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## **President's Message**

Hi Coffee/ey Cousins:

We are a little late in getting out the Newsletter. We wanted to get the information out regarding the Coffee/ey Cousins Convention in Overland Park, Kansas, just outside Kansas City.

We have booked the Hotel and feel we negotiated a great price. Thanks to David Smith and Tim Peterman for putting this together. There are still things to nail down, but that will be done soon. The Hotel is ready for your reservations. The block of rooms we reserved will be released after the **cut-off date of March 29** this will also end the reduced rate. You will still be able to get rooms after this date, but they will be on a first come, first served basis.

The dates for the convention are **Thursday 26 April thru Saturday 28 April**. We will leave on Sunday the 29th.

The Motel is the Courtyard Kansas City, Overland Park Convention Center. The rates are \$89.00 per night for a king and \$129.00 per night for a suite, all prices are plus tax.

The address for the Hotel is: Courtyard by Marriott

11001 Woodson St.

Overland Park, Ks 66211

1-800-321-2211\*

1-855-809-3511 (direct dial)\*

**\*(To reserve by telephone you may need to tell them it's Res # [M-B67NM5G](#) )**

Click here\*: [Book your group rate for Coffey Cousins Annual Gathering](#)

We are planning tours to venues in the area, including the WWI Museum, which is fantastic, and the Steam Ship Arabia. We can also carpool to other places if desired. The Saturday night Banquet, at the Hotel, will be catered. Cost to be announced.

Terri Stern, Tim Peterman, and Fred Coffey will be available to discuss their DNA Projects. There will be a speaker at the Banquet. Terri Stern is starting a Coffee Cousins Convention Facebook page. (Facebook members will find it by searching for the name "Coffee/ey Cousins.")

Additional details will be provided in the next newsletter, which we promise to get out before the March 29 decision deadline. If more is needed, we may send a short email to the Newsletter distribution list.

We are looking forward to another successful CC Convention and want to meet and greet everyone in Kansas.

*Wayne Mower*

\*If the above link does not work copy the link below into your browser:

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Coffey%20Cousins%20Annual%20Gathering%5EMCICV%60CCACCAA%7CCCACCAB%6089.00-129.00%60USD%60false%604%604/26/18%604/29/18%603/29/18&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Coffey%20Cousins%20Annual%20Gathering%5EMCICV%60CCACCAA%7CCCACCAB%6089.00-129.00%60USD%60false%604%604/26/18%604/29/18%603/29/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

**Editor's Comments**

Hello cousins,

Hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I know that it is VERY COLD all over the middle of the country and the east, so stay warm and hope the winter isn't as bad as predicted.

This might be a good time to look over your genealogy records and see if there is anything you can work on while staying at home in the warm. You might also make plans for things you would like to look for when the weather gets warmer. Make a list!

Of course, you can always send us a query to print or share information that hasn't been printed in the past. Look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the convention.

Your cousin, Bonnie

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*Bonnie Culley*

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## **We Get Mail**

From R. Reams Goodloe, Jr [goodpatent@earthlink.net](mailto:goodpatent@earthlink.net)

I know that my father, R. Reams Goodloe Sr., spent a lot of time working on projects for the Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse. So, a few of your readers may appreciate the news of his passing. Kindly pass on the info to those folks he worked with on the index project, or other projects.

Dad passed to be with the Lord on Saturday morning, January 6th. I've managed to talk to some of you, but I think that round of calls didn't get very far into cousins....

As he wanted, Dad lived independently to the end. He gave up driving only on his 97th birthday, and then kept moving around the community and regular trips to the store and to the Post Office on a scooter. When I talked with his pastor today, he noted that Dad didn't miss a single Sunday in 2016, while driving himself in whatever weather turned up here in the Northwest. I remember Dad telling me that he was trying to set that record.... ...just because he thought he could....

Dad always wanted to do things his way, which made it hard to help him at times. But, he was always learning, open to new things, and as he aged, increasingly shared interesting tidbits of history, or interesting perspectives on things. He had seen hard times so always was saving for the future, but also, when he made his mind up to help a cause, was at times very generous. He helped to start four separate congregations of the Methodist church over the years. He maintained his brain power through the years, and promoted healthy eating and key supplements as a way to keep going in that department. Only in the last few months did he have short bouts of some delirium/confusion, usually after a fall or after getting sick. Each episode cleared fairly quickly when the underlying stressor was eliminated, as is common in elder patients. Thus, we were very thankful for that.

June 14, 1920 – January 6, 2018. Just over 97.5 years. Really, a great run...!

(From Fred Coffey: Reams created the index to all these CCC Newsletters, and maintained it through issue #140, in his 96<sup>th</sup> year. The index has 28,000 line entries, with 50,000 links. A truly amazing job!)

Jack Coffee [jack.coffee@gmail.com](mailto:jack.coffee@gmail.com) posed a problem for consideration by our newsletter readers:

"I was again reading some of the corrections that Marvin made to his book in the supplemental edition. On page 42-43 he is apparently citing Frank Crosswhite, Children of Nebuzaradan. At the bottom of page 42 he lists child no. 4 as Fielding whose will was probated in Russell Co, KY in 1833. At the top of page 43 he lists children of Fielding. Child "d" he names as Fielding who married Sarah Jane Chapman and died in Atchison, KS.

I think this Fielding is really the son of child "a" listed at the bottom of page 42 as Thomas H. who was Thomas Hayes Coffey who married Villeta Carter. Thomas was deceased in 1833 because his father's will says he was and gave Thomas' share of the estate to Thomas' unnamed children. That Thomas married Villeta Carter in Russell Co. in Jan., 1828 with

permission of her mother, Elizabeth Carter. You can find this on page 9 of CC newsletter, page 9, vol 31, Jun 1988 under Consent.

