

Bonnie Culley

- 1) Edward
- 2) John
- 3) Thomas
- 4) Jesse

Book II

The Family Of Bashaba Coffey Jones

Our Coffey Lineage

Edward Coffey
 (Son)
John Coffey
 (Son)
Thomas Coffey
 (Son)
Jesse Coffee
 (Dau.) Bashaba Coffey Jones
 (Son) Andrew Jones
 (Son) Anselem Coleman Jones
 (Son) William Thompson Jones
 (Son) Vernie T Jones
 (Dau.) Mary Louise Jones Bryant
 (Dau.) Kimberly Dale Bryant Jarvis

Our Family's Book of Books

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Genealogists believe that early in the history of the United States, two brothers who were surnamed Coffey emigrated to this country from Ireland, and from those two men descends the large family of that name. After agreeing on these two points, however, genealogists have apparently "agreed to disagree," making the Coffey family, by far, the most difficult line researched for **Our Family's Book Of Books**.

The problem with the Coffey's has arisen from two major differences of opinion. First, the surname itself is spelled several different ways. Second, the facts concerning the life of Jesse Coffey are disputed by many of those who have studied the Coffey line.

The surname "Coffey" is often spelled "Cofey," "Coffee," "Coffe," or "Coffey." The last spelling is the one chosen for this project, because it is the one that appears most often in the research for this particular line.

Many genealogists believe that Jesse Coffey died unmarried. However, current information indicates that he did marry and, in fact, was the father of nine children, one of which was Bashaba Coffey, who married William Jones. (See Book I, Chapter I).

Many of the old wills and estate records, either failed to mention or deliberately omitted many of their own children. In some instances the children not mentioned were already deceased. This not only happened in the Coffey family, but every family researched in **Our Family's Book Of Books**.



Book II

Chapter 1

Edward Coffey

Edward Coffey came to America probably about 1690; settled in Essex County, Virginia; and died in Essex County before November 20, 1716. He married Ann _____.

Edward's will was recorded November 20, 1716, in Essex County, Virginia. The age of the will and the script in which it is written have made a full transcription nearly impossible. The following abstracts from that will and inventory have been included, however. These have been taken from ESSEX COUNTY, DEEDS AND WILLS 14, 1711-1716 (NEGATIVE PHOTOSTAT), pp. 669, 689-690.

"In the name of God aman I Edward Coffey being in bedd of Sickness".

Dated 14 February 1716. Probated 20 November 1716.

To two sons John Coffey and Edward Coffey all land to be divided equally, at 16 years if their mother is dead, otherwise at 18 years.

To daughter Marther Coffey a cow at 16 or her mother's death.

To son John a cow.

To wife Ann Coffey balance of personal property. At her death to be divided equally between their six children John Coffey

Edward Coffey Marther Coffey Ann Coffey Anstor Coffey Elizabeth Coffey.

Signed Edward x Coffey

Witness:

Sam'l Edmondson

Themety Seleven

Recorded 20 November 1716.

Bond. 20 November 1716. £100. Sterl. Ann Coffey as extrx of est. of Edward Coffey Deed.

Signed Ann A Coffey

Witness:

Robert Jones

Thomas x Graves

John x Hart

Recorded 20 November 1716.

Page 689. Inventory of Est. of Edward Coffey decd. December 4th 1716.

Total Valuation £45: 10: 9

Signed

Ann A Coffey

James Edmondson

Will Taylor

Nich: Faulconer

Recorded 18th Dec. 1716.

The children of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey are:

- I. John Coffey.
- II. Elizabeth Coffey.
- III. Marther (Patsy) Coffey.
- IV. Anstor (Anister) Coffey.
- V. Edward Coffey.
- VI. Ann Coffey.

John Coffey

John Coffey, child of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey, married Jane Graves
(See Book II, Chapter 2).

Elizabeth Coffey

Elizabeth Coffey, child of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey, married John
Cleveland.

Marther Coffey

Marther (Patsy) Coffey, child of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey, married Joshua Stapp.

Anstor Coffey

Anstor (Anister) Coffey, child of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey, married _____ Shenah.

Edward Coffey

Edward Coffey, child of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey, married Grace Cleveland.

Ann Coffey

Ann Coffey was a child of Edward Coffey and Ann _____ Coffey.

Note: A sketch of Essex County Virginia as it stood in 1830.

ESSEX co. Va. bound S. E. by Middlesex, S.W. and W. by King and Queen, N.W. by Caroline, and by Rappahannoc r. which separates it from Westmoreland N., and Richmond E. Length 28, mean breadth 10, area 280 square ms. Lat. 37 is intersected by the meridian of W.C. in the N.W. part of this co. Surface moderately hilly. C.E.L. Tappahannoc. Pop. 1820, 9,909. 1830, 10,531

Book II

Chapter 2

John Coffey

John Coffey, son of **Edward Coffey** and **Ann Coffey**, was born in Essex County, Virginia; moved to Albemarle County, Virginia; and was still living in 1774. He married **Jane Graves**, who was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and died in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1792.

The following land transactions of **John Coffey** and **Jane Graves Coffey** are found in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Essex County, Virginia. The specific deed book, page number, and date of each record is noted at the end of each entry.

John Coffey and wife, **Jane Coffey**, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, to **Silvanus Allen**, of Essex County, Virginia, in consideration of 25 pounds current money, a parcel of land lying and being in the County of Essex and Parish of St. Anne containing 100 acres, being part of a tract of 200 acres formerly called by the name of Moseley's Quarter, and bounded, viz: beginning at a corner oak and maple in a branch of Gilson's run, and running thence N-W 126 poles to a stake, a corner between the said land and the land of William Ballard, thence N-E 132 poles to a corner red oak sapling standing by the plantation of Stephen Chenault, thence along a newmade line S-E 126 poles to a hickory in the line of John Garnett, then along his line and the line of William Taylor S-W 132 poles to the beginning, together with all houses, woods, and under woods.

Witnesses:

John Garnett
William Duling
William Chenault

John Coffey (Seal)

Jane Coffey (Seal)

Deed Book 23, p. 276, July 15, 1745

John Coffey and wife, **Jane Coffey**, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, to **John Garnett** of Essex County, Virginia, in consideration 30 pounds current money of Virginia: 100 acres more or less being in Essex County and adjoining the lands of William Taylor, William Ballard, Stephen Chenault, Thomas Waring, and the said John Garnett

Witnesses:

William Duling
Stephen Chenault, Jun'r.
John Noell

John Coffey (Seal)

Jane Coffey (Seal)

Deed Book 24, p. 120, June 15, 1747

John Coffey to **James Coffey**, 124 acres for £30. Land in Albemarle County, Virginia, on Hardware River, beginning at **John Coffey's** line.

Deed Book 2, p. 12, March 9, 1758

John Coffey of St. Ann's Parish, planter, to **James Garland** of St. Ann's Parish, for £55, 100 acres of land on Middle Hardware, North Garden, adjoining land of said Garland, purchased of **James Coffey**, adjoining said **John Coffey's** estate.

Teste:

Chas. Lambert
Claudius Buster
Menan Mills

Henry Fry, Clerk

Deed Book 4, p. 238, October 20, 1765

John Coffey died either in late 1774, or early 1775. He made his will on March 31, 1774, and one year later, in March of 1775, his executors were qualified in the Albemarle Court.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN COFFEY

Will of **John Coffey** : Vol. 2, page 321, Albemarle County, Virginia.

In the name of God Amen this Thirty first day of March and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four, I **John Coffey** of Albemarle County & Parish of St. Annes in the Colony of Virginia, being weak in body but of Perfect mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God, Therefore Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament That I do Say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that created it & My body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Decent manner at ye the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but that the General Intention I shall Receive the Same by the Almighty power of God, and as Touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless

me with in this life I give & Demise & Dispose of the Same in the following manner & form

Imprimis I order that my Just Debts & funeral Charges be first paid out of the whole

Item I give & Bequeath to my Sons James Coffey & William Coffey to Each of them five Shillings Sterling

Item I lend to my Dearly beloved wife Jean Coffey during her widowhood the Rest of my Estate Real & Personal, and at the End of her widowhood to be Equally Divided among the Rest of my children Viz, Thomas Coffey, John Coffey, Edmond Coffey, Reubin Coffey & Benjamin Coffey, Winifred Moran & Betty Field, and the above Estate to be Sold at the Said Term of time

Item I Order Thomas Coffey & Benjamin Coffey as my Executors and I do hereby utterly disavow, Revoke and disannul all & Every other former will and Testament, Legacies & Bequeaths and Executors in any wise before named & Bequeaths, Ratify and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the Day & Year above written

Signed Sealed, Published, pronounced and Delivered
by the Said John Coffey as his Last will and
Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

John Coffey (J.S)

Chas Patrick
Alexr Craig

At Albemarle March Court 1775

This will was presented to Court & proved by the Oath of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded and upon the Motion of Benjamin & Thomas Coffey Executors therein named who made Oath According to Law Certificate was Granted them for obtaining a probat in due form an their giving Security whereupon they gave Bond with Charles Patrick & James Garland their Security and Acknowledged it Accordingly

John Nicholas Clerk

The following document is a copy of the 1793 appraisement of John Coffey's estate, made about nineteen years after his death and apparently a few months after his wife's (Jane's) death. This appraisement was made in accordance with his last will and testament.

State of North Carolina
Wilkes County

January 10, 1793

We Joseph White, Jesse Boone & Charles Gordon (Appraisers) Being Called on by the Executors Thomas Coffey & Benjamin Coffey Together with the Legatees of John Coffey Estate Deceased in the State of Virginia & County of Albemarle which was left in the hands of Jane Coffey who Died in the County of Wilkes in the year 1792. The Wife of The Said Deceased have by & with the Consent of the Legatees Hereafter Mentioned (To Wit) (Thos. Coffey Benjn Coffey (Exec.) John Coffey Winefred Moran Edmond Coffey Reubin Coffey & Elizabeth Fields have Authorized and Impowered the afore said Persons (To wit) White, Boone & Gordon To appraise the Estate of the Said Deceased appreeable to the Testament & Meaning of the Will of the Said John Coffey & the Said Appraisers have Proved & Authorised the Estate Presented to them and the aforesaid White Boone & Gordon Chosen by the Legatees have Said that the Estate is worth 1945:14. Exclusive of the Book Amounts & Likewise we John Coffey Winefred Moran by her Lawfull Husband Nicholas Moran Edmond Coffey Thomas Coffey Reubin Coffey Benjamin Coffey & Elizabeth Field, by her Lawful Husband Thos. Fields Do Jointly & Severally firmly by the above, Presents agree to Support Maintain & Defend The Proceedings agreed on by the Legatees above Mentioned Provided That any Suit or Lawsuit Should Commence against the Est. or Legatees so as to assist the Devision of the aforesaid Estate.

A sketch of Spotsylvania County Virginia as it stood in 1830.

Note: SPOTTSYLVANIA, co. Va., bndd. by Caroline S.E., North Anna r. separating it from Hanover S., and Louisa S.W., Orange N.W., Rapid Ann r. separating it from Culpepper N., and Rappahannoc r. separating it from Stafford N.E. Length from S. W. to N. E. 24 ms., mean breadth 17 ms. and area 408 sq. ms. Lat. 38°12', long. W.C. 0°49'W. The extreme sources of Matapony r. rise mostly in this co., and flow to the southeastward as do the two bounding streams North Anna and Rappahannoc rs., the slope of the co. is of course in the direction of its waters. Surface though hilly, is pleasantly, and in many places finely diversified. Cf.1. Fredericksburg. Pop. 1820, 14,254, 1830, 15,134.

A sketch of Albemarle County Virginia as it stood in 1830.

Note: ALBEMARLE, one of the central cos. of Va. bndd. N.W. by the Blue Ridge which separates it from Augusta and Rockingham, on the N.E. by the western part of Orange, on the E. by Louisa and Fluvanna, on the S. by James r. which separates it from Buckingham, and on the S.W. by Nelson. Length from S.W. to N.E. 35 ms. mean width 20, and area 705 sq. ms. Lat. 38 passes over very nearly the middle of the county, which is again nearly divided into two equal parts by Long. 1°36' w W.C. The body of this co. is drained by the constituent creeks of Rivanna r. which unites below Charlottesville, passes through the S.W. mountain, and a few ms. lower enter Fluvanna. The face of this co. is elegantly diversified by hill and dale, whilst the Blue Ridge affords a fine N.W. border, and the more humble ridges of the southwest mountain descend the eastern part. The soil, of course, partakes of the variety of feature from mountain, rocky and sterile, to productive over allusion. Cf.1s. Charlottesville, Scottsville, and Warren. Pop. 1820, 19,750, 1830, 22,618.

The children of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey are:

- I. James Coffey.
- II. John Coffey.
- III. Edward (Edmond) Coffey.
- IV. Thomas Coffey.
- V. Reuben Coffey.
- VI. Benjamin Coffey.
- VII. William Coffey.
- VIII. Elizabeth (Betty) Coffey.
- IX. Winnefred Coffey.
- X. Martha Coffey.

James Coffey

James Coffey, son of **John Coffey** and **Jane Graves Coffey**, was born in Essex County, Virginia, lived for a period of time in Albemarle County, Virginia; and moved about 1757, to Wilkes County, North Carolina, where he died in 1786. **James** was known as a Baptist clergyman.

He married **Elizabeth Cleveland** of Bull Run, Prince William County, Virginia.

The will of **James Coffey** is recorded in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES COFFEY

In the name of God Amen

I **James Coffey** of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina being sick & Weak in Body; though of Sound and Disposing mind and Memory; and calling to mind that it is Ordained for all men to Die; Do make and Nominate This my last will and Testament Viz!

First I Recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that give it.

