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President's Message

Hi Cousins, it won't be long before we will be gathering in Kansas for the 2018 Coffee/ey Cousins Convention. April will be here before we know it. The dates for the convention are Thursday 26 April thru Saturday 28 April. We will leave on Sunday the 29th.

Please get your reservations in as soon as you can. The block of rooms we reserved will be released after the cut-off date of March 29th. You will still be able to get rooms, but they will be on a first come, first served basis. We cannot guarantee the reduced rate after this date.

The Hotel 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. When booking your reservations use the Event Reference # M-B67NM5G. The event is the "Coffey Cousins Annual Gathering.

The address for the Hotel is: Courtyard by Marriott
11001 Woodson St.

Reservations?

Overland Park, Ks 66211
Click on this [QUICK LINK](#) or call > > > 1-800-321-2211 (reservations) **|By phone, give them event reference # M-B67NM5G**
1-855-809-3511 (direct dial)

We are planning to get together and carpool to museums in the area:

- WWI Museum, which is world class museum. <https://www.theworldwar.org>
- Steam Ship Arabia, found 45' beneath a Kansas corn field and a half mile from the current river channel. 200 tons of artifacts, WOW! <http://1856.com/>
- Nelson-Adkins Museum of Art. <https://www.nelson-atkins.org/>
- National Toy Museum. <http://www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org/>
- Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. <https://www.kemperart.org/>
- American Jazz Museum. <https://americanjazzmuseum.org/>
- Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Memorial Garden. <https://www.kauffman.org/>

There are many other places to visit so check out the area for places you might want to visit. other places if desired. Carpool with the group or strike out on your own.

The Saturday night banquet, at the Hotel, will be catered. The cost of the banquet will be \$25.00 per person. Please send to a check to:

David A. Smith, 11610 W. Harmony Lane, Olathe, KS 66062.
Mention if you will have a dietary concern.

Fred Coffey and Terri Stern will be going over their DNA Projects. There will be a speaker at the Banquet. Terri Stern has put together a "Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse" Facebook Group for anyone who has a Coffee, Coffey, or similar surname or is researching their ancestors with these names. The Group has information about the Convention and will continue to be a way to reach out to other Coffeys, Coffees, Cuffes, and Coffias. Check it out.

We are looking forward to another successful CC Convention and want to meet and greet everyone in Kansas. I am looking forward to greeting and chatting with everyone next month. We hope the weather will cooperate and give us a good weekend, so we can get out to enjoy the sights and sounds of Kansas City and get rid of the winter blues.

Wayne Mower

President CCC

Editor's Comments

Hello Cousins,

I am so thrilled by all the preparations for the Coffey Convention. Looks like a lot of "LEARN & FUN". I have been to the Ship Arabia Museum several times. The first time I was there, they were still excavating so I can share some of their stories with you. I have always wanted to go to the WWI Museum and just never got there. This is going to be my chance.

Now, for why we go to these conventions: Fred and Terri are going to give some very informative programs. Fred is in the process of expanding beyond his DNA web site into a "Genealogy Information Roadmap" (introduced in this newsletter). I have seen early versions of this and WOW! You have to come to the Convention... And Terri uses her DNA information differently from Fred and has a Hugh Coffey web site. I am looking forward to all of this.

When you arrive at the hotel, ask for my Suite # at the desk. We will use the living room space as a GATHERING/RECEPTION ROOM. I will look forward to welcoming you.

CAN HARDLY WAIT.

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Bonnie Culey

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**COME TO THE CCC CONVENTION:
VISIT THE "ARABIA" MUSEUM!**

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We Get Mail

From Betty Martin (via a note to Jack Coffee)

"Was brought to my attention that some of my books are on Amazon at higher pricing. Please search "Clinch Mountain" or my name and only pay from \$14.95 to \$19.95 for each book. Booksellers are advertising my books for \$40 or \$50 for each book and buying them on Amazon for the regular price and reselling them. Amazon says that anyone can sell a used book for any price. Be aware and don't pay these inflated prices."

Jack: Betty Martin down in Grainger county wrote this! She is a prolific writer of Coffey history.

Fred: FYI, there was a reference in Newsletter 143-17, about her latest book:

"Betty Martin has a new book called "Rumblings of Civil War on Clinch Mountain" that has a lot of our relatives, Coffey and Dalton, and tells about their Civil War service and imprisonments with photos of descendants. It is on Amazon. \$19.95. "

Books on Amazon by Betty White Martin:

Ramblings on the South Side of Clinch Mountain \$17.99

(used book can be bought for \$40.14 plus \$4.49 shipping)

Rumblings of Civil War on Clinch Mountain \$19.95

Ramblings from the North Side of Clinch Mountain \$14.99

(used book can be bought for \$33.40 plus \$3.99 shipping)

Poems and Musings from Clinch Mountain Tennessee \$10.99

Our Coffey and Dalton Families in Photos: Pictorial History of our Coffey and Dalton Families \$14.99

(used book can be bought for \$31.63 plus \$3.99 shipping)

Per Wikipedia: "Clinch Mountain is a mountain ridge in the U.S. states of Tennessee and Virginia, lying in the ridge-and-valley section of the Appalachian Mountains."

