send me more information.

My parents are:

Dewey Olin COFFEY, b. Oct 14, 1926 in Lansing, MI, Died: May 13, 1981, wife; Frances "Fran" Ilene (Smith/Coffey) BAZZETT, b. Jan 24, 1928 in Lansing, MI, Married: Oct 18, 1947 in Eaton Rapids, MI, Divorce: Apr 08, 1955, d. Nov 05, 1988 in Lansing, MI

* This is 5 generations of Coffeys starting as far back as I can go:

Descendants of Samuel Coffey

1. Samuel COFFEY Born: Abt. 1790 in Athens, Windham, VT, Died: Unknown
wife Cynthia BEAL Born: Oct 03, 1788 in Athens, Windham, VT Died: Unknown

2. Samuel W COFFEY Born: Nov 14, 1808 in Belvidere, Franklin County, VT
wife Louisa SCOFIELD Born: Abt. 1824 in New York Married: Jun 19, 1841 in Webster,

Washtenaw County, MI Died: Aug 28, 1874 in Grand River, Decatur County, IA
 ..3 Louise Ward COFFEY Born: Abt. 1829 OH
 ..3 Marrette COFFEY Born: Abt. 1843
 ..3 Julia COFFEY Born: Oct 1844 MI, Died: Mar 30, 1902 Decatur Co. IA
 husband Jacob ROSS Born: Nov 09, 1846 Allegheny County, PA
 Married: Mar 29, 1866 Decatur County, Iowa
 ..4 Albert ROSS Born: Abt. 1866
 ..4 Emmaeldora ROSS Born: Abt. 1868
 husband Mr HEWLETT Born: Abt. 1868
 ..4 George F. ROSS Born: Abt. 1870
 ..4 Andrew Truman ROSS Born: Abt. 1872
 ..4 Daisy Clara ROSS Born: Abt. 1874
 ..4 Maggie ROSS Born: Abt. 1876
 ..4 Cora Etta ROSS Born: Abt. 1878
 ..3 Sam COFFEY Born: Abt. 1850
 ..3 Eugenia COFFEY Born: Abt. 1852
 ..3 Charles Sumner COFFEY Born: Abt. 1854
 ..3 Elmer COFFEY Born: Abt. 1856
 ..2 Adeline COFFEY Born: 1810. Residence: 1866 Sidney, Montcalm Co, MI
 husband William PINKNEY Born: Abt. 1810
 ..2 Nelson COFFEY Born: Jan 18, 1816 Willsborough, Essex Co, NY Died: Feb 09, 1902 Walkerville, Oceana Co, MI Residence: Webster, Washtenaw County, MI
 wife Betsy GIBBS Born: 1828 NY Married: Nov 30, 1843 Livingston Co, MI Died: 1860 Livingston County, MI
 .. 3 William Samuel COFFEY Born: Aug 31, 1846 MI Died: May 16, 1909 Walkerville, Oceana Co, MI
 wife Jennie (Kennedy) COFFEY Born: Jan 1847 Married: Abt.1876 Died: Mar 28, 1911
 ..4 Margaret COFFEY Born: Abt. 1873
 ..4 Adda 'Addie' COFFEY Born: Abt. 1876 Died: Oct 01,1884 Handy Twp., Livingston Co, MI
 ..4 Rosette 'Rose' COFFEY Born: Abt. 1878 Died: Oct 01,1884 Handy Twp., Livingston Co,MI
 ..4 Nettie A. COFFEY Born: Abt. 1880 Died: Oct 01, 1884 Handy Twp., Livingston Co, MI
 ..4 Nelson COFFEY Born: Abt. 1881
 ..4 Edwin COFFEY Born: Mar 1885 Mich
 ..4 Eva COFFEY Born: Apr 1887 Mich
 husband James A. HUGES Born: Abt. 1887 Married: 1904 Crystal Valley, MI

..4 Edna COFFEY Born: Oct 1889 Mich
 husband Raymond CHAPIN Born: Abt. 1889 Married: 1908 Walkerville, MI
 2nd husband Herman HALL Born: Abt. 1889 Married: Abt. 1920
 .. 3 James Henry COFFEY Born: Aug 23, 1853 Marion Twp, Livingston Co, MI
 Died: Jul 04, 1939 Livingston Co, MI
 wife Mary Jane LING Born: Abt. 1861 Married: 1880 Livingston Co, MI
 ..4 Murl L. COFFEY Born: Aug 20, 1889 Died: Jan 1980
 wife Lewis MALEITZKE Born: Abt. 1889
 ..4 Bruce COFFEY Born: Nov 10, 1894
 ..4 Hazel COFFEY Born: Aug 23, 1896
 *2nd Wife of James Henry COFFEY:
 2nd wife Dora FENNER Born: Mar 03, 1853 Sweden Married: Nov 10, 1926 Livingston Co, MI Died: Jan 10, 1941 Livingston Co, MI
 .. 3 Edwin M. COFFEY Born: Feb 25, 1856 Livingston Co, MI Died: Jun 05, 1929 Stanton, Montcalm County, MI
 2nd wife Talitha Alice "Talitha Ulissa Smith" SMITH Born: May 06, 1845 Brighton, MI Married: Oct 06, 1861 Died: Sep 27, 1934 Northville, MI Residence: Fowlerville, MI
 .. 3 Eliza Jane Maria COFFEY Born: May 17, 1865 Fowlerville, MI Died: Mar 08, 1950 Pontiac, Oakland Co, MI
 husband Orlin Barber CONE Born: Jul 27, 1857 East Bethany, NY
 Married: May 17, 1882 in Fowlerville, MI Died: Nov 01, 1942 Farmington, MI
 ..4 Earl Kingsley CONE Born: Jan 11, 1884 East Bethany, NY Died: Feb 29, 1884 East Bethany, New York
..4 Marietta Melvina CONE Born: Mar 29, 1885 Died: Dec27, 1915 in Livingston Co, MI husband Andrew Benson COLE Born: Apr 23, 1870 Married: Jul 01, 1907
..4 Charles Orlin CONE Born: Apr 27, 1887 Livingston Co, MI Died: Jan 15, 1888 Livingston Co, MI

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COFFEY COUSINS web site, 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: SSS.COFFE.WS/FAMILYTREE/DNA

Russell Co.KY information at <http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo>.

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