And my Body to be Buried in a Decent manner at the Direction of my Executors, And as to what worldly Goods that Pleased Almighty God to Bless me with I give and Depose of that in that in the following manner (To Wit)

Item It is my will and Desire that my Loving wife **Elizabeth Coffey** the whold of my Estate both Real & Personal (that shall Remain after paying my Just Debts and Funeral Expenses) during her natural life
I give and Bequeath to my Daughter **Betty Whiteside** my son **John Coffey**, my Son **James Coffey**, my Son **Reubin Coffey**, my Son **Alious Coffey**, my Son **Ely Coffey**, my Son **Rice Coffey**, my Daughter **Martha Durrant**, my Son **Joel coffey**; my son **Levi Coffey**; And the heirs of my Son **Archelus Coffey**; The whole of my Estate Both Real and Personal of all kinds whatsoever: That shall Remain after my Just Debts and Funeral Expenses Shall be paid: to be Equally Divided ammong them at the Deceased of my Wife **Elizabeth Coffey** that is to say Allowing all the Heirs of my Deceased Son **Archelus Coffey** Jointly a part Equal to one of my Children and unto each of them an Equal Share with my Own Children;

Lastly I do Nominate and appoint my son **John Coffey** and my son **Reubin Coffey** Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and do hereby Disannull all former Wills & Ratify and Confirm this to be my last will and Testament; In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Thirteenth Day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six.....

Signed Sealed Published and Declaired

In Presents of

Wm. Lewis

Peter Holt

Benjamin Coffey

(Wrote on back as follows)

State of North Carolina
Wilkes County

his
James x Coffey Seal
mark

October 1786
The within will was del.
Proved in open Court by
Oath of William Lewis
Esq. a subscribing Witness
there to and ordered to
be recorded.

Test: Wm. Lewis D.C.

The children of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey are:

- I. **John Coffey**, married _____. **John Coffey's** will is recorded in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in Book 4, pp. 82-84. It is dated August 11, 1825, and lists nine children as his heirs.
The known children of **John Coffey** and _____ Coffey are:
 - A. **Levi Coffey**. **Levi** and **William Davenport** were **John Coffey's** executors.
 - B. **Lewis Coffey**.
 - C. **Sarah Coffey**, married _____ **Israel**.
 - D. **Elizabeth Coffey**, married _____ **Strange**.
 - E. **William Coffey**.
 - F. **James Coffey**.
 - G. **Nancy Coffey**, married _____ **Penley**.
 - H. **Elenor Coffey**, married _____ **Crumpton**.
 - I. **Sealy Coffey**, married _____ **Smith**. According to her father's will, **Sealy's** share of his estate was to go to her heirs, indicating that she was deceased by August 11, 1825.
- II. **James Coffey**, born in Virginia. The 1790 Burke County, North Carolina Census lists **James Coffey** as the head of the household, with one free white male under 16 years of age; three white females, including heads of families; and one slave. He obtained land in Wayne County, Kentucky, but he returned to North Carolina, exchanging his Wayne County land for his brother **Lewis' North Carolina tract**.
- III. **Reubin Coffey**, born Albemarle County, Virginia, September 16, 1759. According to land grants, **Reubin Coffey** was in Burke County, North Carolina, in 1778.
- IV. **Ambrose Coffey**. According to land grants, **Ambrose Coffey** was in Burke County, North Carolina, in 1778.
- V. **Eli Coffey**, born Albemarle County, Virginia, March 1, 1764; still living in 1859. The following entry is **Eli Coffey's Revolutionary claim paper**.

State of Tennessee
McMinn County

County Court May term 1839

On this 6th day of May 1839 personally appeared **Eli Coffey** a resident of McMinn County and State of Tennessee in open court before the Worshipful County Court for the County of McMinn aforesaid Upon setting, the same being a Court of record, aged Seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following Named Officers And served as hereinafter Stated that he entered the Service of the United States as a Substitute in the room and place of one **Thomas Fields** who was his Uncle by Marriage and who had a large family dependent upon his daily labor for subsistence. Said **Fields** was drafted for three Months. Some time, as declarant believes, in the latter part of the winter or in the Spring of the year 1780 in the State of North Carolina, Wilkes County, at which time declarant entered the Service under Capt. **John Barton**, further during the time was occasionally under the Command of other Captains Namely, Capt. **Keyes**, **Moses Guess** & **John Beverly**, who was all commanded by Col. **Benjamin Cleveland** at that time also a citizen of Wilkes County N.C.

Declarant was engaged as a Scout after the Tories in the Counties of Wilkes and Burke.

During the time of his service he was Sometimes permitted to visit his Father. Some times was Scouted, from the enemy dis patched parties to be upon action duty when required and when danger threatened from the collection of the enemy.

In this Manner he served out his term of three Months and was regularly discharged.

He again entered the Service of the United States as a horse Man he thinks in the fall of the year 1781. He was a substitute for his Brother **Ambrose Coffey** who was drafted to go against the Cherokees and who was near sighted. He entered the Service as alter in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina under Capt. **John Beverly** & Lieutenant **Isbell** of Wilkes, Col. **Miller** of Rutherford, Col. **Joseph McDowal** & Genl **Charles McDowal** of Burke, they rendezvoused at Pleasant Garden, Burke County N.C. crossed the Mountain at the head of Swannano. Marched down Swannano and crossed French Broad River the Big and little Pigeon River, and Tuckesegee at an Indian town called Tuckesegee. Took the town, crossed the Tennessee River and head waters of the Hiwassee, passed through various parts of the Cherokee Nation and took and burnt down other Indian Towns towit, the over hill Towns, the Valley towns and the Shoosake towns and then returned home and was regularly discharged at the expiration of the three Months, the term for which he had entered. These Services were all rendered before he was eighteen years old and at a time when he was not subject to Military duty and his discharge was obtained by his Father and he does not know what has become of them.

He was born in Albemarle County Virginia on the first day of March 1764. From Virginia he accompanied his Father to Wilkes County North Carolina, where he resided when the above Mentioned Services was performed. He went to Kentucky in the year 1784 and returned to Wilkes the Succeeding year whence he removed to Wayne County Kentucky and thence to

McMinn County, Tennessee where he now resides.

He states that he has a record of his age at his house. He was not acquainted with any of the regular officers of the Revolutionary war, never having served with any but was acquainted with all those heretofore named by him as his officers.

He states that he is acquainted with Robt Frazier, Henry Bradford and Neely Chrisman in his present neighbourhood, who can testify as to his character for viracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his Services and knows of no person by whom he can prove the same except **Martin Durham** a citizen of Wayne County Kentucky whose statement is here with submitted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declared that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Eli Coffey

He Robert Frazier a clergyman residing in the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee and Henry Bradford and Neely Chrisman residing in the same County and State hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **Eli Coffey** who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be Seventy five years of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & Subscribed
the day and year aforesaid

Robert Frazier
Henry Bradford
Neely Chrisman

Eli Coffey's name appears many times in the Minutes of the Yadkin Church. At the monthly meeting in July, 1790, **Thomas Coffey**, **Eli Coffey** and **Martin Durham** were appointed to repair some mistakes in the church book. At the monthly meeting in April, 1791, the church appointed **James Coffey**, **Eli Coffey**, and **Jonathan Boone** as delegates to the Association and ordered the clerk to prepare a letter for the church. At the monthly meeting in January, 1792, the church appointed **Thomas Coffee**, **Jesse Boone**, **Eli Coffey** and **James Coffey** to meet with **Moses Hull** and **William Lansdowne** to endeavor to know the difficulty that was between them. At the meeting held on the Second Saturday in January, 1800 the following delegates were appointed to Globe church to look into the standing of members causing grief - **Thomas Coffey**, **Jonathan Boone**, **Jesse Boone**, **Eli Coffey** and **George Dowell**.

VI. **Rice Coffey**.

VII. **Martha Coffey**, married **Martin Durham**.

VIII. **Betty Coffey**, married **Rueben Whitesides**.

IX. **Joel Coffey**, born Virginia, 1730; died Wilkes County, North Carolina, 1789; married 1753, to **Martha Sealey**, born Virginia, 1737; still living in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1789. The following land transactions were made by **Joel Coffey**:

On October 23, 1782, **Joel Coffey** received a land grant for 200 acres on Beaver Creek, Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Wilkes County Deed Record Book A-1, p. 402

On November 9, 1784, there was a deed made between **Joel Coffey** and **James Ferguson** of 1100 for 200 acres on King's Creek that was granted to **Joel Coffey** by deed from **Abraham Reece**. The witnesses were **Livingston Isbell**, **Golston Stepp**, and **Philip Davis**.

Wilkes County Deed Record Book A-1, p. 412

On October 27, 1788, there was a land transaction between **Joel Coffey** and **Peter Noland** 1300 for 200 acres on Beaver Creek, Wilkes County, North Carolina, that was granted to **Joel Coffey** by the state on October 23, 1782. The witnesses were **Benjamin Elledge** and **Spill Tribble**.

Wilkes County Deed Record Book B-1, p. 5

Many other deeds show a strong bond between **Joel Coffey** and his son **Neburazadan Coffey**.

The following entry is a transcript of **Joel Coffey's** will.

In the Name of God Amen I **Joel Coffey** of N. Carolina and County of Wilkes the weak in body but perfect in mind and Memory, Constitute this my last will and testament I give my Soul to God my Redeemer and my Body to be Buried in a Decent manner and after my Just Debts are paid I Despose of my worldly goods as follows to wit: I give my Wife **Martha** the plantation where on I now live, and all my Household furniture and two Negroes namely **Harry** & **Pep** and all my Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs enduring her natural life or widowhood I also witt that as much of my Land be Sold by my Executor as pay my Debrs. The Remainder of my Land to be Equally Divided among my Sons **Cleveland**, **James Joel** & **Nathan** And the Rest of my Negros to be equally Divided among all my Children to wit **Cleveland**, **James Joel**, **Nathan**, **Cathy**, **Jane**, **Sealy** and if my wife is at preasent with Child for it if it lives to Share an Equal part with the Rest and at the Death or Marriage of my

wife for what I give to her to be Equally Divided among all my Children any preasant Estate to be improved and kept together till my youngest Child come of Age or Marry Neburazadan Coffey and my Son Cleveland Coffey Executors I Acknowledge this my last will and Testament made this 27th Day of April 1789

Signed in preasence of
Jr. Barlow
Ananias Allen
John X Welch
mark

his Seal
Joel X Coffey
mark

State of North Carolina
Wilkes County

July Term 1789
The within Will was Duly
Proved in open Court by the
Oath of John Welch a Subscribing
Witness Hereto and Ordered to
be Recorded.

Test Geo. Wheatley

Duly Recorded in Page 260th

By Wm Lenoir D.C.C.

The children of Joel Coffey and Martha Sealey Coffey are:

A. Cleveland Coffey, died 1815, married February 11, 1794 Jane Witherspoon, daughter of John Witherspoon (one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence).

The known children of Cleveland Coffey and Jane Witherspoon Coffey are:

1. Elijah Coffey born November 20, 1806 and was still living in 1874.
2. Nathan Coffey still living in 1874.

B. James Coffey married Sarah Coffey in 1794 in Wilkes County North Carolina.

C. Joel Coffey, married Jane Coffey, August 1793 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Benjamin Coffey as security. This Joel Coffey represented Burke County, North Carolina, in 1815, in the General Assembly as a member of the House of Commons.

D. Nathan Coffey, born 1760; died 1823; married Mary Saunders, born 1770, died 1838.

E. Caty Coffey.

F. Jane Coffey.

G. Sealy Coffey.

H. Neburazadan Coffey, born 1757; died 1797; married 1780, Elizabeth Hazes.

X. Lewis Russell Coffey, married North Carolina, December 10, 1795, to Bidant (Biddy) Moore. Lewis is buried at Elk Spring Valley Cemetery, east of Monticello. A shaft erected to the memory of Lewis Russell Coffey by the family was still in good condition in 1944. Lewis began a large and highly respected family of that name in Wayne County, Kentucky.

The children of Lewis Russell Coffey and Bidant Moore Coffey are:

A. Elizabeth Coffey married Richard Cullon son of former Senator Cullon.

B. Rachael Coffey married Jefferson Jones.

C. Mary Coffey married Joshua Oatt.

D. James Coffey married Sally Strange.

E. Henderson Coffey married Minerva Alexander.

F. Cullon Coffey married Rachael Isaacs.

G. Jesse Coffey married Eliza Griffen.

H. Shelby Coffey married Emerine Meadows.

I. Cleveland Coffey married Aopheonia Oatt.

J. Franklin Coffey married Mary Ann Worsham.

K. Coleman Coffey, married first Polly Haven; married second Jane Miller; married third Sarah Havens; married fourth Amanda Hudson Stone.

XI. Archelus Coffey.

John Coffey

John Coffey, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, married first Dorcas Carter and second Nancy Richardson.

Edward Coffey

Edward (Edmond) Coffey, child of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, married Nancy Shenalt.

Thomas Coffey

Thomas Coffey, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, married first Elizabeth Smith and second Sarah Fields (See Book II, Chapter 3).

Reuben Coffey

Reuben Coffey, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on September 16, 1759 and married Sally Scott. He is listed in the 1790 Wilkes County, North Carolina Census: 1 free white male over 16 years old; 1 free white male under 16 years old; 4 white females, including heads of families; and no slaves.

The following is a transcript of Reuben Coffey's Pension Records, found in the Pension Office, Washington, D.C.

Reuben Coffey, Wayne County, Kentucky

Private North Carolina. Application for Revolutionary Pension.

Volunteered, June 17, 1780. 12 months and upwards, under Capt. Moses Guest. In battle of King's Mountain. Resided when entered service in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Reuben Coffey, born in Albemarle County, Virginia, September 16, 1759.

My father moved to Amherst County, Virginia, four or five years afterwards where I lived about fifteen years. My father then moved to the State of North Carolina and settled in Wilkes County near the head of the Yadkin River where I resided several years. (I think about 14 years.) I then settled in Burke County and lived there about 22 years. I then moved to the State of Kentucky in Wayne County where I now live and have resided there a little upwards of 13 years.

Have no documentary evidence of service but can prove by Martin Durham and Lewis Coffey of being in service.

Oaths of Martin Durham and his brother, Lewis Coffey. Also Adam Vickery, a clergyman of Wayne County.
August 27, 1832. William Simpson,
Clerk of Court.

August 28, 1832.

A resident of Wayne County, Kentucky, 72 years the 16th day of September last.

Volunteered under Capt. Moses Guest in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in a horse company for as long a period as the country needed my services.

On June 17, 1780, before the Battle of King's Mountain, marched under command of Capt. Moses Guest, Lt. Thos. Furgerson, Maj. Hartgrove, Maj. Joseph Winston, and Col. Ben Cleveland, with Adjutant Major Jesse Franklin.