From Lorel Kapke lorelakapke@me.com

Hello Bonnie and Fred:

Thanks again for the many, many, many hours of work you, Fred and many others spend researching the Coffey's in America and across the pond, you are appreciated. The past four years have been spent digitizing family photos, records, documents, family letters, cards and notes from mother who kept in touch with her Coffey family.

I've returned to Ancestry cleaning up my messy Coffey Tree, this will take the better part of the year 2018 and later I'm sure. In the meantime, I'm introducing our Coffey Kapke family, via videos, to my sister and brothers children and grandchildren. Although dreadfully boring for these kids today, they will watch their story unfold, one that will be edited for years to come. Thanks again for your work,

From: RICKY MILLER rickmiller1953@comcast.net

As some of you know, some of my Coffey relatives spell the name "Coffia." The ones who do are all descended from William Carroll Coffey (1824 - ?) and Martha Jane (Jordan) Coffey (1831 - ?). They lived in Hawkins and Hancock counties in Tennessee.

The first one to use the Coffia spelling was their son Perry Coffia (1856-1928). Born in Hancock County, he was in Sturgeon, Jackson, Kentucky, on the 1880 census. His son, Vernon Ora

Coffia, was born in Bolton, Harrison, Missouri in 1886. His youngest son, Walter Homer Coffia, was born in Cass County, Missouri in 1890. By 1895 he had settled in Spring Hill, Johnson, Kansas, and that is where he died in 1928. He and his wife, Nancy Mar (Mayes) Coffia (1856-1937) had four sons and a daughter, all of whom spelled the surname "Coffia." Today his descendants that I have tracked live in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The other group of my kin who spell it Coffia are descendants of William Carroll and Martha Jane Coffey's son Jasper Newton Coffey (1854-1915), who was my 2nd great grandfather. His name is spelled "Coffer," "Coffee," "Coffey," or "Coffia," on various documents, but most of his children eventually spelled the name "Coffey."

The exceptions are two of his five sons, Charlie C. Coffia (1886-1952) and Wiley C. Coffia (1893-1968). Another son, Stoke Coffey (1899-1975), spelled it Coffia for a while, but reverted to Coffey when he found it spelled that way in the family Bible.

The story is that Charlie and Wiley went up to Arkansas and Missouri to visit relatives, evidently some of Perry Coffia's family, and returned convinced that was the correct way to spell the name. Charlie's and Wiley's descendants live in Oklahoma, California, and Texas and they retain the Coffia spelling.

(Second Family): There is another group of Coffias in Alabama and Georgia. I have not been able to establish a link to them, but I am sure that it must exist.

They are the descendants of Cleveland "Cleve" Coffee/Coffia. I have only found him on three documents: the 1880 federal census on which he was recorded in Cherokee County, Alabama; listed as the groom's father on the Cherokee County, Alabama, marriage license of his son James C. Coffia, and listed as the father on the SS claim document of his son John William Coffia. His name is spelled Coffee on the 1880 census. His name is spelled Coffia on the latter two documents.

Cleve was born abt 1852 in Tennessee and died abt 1891, probably in Cherokee County, Alabama.

He and his wife Lucinda "Lucy" (White) Coffia were the parents of:

son, Joseph Cevere "Joe" Coffia (1879-1958); daughter Nazy (that is the correct spelling) (Coffia) Neely (1882 -?); son, James Cleveland Thendal Coffia (1883-1948); and son, John William Coffia (1888-1941). Nazy evidently had no children, but the three sons all had issue and they populate Cherokee County, Alabama, and Rome, Floyd County, Georgia, today.

I am wondering if any of these Coffias have ever turned up in the DNA project, or if any of you have any more information on their progenitor, Cleveland Coffee/Coffia.

Comments from Fred:

As you know, the first family you described above is well recognized in Jack Coffee's Edward Coffey Project, and we do have a y-DNA test on a grandson of Charlie C. Coffia (1886-1952). They are absolutely "Edward Coffey" line.

But so far, to my knowledge none of the "Coffia" family from Alabama have been tested, and I am very interested! I did find some family trees on Ancestry.com for some members of this family. Some of the trees were "private" and I could not look at them. But I did find one, under the Ancestry name "SDMCRAFT", that clearly had a few living-male Coffia potential test subjects. I send him a note asking for help rounding up a test subject.

I did note that none of their Ancestry trees were able to get back past the Cleveland "Cleve" Coffee/Coffia (1852 – 1891) you identified. None of them suggested knowledge of a Coffey connection. They even seemed unsure about his first name, using "Clevolaid" (the way the 1880 census indexer translated the handwritten name).