The problem with this, if the Children of Thomas Hayes Coffey are correct, is that there appears to be 3 to 4 children born to Violeta after Thomas' death. But, I haven't found any sources yet to confirm those children. Lots of Elizabeth, John and William Coffeys!

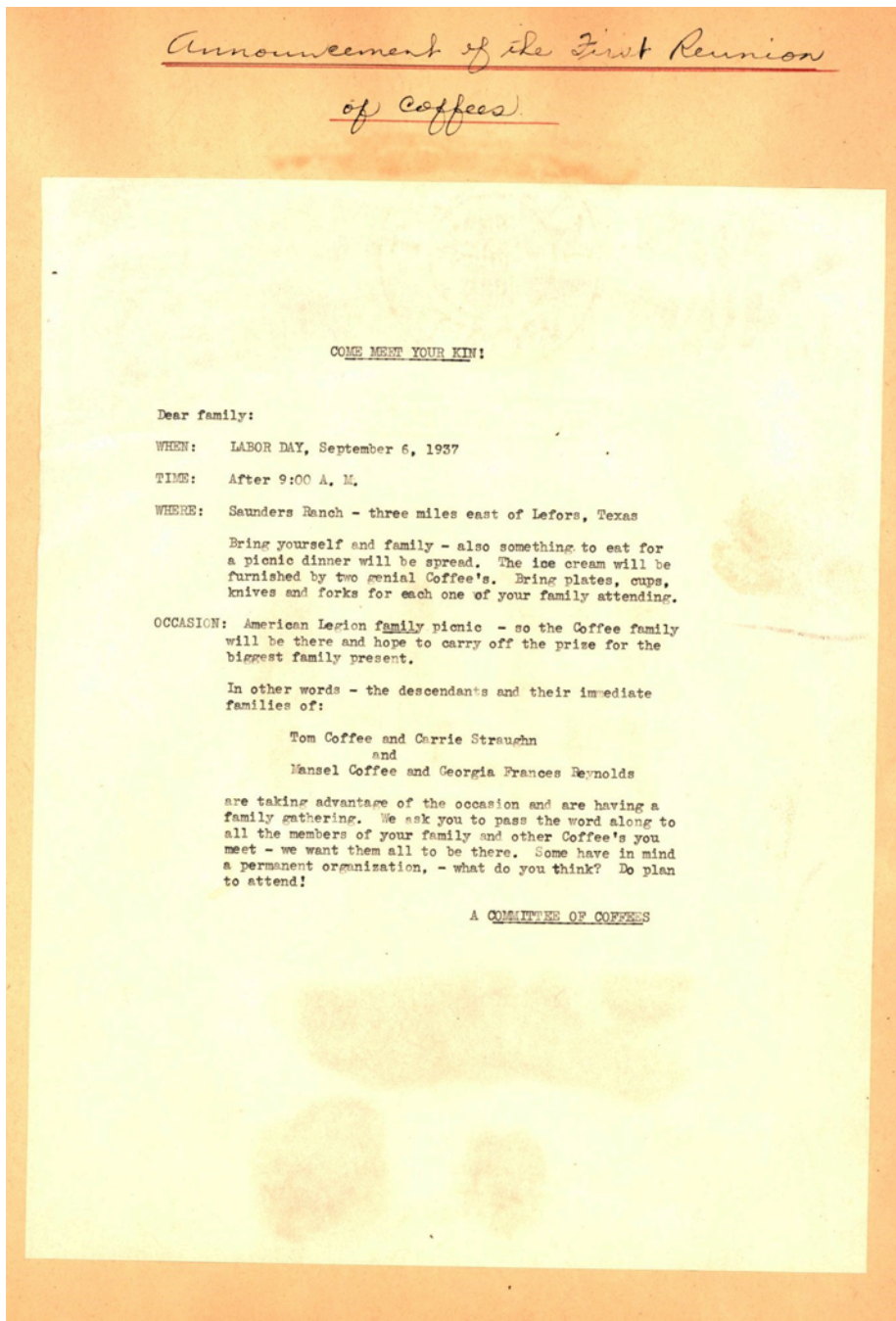
**Kathy Coffee Simmons**  
[kathysimmons@aol.com](mailto:kathysimmons@aol.com)

sent us the adjacent historic image, advertising the FIRST reunion of the "Texas Coffee/y Family" in 1937.

These CCC Newsletters have a history going back 37 years, to 1981. But this "Texas Coffee/y" group has been active now for 71 years! Some of you may recall that newsletter 142-3 advertised their seventy-first reunion.

Kathy Coffee Simmons, and her sister Ilah Coffee Merriman, have been sending notes to the Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse since the very beginning of our newsletters.

And they have both also been active in this Texas group, which has a far longer history!



**Sandra Kozain**, [forgot00@gmail.com](mailto:forgot00@gmail.com) is looking for her half-sister, Joanne Baxter (born Herman). She writes:

Bonnie: Thank you! There was a court battle in Klamath Falls, Oregon but I have not been able to obtain copies of the records. I thought they were public. It was all related to my dad's will. Thank you for helping. I enjoy the Coffey family members. All have provided warm replies. I am excited about the kindness I have experienced from those who have replied.

My 1/2 sibling's mom is or was Linda Coffey. Thank you. Please post or share however you may to assist.

Hi: Just promised to touch base with you so here goes... first off, please share this with anyone you know who may have any contacts with my sister. I am a great emotional wreck right now. I will explain why:

I was able to call Klamath Falls, Oregon courts.