We first marched to Ramseur's Mill in Lincoln County, North Carolina, the day after the battle there, and it was there we met General Rutherford and General Thomas Sumpter and their army. The Tories being then defeated, our regiment marched toward home, and was generally engaged in scouting after Tories. We had several small engagements with them.

The British and Tories had collected in force and marched toward Virginia as far as Burke County. We pursued them and they retreated toward King's Mountain. Our commanders were Col. Benjamin Cleveland, Col. Wm. Campbell, Col. Isaac Shelby, and Col. John Sevier.

We overtook and fought the British at King's Mountain in South Carolina and defeated them on Saturday the 7th day of October, 1780. We remained on the battle ground until Sunday the next day, and then marched with the prisoners up to one Colonel Walker's in Rutherford County, North Carolina. We then marched about three miles to the widow Bickerstaff's where a court-martial was held and condemned 90 men of the Tories. We afterwards marched through Burke, Wilkes, and toward the Moravian town. (Now Moravian Falls, N.C.)

Ensign Benj. Guest with myself and five or six others of our company were ordered back upon the frontier to quell the Tories, who caused a considerable alarm.

I was upon several small expeditions; one down to Guilford, another to Hunting creek, and another to the hollows of Yadkin.

I was sometimes stationed at Hamlin's old store in Wilkes County and at another at John Stables in Burke County, and other places, and remained in service 12 months and upwards.

Was discharged by my Captain at his own house in Wilkes County with others, in the fall of 1781, our country having no further call for our service.

Reuben Coffey

Benjamin Coffey

Benjamin Coffey, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, was born in 1747, and married Polly Hayes. He is listed in the 1790 Burke County, North Carolina, Census with 3 sons, a wife, and 1 daughter, and no slaves.

Benjamin Coffey applied for a pension based on his Revolutionary war record.

A partial statement of Benjamin Coffey's claim for Pension reads as follows:

Benjamin Coffey
Act of June 7, 1832
Service:

Application for
Revolutionary Pension
Residence when
Entering Service
86 yrs. North Carolina

Year
1776 5 Pr-- Capt. Whitson
 Col. McDowell
 Capt. Barton
 Col. Cleveland

J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 26,608
Benjamin Coffey, Hawkins County, Tennessee.
from 1776 p - 1 yr. \$40

Certificate issued to
Lewis Mitchell, Rogersville, Tennessee.
Jonesboro Agency.

Benjamin Coffey

State of Tennessee
Hawkins County

25th day of May, 1833

Personally appeared before me, James Mitchell, an acting Justice of the Peace of Hawkins County, State of Tennessee, Benjamin Coffey, a resident of Hawkins County, aged 86 years.

"I entered service of the United States in Burke County, North Carolina, in year 1776, under the command of Col. Thomas Whitson, on the first of April, commanding officer being Col. Joseph McDowell. We marched to the frontier of said county in North Carolina against the Cherokee Indians that were making inroads and doing mischief on the frontier to Crider's fort on Lower creek, being employed as scout. I was discharged in September, moved from Burke to Wilkes County where I resided until first of April, 1780. I then entered the service again as a volunteer under the command of Capt. John Barton, regiment commanded by Col. Benjamin Cleveland. I was some times employed in marching to divers places where it was understood Tories were embodied, sometimes in Wilkes County, sometimes in Burke - until I received orders to march to King's Mountain against some Tories and British collected there under the command of Major Ferguson. We marched on through Lincoln County in North Carolina under the command of Col. Benjamin Hearne and Col. Benjamin Cleveland until we were joined by the forces of Col. Campbell, Col. Shelby, Col. Sevier, and Col. Williams.

"There an action took place and Ferguson was killed and his men defeated. I was not in the battle in consequence of losing my horse the night before and having to join the footmen under Col. Benj. Hearne and the foot did not come up until the battle was over; on the American side Col. Williams was killed.

"I was then sent to guard the prisoners at Moravian town in North Carolina during which march I was attacked with a pain in my ankles and was furloughed home the first of November. I never was out any more.

George Hays lived near me in North Carolina and now lives near me in Tennessee."

Oaths of Thomas Crawley, Clergyman,
and Wm. Gidions as to character.
25 day of May, 1833

William Coffey

William Coffey, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, married Elizabeth Ausborne.

Elizabeth Coffey

Elizabeth (Betty) Coffey, daughter of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, married Thomas Fields.

Winnefred Coffey

Winnefred Coffey, daughter of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, married Nicholas Moran.

Martha Coffey

Martha Coffey, daughter of John Coffey and Jane Graves Coffey, died at home on Blue Run, Orange County, Virginia, at a good old age. She married John Cleveland, who was born about 1695, and who also died on their estate on Blue Run. John had moved up the river from his home on Blue Run in Prince William County, Virginia (See Appendix).

John Cleveland and his father, Alexander Cleveland, Jr., were early settlers in Prince William County. It is very probable that John was born and reared there. He and his parents moved prior to 1734, to Orange County and located on Blue Run, where they lived until their deaths. Deed records of Orange County indicate that the Clevelands owned much land. The earliest of these records is dated 1734. About 1778, John Cleveland left a will in which he mentions nine children and two grandchildren. In 1779, a short appraisement was made of John's estate.

The children of Martha Coffey Cleveland and John Cleveland are:

- I. John Cleveland, born Virginia, 1730; died about 1821; married Mollie McHan, died before 1809. John and his brother Larkin went about 1772, from Virginia through North Carolina. They journeyed on Pack-horses and cut their road through cane and brush as they traveled. They came to Pickens District, South Carolina, and were among the first settlers. They lived in Pendleton District at Cleveland's Ferry. (Pendleton District was divided in 1828, into Anderson and Pickens. Pickens, in turn, was divided in 1866, into Pickens and Oconee Counties. The Clevelands lived primarily in Oconee County.) John was one of the first settlers of Franklin County, Georgia, about 1785, when it was still inhabited by the Indians. John's home was on the Tugaloo River (a branch of the Savannah River) and in sight of his brother Larkin's home, both residences being located on the Georgia side of the river. This is where John raised his family, who later settled at various points along the Tugaloo River. John Cleveland preached in Chauga Church, Oconee County, South Carolina, and Eastonala Church in Georgia. According to a quotation taken from THE GENEALOGY OF THE CLEVELAND AND CLEVELAND FAMILIES, III, p. 2059. "He was good to his neighbors and the poor, kind to his many darkies, who thought their master better than any other man." (This same quotation is also found in James B. Cleveland's book on the CLEVELANDS.) John was living with his son-in-law Benjamin Harrison at the time of his (John's) death. John was a Baptist clergyman. He was a close associate of the Rev. Thomas Maxwell, Sr. in the Elbert County, Georgia area, about 1790. Maxwell was also from Orange County, Virginia. In 1819, Cleveland and Maxwell, both elderly, attended an associational meeting in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. According to another quotation found in THE GENEALOGY OF THE CLEVELAND AND CLEVELAND FAMILIES, III, p. 2059, "Sometime when the Rev. John would preach, the wicked people would take him out of the house and beat him severely, but he would preach on, and when they let him go, he would mount a stump or log and finish his sermon."

The children of John Cleveland and Mollie McHan Cleveland are:

- A. John Cleveland, born Virginia.
- B. Nelly Cleveland.
- C. Cornelius Cleveland, born Cleveland's Ferry; never married.
- D. William Cleveland, married Nancy _____. The will of William Cleveland is recorded in the Office of the Ordinary, Anderson County, South Carolina, pp. 263-267. The following entry is a portion of that document.

To daughter Patsey

Wright \$300.00 in cash or in some degree indemnify her for the negro wench Phillice I gave her and she had the misfortune to lose. To daughter Fanny Wright a negro woman Milley now in her possession but with the condition that should she die without issue the negro and all her increase equally divided among her brothers and sisters. To daughter Catharine Wright a negro woman Dicy. To daughter Nancy Cleveland, wife of George Cleveland, negro boy Andrew now in her possession. To son Robert Harrison Cleveland, negro boy Sampson. To daughter, Polly Cleveland negro boy Allen. To daughter Jane Cleveland negro boy Daniel. To son Oliver F. Cleveland, negro boy John. To daughter Lucinda Cleveland, negro boy Green. To daughter Elizabeth Cleveland, negro boy Jim. To son William Earl Cleveland negro boy Hugh. Negro fellows Williston and Jacob to be hired out. If their hire amounts to \$300.00 before they are sold I want that amount paid to Thomas Wright, the remainder divided among remainder of children including my daughter Patty Wright. Remainder of negroes Coop and Moll and Chester, Jack and Hannah and Peter Tom and Cato, Dick and Luse I wish to remain on the place and labor and support my wife and children. Land on Toogooloo. If wife be alive when youngest child is of age she shall have so many negroes as will be able to support her comfortable and should she find negroes troublesome she may give them up to be divided among the children. Land on Beaver Dam remain in hands of my three sons-in-law as they now have it, until younger children of age, then divided equally among my children. Larkin Wright shall have same benefit of land on which he lived on at the Beaver Dam that his brothers has for the execution of my will. Executors: Wife Nancy, son Robert H. Cleveland, son-in-law Thomas Wright, and Benjamin Harrison. Dated 31 July, 1820. (Signed) William Cleveland

Wit.: Samuel Earle

Jeremiah Cleveland

Osburn Cleveland

Proven 22 Oct. 1821.

- E. Fanny Cleveland, born Cleveland's Ferry; married Cleveland's Ferry to John McNeel of Carnesville, Franklin County, Georgia.
- F. Elizabeth Cleveland, born Cleveland's Ferry; died Cleveland's Ferry; married Cleveland's Ferry to Benjamin Harrison of Carnesville, Franklin County, Georgia (son of Thomas Harrison, Sr., and _____ Harrison). The following excerpts from Thomas Harrison, Sr.'s will are taken from notes made by Virginia Alexander, Colleen Morse Elliot, and Betty Willie. These indicate that Benjamin received most, if not all, of his father's estate.

"Having one unfortunate son, William, who I respect as much as any child - follows path of desperation and thought - less dealing that to me appears folly for me to give him the property for which I have labored hard - which would be squandered to the certain reduction of his helpless family - mentions William's infant children - give to son, Benjamin Harrison, in trust, plantation tools, other goods and chattels, on condition - if son, William reforms within ten years, Benjamin, at his satisfaction, make right to property - otherwise to heirs of William, by his present wife, Elizabeth, as they come of age or marry, and she to have maintenance - notes due me by John Varner, Duncan McKenzie, John Patrick _____ give to son Benjamin".

Dated 4 April, 1809.

Wit.: John Cleveland

Clary Cleveland

Peggy Perkins

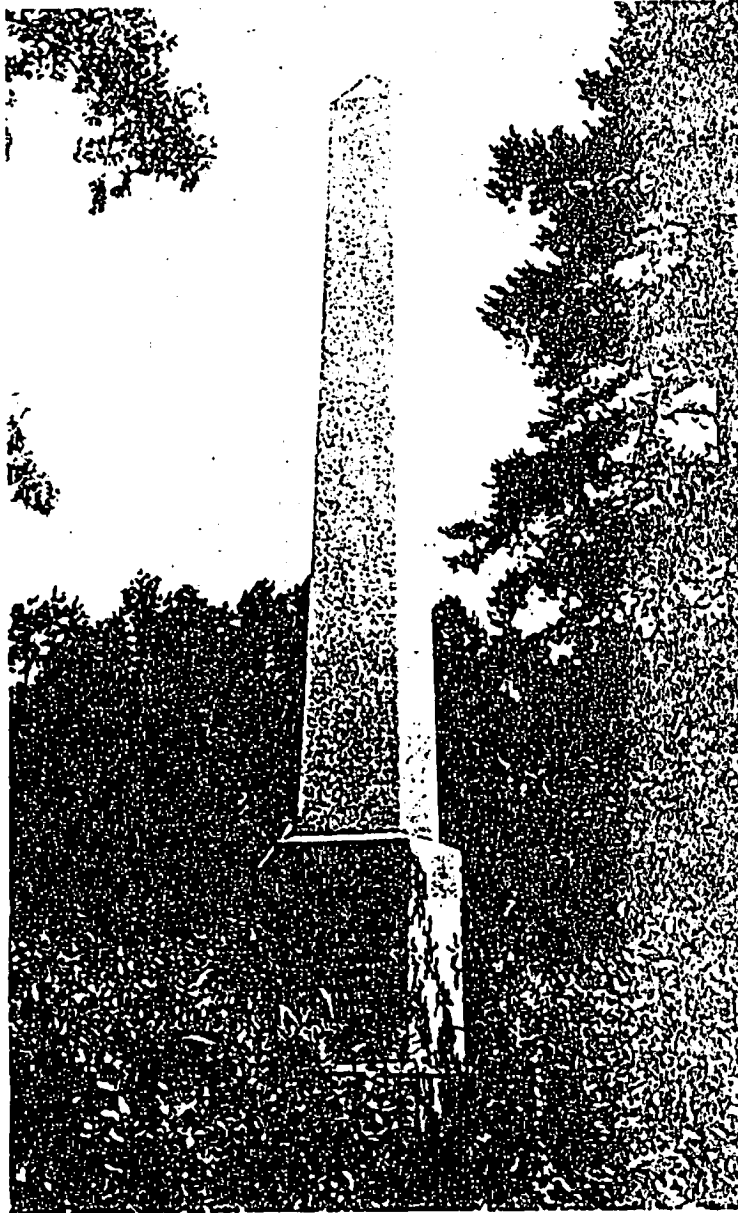
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- G. Jeremiah Cleveland.
- H. Mary Cleveland, born Cleveland's Ferry; married Cleveland's Ferry to John Jackson Walters of Franklin County, Georgia.
- I. Larkin Cleveland, born Cleveland's Ferry.
- J. Benjamin Cleveland, born Cleveland's Ferry.
- II. Mary Cleveland, died in Wilkes County, North Carolina; married probably Orange County, Virginia, to Bernard Franklin, born May 26, 1731; died January, 1828, at age 96 (son of Laurence Franklin and Mary Payne Franklin). Almost all of Mary and Bernard's sons served in the Legislatures of North Carolina and Georgia. Bernard Franklin and his family moved from Orange County, Virginia, about 1760 (or just before 1776). They settled in Surry County, North Carolina, on Mitchell's River. Bernard's lands extended into Wilkes County, North Carolina.

