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President's Message

As promised from last newsletter, these wonderful ladies provided refreshments and door prizes at the Coffey/Coffee reunion in Kentucky: Donna Hoy, Glenda Coffey, Nelda Coffee and Jean Mower.

It is always a pleasure to indulge in such tasty snacks. A simple thank you for all you had done seems less than adequate, however thanks again for doing all you have done. If I have forgotten anyone, then all I can say is don't get old and you will retain your memory.

As a reminder, the next reunion is May 20, 2017 (may change) in Jefferson City, MO. It will be hosted by Bonnie Culley. It is sure to be the social event of the May season and we hope for a grand attendance.

Your President – Larry Coffey

Editor's Comments

For newsletter questions write to me; contact Fred Coffey about DNA.

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The next Coffey Cousins Reunion will be held in Jefferson City, MO and hosted by Bonnie Culley. More information will be posted, including dates, as it is received.

Thank you Jimmy Louise Kroger for the generous contribution to this newsletter!

See you in Jefferson City, MO in May 2017. Be there or be square.

Famous Quotes

"History doesn't move you more than when it's in the iron of your own blood." — J.R. Tompkins

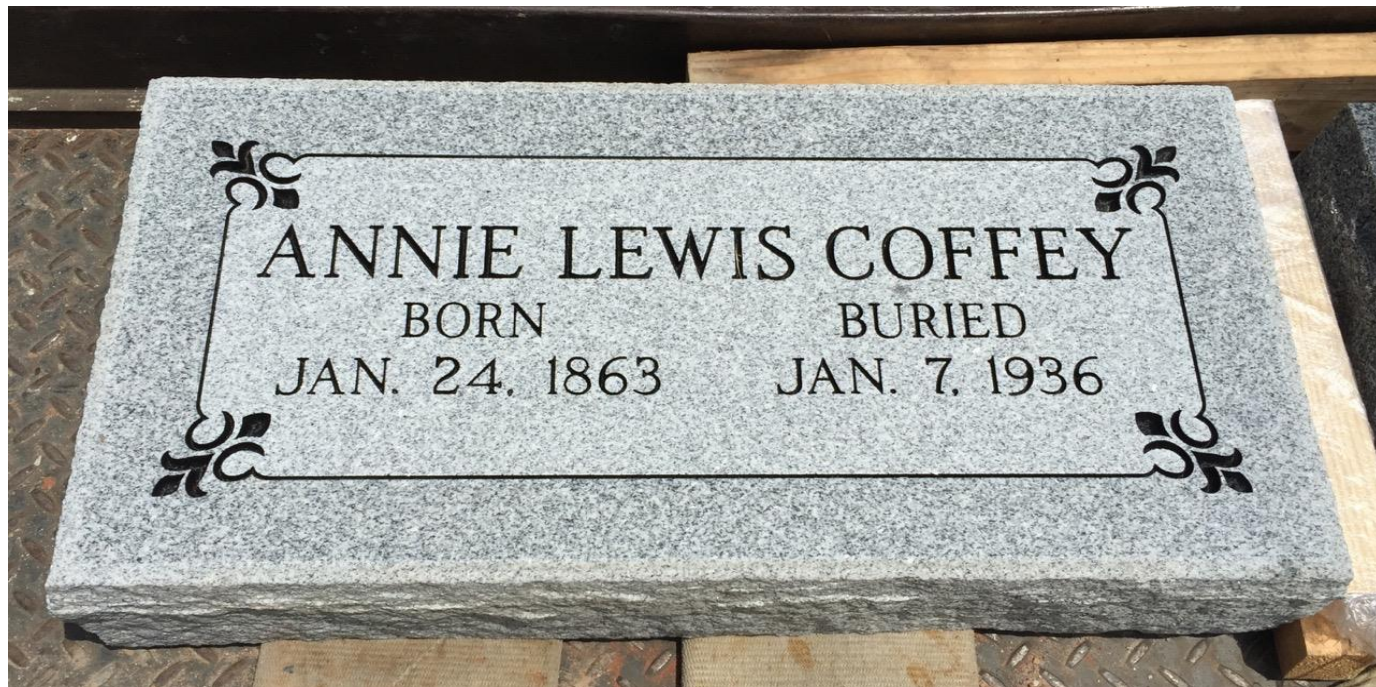
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September already; Halloween not too far off followed by Thanksgiving then Christmas. The next issue will be published in January, 2017. We will know early in Nov. who our new president will be. Be sure to vote! I wish all a wonderful holiday season and a Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah

Kevin West [<mailto:kdwest@sandspringsok.org>] wrote back in July 2015 with information that he was having a headstone placed on the grave of his great-grandmother, Annie Lewis Coffey. In August that year, he wrote again with photographs and a short bio of his ancestor. As it turns out, the mail got lost in my archives and I failed to include it in the newsletter. Therefore, better late than never, here is the info Kevin sent.

New Headstone for Annie Lewis (Alexander) Coffey



Annie Lewis Alexander was born on 24 Jan 1863 in Parker Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Lewis and Sarah E. (Culwell) Alexander. Around 1878, while still residing in Parker Co., Annie married Frank Hudson Coffey. Frank was born 10 Jan 1861 in Texas, the son of Elijah D. Coffee and Margaret "Peggy" Armstrong. Frank and Annie Coffey later moved to the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in late 1889 or early 1890. They were still residing there when the 1900 Census was taken. A decade later they were living in Oldham and Carson Cos., in the Texas panhandle, where Frank worked for the railroad. But, by 1920 Frank and Annie had moved back to Oklahoma, settling in Tulsa, where they remained into the 1930s.