I paid \$5 for a copy of the Estate settlement from my father's will

I have since found out:

Linda C Coffey married and divorced my father David Martin Herman

Linda C Coffey re married to a Mr. Fields (possibly George)

My sister is Joanne Baxter (Born Herman) and her date of birth is 3 Nov 1963.

My sister has all of her information blocked on facebook ( I have a friend who found her on facebook but can't send her a friend request with the block!)

**RICKY MILLER** [rickmiller1953@comcast.net](mailto:rickmiller1953@comcast.net)

Hi Bonnie, I want to extend my thanks to Fred Coffey for shedding light on the two James Coffeys born in Grainger County in 1850 and 1851, respectively. I did some work with JoAnn Coffey trying to sort out her branch, but I could not establish who were the parents of her James A. Coffey.

Most of the researchers on ancestry.com had conflated the James A. Coffey who married Mary Elizabeth "Molly" Mitchell and the James A Coffey who married Martha Dalton in to one person. I had proven to my own satisfaction that there were two different James A. Coffeys born about the same time in Grainger County. But I couldn't establish with any confidence which James A. Coffey belonged to which set of parents. I am grateful to Fred for figuring it out.

**Terri Stern** [hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com](mailto:hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com) writes:

News from the Hugh Coffey b 1700 Autosomal DNA Project: As you may recall, this DNA project is for descendants of Hugh Coffey of Augusta Co VA and combines DNA and written evidence to sort out the relationships between his descendants. Among the participants are the 4 men whose YDNA confirms their relationship to this Hugh Coffey. These men are called the "Hugh Group" in the Coffey YDNA Project. The autosomal project is for both men and women who are descendants of Hugh (or think their Coffey ancestor may be). There are currently 28 members of the project, representing 2 of his known children (John b 1730 and Rebecca b abt 1740-1745), and 2 of John Coffey and Susannah's children (John b 1752 and Hugh b 1750).

Four project members go back to a Coffey "dead end" in their paper trail and match the Coffey DNA of other members in the project.

DNA evidence is indicating Hugh Coffey b 1784 (husband of Margaret Walker) is most likely the son of Hugh Coffey, the Revolutionary War Patriot b 1750 and Agnes Montgomery. The DAR and Coffey family histories compiled by Reed and Urquhart have long attributed Hugh Coffey b 1770 who married Margaret Moore as the son of Hugh and Agnes. Some online trees show one or both Hughs, but evidence has been scarce. Perhaps Hugh and Agnes did have 2 sons named Hugh born 17 years apart, but it appears odd and unlikely. The 14 project members who descend from Hugh b 1784 (myself included) share common DNA with 9 descendants of two of Hugh and Agnes' other children, John Coffey (m Esther Givens) and Henry Coffey (m Rebecca Kirk). The matches are close enough to be comfortable in concluding Hugh b 1784 is the brother of John and Henry. These common DNA segments could be coming from any one of the 4 common ancestors: John Coffey (father of Hugh), Susannah Watson (mother of Hugh) or Agnes parents, possibly John Montgomery and his wife Jeane, per the Reed book, or another Montgomery, per the Urquhart book. Trees for Agnes Montgomery and Susannah Watson supported by DNA evidence (from participants matches) and paper records are in the works.

Another outcome of the Project is the growing evidence that the wife of Hugh Coffey b 1700 is a Ramsey. Many trees assert that Mary Ramsey was the wife of Hugh and mother of John Coffey b 1730 and his sister Rebecca. Hugh's land was bordering John Ramsey, so this is plausible. Matches to Ramsey descendants abound among the members of the project. Ramsey DNA may be the source of some of the DNA segments shared by Hugh's descendants. I am looking for more Hugh Coffey descendants to participate and would love to have help on the Watson, Montgomery, and Ramsey trees. Contact me at [hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com](mailto:hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com) if you have any questions on the project or autosomal DNA testing. I will be at the Coffey Cousins Convention in April and look forward to giving a progress report.

**RICKY MILLER** [rickmiller1953@comcast.net](mailto:rickmiller1953@comcast.net) sent the following interesting obituary and pictures.

COFFEY, Ophia Age 94, of Franklin, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Franklin Ridge Nursing Center, Franklin, Ohio. Ophia was born in Bean Station, Tennessee on April 7, 1923 to the late Elijah and Martha (Coffey) Coffey. Ophia was preceded in death by her husband, Enos Garfield Coffey; children, Dussie Jean, Lloyd, Charles Willis, Cleo B (Coffey) Hughes, Odell, and Delano D. She is survived by her three sons, Leo (Debbie) Coffey, Elmer (Lynn) Coffey, Richard Coffey; daughter, Marilyn Sue (Gary) Maxwell; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends. Funeral services are Monday, December 4, 2017 at 11:00 am at Anderson Funeral Homes, 1357 East Second Street Franklin, Ohio. Burial in Woodhill Cemetery. Visitation will be held on



Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at the funeral home. Please visit [www.anderson-fh.com](http://www.anderson-fh.com) to send an online condolence."

Rick writes "Ophia was related to me in many different ways, but her closest relationship to me was 1st cousin, twice removed. Her mother, Martha (Coffey) Coffey and my great-grandmother, Rosa (Coffey) Welch were sisters. Ophia had three lines of descent from Edward Coffey through his grandson Benjamin Coffey (1747-1834). She was descended from his sons, George (1782-1861), John (1776-1845), and Bennett (1779-1858). Her mother, Martha (1878-1944) was the oldest of 10 children of Jasper Newton and Rutha Jane (Shell) Coffey.