Can any reader help with family, or help find a y-DNA test subject?

Complicated Exchanges, With:

Tom Coffey tomcoffey1525@gmail.com

Bob Coffey bjcoffey@netwurx.net

(Tom and Bob have been actively exchanging notes with each other and with Jack, Bonnie and Fred. They are trying to work out solid information on their descent from the Annister Coffey line. The topic was discussed in Newsletter issue 144-10,11,12 and in 145-14,15. There are many uncertainties, and the discussion is getting complicated and going off in many directions. We'll "give it a rest" and put it aside for now, in the hope that someone will write an article pulling everything neatly together. Will only address one of the simpler issues, in this next article.)

From: Tom Coffey tomcoffey1525@gmail.com

To: Fred Coffey, Subject: Lewis ? Coffey

I'm confused about Lewis Moses Coffey and Lewis Moran Coffey Same person just not sure about the middle name? Or two different people? Thanks Tom

(Background: In Issue 145-14, the article about descendants of Annister Coffey, there was a reference to a Lewis **Moran** Coffey as the probable son of Annister's son James. But other references in past issues refer to the son of James as Lewis **Moses** Coffey.)

I'm sure "Lewis Moses" and "Lewis Moran" are the same person, and I think it's just a problem about the middle name. But you raise an interesting question about which (if either) is correct:

The "Lewis Moses" came from Jack's Edward Coffey Project (ECP). But I don't see any document referenced therein that shows a middle name that is either "Moses" or "Moran". Usually he's just referred to as "Lewis", or "Lewis M" in the cited records.

I'm pretty sure that Jack's information came from Leonard N Coffey*, the founder of the CCC Newsletters and a GGGrandson of Lewis. I believe this information came before Leonard had even recognized that Lewis descended from Annister. There is potential for some "Moses" confusion, because Lewis had a son named Moses Turpin Coffey, and his wife's father was Moses Turpin.

*Jack's ECP, in his "books" section, does have the paper "*Lewis M Coffey and his Pioneer Family – Assembling the Story*" by Leonard N Coffey, 18 pages, written 1983. In Newsletter 16-7 from September 1984, Len was just beginning to think that Lewis M might be a son of James Coffee from Stokes County, NC, but he did not seem to have yet connected this James to Annister. In this 1983 paper, Leonard never referred to Lewis as "Lewis Moses", but he could have used that name at a later date? Leonard died in 1989.

The first time I had ever seen Lewis referred to as "Lewis Moran" was in Bob Coffey's note (see last newsletter), which refers to Victor Hugo Coffey's daughter Mame Davey writing about "Dad's grandfather Lewis Moran Coffey...".

Which is more credible? I haven't actually found any record where Lewis' GGGrandson Leonard actually called him "Lewis Moses", so maybe his GGranddaughter Mame is more credible? The **safe** thing might be to just to call him "Lewis M"? (Fred)

From: Richard Glasscock 1rglasscock@gmail.com

(MEMO: The following is an invitation to the "Texas Coffee/y Family Reunion", which has met every year since 1937. They frequently send invitations to readers of these newsletters,)

"Hello all,

"The dates this year are July 12 thru 14. Activities will be on Friday and Saturday, yet to be determined. Suggestions are welcome. We have a block of room at The Country Inn & Suites, 2000 Soncy Rd. Amarillo, TX. (806) 356-9977. The rate is \$99.00 per day.

"I am designing a T-shirt for this year and would like your help on the number and sizes desired. Let me know so I can order a correct number.

"We are looking forward to seeing you all and having a great time.

Richard"

NOTE: Richard also sent Bonnie Culley a picture and told her he had a lot more to share with people who might attend their reunion. We became interested in exploring how this family connected back to Edward. We discovered that most of the family was recognized in Jack Coffee's ECP, and we worked with Richard to learn more, and learn where Richard himself fit into the family.

The picture he sent is here. He wrote "This is undated, but almost certainly 1952. It is of the three Woodson Coffees in Elwood Park."

And we recalled that two sisters from this family, Ilah (Coffee) Merriman and Kathy (Coffee) Simmons had been frequent contributors to these Newsletters going back to 1983, and in the last newsletter (see #145 page 4) it was explained that their annual reunion (going since 1937) was based on descendants of Mansel Matthews Coffee and Thomas Logan Coffee.

Who ARE all these people?

Mansel and Thomas were two of the sons of Logan McMillon Coffee (1809 -1865) and his wife Mary Elizabeth Ragland (1815 – 1879). To start, we need to show where Logan came from:



- (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) James Coffey (1774 -) & Elizabeth Coffey (ca1791 - 1837)
- (3) Nathan Coffey (1760 - 1823) & Mary Saunders
- (4) Elizabeth Coffey (ca1791 - 1837) & James Coffey (1774 -)
- (5) Logan McMillon Coffee (1809 - 1865) & Mary Elizabeth Ragland (1815 - 1879)

Logan was the son of James and Elizabeth Coffey, who were first cousins. So as shown above, there are two paths back to Edward for Logan, and for all of his descendants below.