The children of Mary Cleveland Franklin and Bernard Franklin are:

- A. Jeremiah Franklin, born September 2, 1754; married Phibeb Franklin.
- B. Bernard Franklin, born April 28, 1756; married Martha Cleveland.
- C. Jesse Franklin, born March 24, 1760; died Surry County, North Carolina, September

- 29, 1823; married Meekey Perkins. Jesse Franklin served in the Revolutionary War and was commissioned as Major before the war ended. He served in many battles, including the one at King's Mountain with Col. Benjamin Cleveland. After the war, he was elected to various political offices for the state of North Carolina - the last being Governor for the state in 1820. Jesse Franklin and Meekey Perkins Franklin had several children.
- D. Elizabeth (Betty) Franklin, born March 10, 1762.
 - E. Abner Franklin, born April 28, 1764; married Rhoda Cleveland.
 - F. Shadrach Franklin, born April 20, 1769; died 1860; married Judith Taliaferro, born 1763; died 1848. Shadrach Franklin and Judith Taliaferro Franklin had at least nine children.
 - G. Mary Franklin, born Surry County, North Carolina, May 14, 1771; died Hawkins County, Tennessee, February 7, 1836; married Surry County, North Carolina, February 12, 1794, to Robert Nall, born Orange County, Virginia, September 24, 1767; died 1858.
 - H. Meshach Franklin, born September 17, 1773; died Surry County, North Carolina, December 18, 1839; buried at his homestead in Surry County, North Carolina; married Mildred Edwards. Meshach Franklin and Mildred Edwards Franklin had at least ten children. Meshach served the state of North Carolina in various political offices, including member of the House of Commons, State Senator, and U. S. Congressman.
 - I. Abednego Franklin, born North Carolina, May 29, 1776; died 1817; married 1800, to his cousin, Mary Graves Cleveland, died Cherokee County, Georgia, July, 1858, at age 76; buried Hightower Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, Georgia (daughter of John Cleveland and Catherine Stone Montgomery Cleveland, and granddaughter of Col. Benjamin Cleveland, who supposedly raised Mary Graves Cleveland). The inscription on Mary's tombstone is "In Memory of Mrs. Mary G. Franklin. Born March 15, 1782. Died July 31, 1858. Relict of Col. Bedney Franklin Deceased, of Morgan Co. Ga. Daughter of John & Catherine Cleveland, Grand daughter of Col. Ben Cleveland of the Revolution." Nearby is the grave of one of her children. The child's tombstone is "Erected to the memory of Dr. Bedney L. Franklin - Born February 24, 1815 - Died July 11th 1844. Aged 29 years 4 months and 17 days." Abednego Franklin and Mary Graves Franklin had several other children. Abednego Franklin was a very influential and wealthy citizen of Athens, Georgia. He was a founder of Franklin College, now known as the University of Georgia.
 - J. Benjamin Franklin, married Betsey Franklin.
 - K. Willis Franklin, died in Tennessee; never married.
 - L. Jane Franklin, moved to Tennessee; never married.
- III. Benjamin Cleveland, born Bull Run, Prince William County, Virginia, May 26, 1738; died on his plantation at the junction of Tugaloo River and Chauga Creek, Pendleton District (now Madison, Oconee County), South Carolina, October, 1806; buried on his plantation; married Orange County, Virginia, before 1764, to Miss Mary Graves of Culpepper County, Virginia. Benjamin became a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. He was the hero of the battle of King's Mountain, and was one of the most prominent members of the Cleveland family mentioned in the history of the United States. Cleveland County, North Carolina was formed in 1841, and was named in his honor. On July 28, 1887, many distinguished people attended the unveiling ceremony of a monument erected in his honor at Fort Madison, South Carolina. The following picture and excerpts are from the Centennial Edition of THE SENECA JOURNAL & TRIBUNE.



This towering monument, standing near Madison, honors the memory of one of Oconee's famous military men, Col. Benjamin Cleveland.

One of Benjamin Cleveland's good friends was the famous Daniel Boone, who described to Cleveland the bounties of Kentucky, and persuaded him to go there and look at the country. Setting out with four companions, Cleveland headed for Boone's settlement in Kentucky, but, after crossing the Cumberland Gap, the party was attacked by Cherokees, who stole a number of their horses. While he was tracking the Indians who had stolen his horses, Cleveland came upon the Tugaloo River valley for the first time. He was so impressed with it that he was later to settle there, when the Revolutionary War was over.

At the close of the War, Cleveland lost his plantation in North Carolina by a superior claim to the land, and, remembering his expedition into the Tugaloo valley, he moved his family to the junction of the Tugaloo and Chauga, where he purchased over 3000 acres of land.

The remainder of Cleveland's life was to be calm, compared with his Revolutionary days. Despite a few battles with the Cherokees on the opposite side of the Tugaloo, his military career was over, and he was to spend the rest of his life farming and serving his district, which was known as Pendleton District at that time. He served for many years with Andrew Pickens and Robert Anderson as a judge of Old Pendleton District, and he was renowned for his "promptness of decision, accuracy of judgement, and patient bearing." On a morning in 1806, he died while at breakfast.

The following entry is a W. P. A. copy of Benjamin Cleveland's last will and testament.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Benjamin Cleveland being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die do make this my last will and testament. And first recommend my soul to God who gave it; and my body to be decently buried and paying all lawful debts the surplusage of My property I will and bequeath in the following manner

In the first place I give to my son Absalom Cleveland after my death the tract of Land whereon I now live (except a part lying below a Branch which runs into the River below Chauga which part is to be otherwise disposed of) together with all the lands tracts or parcels of tracts of lands on either side of Tugalou River adjoining each other Together with the following Negroes Viz. Jim Lucey Venus Bess By Tom with the hold of all my live Stock Viz of Horses Cattle Hoggs and Sheep and half of all my ready cash which I may have in hand after all my Just debts are paid--In the next place I Will to my grandson John Cleveland (son of absalom) one Negro Boy named prime

Item third I will to Betsy Smith daughter of Absalom Cleveland my Cupboard with all the furniture belonging to the same
Item 4 I will and Give to Benjamin Cleveland son of John Cleveland deceased after my death two negro Boys Viz Tom and Charles together with one feather bed with Common furniture

Item 5 I will and bequeath to Chapley R. Welborn one Negro Woman Charlotte with her child Ben together with one feather bed and common furniture

Item 6 I will and give to my grandson Absalom Cleveland son of John Cleveland, Deceased two Negro boys Quam and Joe with one feather bed and furniture

Item 7 I will and bequeath to Betsey Cleveland Daughter of John Cleveland deceased two Negroes Viz Aquilia and Liza with one feather bed and furniture

Item 8 I will and give to Patsey Cleveland daughter of John Cleveland deceased two Negroes Viz Jane and ned with also one feather bed and furniture

Item 9 I will and bequeath Bidney Franklin one Negro fellow named Jack-----I further give to my son Absalom Cleveland my set of Blacksmith tools, I further will all the residue of my property not herein before disposed to be sold and equally divided between the Children of John Cleveland Deceased, and the Children of Absalom Cleveland except one Iron gray steed Horse called Talemachey now in the possession of Jesse Coffey which studhorse I will and bequeath to the said Jesse Coffey he being my friend and relation reserving and giving the authority to my executors to dispose of two old Negroes Viz York and Dinah in what ever manner or way they shall think most advisable for the two Negroes care and convenience and that they be taken good Care of

I further will that the property in this will and testament given or bequeathed to any infant children, or Child Shall be under the direction of my executors untill the legatee becomes of full age or marries, at either of the times of full age or marring then the property to be delivered to the legatee becoming of full age or marring, and my will is further that if any of the legatees dies without issue and under age or without marring that their portion of property is to be equally divided between my Grand Children Viz the Children of my son Absalom and John Cleveland Deceased

And my will is and I do hereby appoint Absalom Cleveland, Jesse Coffee and Bidney Franklin my executors to carry unto effect this my last will and testament or a majority of them, and if there should appear a necessity in the opinion of the herein named executor that there should be one other executor, my will is that my son Absalom should appoint one and he then becomes my executor. Hereby revoking all former will or wills signed and sealed this 10th September 1806 in presence of

Bill Hawkins
Daniel Cleveland
Nimrod Leathers

Benj Cleveland (SEAL)

Recorded in Will Book A, 76
Recorded October 21, 1806

Proved October 21, 1806
John Harris, O.P.D.
Roll No. 99



Tomb of Col. Benjamin Cleveland



Tomb of Mary Graves Cleveland

Col. Benjamin Cleveland and Mary Graves Cleveland are buried on their plantation in Oconee County, South Carolina.

The children of Benjamin Cleveland and Mary Graves Cleveland are:

- A. Jemima Cleveland, married James Wyley.
- B. Absalom Cleveland, born 1759; died 1838; buried South Carolina, married November 14, 1782, to Martha (Patty) Harrison. Absalom Cleveland served his country during the Revolutionary War and drew a pension on that account.

The known children of Absalom Cleveland and Martha Harrison Cleveland are:

- 1. John Cleveland, died at the home of Gen. Benjamin Cleveland (his cousin), Habersham County, Georgia, 1858; mentioned in Col. Benjamin Cleveland's will.
- 2. Betsey Cleveland, married _____ Smith; mentioned in Col. Benjamin Cleveland's will.
- C. John Cleveland, who died in Franklin County, Georgia; married Wilkes County, North Carolina, to Catherine Slone Montgomery (widow of Hugh Monigomery). During the Revolutionary War, John entered the Continental Army at about age 16. He was later commissioned by the state of North Carolina as a captain and later drew a captain's pension after the war. Because of his wild and reckless manner, he was known as "Devil John Cleveland."

John Cleveland and Catherine Slone Montgomery Cleveland were the parents of the following known children:

- 1. Benjamin Cleveland, born on the east bank of Tugaloo River above Chauga Creek, South Carolina; died Habersham County, Georgia, June 13, 1858; married Argin Jones (daughter of Russell Jones, died Franklin County, Georgia, 1828; and Sarah _____ Jones.)

The children of Benjamin Cleveland and Argin Jones Cleveland are:

- a. Mary Cleveland, married South Carolina, by the Rev. Francis Callaway January 4, 1827, to Thomas J. Rush.
- b. Catharene Cleveland, married first _____ Johnson; married second _____ Hoyle.
- c. Anne Cleveland, married first _____ Smith; married second _____ Thorn.

The following entry is Benjamin Cleveland's last will and testament.

State of Georgia

Habersham County

In the name of God, Amen

Item 1st I Benjamin Cleveland of the State and County aforesaid, being weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory and Knowing that it is for man once to die and after death the Judgment, I do recommend My soul to God, who gave it and my body to the earth, from whence it came, to be decently buried, in the Baptist burying ground at Amys Creek Church, Convenient, or at Such other place as my Exrx and Executor herein after appointed may see proper, and at some convenient time, it is my wish that there should be placed at the head, of my grave a decent Tombstone of Marble, with the initials of (my) name inscribed with the date of my birth and decease. And all the expenses of the same, to be paid for, out of the Money arising from the sale of the property, that I may hereafter direct to be sold; Also all the just debts that I may be owing to be paid like wise

Item 2nd It is my will and wish and desire that my loving wife Argin Cleveland, should retain & keep in her possession, for her own proper use, and benefit, during her natural life, or so long as she may see proper, to reside on the same, the lot of land on which I reside at this time, including the farm with all the buildings thereon; also one hundred acres adjoining the same, known as the Hufstutler lot; and _____ acres adjoining the first mentioned lot, on the North, the same being part of a lot that I purchased of Robert McKinney, with such portion of Farming tools, Household and Kitchen furniture, as she may see proper to keep, for her use, also one pleasure carriage & Harness, two Claybank mares, (And the old Horse John, with as Many head of Milch Cows as she may wish, also the following named slaves to wit, Charles & his wife Rachel, I will Peggy Ginney Beck & her Son Bill) (the woman Clary to be sold) and it is my wish that that my wife keep such numbers of hogs, and sheep as she may wish for the use of the family, and such amount of provisions & Grain that may be necessary, for the use of the family, and after her death whatever amount of the above property may remain, I wish to be Sold, (with the exception of Charles Rachel & Peggy, and it is my wish that my then surviving Exr should have some provisions made for the support of the three above named slaves, during their life) and the money arising from the proceeds of the same, to be equally divided between the heirs of the body of my three daughters Mary Rush, Catharene (formerly) Johnson, but at the time of her death Catharene Hoyle

and formerly Anne Smith, but at the time of her death Anne Thorn, all of which daughters are dead, the money to be paid over to the legal Representatives of said Heirs at the death of my wife Argin Cleveland.

Item 3rd It is my will and wish that all the lots of land, that I own at my death (with the exception of the first set apart for the use of My wife Argin Cleveland, to be sold at the highest Bidder, at a twelve months credit with note and approved security, with all other stock of mules Horses Cattle Hogs, and all other perishable property, consisting of carriages wagons Carts, and such other property as has not been disposed of by the foregoing Items, and if there should be any money remaining from the proceeds of the Sale, of the foregoing property, after paying my lawful debts, I wish the same put out at the lawful Interest, until the death of my wife, and then disposed of as above set forth in the foregoing item.

Item 4th And for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing Items of this my last will and testament, I do hereby nominate Constitute & appoint, my loving wife Argin Cleveland as exrx and James C. Jarrard Executor, to act as such agreeable to the laws of the state in such cases. In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifth seven.