Sometime after the 1900 census was taken, Ophia's grandparents, Jasper Newton and Rutha Jane Coffey left Grainger County for Texas, and then a year two or later Oklahoma. All of their children went with them except Martha, who was already married to Elijah A. Coffey. According to some, Martha and Elijah may have accompanied the rest of the family to Texas and Oklahoma, if they did, they didn't stay long. Their oldest son, George Washington "Washie" Coffey was born in Grainger County in 1902.

Ophia was the 9th of 12 children of Elijah and Martha. She married Enos Garfield Coffey (1915-1988) April 12, 1937, in Grainger County. Enos was also a descendent of Edward Coffey through Benjamin's sons Jesse (1771-1840) and George.

Ophia and Enos were still living in Grainger County in 1946 when their twins, Leo and Cleo, were born. But by the time Odell was born in 1953, they had settled in Franklin, Warren County, Ohio, and that is where they lived out their lives.

Picture:

(Ophia is the little girl on the lap of mother Martha. Elijah is holding Tom. The other children are Walter, Varie, Dexter and Washie.)

Rick Miller



### **DID YOU GET THAT?**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com))

Did you follow all the relationships in the previous article? Here's the road map, with the names mentioned in **RED!**

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca1670 - ca1716) & Anne Powell (~1683 - ~1744)
- (2) John Coffey (~1699 - ~1775) & Jane Graves (ca1708 - 1792)
- (3) Reuben Coffey (1742 - 1825) & Sarah Scott (ca1750 - 1837)
- (4) Jesse Coffey (ca1775 - ca1840) & Margaret Edmisten
- (5) Cleveland Coffey (ca1810 - 1862) & Susan Hayes (~1800 - 1839)
- (6) William Wesley Coffey (ca1834 - 1864) & Gelina E. Shouse (1835 - 1916)
- (7) Rev. Berry Wisdom Lafette Coffey (1857 - 1936) & Harriett Dalton (ca1862 - )
- (8) Charles Edward Coffey (1878 - 1952) & Susan Jane McDaniel (1874 - 1944)
- (9) **Enos** Garfield Coffey (1915 - 1988) & **Ophia** Coffey (1918 - )

- (3) **Benjamin** Coffey (ca1747 - 1834) & Mary Hayes (ca1760 - )
- (4) John Coffey (1776 - 1845) & Elizabeth Rucker (1787 - 1855)
- (5) Ausburn Coffey (1805 - 1876) & Matilda Dalton (1799 - 1899)
- (6) Elvira Coffey (ca1844 - ) & Henry Wolfe (1835 - )
- (7) Martha Wolfe (ca1860 - ) & Samuel Coffey (1855 - 1910)
- (8) **Elijah** A. Coffey (1881 - 1956) & **Martha** Coffey (1883 - 1944)
- (9) **Ophia** Coffey (1918 - ) & **Enos** Garfield Coffey (1915 - 1988)
- (4) **Bennett** Coffey (ca1779 - <1858) & Sarah Ferguson (ca1781 - 1847)
- (5) William Carrol Coffey (1824 - ) & Martha Jane Jordan (ca1831 - )
- (6) **Jasper Newton** Coffey (ca1854 - 1915) & Rutha (Lucy?) Jane Shell (1861 - 1940)
- (7) **Martha** Coffey (1883 - 1944) & **Elijah** A. Coffey (1881 - 1956)
- (8) **Ophia** Coffey (1918 - ) & **Enos** Garfield Coffey (1915 - 1988)
- (7) **Rosa** Coffey (1880 - 1914) & John Davis Welch (1878 - 1947)
- (8) Hubert Welch (1905 - 1989) & Leoma Lillian Zellner (1908 - 1996)
- (9) Marie Yvonne Welch (1927 - 2003) & Eugene Henry Miller Jr. (1925 - 1990)
- (10) **Rick** Miller
- (4) **George** Coffey (1781 - ca1861) & Margaret L. Rucker (ca1789 - 1871)
- (5) Thomas Coffey (ca1807 - ) & Mary S. Hipshire (1802 - ca1848)
- (6) William Ira Coffey (1832 - 1894) & Sarah Jane Hipshire (1830 - )
- (7) Mary Matilda Coffey (ca1855 - 1931) & Henry E. Welch (1854 - <1920)
- (8) John Davis Welch (1878 - 1947) & **Rosa** Coffey (1880 - 1914)
- (9) Hubert Welch (1905 - 1989) & Leoma Lillian Zellner (1908 - 1996)
- (10) Marie Yvonne Welch (1927 - 2003) & Eugene Henry Miller Jr. (1925 - 1990)
- (11) **Rick** Miller
- (5) Myra Coffey (1812 - 1871) & John Hipshire (1798 - 1885)
- (6) Lucretia Hipshire (ca1829 - <1880) & Ephraim Shockley (1824 - 1900)
- (7) Harriet Shockley (~1845 - ) & John J. McDaniel (ca1839 - ca1880)
- (8) Susan Jane McDaniel (1874 - 1944) & Charles Edward Coffey (1878 - 1952)
- (9) **Enos** Garfield Coffey (1915 - 1988) & **Ophia** Coffey (1918 - )
- (5) Elijah Coffey (1819 - 1890) & Rebecca Shockley (1820 - 1890)
- (6) Samuel Coffey (1855 - 1910) & Martha Wolfe (ca1860 - )
- (7) **Elijah** A. Coffey (1881 - 1956) & **Martha** Coffey (1883 - 1944)
- (8) **Ophia** Coffey (1918 - ) & **Enos** Garfield Coffey (1915 - 1988)

### **JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA COFFEYS:**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

We had a new member join our Coffey DNA Project, Mr. Donald R. Coffey. And the DNA matches made it clear that Don was absolutely a descendant of Edward Coffey. And I soon learned the family genealogist was Don's wife Marnicia "Nicia", [nicia4u@msn.com](mailto:nicia4u@msn.com).