(6) Mansel Matthews Coffee (1839 - 1891) & Georgiana Frances Reynolds (1845 - 1905)

- (7) **Woodson Coffee** (1862 - 1953) & Ollie Pickens Stribling (1868 - 1930)
- (8) Ruth Coffee (1891 - 1987) & Edgar Coble (1886 - 1954)
- (9) Ruth Eileen Coble (ca1919 -) & Rodney Glasscock
- (10) **Richard Derrill Glasscock** (1947 -)
- (8) Judge **Woodson Coffee** Jr. (1895 - 1984) & Ida Mae (1893 - 1984)
- (8) Oran Coffee (1897 - 1965) & Frances Elizabeth Rock (1912 - 2004)
- (9) **Ilah Coffee & Merriman**
- (9) **Kathy Coffee & Simmons***
- (8) Jack Kincheloe Coffee (1903 - 1969) & Vida Pearl Davis (1905 - 1991)
- (9) **Woodson Coffee** (1940 - 1961)

(6) Thomas Logan Coffee (1857 - 1929) & Carrie Lamina Straughn (1866 - 1912)

***Memo: Kathy (Coffee) Simmons** offered her theory about why this family uses the spelling "Coffee":

"From all indications, Logan's family name began (in Kentucky) as 'Coffey' but left Alabama as 'Coffee'. My theory is that once they settled (for a while) in Alabama and began to make records, their family was perhaps thought to be part of the family of General John Coffee, most notably famous for his role at the Battle of New Orleans. General Coffee, and his Georgia counterpart - also named John - were first cousins, descendants of Peter Coffee. A recent DNA discovery proves a connection between Peter and Edward, but very distant and well before either came to America."

Be aware there are some uncertainties in the early generations leading to Logan Coffee. And be aware that the above is only a FRAGMENT of the genealogy of this huge Texas family. Much more about the family is found in Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project). And that brings us to the next topic, which can help the reader explore resources about such families:

THE COFFEY/COFFEE SURNAME: GENEALOGY INFORMATION ROADMAP

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

The "Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse" has access to a very substantial database of information about families with the Coffey or Coffee surname, or those connected to such a family. Have a look at this, then give me your suggestions for additions or improvements:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html>

Comments, corrections, and new information suggestions are most welcome. Do you have a favorite resource to tell others about, that I can add to this roadmap? Or do you see any "unreliable" references that should be deleted?

From Jack Coffee: Jack.coffee@gmail.com

Just a suggestion Fred. E-mail addresses should be made clickable. They can then be opened from the newsletter. I had to copy them from the last newsletter and paste them into my e-mail program. Not sure what you used to create the letter. I used MSWord. There is a way to enter each address so it opens the readers e-mail program when they click on the link.

Fred: I also use MS Word, and then save as a PDF file. I think I fixed the problem, at least it works on my Mac. Anybody still having problems?

HUGH COFFEY AUTOSOMAL PROJECT UPDATE:

By Terri Stern (Contact: hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com)

We now have 22 members whose DNA and paper record trail take them back to Hugh Coffey b 1700 of Augusta Co VA. I continue to work solving their DNA matches and mapping their chromosomes to show the DNA they got from their Coffey ancestors.

Gail Montgomery joined the project after discovering she shares DNA with four of us. She has close ties to the Montgomery YDNA project and we are collaborating to see if we can make a breakthrough to prove the parents of Agnes Montgomery, wife of Hugh Coffey b 1750.

I'm working to recruit members for the project by contacting people at Ancestry.com who have Coffeys in their trees that I know are Hugh descendants. I'm always looking for more descendants of Hugh to join the project. What I do when you join is find records for your ancestors at Ancestry and add them to my own tree there. I work the records backwards and forwards in time to identify the ancestors and descendants. I'm also building out Hugh Coffey's descendants at WikiTree and citing records for each person so that if anyone comes to WikiTree they will already find Hugh's descendants documented there and they can easily attach themselves to their ancestor I've already created. This is the link to Hugh Coffey b 1700 at WikiTree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Coffey-2480>

If you are a descendant of Hugh or think you might be and have been thinking of testing or have tested at any of the companies, feel free to contact me with your questions.