Annie Lewis (Alexander) Coffey passed away sometime in early January of 1936. Regrettably, no death certificate is on file for her at the State Health Dept. I have attempted to determine her exact date of death, having searched in newspapers, funeral home and other records, as well as by submitting queries both printed and online, all without success. Fortunately, Tulsa's Memorial Park Cemetery, where Annie Coffey is buried, does have a record of her date of internment, that being 7 Jan 1936. For nearly eighty years, my great, great-grandmother's grave has remained unmarked, but no longer. Her specific date of birth and date of burial are inscribed on the headstone.

After his wife's death, Frank Coffey moved to Bristow, Creek Co., Oklahoma where he later passed away on 13 Jun 1940. According to his death certificate, he is buried in the

Bristow City Cemetery. Unlike his wife Annie, Frank's grave is still unmarked. And, unfortunately, the City has no record of where in the cemetery he is buried. My paternal grandmother, Annie Jewel (Smith) West, daughter of Arizona Pearl (Coffey) Smith, often said of her maternal grandparents, Frank and Annie Coffey, that they were "good, Christian people." What better epitaph could anyone wish?

Kevin also sent the following information about the Frank Hudson Coffey Family:



This is an enlargement from an original photograph, now in the possession of Kevin West. It was given to him by his Grandmother Jewel (Smith) West. Grandma West stated the picture was taken in 1910 at a railroad section house, where Grandpa Frank was then living, in White Deer, Texas. On 25 September 1987, she identified those in the photograph as follows:

Back Row (left to right): Joe Smith, Sam Trout, Albert Coffey, Frank Coffey, Bill Coffey

Front Row (left to right): Bonnie Smith, Pearl Smith holding Frank Smith, Annie Trout holding Charlie Trout, Grandpa Frank H. Coffey holding Nolen Trout on his right knee, Romie Coffey, Coney Coffee, Grandma Annie Coffey holding Jewel Smith & Homer Coffey on the end.

We Get Mail

Very light mail receipt this quarter. I suspect most folks were out and about enjoying their summer. I did receive a couple of helpful notes however.

Sheri Kelly, a long time Coffey Cousin in TN dropped a note to let me know that she had found an obituary for Horace Coffey. Horace, a son of Joe and Nannie Lou McAnally Coffey, resided in Bean Station, Grainger Co., TN and passed away Aug. 14, 2016. Sherri tells me that she has more to contribute and wants to become more involved when she retires, probably in March next year. Contact Sherri at <mailto:Sheri.Kelly@Gmail.com>.

Archie Dalton wrote that permission had been received to reprint an article from the Journal of the Dalton Genealogical Society concerning the Irish Catholic Church Registers by Claran Dalton. You can write to Archie at <mailto:adalton478@hotmail.com> or, write to me and I'll send you a copy. The important part of the article reports the availability at <http://registers.nli.ie>. They are from the 1740s to the 1880s and cover 1091 parishes across Ireland. The bad news is that some of the records are difficult to read but the website has some enhancement features to help. And, they are indexed by location only and will not be transcribed or indexed. Good luck!

Sharon Steele Smith <mailto:acrabtreegirl@gmail.com> sent me this photo of some of her Cross and Coffey kin:



These folks are sisters Laura Bell Cross Thompson on left, Fannie Cross Townsend on right. In back is Willie Gray Coffey on left and brother, Ernest Lee Coffey.

The Coffey boys are sons of Charles Riston and Teresa Missouri "Trerssie" Sherfey Coffey. The ladies are daughters of Henry Howell "Big Daddy" and Mary Jane Sherfey Cross.

Interested readers can contact Sharon or me for more information.

Kathy Coffey Simmons <mailto:kathysimmons@aol.com> is currently recovering from recent knee surgery.

Bonnie Culley Coffey <mailto:bculey@embargmail.com> sent a file she recovered while cleaning house. It is a list of descendants of one John Coffey, farmer, born 1831 in Ireland, died 1879 Wigan, Lancashire. Married 19 Nov 1865 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wigan to Catherine Dooley, a cotton factory worker, born 1831 Ireland, died

1893. Write to me or Bonnie for a copy.

Paul Hermann <mailto:pshermann@bigpond.com> wrote to correct some information published in my [blog](#) of Dec. 11, 2007 about the Thomas & Elizabeth Coffey Fields family. Paul informed me that William and Susan Morgan Fields had a son names Morgan Fields, born c1797 in London, England. According to Paul's research, Morgan married Catherine Humphreys on Jan. 5, 1819 in Wilkes Co., NC. Their daughter Frances Elvia Austin Fields, born c1836 in Georgia, married James Connelly on Jan. 2, 1860 in New Orleans, LA. Please contact Paul Herman if you need additional info. Click on the blog link above to read.

Donna Hoy <mailto:djwhprisims@aol.com> wrote to let me know she had received information from someone identified on Ancestry.com as dblakey4. It concerned some information about Martha Shearer Coffey. Martha's husband was Elijah Grant Coffey, a son of Nathaniel Hayes Coffey and wife Louisa Jane Ellis. All seem to have been residents of Rowan and/or Russell Co., KY. Elijah and Martha had two children, Florence and Ella, born 1887 and 1889 respectively in Russell Co. I have additional info but if you are on Ancestry, search for dblakey4 to exchange info.

Kevin West <mailto:kdwest@sandspringsok.org> went several photos of a new headstone that he had placed on

Fred Coffey will not have a DNA contribution to this quarter's newsletter. As on my end, this has been a slow quarter with most folks on vacation or otherwise enjoying the summer.