Nicia gave me a rough genealogy, which I passed on to Jack Coffee and Bonnie Culley for early comments. We recognized some of the names in her oldest generations, but all of the names for the latest 7 generations were completely new to us. This was clearly an Edward family branch that had not previously been discussed in these pages!

After working with Nicia for a while, I concluded that she had done quite a credible job researching her early generations. Some of her information on the oldest four generations was a bit out of date, but the CCC had been researching those generations for over 35 years and we had those covered. After some discussion and adjustments, here is what we think:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca1670 - ca1716) & Anne Powell (~1683 - ~1744)
- (2) John Coffey (~1699 - ~1775) & Jane Graves (ca1708 - 1792)
- (3) Rev. James Coffey (1729 - 1786) & Elizabeth Cleveland (1727 - ~1826)





Look at the 1860 and 1850 census: Each shows a cluster of 2 or 3 houses (based on the order visited by the census taker). This strongly suggests closely related families living in adjacent buildings.

In 1860, we have house #155 headed by James Andrew Coffey with his wife Elizabeth and 4 children, and in 1850 we have house #211 also headed by James Andrew, absent the children born after 1850. And each of those includes James J. This, then, connects persons (6) and (7) in Nicia's genealogy.

Note that in 1850 house #210 was headed by Benjamin Coffey, born 1793. (There's also a Benjamin Jr. born about 1836.) Benjamin Sr. is missing in 1860, suggesting his death between 1850 and 1860. But most of the other names are present in both 1850 and 1860. I think this is solid evidence that the head of this collection of families was Benjamin Sr. This connects persons (5), (6) and (7) in Nicia's genealogy.

Note that in 1850 everybody was born in Alabama, except Benjamin Sr. and his son James Andrew, who show "Kentucky". We now know where to look for the next link. (Note later evidence will suggest Benjamin was actually born in North Carolina, but he indeed CAME FROM Kentucky.)

We can also find Benjamin in the 1840 census, but that census only names the head of household, and gives age ranges for everyone else. However, we can easily fit many of the names from 1850 into the 1840 picture, per the above. There is a female born 1801-10 who is almost certainly Ben's wife, but she probably died before 1850 and unfortunately never gets named.

Benjamin is also in the 1830 census, but except for Ben himself we can't attach names. It does strongly suggest that Ben and his wife had other children, who either died or moved on before the 1840 census – an area for future investigation? A puzzle is the oldest female, who would normally be the wife. But the age range looks wrong versus what we see in 1840 and 1820. My vote is "census error", with the census taker checking the wrong box?

Now let's move on to Kentucky. Nicia did find a "Benjamin" there, of the right age, with a wife of an age consistent with the 1840 census, and two very young children. This Ben lived in Wayne County, and was only found there in the 1820 census.

And she concluded that the best fit for a possible father of Benjamin was the Eli Coffey also living in Wayne. This would be Elijah "Eli" Coffey (b: 1 Mar 1764), who married Hannah Allen, and their son Asbury Madison (b: 25 Jan 1804)

Eli's family, or at least part of it, is well known to Coffey researchers. That is because Eli's son Asbury Madison Coffey is famous - because of his role in events leading up to the Civil War. Coffey County, in Kansas, is named after him. See discussion in newsletters 143-10 and 114-10.

If Benjamin is a brother of Asbury Madison, he would be an older brother, about age 11 when Asbury was born. Reports are the family moved to Wayne, KY, in 1814, when Asbury would have been age 10 and Benjamin age 21. In 1826 Asbury moved to Tennessee, and before 1830 Benjamin moved to Alabama. The family presence in Kentucky was short.

Jack's Edward Project reports that three brothers of Eli Coffey also lived and died in Wayne - Reuben, Joel, and Lewis Russell. But Jack's project only reports one living son of Eli, Asbury. Jack reports two sons who died in infancy, Allen and James, but offers no documentation.

However, note that Eli was age 40, and his wife 42, when Asbury was born. There is plenty of room for a multitude of children before Asbury. I think it just means that nobody (until now?) has been able to connect anyone else to Eli and Hannah?

I think Nicia's genealogy is highly probable. We invite readers to refute this analysis, or even better to turn up more supporting details.

### **ANNETTE COFFEY FAMILY (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER):**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

In the last issue (144-2) Annette Coffey [acoffey10@yahoo.com](mailto:acoffey10@yahoo.com) wrote: "I am looking for information on William Patterson Coffey (my great grandfather) born in 1864 in TN and died in Cleburne County, Alabama. I know he married George Ann Chandler from Carrollton, GA and they lived in Cleburne County, AL. He died there around 1945. A census record I have shows his dad being from NC and his mother from VA. This is about all I have proof of.

"Some information I read told me he and his brothers and sisters came to USA from Ireland with his grandmother, but I have no proof of this."