Here are how many people in the project already have a proven line back to Hugh b 1700:

- 1 descendant of John Coffey b 1752 & Susannah Crockett->John Coffey & Susannah Watson->Hugh b 1700
- 1 descendant of Hugh Coffey Jr b 1770 & Margaret Moore->Hugh Coffey Sr & Agnes Montgomery->John Coffey & Susannah Watson->Hugh b 1700
- 4 descendants of John Coffey b 1775 & Esther Givens-> Hugh Coffey Sr b 1750 & Agnes Montgomery->John Coffey & Susannah Watson->Hugh b 1700
- 1 descendant of Henry Coffey b 1787 & Rebecca Kirk-> Hugh Coffey Sr b 1750 & Agnes Montgomery->John Coffey & Susannah Watson->Hugh b 1700
- 12 descendants of Hugh Coffey b 1784 & Margaret Walker->Hugh Coffey Sr b 1750 & Agnes Montgomery->John Coffey & Susannah Watson->Hugh b 1700
- 5 descendants of Rebecca Coffey b 1740 & William Gault->Hugh b 1700

BLACK COFFEY FAMILIES IN KENTUCKY:

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

As part of the 2009 CCC Convention in Russell County, Kentucky, Kevin Coffey and I produced a thick volume of material trying to track all the Coffeys found in the 1810 through 1880 census for Russell and surrounding counties (Casey, Pulaski, Wayne, Clinton, Cumberland, Adair and Green). And to try to tie all the names to a rough genealogy.

I got a query from a Coffey man who had discovered this volume of material. He gave me the few known generations of his genealogy, and then asked a curious question: "Can you identify all of the slave-holding Coffey families in that area?"



After some discussion, it turned out his family was black, and he was starting to try to connect his ancestry to the Coffey families in his homeland area. After the Civil War, it was common that black families would use the surname of their last white master. The above study showed this 8-county area had 14 Coffey families owning a total of 98 slaves in 1860. Then in the 1870 census, after the war, there were 72 blacks with the Coffey name.

All the information he wanted was from public records, and it was all reported in the study. I reviewed with him how to find and connect the details.

As you readers know, I follow and write about multiple Coffey/Coffee families who have no genetic connection to each other. But I had never thought about recognizing the black families that were now "Coffey". Slavery was a dark chapter in many Coffey family histories (including my own) – maybe it was time to better recognize the impact on black families? I watch the PBS series "*Finding Your Roots*" with Henry Louis Gates Jr., which often examines black family association (sometimes genetic), with slave owning white families.

Anyway, I decided to take the statistical information from the 2009 study, and integrate it with the genealogy in Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project):

The following table shows, on the right, the genealogy of the affected families, from Edward down. And the left half shows the number of slaves held by each family for each census from 1810 to 1860. (Caution: There were a few families in the census that were not clearly identified, so the numbers have some significant uncertainties!)

There are many affected families, some of whom had slaves in early years but were out of it by 1860. But there are two major contributing family groups in the later years:

The descendants of Lewis Russell Coffey (1772–1850) had 63 slaves in the 1860 census. They were all concentrated in Wayne County. And the descendants of Osborn Coffey (1759-1840) had 24 slaves, and they were concentrated in Casey County. And in the 1870 census, these two counties had 71 blacks with the Coffey name.

(Memo: In the table that follows, Thomas Coleman Coffey (1819-1890) is shown as having wife Mary Heaven. However, in 1850 his wife was Patience Jane Miller, who died in 1855. And in 1860 his wife was Amanda Jane Hudson Stone. This may be relevant because the 1860 slave schedule shows two slaves owned by "A J Coffey", who was presumably this "Amanda Jane".)

**RUSSELL, KY, & SURROUNDING COUNTIES
NUMBER OF SLAVES BY CENSUS YEAR**

1810 1820 1830 1840 1850 1860

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1 - - - - -

LEWIS RUSSELL COFFEY FAMILY, WAYNE COUNTY:

- 6 11 16 17 0
- - - 4 6 6
- - - 3 14 20
- - - - - 2
- - - 3 0 7
- - - - - 18
- - - - 5 10