In presence of

Benjamin Cleveland Seal

Sidney Barr

Robert McKinney

Wm G Goodnim

Recorded Sept. 6th 1858

C H Sutton Ord

2. **Mary Graves Cleveland**, born March 15, 1782; died Cherokee County, Georgia, July 31, 1858, at age 76; buried Hightower Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, Georgia; married 1800, to **Abednego Franklin** (her cousin), born North Carolina, May 29, 1776, died 1817.
 3. **Absalom Cleveland**.
 4. **Daughter**, died as an infant.
 5. **Catherine Cleveland**, married Col. _____ Welborn.
 6. **Elize (Betsey) Cleveland**, born Franklin County, Georgia, June 8, 1792.
 7. **Martha (Patsey) Cleveland**.
- IV. **Robert Cleveland**, born Prince William County, Virginia, January 8, 1744; died Wilkes County, North Carolina, April 10, 1812; married first **Alice (Aley) Mathis** of Kentucky, born December 11, 1750; died December 13, 1791; married second **Sallie Johnson** of Wilkes County, North Carolina, died Monroe County, Tennessee, at the home of her daughter **Fanny**. Robert and Alice are buried side by side within 15 yards of their old homestead in Wilkes County, North Carolina. About 1778, Robert and his brother Col. **Benjamin Cleveland** traveled from Prince William County, Virginia, to North Carolina, settling on the Yadkin River in Wilkes County. During the Revolutionary War, he became a captain and commanded a volunteer company in Benjamin's regiment at the Battle of King's Mountain on October 7, 1780. A soldier in his corps, Dan White, said that the success of this battle was due to Robert's bravery, for in the middle of the conflict, when the battle seemed lost, Captain Robert Cleveland sustained the charge until Col. Benjamin Cleveland could rally his fleeing soldiers and come to his aid. On April 15, 1781, Robert lived on Lewis Fork of the Yadkin, when he gathered some 30 good men to help rescue Benjamin, who had been captured by the Tories in an earlier skirmish. Robert spent the rest of his life on the Yadkin and was a prominent member in the community. He was one of the five Clevelands who served in the Electoral College and was the first one of the Clevelands to be chosen to that office.

The children of Robert Cleveland and Alice Mathis Cleveland are:

- A. **Mathias Cleveland**, born Wilkes County, North Carolina, September 30, 1770; died Charleston, South Carolina; never married. Mathias became a merchant. The following entry on the appraisement of Mathias Cleveland's estate was made from notes made by Virginia Alexander, Colleen Morse Elliott, and Betty Willie. By order of the court January 25, 1798 appraisement of the estate of Mathias Cleveland ordered. Notes on Absalom Cleveland, Abner Files, Geter Linch, Isaac Harnage, William Richards. Appraised by William Richards, James Blair, Jesse Coffey. Recorded April 16, 1798.
- B. **Larkin Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, October 31, 1772.

- C. **Jeremiah Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, December 7, 1774.
- D. **Nancy Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, May 9, 1777; died February 1, 1846; married _____ **Reynolds**.
- E. **Presley Cleveland**, born Virginia, September 16, 1779.
- F. **Eli Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, October 1, 1781.
- G. **Elizabeth Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, July 15, 1782; died November 4, 1850; married Wilkes County, North Carolina, to **John Yates**.
- H. **Jesse Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, February 8, 1785.
- I. **Martin Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, January 7, 1787.
- J. **Sarah Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, November 10, 1789; died before 1881; married **Jesse Rector**. Sarah and Jesse lived in South Carolina.
- K. **Aley Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, November 2, 1790.
- L. **Mary Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, December 2, 1791.
- The children of **Robert Cleveland** and **Sallie Johnson Cleveland** are:
- M. **James Harvey Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, January 10, 1796.
- N. **Fanny Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, October 11, 1797.
- O. **Alfred Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, November 27, 1800; died Texas, soon after 1837; never married.
- P. **Benjamin Franklin Cleveland**, born Yadkin River, Wilkes County, North Carolina, January 2, 1804.
- V. **Jeremiah Cleveland**, born 1746; died Albemarle County, Virginia; married **Mary Gentry**, born Albemarle County, Virginia; died Albemarle County, Virginia. **Jeremiah Cleveland** is said to have lived his entire life in the state of Virginia.
- The children of **Jeremiah Cleveland** and **Mary Gentry Cleveland** are:
- A. **Jeremiah Cleveland**, born about 1783.
- B. **William Cleveland**, born about 1785.
- C. **Benjamin Cleveland**.
- D. **Mary Cleveland**, married _____ **Lincoln**.
- E. **Ann Cleveland**, married _____ **Moore**.
- F. **Oliver Cleveland**, born Charlottesville, Virginia, November 7, 1797.
- VI. **Larkin Cleveland**, born 1748; died Giles County, Tennessee, July 9, 1814, at age 66; married **Frances** _____, born August 6, 1756; died March 26, 1836. About 1772, **Larkin Cleveland** moved from Virginia to South Carolina. Later, he left South Carolina for Franklin County, Georgia, and even later, settled in Lincoln County, Tennessee. **Larkin** became a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, serving under his brother **Col. Benjamin Cleveland**. Because **Larkin** resembled **Benjamin**, the Tories shot him by mistake while he was on the march to King's Mountain. He recovered but remained crippled for life. **Larkin** later became a Colonel in the North Carolina militia. According to Giles County, Tennessee Deed Book B, **Larkin** sold his son **Oliver C. Cleveland** 100 acres of land on Polk's Creek, on April 20, 1812. Deed Book C indicates that **Oliver C. Cleveland** sold land to **Thomas Lane** on November 28, 1816, and to **William Polk** on November 22, 1816. **Larkin Cleveland's** monument, erected by his son, **Carter Harrison Cleveland**, states "Sacred To The Memory of Col. **Larkin Cleveland** Formerly of Franklin County, Georgia."
- The children of **Larkin Cleveland** and **Frances** _____ **Cleveland** are:
- A. **Betsey Cleveland**, born January 8, 1774.
- B. **Sally Cleveland**, born April 16, 1775.

- C. Benjamin Cleveland, born May 7, 1777.
- D. David Cleveland, born March 9, 1779.
- E. Rhoda Cleveland, born October 9, 1782.
- F. Abner Cleveland, born December 20, 1783.
- G. Oliver Cromwell Cleveland, born May 26, 1786.
- H. Asenath Cleveland, born March 10, 1788.
- I. Lucinda Cleveland, born December 9, 1793.
- J. Carter Harrison Cleveland, born April 19, 1795.
- K. Pamela Cleveland, born December 19, 1796; died November 19, 1803.
- L. Nancy Cleveland, born March 31, 1798; died November 18, 1803.
- VII. Betty Cleveland, married either _____ Gillespley or _____ Claxby.
- VIII. Patty Cleveland, married _____ Smith.
The known children of Patty Cleveland Smith and _____ Smith are:
 - A. Betty Smith.
 - B. Austin Smith.
- IX. Reuben Cleveland.

Book II

Chapter 3

Thomas Coffey

Thomas Coffey, son of **John Coffey** and **Jane Graves Coffey**, was born in Essex County, Virginia, March 7, 1742, and, at age 83, died in Wilkes County (later Caldwell County) North Carolina, possibly April, 1825. He was buried first at Hull Hill Graveyard but was later removed to Harper's Chapel Burying Ground in Caldwell County, North Carolina. While Thomas was very young, his parents moved to Albemarle County, Virginia. According to available information, Thomas Coffey spend most of his youth in Albemarle County, Virginia. It was while he lived there that he, at age 18, enlisted in the French and Indian War, serving until the war ended. Thomas Coffey married first **Elizabeth Smith** and second **Sarah Fields**. Sometime between 1776 and 1781, after Elizabeth's death, Thomas, his new wife, Sarah, and his six (or possible seven) children by his first marriage moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina, settling on the upper part of the Yadkin River. For the rest of his life he lived on this land that stretched for three miles up the Yadkin. The Yadkin Grove Baptist Church was built near Thomas Coffey's home. He was a prominent, active member of that church. The 1790 Wilkes County, North Carolina Census lists Thomas Coffey with 4 males over 16; 5 males under 16; 4 females; and no slaves. Thomas Coffey made his last will and testament on January 29, 1825, approximately four months from the reputed date of his death, April, 1825. The process of settling Thomas' estate began in October of that year.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Thomas Coffey

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Coffey of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament (Viz) first I commit my spirit to God that gave it and my body to the grave, and as to my worldly property both real and personal That Shall remain after my just debts are paid I lend it unto my beloved wife Sarah Coffey for her use during her natural life or widowhood and what remains at her death or end of her widowhood to be equally divided amongst my children (Viz) my daughter Elizabeth Allen my son John Coffeys wife and children my son Thomas Coffey my son James Coffey my daughter Mary Coffey my son Smith Coffey my daughter Patsy Dowell my son William Coffey my son Reuben Coffey my son Elijah Coffey my daughter Sally Stewart my son Lewis Coffey my son Larkin Coffey and my son McCaleb Coffey provided nevertheless that if my sd wife shall marry again that then and in that case she should have an equal share with one of my children I hereby appoint two of my sons (Viz) Smith Coffey and William Coffey executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

Larkin Coffey Teste

Martin Coffey

this 29th day of January AD 1825

his
Thomas X Coffey Seal
mark

North Carolina

Wilkes County

October Term 1825

The above Will was duly Proven in open court by the Oath of Larkin Coffey, and Smith Coffey and William Coffey was duly qualified as executors to said Will.

Teste

R. Martin Clk.

THE INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF Thomas Coffey

Six Negroes.-Six head of Horses.-Twenty-One head of Cattle.-About thirty head of Hogs.-Two Sheep.-Three plows.-Eight Hoes.-Two Axes.-One foot Adze.-One draing-knife.-One Cutting-knife.-One Scythe.-One Sickle.-One Chisel.-One Handsaw.-Two pair of plow Gears.-Two Bells.-Two Jugs.-Seven old Hogs Heads.-Two Powderingtubs.-One Washingtub.-Three eags.-One honey Stand.-One flourtub.-Two water pails.-One Churn.-One Loom and Geers.-Two Cotton Wheels.-Three Hax Wheels.-One Check reel.-One pair of Cards.-One set of Spools for warping.-One Rifle.-One Shot Gun.-One Clock.-Two desks.-One Bureau.-Four Chests.-One looking Glass.-Three Tables.-One Waterstand.-One Candle stand.-One Book case and a small quantity of Books.-One fire Shovel.-One pair of Tongs.-One set of fire dogs.-Four pots.-Two Ovens.-Two Skillets.-One Potrack.-A small quantity of Shoe tools.-One tin Gallon pot.-One Coffee Mill.-One Coffee pot.-Three candlesticks.-One

tin Sugar Box.-Seven glass bottles.-One cupboard tolerably furnished with Basins, dishes, plates, cups, knives and forks.-One dozen Chairs.-Six Beds, furniture and Bedsteads.-One Claw Hammer.-One Iron Wedge.-Two Mens Saddles.-One Womans Saddle.-One bridle.-One Smoothing Iron.-One meal Sifter.-One pair of Steelyards and five Stands of Bees.

Smith Coffey Executors
William Coffey

North Carolina
Wilkes County October Term 1825.
The above Inventory returned on Oath by the Executors.

Teste
R. Martin Clk.

Description of Wilkes County North Carolina as it was in 1830. WILKES co. N.C. bndd. N.E. and E. by Surry. S.E. by Iredell, S.W. by Burke, and W.N.W. and N. by Blue Ridge separating it from Ashe. Length from S.W. to N.E. 48ms., mean breadth 18, and area 864 sq. ms. Extending in lat. from 35°56' to 36°24', and in long. from 7°51' to 4°35' wW.C. This co. is a real mtn. valley, environed on every side but the N.E. by the Blue Ridge and adjacent chains. It is commensurate with the streams of the higher valley of Yadkin r. by which it is entirely drained. Declivity N. estrd. Cf.t. Wilkesville. Pop. 1820, 9,967, 1830, 11,968.

Discription of Burk County North Carolina as it was in 1830.

BURKE, co. N.E. bndd. by the Blue Ridge, which separates it from Buncombe N.W., by Wilkes N.W., Iredell E., Catawba r. which separates it from Lincoln S.E., and by Rutherford and the western part of Lincoln s. This co. is commensurate with the upper valley of Catawba, enclosed on three sides by Montague hills, Blue Ridge, and Brushy mtn. The various crs. rising in these mtns. and flowing towards the interior of the county form Catawba, which flowing estrd. to the western border of Iredell, then turns abruptly to the S. and continues that course to it final issue from N.C. In lat. Burke co. reaches from 35°32' to 36°8' N. and in long. from 4°12' to 5°15' w. from W.C. Greatest length N.E. to S.W. in the general direction of the Catawba valley, 65 ms. mean breadth 25 ms. and area 1625 sq.ms. Similar to most mountain valleys, the soil is of every quality. The elevation renders it a grain dist. Pop. 1820, 13,411, in 1830 17,888. Cf.ts. Morgantown and Mackeysville.

All sources agree that **Thomas Coffey** was the father of more than one dozen children, but many disagree on the order of those children. Research for **OUR FAMILY'S BOOK OF BOOKS** has indicated that **Thomas** may have had seven children by his first wife instead of the generally accepted six. **Jesse Coffey** (See Book II, Chapter 4), is probably the first of **Thomas Coffey's** progeny.

The children of **Thomas Coffey** and **Elizabeth Smith Coffey** are:

- I. **Jesse Coffey.**
- II. **Betsy (Elizabeth) Coffey.**
- III. **John Coffey.**
- IV. **Thomas Coffey.**
- V. **James Coffey.**
- VI. **Polly (Mary) Coffey.**
- VII. **Smith Coffey.**

The children of **Thomas Coffey** and **Sally Fields Coffey** are:

- VIII. **Martha (Patsy) Coffey.**
- IX. **William Coffey.**
- X. **Reuben Coffey.**
- XI. **Elijah Coffey.**
- XII. **Lewis Coffey.**
- XIII. **Sally Coffey.**
- XIV. **Larkin Coffey.**
- XV. **McCaleb Coffey.**

Jesse Coffey

Jesse Coffey, son of **Thomas Coffey** and **Elizabeth Smith Coffey**, married **Nancy** _____
(See Book II, Chapter 4).

Betsy (Elizabeth) Coffey

Betsy (Elizabeth) Coffey, daughter of Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith Coffey, was born in Virginia. She and her husband, David Allen, settled about one mile above her father's home and stayed there until about 1828, when they moved to Owen County, Indiana.

The children of Betsy Coffey Allen and David Allen are:

- I. Thomas Allen, married Ava Faulkner.
- II. John Allen, married Eliza Coffey.
- III. Polly Allen, married Caleb Stansbury.
- IV. David Allen.
- V. Martha (Patsy) Allen, married John Corder.
- VI. Hannah Allen, married Abner Wilson.
- VII. Jesse Allen.