FROM FRED: I found Annette's Ancestry.com tree at this location:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11670140/person/-421600315/facts>

Some of the names there were consistent with parts of Jack Coffee's Edward Coffey Project (ECP), and we were able to fit the two together as follows:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca1670 - ca1716) & Anne Powell (~1683 - ~1744)
- (2) John Coffey (~1699 - ~1775) & Jane Graves (ca1708 - 1792)
- (3) Reuben Coffey (1742 - 1825) & Sarah Scott (ca1750 - 1837)
- (4) Jesse Coffey (ca1775 - ca1840) & Margaret Edmisten
- (5) Cleveland Coffey\* (ca1810 - 1862) & Susan Hayes (~1800 - 1839)
- (6) Andrew Jackson Coffey (1833 - 1901) & Louisa Jane Hutchinson (1833 - 1871)
- (6) William Wesley Coffey (ca1834 - 1864) & Gelina E. Shouse (1835 - 1916)
- (6) **Thomas Y Coffey (1835 - 1863) & Jane Solomon (1842 - )**
- (7) **Susan Emmeline Coffey (1859 - ) & William Harvey McKnight**
- (7) **James Thomas Coffie (1863 - 1893) & Sarah Ann Trobaugh**
- (7) **William Patterson Coffey (1864 - 1945) & George Anne Chandler (1868 - 1951)**
- (8) **Alta Brown Coffey (1905 - 1978) & Ada LaVonya Hollen (1911 - 1874)**
- (9) **Virgil Newton Coffey (1933 - 2008)**
- (10) **Annette Coffey**
- (10) **(Two more daughters, six sons)**
- (6) **Martha Coffey (1837 - )**
- (6) Susan Elizabeth Coffey (1839 - 1925) & James C. Webb (1832 - 1890)
- (5) Cleveland Coffey\* (ca1810 - 1862) & Malinda Coffey (ca1823 - )
- (6) George Holland Coffey (1841 - ) & Rebecca A. V. (ca1844 - )
- (6) Margaret Elvira Coffey (ca1842 - )
- (6) Nancy Mahala Coffey (ca1844 - )
- (6) Frances L. Coffey (ca1845 - )
- (6) Daniel P. M. Coffey (ca1849 - )
- (6) Perry L. A. G. Coffey (ca1853 - 1885) & Sarah A. Sanders (1857 - 1943)

- (5) Cleveland Coffey\* (ca1810 - 1862) & Mary Ann Miles (ca1823 - )
- (6) Sarah Amanda Coffey (1855 - 1923) & Jacob Tilmond Gurley (1858 - 1919)
- (6) Napoleon Austin Caleb Coffey (1858 - 1923) & Mary Matilda Townsend (1853 - <1895)
- (6) Jesse (Cleveland?) Coffey (1859 - 1941) & Lucinda Louise Coffey (1857 - 1933)

The information from the ECP is shown in black. And the insertion I took from Annette's Ancestry.com page is shown in red. The critical issue for Annette: "Is William Patterson Coffey a son of the Thomas Y Coffey who married Jane Solomon. That is what I have been trying to determine for many years now."

Annette, Jack Coffee, and I exchanged several notes about the above outline. Jack confirmed that the ECP parts were consistent with his current beliefs. He noted "Cleveland Coffey was married three times. With first wife, Susan Hayes (m. 15 May 1830) he fathered at least three children: Andrew Jackson, born 1833 in Ashe Co., NC; William Wesley, born c1834 in TN; and Susan Elizabeth, born 31 Mar 1839 in Grainger Co., TN. There is room between William and Susan for another child and rechecking the 1850 census I find they did have a Thomas M, age 13, born c1837, in the household. Thomas does not appear in any other census record. There is a marriage record in Greene Co., TN for a Thomas Coffey to Jane Soloman (varies) on 25 Aug 1855."

#### OTHER OBSERVATIONS AND FACTS FROM FRED:

I also looked at the 1850 census for Cleveland Coffee's family in Grainger, TN, mentioned by Jack. The "Thomas" there got indexed as "Thomas T, age 15" (born 1835). Jack read it as "Thomas M", I can also read the handwriting as "Thomas Y", which is the way Annette shows it above.

Annette found Civil War records for a Thomas Y Coffey, Union Army, as a prisoner at Andersonville. And found a record for a prisoner Thomas Coffey exchanged 10 Sep 1864. But she reports his death as 12 Aug 1863. Not entirely consistent? And "Thomas" is such a common name!

The connections of William Patterson to the Thomas Coffey who married Jane Solomon also appear very tenuous. The 1860 census for District 14, Hawkins, TN shows a Thomas born about 1839, with a wife Jane born about 1843, with a daughter Susan born 1859.

In the 1870 census that Thomas is gone, consistent with Annette's assessment that he was deceased. Jane is now head of family with the daughter Susan, both consistent in age with the 1860 census. And there are two more children, William (age 10, born about 1860) and Thomas (age 8, born about 1862).

That "age 10" William in 1870 is a troublesome fit to William Patterson. The 1900 census says William Patterson was born Dec 1863. Over his census history, there are variations in the reported birth year for William. But none are as early as the implied 1860 birth of the William in the 1870 census.

On her Ancestry web page, Annette is very diligent in documenting information sources. But it all depends on the weakly documented connection of William Patterson to the Thomas Coffey who was a son of Cleveland.

Help from anyone who can offer better evidence for the connections would be welcome.

I can offer one potential bit of help: Annette has six brothers. A y-DNA test on one of those brothers could confirm the link to Edward, as implied above. And an Edward line match would pretty well rule out her rumor that William Patterson “...and his brothers and sisters came to USA from Ireland with his grandmother.” I strongly recommend such a test.

I would also order an autosomal DNA test (FTDNA’s “Family Finder”). There is a small chance of finding a match there. Chances would be enhanced if you could find a descendant of Cleveland to test. Better if it’s a descendant of Cleveland and his first wife Susan Hayes. Best of all would be a descendant of Susan Emmeline Coffey or James Thomas Coffey.

### **WILEY JEFFERSON COFFEY (1856 – 1924):**

By Jack Coffee (Contact: [jack.coffee@gmail.com](mailto:jack.coffee@gmail.com) )

Wiley was born Dec. 24, 1856 in Tennessee, very probably in Grainger Co., and was a son of John Jackson Coffey and Elsie Nash. There is a marriage record in Grainger county for the union of a Wiley Coffey to Mahala Stratton dated Nov. 21, 1872.1

I am attempting to learn more about Mahala, who her parents were, children she might have had with Wiley, when she died and where she is buried. Being a young woman in the late 1870’s she very likely remarried.