OSBORN COFFEY FAMILY, CASEY COUNTY

3 - 4 4 0 0
1 5 11 11 19 0
- - 2 - - -
- - - - 6 8
- - - 1 5 16
- - 2 3 - -

JOEL COFFEY DESCENDANTS, RUSSELL COUNTY

3 - - - - -
- - - - - 3
- - - - - 1
- 2 - - - -
- 2 - - - -

SALATHIAL COFFEY DESCENDANTS, RUSSELL COUNTY

1 - - - - -
- 2 3 - - -
- - - 7 2 -

1 - - - - -
3 - - - - -

NEBUZARADEN DESCENDANTS, RUSSELL COUNTY

2 3 4 - - -
- 3 - - - -
1 - - - - -

- - - - - 2

PATH OF DESCENT FROM EDWARD

- (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)
- (4) Reuben Coffey (1759 - 1842) & Mildred Morris
- (5) James Coffey (1790 - 1892) & Sarah Emerline Sumpter (1792 - 1869)
- (6) Lewis Coffey (ca1813 -) & Elizabeth Watters (ca1814 -)
- (4) Ambrose Coffey (ca1762 - 1818) & Mildred Moore (1770 - ca1812)
- (4) Lewis Russell Coffey (1772 - 1850) & Bidant Moore (1775 - 1857)
- (5) James Lewis Coffey (1802 - 1855) & Sarah Alloway Strange (1807 - 1885)
- (5) Henderson Coffey (ca1802 - 1868) & Minerva Alexander (1805 - 1881)
- (6) Joseph Coffey (1836 - 1917) & Mary E. Warden (ca1841 - ca1861)
- (5) Shelby Coffey (1811 - 1863) & Zerilda Emarine Meadows (1822 - 1900)
- (5) Benjamin Franklin Coffey (1816 - 1868) & Mary Ann Worsham (1826 - 1886)
- (5) Thomas Coleman Coffey (ca1819 - 1890) & Mary Heaven (Havens?)
- (3) William Coffey (ca1731 - <1828) & Elizabeth Osborne
- (4) Osborn Coffey (1759 - 1840) & Mary Nightingale (1761 - 1847)
- (5) Jesse Coffey (1784 - 1850) & Tabitha Elizabeth Riffe (1785 - 1842)
- (6) Osborn Nightingale Coffey (1807 -) & Jane L. Bell (ca1809 -)
- (6) Nathan A. Coffey (1810 - 1872) & Mary Nancy Leverage (ca1810 -)
- (6) Christopher Riffe Coffey (1811 -)
- (5) Richard Nightingale Coffey (1795 - 1867) & Marg C McCormick (1799 - 1875)
- (2) Edward Coffey JR.* (ca1701 - >1774) & Unknown???
- (3) Joel Coffey (ca1730 - ~1789) & Martha Stepp (Sealey?)
- (4) Cleveland Coffey (ca1768 - 1814) & Jane Witherspoon
- (5) Humphrey Coffey (ca1805 - ~1866) & Lucy J. Bledsoe (ca1809 - ~1884)
- (5) Elijah Coffey (1807 - 1876) & Mariah Coffey (1802 -)
- (4) James Coffey (1774 -) & Elizabeth Coffey (ca1791 - 1837)
- (4) Nathaniel Coffey (1788 - 1834) & Sarah Meredith (1789 - 1853)
- (3) Salathiel Coffey (~1750 - 1784) & Elizabeth Gore
- (4) Newton Coffey (1773 - 1858) & Sarah Meridith (ca1776 - 1845)
- (4) Eli Coffey (1775 - 1833) & Mary Coffey (1782 -)
- (5) Willis Coffey (1804 - 1893) & Violetta Haynes (1805 - 1869)
- (3) Chesley Coffey Jr??? (1755 - 1818) & Margaret Baldwin
- (4) Nathan Coffey (1780 - 1858) & Elizabeth Gilbreath (ca1777 - 1846)
- (3) Nebuzaraden Coffey (1757 - 1797) & Elizabeth Hayes (1760 - 1830)
- (4) Fielding M. Coffey (ca1777 - ~1833) & Celia Coffey (ca1777 -)
- (4) Salathiel Coffey (ca1791 -) & Anna Lynch
- (4) Absolom Coffey (1788 -) & Mary Lusk
- (3) Martin Coffey (1765 - 1867) & Nancy Herriford (1795 - 1875)
- (4) Willis Andrew Coffey (1824 - 1884) & Sarah A. Bernard (1827 - 1896)

ANNETTE COFFEY FAMILY (CONTINUED):

(Response by Jack Coffee)

In the previous two issues of this newsletter (See 145-11 and 144-2) There has been discussion of Annette Coffey's family. The big issue was whether her ancestor William Patterson Coffey (1864-1945) could have been the son of Thomas Y Coffey (1835-1863), who may have been the son of Cleveland Coffey (ca1810-1862).

Annette acoffey10@yahoo.com elaborates on her mysteries: "It has been a mystery to all in my family about the parents of William Patterson Coffey, my great grandfather. My uncles (two alive now) do not know and he would have been their grandfather. All I know for sure, (these things my uncles and other family members told me) is that he was born in TN and they thought his mother was from Virginia. William came from TN across the Cumberland Gap to Cleburne County, Alabama by horse and buggy. Story goes there was a bad snow storm and an older lady traveling with them got lost in the storm. Another story my uncle told me is that William said he came over from Ireland on a cattle boat. I was also told that my GG Grandfather William like to tell tall tales. I know where he is buried, I have been to his grave. He and his wife George Ann Chandler are both buried at the state line cemetery on the AL GA border.

Jack Coffee ed.coffey.project@gmail.com sent the following additional comments about the connection (if any) to Cleveland:

"As you might know, Cleveland Coffey who died in Apr., 1862, Caldwell Co., NC, was married three times: Susan Hayes in 1830; Malinda Coffey in 1839 and Mary Ann Miles in 1854.