John Coffey

John Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith Coffey, was born in Virginia. On October 3, 1796, in Wilkes County, North Carolina, John married Hannah Wilson. The witnesses to this marriage were Eli Coffey and Charles Davenport. On January 31, 1812, John Coffey made his last will and testament, in which he provided for this wife (Hannah) and his children (listing them by name). He appointed "his trusty friends" George Dowell, Reubin Coffey, and Jonathan Wilson executors of his estate. Witnesses on this document were Eli Coffey and Hezekiah Crumpton.

The known children of John Coffey and Hannah Wilson Coffey are:

- I. Eliza Coffey.
- II. Cassandra Coffey.
- III. Wilson Coffey married Malena Coffey.
- IV. Rebecca Coffey, married John Wilson.
- V. Jane Coffey, married first Alfred M. Coffey; married second William Mayfield.

Thomas Coffey

Thomas Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith Coffey, was born in Virginia; married first _____ Coffey; and married second Nancy Pendley. Thomas settled about two miles from his father's home at the junction of Millies Cove and the Yadkin River.

The children of Thomas Coffey and _____ Coffey are:

- I. Joshua Coffey.
- II. Sallie Coffey, married James Holden.

The only known child of Sallie Coffey Holden and James Holden is:

- A. Malinda Holden, married Watson C. Roe (See Book III, Chapter 2).
- III. Winnie Coffey.

The children of Thomas Coffey and Nancy Pendley Coffey are:

- IV. Perry Coffey.
- V. Asbury Coffey.

James Coffey

James Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith Coffey, was born in Virginia. On August 31, 1799, in Wilkes County, North Carolina, a marriage license was issued to James Coffey and Delilah (Liley) Ferguson. Moses Ferguson and William B. Lenoir were listed as security. James Coffey settled on the east side of the Yadkin River about three miles down river from the old homestead. He died about 1840, at the home of his son Marvel on King's Creek and was buried at Hull Hill Graveyard. James Coffey was evidently a religious man, because his name is found many times in the Yadkin Grove Baptist Church Minutes. At the monthly meeting in July of 1790, Thomas Fields (James' uncle by marriage) gave up the church books, and James Coffey was chosen by the church to be the church clerk. At the monthly meeting in April of 1791, the church appointed James Coffey, Eli Coffey, and Jonathan Boone as delegates to the association. At the meeting held on the

second Saturday in March of 1794, the church entered into the matter of difficulty touching principles. Brother **James Coffey** professed that he believed Jesus Christ wrought out a complete salvation for sinners and that it is offered to every person without exception. The church was inquired of to know if there was anyone else in the membership that was of the same mind, and there was none then present. The church, however, felt that it should bear with him and wait upon the Lord and search His word for instruction. The church, in addition, thought that it was not expedient for **James** to use the office of its elder until the matter was further cancelled. The minutes of Saturday before the third Sunday in January of 1832 show that Brother **James Coffey** and his wife **Delilah**, having had letters of dismission granted heretofore, declined taking them but concluded that they would remain longer in this church.

The children of **James Coffey** and **Delilah Ferguson Coffey** are:

- I. **Thomas Coffey**, married **Nancy Barlow**.
- II. **James Coffey**, married **Mary Keller**.
- III. **Lovancy Coffey**, married **James Keller**.
- IV. **Marvel Coffey**, married **Nancy Pendley**.
- V. **Eli Coffey**, married **Caroline Storie**.
- VI. **Myra Coffey**, married **George Laney**.
- VII. **Louisa Coffey**, married **John Jackson**.

Polly Coffey

Polly (Mary) Coffey, daughter of **Thomas Coffey** and **Elizabeth Smith Coffey**, was born in Virginia; died about 1828; and on the third Saturday in August, 1812, was received by experience into the Yadkin Grove Baptist Church. On July 3, 1796, a marriage license was issued in Wilkes County, North Carolina to **William Coffey** and **Polly Coffey**. The witness was **Benjamin Coffey**. It seems that **Polly** married a distant cousin whose home was on Buffalo Creek about eight miles northeast of her old homeplace. They lived to a ripe old age and left a large number of descendants in Wilkes County and adjoining counties. They were buried at Hull Hill Graveyard about 1828.

The children of **Mary (Polly) Coffey Coffey** and **William Coffey** are:

- I. **Austin Coffey**, married October 22, 1826, to **Sally (Betsy) Hawkins**.
- II. **William Coffey**, married August 15, 1829, to **Margaret Robbins**.
- III. **Elijah Coffey**, married June 1, 1831, to **Elizabeth (Betsy) Robbins**.

Smith Coffey

Smith Coffey, son of **Thomas Coffey** and **Elizabeth Smith Coffey**, was born in 1776, in Virginia; died in 1841; and was received by experience into the fellowship of the Yadkin Baptist Church on the third Saturday in August, 1812. In 1802, he married **Hannah Boone**, daughter of **Jesse Boone**, a brother to the legendary **Daniel Boone**. **Smith** and **Hannah** lived on the Wilkesboro Road, three miles east of Lenoir. He owned this place, where he and **Hannah** are buried, and also adjoining farms. **Smith's** brother **William Coffey** married **Hannah's** sister **Anna Boone**.

The children of **Smith Coffey** and **Hannah Boone Coffey**, most of whom moved to Cherokee County, North Carolina, are:

- I. **Squire Coffey**, born 1803; married **Ella Webb**.
- II. **Morgan Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1805; married **Elizabeth Day**, born North Carolina, 1814.

The children of **Morgan Coffey** and **Elizabeth Day Coffey** are:

- A. **Amelia Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1835.
- B. **Hannah Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1837.
- C. **Mary Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1838.
- D. **Sarah Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1840.
- E. **Elizabeth Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1842.
- F. **Harriet Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1844.
- G. **Athan Coffey**, born North Carolina, 1848.

- H. Lellan Coffey, born North Carolina, 1849.
- III. Nathan Coffey, married Mary (Polly) McGuire.
- IV. Sallie Coffey, married William Puett.
- V. Leland Coffey, married Myra Day..
- VI. Isaac Coffey, married Sallie Estes.
- VII. Millie Coffey, married first Wiley Stanley; married second John Tritt.

Martha Coffey

Martha (Patsy) Coffey, daughter of Thomas Coffey and Sally Fields Coffey, married James Dowell September 3, 1807. They settled on Mulberry Creek on the farm north of the Dowell place and eight miles west of her homeplace. A few years later, they moved to Indiana.

The following entry is a transcript of Patsy and James' marriage license.

We, James Dowell and Reuben Coffey of

Wilkes County, and State of North Carolina, acknowledge ourselves indebted to Nath'l. Alexander, Esq., Governor, in the full sum of 500 pounds to which payment well and truly to be made. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns jointly, severally and firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd. of September, 1807.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas James Dowell obtained a marriage license between him and Patsy Coffey now if said marriage be lawful in every respect, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force, power and virtue.

Teste: A. Robinette.

James Dowell (Seal)

Reuben Coffey (Seal)

James Dowell became a Baptist minister. The minutes of the Yadkin Grove Baptist Church state that on the last Saturday in July, 1796, the church decided to hold its next meeting at Brother Dowell's on Mulberry, and on the third Saturday in March, 1813, Brother James Dowell applied for liberty to exercise a public gift, which request was granted. On the third Saturday in January, 1824, James Dowell kept Sister Northen last month and George Dowell gave \$2.00 on support of Sister Northen. On the Saturday before the third Sunday in December, 1829, the church received Patsy Dowell by experience. On the Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1832, letters of dismission were granted to James Dowell and his wife.

The children of Martha Coffey Dowell and James Dowell are:

- I. Sarah Dowell, married John Hileman.
- II. Thomas Dowell, married Charlotte Allen.
- III. Lewis Dowell, married first Jane Moore; married second Martha Sharp.
- IV. Jane Dowell, married Elijah Allen.

William Coffey

William Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Sally Fields Coffey, was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, November 27, 1782, and died on May 21, 1839. On October 18, 1804, he married Anna Boone, who was born July 26, 1785, and died January 16, 1876. Anna Boone was the daughter of Jesse Boone, a brother to the legendary Daniel Boone. Anna Boone was a sister of Hannah Boone, who married William Coffey's brother Smith Coffey.

William Coffey and Anna Boone Coffey settled at the forks of Mulberry Creek two miles north of the old Dowell place. They are buried on their homestead on the hillside near the forks of the creek.

According to the Yadkin Grove Baptist Church Minutes, William and Anna were received by experience into that church on the third Saturday in August, 1813. On the second Saturday in October, 1813, William Coffey was appointed church clerk.

The children of William Coffey and Anna Boone Coffey are:

- I. Daniel Coffey, married Clarissa Estes.
- II. Willborn Coffey, born 1807 and was still living in 1887, married January 2, 1832, to Sallie Cottrell.

- III. **Celia Coffey**, married **Hazakiah Curtis**.
- IV. **Gilliam Coffey**, married first **Polly Moore**; married second **Susan Gragg**. In 1885 **Gilliam Coffey** lived in **Globe**, **Caldwell County**, **North Carolina**.
- V. **Calvin Coffey**, married **Mary Greene**.

Reuben Coffey

Reuben Coffey, child of **Thomas Coffey** and **Salley Fields Coffey**, was born in **Wilkes County**, **North Carolina**, **September 15, 1785**, and died in **February of 1854**. In 1805, he married **Polly Dowell**, who was born **September 21, 1788**, and died in **February of 1867**. **Polly** was the sister of **James Dowell**, who married **Reuben's** sister **Patsy**.

Reuben and **Polly's** first home was on the old **Dowell** place. Later, they moved to the old **Thomas Coffey** place, and then in 1832, they took their children and moved to **Owen County**, **Indiana**, where they lived for a short time. **Reuben** and **Polly** moved to **Monroe County**, **Indiana**, and then back to **Owen County**, where they lived until their deaths.

Reuben was a blacksmith, farmer, and mechanic. He made guns, furniture, and almost anything made of iron or wood that was used at that time. He had a patent signed by **Andrew Jackson** and made the first cast iron plow in the state of **Indiana**.

Before moving to **Indiana**, **Reuben** and **Polly** were members of the **Yadkin Grove Baptist Church**. **Reuben** joined the church in **July of 1812**, and was ordained to preach in **February of 1815**. For many years he was pastor of this and other churches in **Wilkes** and **Burke Counties**.

Reuben Coffey was a strong believer in education. He built a school house near his home, where his grandchildren got the first part of their education. In 1834, he traveled to **Indianapolis**, **Indiana**, and became one of the founders of **Franklin College**, which was known as the **Baptist College of Indiana**.

The children of **Reuben Coffey** and **Polly Dowell Coffey** are:

- I. **Alfred Martin Coffey**, born 1807; died 1836; married **Jane Coffey**.
- II. **Albert Coffey**, born 1810; died 1837; married **Sarah Goodnight**.
- III. **Cornelius Coffey**, born 1812; died 1852; married **Margaret Smith**.
- IV. **Emily Coffey**, born 1814; died 1833; married **William Isaac Curtis**.
- V. **Malena Coffey**, born 1816; died 1892; married **Wilson Coffey**.
- VI. **Luther Coffey**, born 1818; died 1850; married **Myra Crisp**.
- VII. **Rufus Coffey**, born 1820; died 1886; married **Charlotte Allen**.
- VIII. **Miriam Coffey**, born 1822; died 1885; married first **John Sanders**; married second **J. Hamilton Buchanan**.
- IX. **Shelton Coffey**, born 1825; married **Dacey Sanders**.
- X. **Judson Coffey**, born 1830; died 1882; married **Caroline Rone**.

Elijah Coffey

Elijah Coffey, son of **Thomas Coffey** and **Sally Fields Coffey**, was born in 1788, and died in 1865. He married **Polly Hull** and settled at the mill shoals on the **Yadkin River**, two and one half miles from the old homeplace in **Wilkes County**, **North Carolina**. About 1835, they moved to **Georgia**.

The children of **Elijah Coffey** and **Polly Hull Coffey** are:

- I. **Anderson Coffey**, married **Rabun County**, **Georgia**, by **A. G. Dillard**, **J. P.** **September 17, 1854**, to **Cinthey Crow**. **Anderson** was among the names of buyers of personal property of **John Kelly**, **Rabun County**, **Georgia**, **February 28, 1849**.
- II. **Minerva Coffey**, born 1825; died 1902; buried **Cherchero Baptist Church Cemetery**, **Duncan Mountain**, **Rabun County**, **Georgia**; married **John Coffey**.
- III. **Newton H. Coffey**, married _____ **Gibson**. **Newton** died intestate in **Rabun County**, **Georgia**. His brother **Alfonza A. Coffey** was appointed administrator of his estate at the **December Term** in 1858.
- IV. **Starling Coffey**, born **July 23, 1829**; married **Rabun County**, **Georgia**, by **H. W. Cannon**.

J. P. January 1, 1850, to Nancy Cannon.

The known child of Starling Coffey and Nancy Cannon Coffey is:

A. Tipton Coffey, born Georgia, August 15, 1865.

V. Alfonza A. Coffey, married Julia Ann Dawkins.

VI. Elvira Coffey.

VII. Milton Coffey, died young.

Lewis Coffey

Lewis Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Sally Fields Coffey, married Harriet Dowell. They moved to Owen County, Indiana, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

The children of Lewis Coffey and Harriet Dowell Coffey are:

I. Sarah Coffey.

II. Martha Coffey, married first the Rev. J. W. Chord; married second Jonathan L. Allen.

III. Mary Coffey, married J. B. Mulky.

IV. Richard L. Coffey, married Margaret Litten; married Martha Falkner; married third Mattie Mason.

V. Amanda Coffey, married first William Wilson; married second Amion Howe.

VI. Jasper H. Coffey, married first Frances Kulp; married second Sally Morgan.

VII. Saphronia Coffey, married first Samuel T. Howe; married second Edgar Coffey.

Sally Coffey

Sally Coffey, daughter of Thomas Coffey and Sally Fields Coffey, married Samuel Stewart. They settled on Johns River one mile below Collettsville, North Carolina, where they lived for the rest of their lives and are buried there.

The children of Sally Coffey Stewart and Samuel Stewart are:

I. Martha Stewart, married James Marler.

II. Thomas Stewart, married Sallie Carroll.

III. John Stewart.

IV. Theodore Stewart, died in the Civil War.

Larkin Coffey

Larkin Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Sally Fields Coffey, was born in North Carolina, February 18, 1800, and died in Owen County, Indiana, January 12, 1881. He was married in North Carolina to Catherine Wilson.