The search has taken me to her possible parents, Washington Stratton and wife Mary E. Freeman. They were married on Dec. 26, 18522 in Grainger and had at least two children; Mahala born c1855 in Thorn Hill and Anana [sic], born c1857, also in Grainger Co.

In an attempt to track down the Washington Stratton family I found one in the 1870 and 1880 census records for Grainger Co., TN.

In the 1870 census for Grainger Co. is found a G. W. Stratton, age 33 with Mahala, age 15, Alice, age 8, Elizabeth, age 52, Nancy, age 49, Lavina, age 49, and Lucy, age 35. All born in TN.

In the 1880 census, also for Grainger Co., is found Washington Stratton, age 48, with wife Margaret, and age 32. One child, Thomas L., age 5, and mother Elizabeth Stratton, age 60, widow.

An adjacent household was that of Mahala Stratton, age 23, single, with children Mary Stratton, age 5 and William Stratton, age 2.

This Mahala was single in 1880. The Mahala, wife of Wiley Coffey, was married to him in 1872. Consider however, that she might have had two children with Wiley then left him – or he abandoned her. She kept her Stratton name and gave it to her children. I fear that is unlikely for the times, but not impossible.

As pointed out to me by Rick Miller, the probability is that Mahala had two illegitimate children before she married Wiley.

By 1883 Wiley was in Rockcastle Co., KY where he married Serilda Cates on Jan. 21, 18833. Serilda reported on the 1900 census for Rockcastle Co. that she was the mother of no children.

Wiley died in Grainger Co. on Mar. 3, 1924 and was buried at the Dalton Cemetery in Thorn Hill, Grainger Co. Serilda preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 1914 and is also buried in the Dalton

Cemetery at Thorn Hill. His death certificate reports death due to acute lobar pneumonia and names his parents as John and Alsie Nash Coffey.

Serilda, nicknamed Rildy on her death certificate, died of acute bronchitis following an attack of Grippe. It names her parents as Zhor Cates and Elizabeth Rodgers, both of Kentucky.

So, my question to readers is:

Was Mahala the daughter of Washington Stratton found in the 1860-1880 Grainger Co., TN census records?

I receive e-mail concerning Edward Coffey and questions about his descendants at Ed.Coffey.Project@GMail.com

1 Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002", index, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/VNC9-1TC : accessed 06 Mar 2013), Wiley Coffey and Mahala Stratton, 1872.

2 Tennessee Marriages, 1796-1950, database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XD9K-T4B : 8 December 2014), George W Stratton and Mary E Freeman, 26 Dec 1852; citing Grainger, Tennessee, reference 2:3ZXS1BJ; FHL microfilm 968,583.

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### **MORE ON ANNISTER COFFEY LINE (AND EVEN MORE!):**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

In the last newsletter (CCC 144-10,11,12) we offered a lengthy theory on the descendants of James, the base-born son of Annister Coffey. You may recall that we had y-DNA tests on three descendants of Annister, with "Samuel" DNA, proving that James' father was almost certainly one James Samuel. Two of those tested men were Bob Coffey (Test #70660) and Tom Coffey (Test #745341). Tom and I had worked together on that article.

After that publication, I got the following note from Bob:

*"Got my Issue 144 and does it have a lot of information in it! Also got an email from Tom Coffey, introducing him as a relative thanks to your communications with him regarding his DNA test. The plot does have a way of thickening, doesn't it? I'm happy to meet Tom in this way.*

*"Fred there are some things that I want to share with you about information I have regarding Lewis M. Coffey that could affect some of the data presented in the family line and census info under the "More on Annister Coffey Line" section.*

*1. In generation (8), Lola Oldaker Coffey's death year was 1954. I attended my Grandma Lola's funeral that year.*

*2. In generation (6), James Wilson Coffey had a son named Victor Hugo Coffey. (James had 7 sons and each of them were named for authors. Victor preferred to use his initials V H Coffey). I have a photocopy of a letter he wrote on 2-11-1947 in which he presents some startling information. He wrote, "We have no record of my father's (sic) people beyond Lewis Coffey, as he ran away from home at the age of seven years. His parents both were dead and he was being raised by step parents." The letter was sent to a Pearl M. Bade in Vallejo, CA, another Coffey relative. In a subsequent letter, Victor's daughter Mame Davey wrote to the*

*same Pearl Bade reiterating that they had no family records farther back than, "Dads grandfather Lewis Moran Coffey who was born in North Carolina in 1798." We have no subsequent record of Lewis until his marriage to Delilah Turpin on Jan 3, 1818 in Pulaski County, Kentucky (Somerset). We have no idea of what went on in his life or with whom it went on between ca 1805 and 1818.*

*If both of these letters are accurate, they shoot down a lot of (your) previous assumptions about subsequent children of James Jr., and NC census data after the year 1800 as Lewis would have been estranged post ca 1805. It appears we have to reevaluate the parentage of some of the Generation (5) men. Tom Coffey's DNA shows he is descended from Annister and James Samuel. Whether the rest of them would produce a similar result would have to be tested. Whether all of these (5)'s had the same father is unknown, but at least Lewis Moran and James Sylvester were fathered by a descendant of Annister's James.*

*Regards, Bob*

Fred Response: So, why is this a problem? Well, that previous article postulated that Lewis M Coffey's parents were James Coffey Jr and his wife Nancy, and they **both survived beyond 1830**. But Victor Hugo's letter says Lewis M ran away from home at age seven, and his parents were both DEAD when he ran away circa 1805!