"It is alleged that he was the father of, among others, a Thomas M. or Thomas Y. Coffey, both c1835 in NC and who probably died in the Civil War. His mother is alleged to be Susan Hayes. Thomas is alleged to have married Jane Solomon or Jane Salmon, depending on which undocumented genealogy one reads.

"At his probate dated 1869, Cleveland's third wife, Mary A. Miles surrendered her right to administer the estate in favor of D. P. Mast, largest creditor of the estate. Children named as his children and heirs at law were:

Jackson Coffey of Ozark Co., MO (Andrew Jackson, mother Susan Hayes)
Susan Coffey Webb of Mitchell Co., NC (mother also Susan Hayes)
Holland Coffey, Bulls Gap, TN (mother Malinda Coffey)
Elvira Coffey, Globe, NC (mother also Malinda)
Mahala Coffey, Catawba Co., NC (mother also Malinda)
Fannie Coffey, Mitchell Co., NC (mother also Malinda)
Perry Coffey, Mitchell Co., NC (mother also Malinda)
Sarah, Napoleon and Jesse, Mitchell Co., NC (mother Mary Ann Miles)

Perry, Sarah, Napoleon and Jesse were "infants" under the age of 21

"I would like to believe that had Cleveland been the father of Thomas M. or Y. Coffey, who died during the Civil War and perhaps left a wife and maybe a child, the child or children would have been mentioned.

"William Wesley, died 1864 in Civil War and said to be a son of Susan is not mentioned and neither are his children, and although I have him as Cleveland & Susan's son, failure to mention him leaves me in doubt of his parentage. See CC newsletter of Sep 2002 for a bit of info on William by Horace Markus Coffey.

“Also not mentioned is Daniel, born c1849, son of Malinda. Perhaps died young.

“No doubt that a Thomas M. or Y. appeared in the 1850 Grainger Co., TN census with Cleveland and Malinda, but, not necessarily as their son. He could have been a visiting nephew or...

Jack

WHERE SHOULD I ORDER MY DNA TEST? WHICH TEST?:

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

If you've been watching television, you see advertisements for DNA tests. They imply that "...if you order **(OUR)** test, you'll learn everything you might want to know. And you can then decide if you should trade in your lederhosen for a kilt!"

Before you order a test based on a television advertisement, consider the following:

A lot of what you read about in these CCC newsletters is related to the Coffey male line, and our discussion is often focused on the y-DNA test. This y-DNA is strictly handed down from father to son, just like the Coffey surname. If your focus is on exploring your Coffey male line, you must get your test on a Coffey male in your family from FTDNA (Family Tree DNA).

The other common test is for atDNA (autosomal DNA). There are several companies that do what is fundamentally the same test, but they often put different spins on their results.

23andMe www.23andme.com offers a trove of information about both your personal genetics and your deeper ancestry. It also offers tests for genetic health risks - if that is of special interest.

AncestryDNA www.ancestry.com is heavily involved in TV advertising. If you have an Ancestry family tree, their test may help find relationships among other tested individuals in their membership. And they claim to have the largest number of geographical categories for ethnicity determination.

FTDNA www.familytreedna.com calls their test "**Family Finder**". You are much more likely to find "Coffey Cousins" in FTDNA's database because that's where the most Coffey's have gone for DNA tests. And it's easier to combine comparisons y-DNA tests.

It is possible to download autosomal DNA results to FTDNA from 23andMe and from Ancestry, and to then use FTDNA to make comparisons. And all three of these sources can also be uploaded to www.GEDmatch.com .*

My opinion: If you haven't yet done DNA testing, and don't have some special interest in what is offered by 23andMe or Ancestry, order all your DNA testing from FTDNA. They are the best for serious "Coffey" genealogy studies.

***ABOUT "GEDmatch":**

By Terri Stern (Contact: mygenealogytutor@gmail.com)

www.GEDmatch.com puts you in touch with your 1000 closest DNA matches, their trees, and analysis tools to help determine how you are related to them. It is free to join and use all the basic tools, including their invaluable triangulation tool (One-to-One Comparison), which gives you certainty that 3 people match each other on the same DNA segment. A nominal fee for

advanced tools is charged, but not necessary for basic users. Tutorials are available at the site to help understand how to use the site and its tools effectively, but it will require investment of time to learn.

PUBLIC FACEBOOK GROUPS:

By Terri Stern (Contact: mygenealogytutor@gmail.com)

I recently started up a Public FACEBOOK GROUP to help connect those of us who are Facebook users to our CCC resources and information on the Convention. Quite a few people have found our group and joined, and I expect there will be more in the future. Facebook groups are a means to make communication easy among people with common interests and get the word out quickly without the hassle of email. Here's a quick sample of FACEBOOK GROUPS about Coffeys I found by searching for Coffey family groups, starting with our new group for the CCC and my own FB group for my DNA project:

COFFEY COUSINS CLEARINGHOUSE (18 members) public club group managed by Terri Stern.