The children of Larkin Coffey and Catherine Wilson Coffey are:

I. Susan I. Coffey, married Leroy M. Sanders.

II. Sylvester Coffey, married Edith Johnson.

III. Lorenzo Coffey, married Eliza Corder.

IV. Jason Coffey, married Rachel Corder.

V. Sarah Ann Coffey.

VI. Adolphus Coffey, married first Susan H. Miller; married second Susan F. Stoneman.

VII. Elzy Coffey, died young.

McCaleb Coffey

McCaleb Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Sally Fields Coffey, was born in North Carolina, August 22, 1803, and died February 17, 1881. On February 5, 1828, he married Elizabeth Collett, who was born March 8, 1809, and who died July 6, 1887. A short time after their marriage, McCaleb bought a farm one mile above Patterson, North Carolina, where they settled, raised a large family, and resided until their deaths. They are buried at Harper's Chapel, Caldwell County, North Carolina.

The following description of **McCaleb Coffey** appears on p. 95 of **Thomas Coffey AND HIS DECENDANTS**, by **Laurence H. Coffey**.

"**McCaleb Coffey** was one of the last and best specimens of an almost extinct class of men. He was a hunter, pioneer, and backwoods farmer. Never long absent from the place where he first laid his hearthstone, commencing life with scanty means, he was able by steady work and just dealing to erect a sightly and commondious mansion, to raise a large family and equip them for active life, and to accumulate a sufficient fortune for the support of his old age."

The children of **McCaleb Coffey** and **Elizabeth Collett Coffey** are:

- I. **Thomas J. Coffey**, married **Mollie Greer**.
- II. **Charles L. Coffey**, married **Emily Coffey**.
- III. **Sarah A. Coffey**, married **John J. Steel**.
- IV. **Infant**, died unnamed.
- V. **John C. Coffey**, drowned at age 4.
- VI. **Mary Lou Coffey**, married **Geroge Nelson**.
- VII. **Margaret E. Coffey**, died single.
- VIII. **William Columbus Coffey**, married first **Carrie Curtis**; married second **Mrs. Ada Shelton Penn**.
- IX. **Martha E. Coffey**.
- X. **Henry C. Coffey**, married **Sephronia T. Coffey**.
- XI. **James E. Coffey**, died Petersburg, Virginia, 1864.
- XII. **Frances Caroline Coffey**, married **David J. Farthing**.
- XIII. **Infant**, died unnamed.
- XIV. **Rachel M. Coffey**, married **Thomas Coffey**.
- XV. **Julia Jane Coffey**.
- XVI. **Laura Louise Coffey**, died at age 4.
- XVII. **Buddie Coffey**, died at age 2.

Book II

Chapter 4

Jesse Coffey

Jesse Coffey son of Thomas Coffey and probably Elizabeth Smith Coffey (See Book II, Chapter 3). Although little is known about this Jesse Coffey (one of many Jesses), it has been established that he had died by October 12, 1807, the date that Cleveland Coffey and William Jones (See Book I, Chapter 1) applied for letters of administration of Jesse's estate. Jesse married Nancy

Some sources say that Jesse Coffey never married. According to two census records however, this claim is in error.

The 1790 Pendleton District, South Carolina Census shows Jesse Coffey with 1 free white male of 16 years and upward, including head of families; 2 free white males under 16 years of age; 4 free white females including heads of families; and no slaves. This same census also shows that Jesse Coffey is living near his cousin Benjamin Cleveland (See Book II, Chapter 2).

The 1800 Pendleton District, South Carolina Census shows Jesse Coffey with 3 males under 10 years of age; 1 male 16 to 26 years of age; a male over 45 years of age; 1 female under 10 years of age; 1 female between 10 to 16 years of age; 1 female between 16 to 26 years of age; a female over 45 years of age; and no slaves.

Exactly when Jesse Coffey moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina, is not known. Perhaps he was one of the six or seven children that traveled to that county with Thomas and Sally between 1776 and 1781. Perhaps he journeyed on ahead and sent word back to his father that good land was available. What is known is that Jesse Coffey bought 150 acres of land in that county in 1781. The following entry is a description of a claim of Jesse Coffey in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

State of North-Carolina

No. 1187

James Fletcher,

Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in the County of Wilkes.

To the Surveror of the said County, Greeting.

You are hereby required, as soon as may be, to lay a Tract or Parcel of Land, containing one hundred & fifty Acres, lying in the County aforesaid, on the warters of kings Creek beginning Jesse Coffey - upper line Running up Both sides of the Branch for Compt -

Observing the Directions of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided for running out Lands. Two just and fair Plans of such Survey, with a proper Certificate annexed to each, you are to transmit, with this Warrant, to the Secretary's Office without Delay.

Given under my Hand at office

the Twenty eight Day of December Anno Dom. 1781

James Fletcher

This Plan Laid by a State
of 20 Chas to the Inch

State No Carolina
Wilkes County

Surveyed for Jesse Coffey 150 acres of Land Lying on the North fork of kings Creek Begining on a Beach tree at a branch in Lawrence Duncans Line Turning West fifty Chas to a Stake then South thirty Chas to a stake then East fifty Chas to a Pine then North thirty Chas crossing the creek with Lawd Duncans line to the Begining. Surveyd this 29th Day of December Anno Domini 1781 in the Sixth year of our Indep. by W. White D.S.

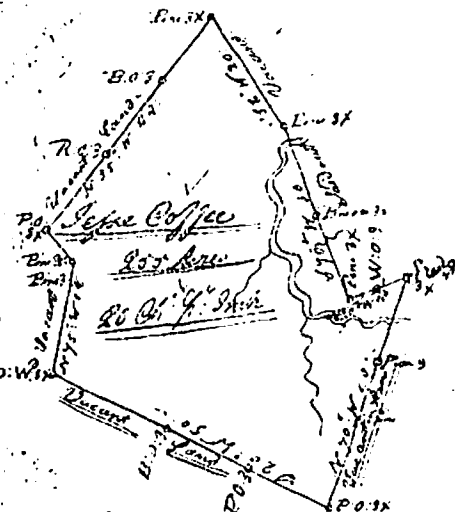
Benj Duncan CC
Lawrence Duncan

Herndon C.S.

In the late 1700's, Jesse Coffey bought land in what is now Abbeville County, South Carolina. The following map is a reproduction of the original, found in Plat Book B, 1785-1788, Office of the Ordinary, Abbeville, South Carolina. This particular piece of land lay across the creek from land belonging to Ben Cobb. Perhaps Jesse bought this acreage from one of the Cobbs - perhaps from one

of his daughter-in law's (Joel's wife, Martha Cobb Coffey's) relatives.

*Jesse Coffey 200 Acres of land
situate on the forks of Congaree
& Neuse Rivers in the County of
Pendleton South Carolina
granted by John Davis to Jesse Coffey
on the 19th day of September 1795
Proved on oath of Benjamin Cleveland
before B. Earle, Clk. on the 30th day of June 1796.*



Jesse Coffey became a resident of Pendleton District, South Carolina, at least by 1790 (per census). His reasons for moving to Pendleton may never be known, but it is highly possible that he journeyed there with his relatives, the **Cleavelands**. Jesse Coffey is involved in the following three land transactions. In the first two, Jesse is listed as living in the Pendleton District of South Carolina, and in the third, he is listed as living in Pendleton County.

State of South Carolina
Anderson County
Pack 11
Clerk of Court Office
Anderson, South Carolina

This indenture made September 19, 1795 between Jesse Coffey of Pendleton District and John Davis of the same District for and in consideration of 30L paid by John Davis have granted, sold, bargained and released a tract of land lying on Toogolo River containing 140 acres. The land that Thomas Standage now lives on. Wit: Benj. Cleveland, Wm. Cleveland. Signed: Jesse X Coffey. Proved on oath of Benjamin Cleveland before B. Earle, Clk. on the 30th day of June 1796.

Land transaction between James Blair and Jesse and Nancy Coffey, as recorded in the clerks office in Oconee County, South Carolina.

Jesse Coffey
To
James Blair

200 Acres on Coneross Creek
State of South Carolina.

Know all men by these presents that we, Jesse Coffey & Nancy Coffey of the District of Pendleton and State aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to us in hand paid by James Blair of the State of Georgia & County of Franklin. Have granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell & release unto the said James Blair all that plantation or parcel of land lying on Coneross Creek waters of Seneca River, containing two hundred acres (be the same more or less) being part of two tracts of land the one granted to Robert Buckhammon and the other to Moses Perkins beginning at a R. O. 3x runs S. 67. Et. to a hickory 3x thence S. 50 W. to a pine 3x thence S. 27 Et. to a pine 3x thence N. 88 E. to a maple 3x thence to the, Beginning including the premises where the grist mill now is. Together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same premises belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said James Blair his heirs and

assigns forever. And we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs, Executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises to the said James Blair his heirs and assigns against ourselves and our heir and against every other person whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Witness our hands & seals this 5th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one and in the twenty sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed, & acknowledged in the presents of.

George Blair.

his

James G Gillison

mark

his

Jesse Coffey (L.S.)

mark

her

Nancy X Coffey (L.S.)

mark

State of So. Carolina.

Pickens District

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Cleveland who being sworn in due form of law who deposeth and saith that he was intimately acquainted with George Blair & James Gillison who appear to be subscribing witnesses to the within deed of conveyance and that both of them is now deest. and deposeth doth further depose and say that he doth believe that the signature of George Blair is his own hand writing. Sworn to and subscribed before me an acting Justice of the quorum for the District and State aforesaid this eighth day of May 1841.

Benjamin Cleveland.

Young Davis, J.Q.

Recorded the 12th day of October 1841 and examined by me,

W.L. Keith, C.C. & R.M.C.

25 ACRES

Jesse Coffey

to

John Kerby

SOUTH CAROLINA

PENDLETON COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Jesse Coffey of the County aforesaid in consideration of of the sum of fourteen pounds sterling to me in hand paid by John Kerby of the aforesd County have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell & release unto the said John Kerby all that plantation or tract of land containing twenty five acres more or less, being part of a tract containing two hundred acres granted to Robert Buckhannon by His Excellency, Benjamin Guerard Esqr. Governor granted January Twentyfifth 1785 said land being on sd north side of sd creek on ye north side line of sd tract at a pine corner on sd. line being a condition line beginning at red oak, thence running to a poplar station from thence to a poplar corner, running on sd. line till it acquiesces with Josiah Henson being a conditional line betwixt Jos. Henson & Wm. Henson Junr. along sd line to a ash up said creek being the possession of Wm. Henson running on the north side of sd. creek to a spanish oak x along sd. conditional line betwixt Jesse Coffey & Wm. Henson to sd. beginning corner, situate lying and being in Pendleton County and both sides of sd. Coneross Creek now in actual possession of Wm. Henson.

TOGETHER with all & singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to sd premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the sd. John Kerby his heirs and assigns forever.

And I do hereby bind myself my heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and defend all and singular the sd. premises unto the sd. John Kerby his heirs and assigns against myself and my heirs and against every person whomsoever claiming or to claim the ---- or any part thereof.

Witness whereof the said Jesse Coffey hath set his hand and seal this the 15th of April 1802.

his

Test. Larkin X Brown

mark

Wm. Jones*

his

Jesse X Coffey

mark

ENDORSED

* William Jones (See Book I, Chapter 1).

Jesse Coffey died intestate. Although the exact date of his death is unknown, it is known that he had died by October 12, 1807. On that day, his son-in-law William Jones (See Book I, Chapter 1) and son Cleveland Coffey applied to administer his estate. That application plus several other papers from the settlement of Jesse's estate have been included.

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

South Carolina
Pendleton District

By John Harris Esquire, Ordinary. Whereas Cleveland Coffey & William Jones made suite to me to grant them letters of administration of the estate and effects of Jesse Coffey Decd.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Jesse Coffey deceased, that they be & appear before me, in the Court of Ordinary, to be held at my House on Friday next after publication hereof, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand & seal, this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven & in the 32 year of American Independence.

John Harris O.P.D.

Published on the 17th day of October 1807. at _____

WARRANT OF APPRAISEMENT ON THE ESTATE OF Jesse Coffey

South Carolina
Pendleton District.

By John Harris Esquire, Ordinary. These are to authorise and empower you, to any three or four of you, whose names are hereunder written, to repair to all such parts and places, within this state, as you shall be directed unto by Cleveland Coffey & William Jones administrators of the Estate of Jesse Coffey late of the District afore said deceased, wheresoever any of the goods and chattels of the said deceased are or do remain within the said parts and places, and which shall be shewn unto you by the said administrators and there view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or four of you, to the said administrators on or before the first Tu. day of November now next ensuing.

Dated the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord 1807, and in the 32 year of American Independence.

To Abner Steele, Authur McCade, William Dickson, William Simpson & Jesse Neville* or any three or four of them.
Ordinary's Office.

John Harris O.P.D.

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* Jesse Neville (See Book I, Chapter 1).

ADMINISTRATION BOND ON THE ESTATE OF Jesse Coffey

South Carolina
Pendleton District

Know all men by these Presents, That we Cleveland Coffey, William Jones, Abner Steele & James Reatherford of the State & District afore said are holden and firmly bound unto John Harris Esquire, Ordinary for the District of Pendleton, in the full and just Sum of two thousand Dollars, to be paid to the said John Harris or his Successors, Ordinaries of this District, or to their certain Attorney or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, for the whole, and in the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals, and dated the twenty third Day of October in the Year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred & seven and in the 32 Year of American Independence.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound Cleveland Coffey & William Jones Administrators of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of Jesse Coffey, Deceased, do make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or Knowledge of the said Cleveland Coffey & William Jones, or into the Hands or Possession of any other Person or Persons for them and the same so made, do exhibit into the said Court of Ordinary, for Pendleton District, when they shall be thereunto required, and such Goods, Chattels, and Credits, do well and truly administer according to Law, and do make a just and true account of their actings and doings therein, when required by the said Court; and all the rest of the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the Account of the said administration, the same being first allowed by the said Court, shall deliver and pay unto such Persons respectively, as are entitled to the same by law; and if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased, and the same be proved in Court, and the Executors obtain a Certificate of

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Pendleton District

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These are therefore to cite and admonish all and & singular the kindred and creditors of the said **Jesse Coffey** deceased, that they be & appear before me, in the Court of Ordinary, to be held at my House on Friday next after publication hereof, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand & seal, this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven & in the 32 year of American Independence.