Further, the article assumed that **Lewis M himself was present in the family for the 1810 and 1820 census**. But V, H. Coffey's letter says Lewis M had run away from home before then!

So, Bob and Tom still know that they both descend from Annister's son James, per DNA tests. But the details may require significant re-evaluation. I'll leave it up to Bob and Tom to sort it out, and maybe report an update in a future newsletter? Fred.

### **MORE CONFUSION – CHILDREN OF EDWARD COFFEY JR:**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

I got a note from René Warren, [renwar@g.com](mailto:renwar@g.com) , discussing her descent from Sarah Coffey who married William Porter, with Sarah being a daughter of the Joel Coffey who married Martha Stepp (Sealey?). She had been assuming that this Joel was a son of the Chesley Coffey who may never have existed. We reviewed this in the context of the **AN EDWARD COFFEY PROJECT PERSPECTIVE** discussed in the last issue (144-8,9,10).

The reader may recall that I favored the idea, proposed by others, that maybe the children of Chesley might actually be children of Edward Junior, perhaps like this:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca1670 - ca1716) & Anne Powell (~1683 - ~1744)
- (2) Edward Coffey JR.\* (ca1701 - >1774) & Unknown???
- (3) Joel Coffey (ca1730 - ~1789) & **Martha Stepp (Sealey?)**
- (4) Nebuzaradan Coffey (1789 - 1867) & Elizabeth Easley (1790 - 1880)
- (5) Sarah Coffey (1820 - 1848) & William Porter (1812 - 1899)

However, I later found that Jack Coffee's ECP offered another option, that identified the following possibility, with a bit different dates and spellings:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca1670 - ca1716) & Anne Powell (~1683 - ~1744)
- (2) Edward Coffey JR.\* (ca1701 - >1774) & Grace Cleveland (1716 - )
- (3) Joel Coffey (ca1725 - 1760) & **Martha Seely**

I went back to the ECP, and read what Jack had written about the children of Edward Jr. and Grace Cleveland. He offered comments like “There is no proof of the children of Edward and Grace.” But he shows THIS Joel as possibly a child of Edward/Grace.

Put another way, “Coffey, Joel (1725-1760)” and “Coffey, Joel (1730-1789)” appear to be the same person. While this all may have been inadvertent, it probably reflects the true uncertainty about the family!

### **GENEALOGY OF TRIUMPH TR6, BORN 16 FEB 1970?**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

I got a curious request from a stranger named Mike Clarke, who wrote: “I have been trying to trace the history of my Historic Vehicle – 1970 Triumph TR6 to make a complete history log to stay with the vehicle. (I have) the Heritage certificate showing the car was built in the UK on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1970 and personally exported to USA by a Mr. A. T. Coffey after 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1970. The car was shipped back to the UK for restoration in 1991... I would love to trace a bit more history of the cars’ life in the USA and if possible a few pictures.”

Any of us ‘Coffey Cousins’ trying to close a gap in the history of an ancestor would understand. Does anybody know this “A. T. Coffey”? If so, I’ll put you or him in touch with Mike.

**INFORMATION RESOURCE LINKS:** We’re going to continue using this last page to show where you can find some good sources of information:

#### **NEWSLETTER QUERIES:**

If you wish to pose a query to the newsletter, or offer an article or a suggestion, send to **Bonnie Culley** at [Beuley@embarqmail.com](mailto:Beuley@embarqmail.com). Unless it’s a question primarily about DNA, in which case send it to [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com).

#### **NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE:**

The archive of all the historic newsletters, with an index and search tools, is here:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CCCNewslettersOnline/>

#### **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:**

Newsletters always are found in the above archive. If you want to receive an email notice when a new issue is available, send a brief note to [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com).

#### **EDWARD PROJECT:**

Jack Coffee wrote: “I have found a way (probably temporary due to potential growth) to ship current configuration on an 8GB USB without adding cost.” Potential buyers can still order it at

<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com>

#### **HUGH COFFEY PROJECT:**

If you descend from Hugh Coffey, **Terri Stern** is the manager of an atDNA (autosomal DNA) Project on the Hugh line. You can contact Terri at [HughCoffeyProject@gmail.com](mailto:HughCoffeyProject@gmail.com) . More details about this project background can be found at

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/hugh-coffeyb-1710/about/background>

#### **DNA PROJECT:**

Our DNA Project can be found at the following link. Also, be aware that there are a number of additional information source links within the following:

[www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA](http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA)



**MORE ON “BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA COFFEYS” ARTICLE FROM LAST ISSUE:**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

You may recall this article from the last issue, where Terrell Coffey [uccra@hintonet.net](mailto:uccra@hintonet.net) challenged us to help the research of his business associate James “Jimmie” Dean Coffey. As you may remember, we were able to work out Jimmie’s genealogy pretty well. Here’s what we heard from Jimmie:

*“I appreciate everyone’s work and education on our Coffey genealogy. I have for so long had zero to very little knowledge of my Coffey Family, as my grandfather had very little information and we lost him in 1981 when he was 64 years old.”*

Terrell and Jimmie had no knowledge of their Coffey connection, but we worked out that they were in fact “eighth cousins”, with a most recent common ancestor (MRCA) of Edward’s son John. I challenged them to send a picture, to see if the Coffey Cousins could spot a resemblance.

**Here’s the picture, with James on the left and Terrell on the right:**

Eighth cousins, on average, share 0.000763% of their autosomal DNA, so the family resemblance may be hard to spot! Being both “Coffey”, however, they would share 100% of the tiny Y-chromosome. What do you all think? Do they look like typical Coffey Cousins?