Description: Are you a Coffey or Coffee? This group is for anyone who has a Coffee, Coffey, or similar surname or is researching their ancestors with these names. The Cousins is an organization that has been publishing the Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse Newsletter since the 1980s. This newsletter is chock full of Coffey surname information. The Cousins hold an annual Convention. There are also 2 DNA Projects associated with the group: The Coffey YDNA project managed by Fred Coffey and the Hugh Coffey autosomal DNA project managed by Terri Stern. Jack Coffee's extensive research and blog on the Edward Coffey Project is also accessible through this group.

Recent Activity: Jessie Coffey, grandson of James Madison "Jim Matt" Coffey (Edward line) recently joined the group and had attended 2 Coffey Cousins Conventions in the past, including the one in 2003 in Berea KY near Rockcastle where his father grew up. Holly Berry joined the group and asked whether there's anything new on her ancestor Nebuzaraden Coffey (1757-1797) and his path back to Edward. Fred Coffey, Jack Coffee, and Bonnie Culley all provided updates for her. Since it's still unclear whether Edward Coffey Jr (ca 1701 - >1774) is Neb's father and Neb's mother is unknown, she decided to transfer her MyHeritage DNA test to GEDmatch and Family Tree DNA to see if her matches and the tools there will help solve the mystery.

HUGH COFFEY AUTOSOMAL DNA PROJECT (11 members) public group managed by Terri Stern.

Description: This is a group for members of the FTDNA Hugh Coffey b 1700 Autosomal DNA Project, an AUTOSOMAL project open to all descendants of the Hugh Coffey who lived in Augusta Co VA (1700-1767). The purpose of the project is to discover all the descendants of Hugh Coffey and build a tree supported by both paper records and autosomal DNA evidence. To join the Project, you must have an autosomal DNA test, an FTDNA account, and a posted tree. This FB Group is for discussion related to the Project.

COBHTHAIGH (COFFEY) CLAN (668 members) public club group managed by D Maria Coffey Paul.

Description: The Irish surname Coffey is an anglicised form of the gaelic surname O'cobhthaigh. The prefix "O" denotes "grandson of" and indicates the name is of patronymic origin while the first name means "victorious". Cobhthaigh was a popular name in Gaelic Ireland. There were at least three distinct septs of O'cobhthaigh or cobhthaigh in medieval Ireland. The O 'Coffeys of West Cork, Galway and Roscommon. The third sept, of considerable importance, now scattered, were of Westmeath, where they were famous as a bardic family. Among them was the 16th century gaelic poet Dermot Coffey or O'Coffey. In modern times the name continues to be numerous in Cork, Galway & Roscommon. Other notable names: Charles Coffey (1700-1745), dramatist and actor, the first to introduce Irish airs in a play. George Coffey (1857-1916), archaeologist and descendant of the Munster branch. The placename Rathcoffey occurs both in Co. Kildare and Co. Leix is evidence of the influence of Coffeys in Leinster. Within the CREST are colors and emblems which denotes: Hope, Joy, Charity & Effection. The MOTTO: "Non providentia sed victoria" translates "Not in providence but in victory"

GRAINGER COUNTY COFFEY AND RELATED FAMILIES FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS (369 members) managed by Betty Martin. Description: This group is for sharing photos and information about our Coffey relatives.

FAMILY CIRCLE (COFFEY & DENNEY CLAN) (47 members) managed by Helen Vaughn. Description: Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions but our roots remain the same. This is a group for the descendants of the Coffey & Denney generations out of Wayne County, KY. to share family pictures, stories, ideas, events, etc.

COFFEY/COFFIE FAMILY GROUP (155) Description: Hello Next Generation Coffey/Coffie! This group was created with the intention of uniting and promoting communication amongst the young generation Coffey/Coffie members.

COFFEY FAMILY REUNION 2014 (66 members) Group formed to plan a reunion of all relatives of Arthur Francis & Ethel Catherine (Collins) Coffey.

CUNNINGHAM/COFFEY FAMILY (39 members) managed by Sarah Pennington Coffey.

COFFEY FAMILY (29 members) - managed by Rhonda Dobson.

DOOLEY COFFEY GENEALOGY managed by Mary Dooley. Description: A place to share family photos, bits of genealogy, etc. for Dooley- Coffey-Lynch-Keenan family members.

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 Bculey@embarqmail.com. Unless it's a question primarily about DNA, in which case send it to FredCoffey@aol.com.

OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES:

The "Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse" has access to a very substantial database of information about families with the Coffey or Coffee surname, or those connected to such a family. We are trying to consolidate access to all of these sources in a single location. If you are looking for any Coffey-related information, click on the following:

[THE COFFEY/COFFEE SURNAME:](#)
[GENEALOGY INFORMATION ROADMAP](#)