John Harris O.P.D.

Published on the 17th day of October 1807, at _____

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South Carolina
Pendleton District.

By John Harris Esquire, Ordinary. These are to authorise and empower you, to any three or four of you, whose names are hereunder written, to repair to all such parts and places, within this state, as you shall be directed unto by **Cleveland Coffey & William Jones** administrators of the Estate of **Jesse Coffey** late of the District afore said deceased, wheresoever any of the goods and chattels of the said deceased are or do remain within the said parts and places, and which shall be shewn unto you by the said administrators and there view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or four of you, to the said administrators on or before the first Tu. day of November now next ensuing.

Dated the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord 1807, and in the 32 year of American Independence.

To Abner Steele, Authur McCade, William Dickson, William Simpson & Jesse Neville* or any three or four of them.
Ordinary's Office.

John Harris O.P.D.

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* Jesse Neville (See Book I, Chapter 1).

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South Carolina
Pendleton District

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The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound **Cleveland Coffey & William Jones** Administrators of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of **Jesse Coffey**, Deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or Knowledge of the said **Cleveland Coffey & William Jones**, or into the Hands or Possession of any other Person or Persons for them and the same so made, do exhibit into the said Court of Ordinary, for Pendleton District, when they shall be thereunto required, and such Goods, Chattels, and Credits, do well and truly administer according to Law, and do make a just and true account of their actings and doings therein, when required by the said Court; and all the rest of the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the Account of the said administration, the same being first allowed by the said Court, shall deliver and pay unto such Persons respectively, as are entitled to the same by law; and if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased, and the same be proved in Court, and the Executors obtain a Certificate of

the Probate thereof, and the said Cleveland Coffey & William Jones Administration, then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of

William May

Cleveland Coffey

William Jones

Abner A. Steele

James Reatherford

APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS FOR THE ESTATE OF Jesse Coffey

Memorandum, This Second day of November 1807 personally appeared before me, James Harriss, Esquire, one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in Pendleton district, Abner Steel, Wm. Dickson & William Simson being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of Jesse Coffey deceased: who being duly sworn, make oath, that they would make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattels (ready money only excepted) of Jesse Coffey deceased, as shall be produced by Cleveland Coffey & William Jones Administrators to of the estate of the said Jesse Coffey deceased, and that they would return the same, certified under their hands, unto the said Cleveland Coffey & William Jones within the time prescribed by law.

Jas Harriss Esq

Abner A. Steele
William Dickson
William Simpson

The Estate of Jesse Coffey decd. To Cleveland Coffey & William Jones as administrators of said Estate Dr.
1807

Oct. 23rd To Cash paid Ordinary on Administration \$5-..
Nov. 23rd To Cash paid Wm. Watson, Cryer of the Sale -4-..
Dec. 18th To Newton Coffey as pr Rect & Probet 20-75-..
To Cash paid Harris Esq. for Quallifying ...93 ¼
appraisers to apprais sd Estate
To the clerk of the Sale of sd. Estate -3-..

1808

May 21st. To Cash paid Jewles Gibson as pr. Probet 3-55-..
June 11th to Cash paid Andrew Pickens as pr Note 67-42-..
28 To Cash paid James Blair as pr. Note -145-...
July 25 To Cash paid to Littellon Meeks as pr. Probet 15-...
Aug. 9th To Cash paid Christopher Rider as pr. Probet 3-50-..
Oct. 14 To Cash paid Robt Dowel cash pr. Probet -4-62-5
15 To Cash paid Wm. Richards as pr Probet 67-50-..
To Cash at the Same time to Do. on a Note -8-...
1809 Feby 15 To Cash paid Alex Shaw as pr Probet 2-25-..
20 Decbr. To Cash paid Absalom Cleveland as pr. note 24-..
To Cash paid James Lee as pr probet ...-42-8
To Cash Paid T. Talefera as pr Note Lifted 30-95-..

To Cash paid Ordinary for drawing up	\$405-98-..
Administrators Acc. for 3 years & Examin-	5-..
ing & paying the same	410-98
To Administrators Commissions on	
amt. Collected & paid out 20-54	

State of So. Carolina

Pendleton District I do hereby Certify that I have
Examined & payed the above acct. Given under my hand this
first Day of Jany 1810

John Harris O.P.D.

APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF Jesse Coffey

So. Carolina in the Dist of Pendleton this shall Certify to the Court of Ordinary for this District the Bill of appraisement Hereunto Examed is Just & true according to the best of our Skill in the art of appraising
Given under our hands this 2 of November 1807

	1	C
Twenty nine head of Hogs appraised to	55	50
Three head of Horse beast to	130	
One bee Hive one dozen of button to	2	50
One Grindstone & four sides of leathers to	9	
A panel of potmetal to	10	
One Looome to	7	
Four cow hydes & two small Rundlets to	7	
Six heads of Cattle to	36	
Four tubs to	3	
Two pair of gears two Cholars & a set of swing tethers to	4	
Four hoes two axes two mattocks one Iron Wedge to	6	
One Dutch shovel plow & one coultter plow to	2	
One sifter one bread tray & a sugar box to	3	75
One Coffee pot one Dozen tin cups & a pepper Box to	1	50
Two tin pans one plate one jack to	1	25
One lantern one funnel one Candlestick & Candle moles to	1	25
Half Dozen knives & forks 2 dishes a bason 7 plates 8 spoons	5	50
One pair of stilyards 4 bottles 2 pad locks to	3	25
One Case of Razors & shaving Box 14 books to	4	
One Case & 7 bottles to it one slate to	1	75
Part of a set of shumakers tools 2 smoothing Irons & jug to	2	
Two new hats one lock chane one frow & Iron square to	8	50
One hand saw & drawing knife 2 Augers & one Gimblet to	1	75
One pair of Nee buckles one pair of lancets & Horse fleems	1	50
Sundaries of little Irons two smooth bore guns to	12	
One mans saddle & a pair of saddle bags to	8	25
Three Bridles & a pair of bridlerains one flax wheel to	3	75
Two cotton wheels 3 pair of Chards 4 slaes one check reel	8	75
One looking glass one great coat one truck to	16	
Three pails two tables 7 chairs 3 feather beads & furniture	22	50
Four beadsteads & bags fodder & ruffin one Machine to	43	50
½ half bushel of salt and a small quantity of Tobacco to	1	37
Corn at & 2 per Barrel		
Cotten at 3 per Hun Wt		
	Abner Steel	&457 52½
	William Dickson	
	William Simpson	

THE ESTATE SALE OF Jesse Coffey. Sold November 23, 1807 by Cleveland Coffey & William Jones.

State of South Carolina Pendleton Dist. Sold the 23 of November 1807 by orders of John Harris Esquire. The property of Jesse Coffey Deceased by Cleveland Coffey & William Jones Administrators.

Ann Coffey 5 head of Hogs	5	16 = 50
Gideon Smith 7 head of Hogs	7	= 75
William Henson 3 Hogs	7	
James Rush 4 Hogs	9	
Thomas Watkins 4 Hogs	8	
Abraham Hollinsworth cow calf	9 =	75
Ann Coffey one cow	10	
James Anderson one cow	10 =	25
James Anderson one bull	3 =	75
Andrew Brown one Heifer	4 =	25
Ann Coffey one pot	2	
Cleveland Coffey one pot	4	
Edward Williams skillet	1 =	27½
Gideon Smith one pot	2	
Thomas Visage one oven	2 =	37½
Robert Massy one Bee hive	4 =	37½
Thomas Wadkins one side leather	1 =	50
John Hogh one side leather	1 =	43½
Abraham Hollinsworth	1	
William Deaton 1 side leather	1	
Thomas Wadkins 1 raw hide	2	
John Watson 1 raw hide	1 =	75

John Watson 1 raw hide-----	1 = 37 1/2
Thomas Wadkins 1 raw hide-----	1 = 75
Andrew White 1 grindstone-----	2 = 12 1/2
Shadrach Morris 1 Mobby stand-----	= 75
Henry Wall 1 stand-----	1 = 37 1/2
William Henson 2 small tubs-----	1 = 12 1/2
William Jones one loom-----	5
William Deaton 1 pair Drawing gears-----	2 = 25
Shadrach Morris 1 do and fixing-----	2 = 62 1/2
William Henson 2 cleveers-----	= 82 1/2
John Hogh 1 Black mare-----	76 = 6 1/4
Shadrach Morris 1 horse-----	35 = 50
John Rush 1 Colt-----	10

5259-82 1/2

Thomas Whitehead 2 Mattocks-----	\$ 2 = 25
Elizabeth Greenwood 1 sive-----	= 75
William Watson 1 Tray-----	= 25
William Deaton 1 Rundlet & Table-----	= 50
Wm Deaton 1 narrow axe-----	= 50
Henry Wadkins 2 hoes-----	= 50
Charles Kenneday 1 fether bed-----	20 =
Alexander White 1 Fether bead-----	15 = 75
Andrew Brown 1 Fether bead-----	8
Abner A Steel 1 Ax-----	= 62 1/2
James Lee 2 hoes-----	1
William Deaton 1 Tea Box-----	3 = 18 1/2
William Richards 1 great coat-----	15
William Williams 1 hat-----	3 = 32 1/2
Cleveland Coffey 1 hat-----	3 = 50
Jesse Nevill 1 Coffee pot-----	= 50
Ann Coffey some pewter-----	3 = 32 1/2
Ann Coffey some tin ware-----	2 = 62 1/2
Thomas Visage 1 Cotten Wheel-----	1 = 32 1/2
Ann Coffey to 1 do and chards-----	1 = 50
William Henson 1 pale-----	= 50
Juleas Gibson 1 peggin & some ware-----	1 = 37 1/2
Jesse Neville horse fleems-----	= 50
Joseph _____ set lancets-----	= 75
Jesse Neville 1 flax wheel-----	1 = 50
Joseph Cavender 1 check reel-----	1 =
Ann Coffey 1 peggin-----	= 50
John White 1 set razors-----	1 = 43 1/4
Philip Gee pair of sellars-----	2 = 25
Jesse Nevil 1 pair nee buckles-----	= 87 1/2
Abner A Steel 1 curing comb-----	= 37 1/2
Thomas Fosset 1 lock chaine-----	2 =
William Deadmon 1 _____-----	= 37 1/2
Jesse Nevill pair _____-----	= 25
William Deaton 1 frow-----	1 = 6 1/2
Abner A Steel set of hinges-----	= 50
William Watson Buttons-----	= 25
Cleveland Coffey 1 drawing knife-----	= 25
William Watson 1 gun-----	1 = 12 1/2
Nathaniel N _____ 1 gun-----	1 = 75
William Morgan 1 Lantern-----	= 75

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Henry Wadkins 1 pair pincher-----	cents
Thomas Wadkins 1 shovel-----	= 50
Cleveland Coffey 1 hammer-----	1 = 37 1/2
Arthur Hadon 1 jug-----	= 50
_____ Inshave-----	= 21 1/2
	= 12 1/2

Abner A Steel 1 Auger	= 37½
James Rusk 1 Auger	= 13½
Arther Hadon 1 lock	= 37½
William Davis 1 Chisel	= 32½
Joseph _____ 1 gimblet	= 25
John Hogh 1 trunk	1 = 50
William Deadmon 1 looking glass	= 81½
John Hogh 2 pair cotton cards	= 15
Ann Coffey 1 table	= 50
William Jones 2 flat irons	1
William Henson 2 plows	1 = 94
Cleveland Coffey 1 bedstead	= 25
Cleveland Coffey 2 beadsteads	= 75
Abner A. Steel 3 Bags	2 = 87½
John Hogh 1 saddle	8
John Hogh 1 pair of saddle bags	= 50
Ann Coffey 20 Barrels of Corn	30
James Massy for Corn	30 = 75
Thomas Wadkins 1 bottle	1
Cleveland Coffey 3 slaes	1 = 87½
John Hogh 1 slae	= 25
Edward Williams 1 bell	= 56½
William Watson 1 Bell	= 62½
Cleveland Coffey 1 Bell	= 18½
William Watson 1 Rendlet	= 37½
Isaish Stephens 3 Books	1 = 56½
Ann Coffey a parcel of Books	= 50
John Coley 1 Bridle	= 37½
John Hogh 1 pair of bridlerains	= 25
John Watson set candle moles	= 25
Cleveland Coffey 1 slate	= 25
Ann Coffey 1 plate	????
William Deaton 1 bottle	1 Shilling
John Hogh 1 Trunk	2 = 25
Abner A Steel 1 chair	= 44
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95-32½	

Abner A Steel 1 Chair	cents
Ann Coffey 5 chairs	\$ = 44
Ann Coffey 400 wt of cotton	= 50
Robert Massy 1 beadstead	6
John Hogh 100 wt. of Cotton	1 = 44
Charles Henson 100 wt. Cotton	3 = 50
John Hogh 70 wt. of Cotton	4
Ann Coffey fodder & ruffin	2 = 81½
Ann Coffey 1 Fodderstack	= 25
John Hogh 1 fodderstack	1
William Henson 1 Iron wedge	2 = 6½
William Deadmon 1 bottle	4 Shillings
Abner A Steel small Machine	= 25
Cleveland Coffey some Tobacco	10 = 50
Cleveland Coffey for short corn	= 6½
Ann Coffey for psalt	= 25
	= 12½

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Crier
Wm Watson

Note: The name Ann Coffey appears as a buyer for many of the items sold at the Estate Sale of Jesse Coffey. This "Ann" could possibly be Jesse's wife, Nancy since the nicknames for Nancy, in that day, were "Ann" and "Nun." Jesse's daughter Nancy would not have been old enough to be a buyer.

Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey were the parents of several children, five of whom are listed in the 1840 Rabun County, Georgia Census. Those children are: Bashaba Coffey Jones, wife of William Jones; Cleveland Coffey; Edward Coffey; Elijah Coffey; and Joel Coffey.

The known children of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey are:

- I. Bashaba Coffey.
- II. Cleveland Coffey.
- III. Sally Coffey.
- IV. Joel Coffey.
- V. Edward Coffey.
- VI. Nancy Coffey.
- VII. John Coffey.
- VIII. Elijah Coffey.
- IX. Elisha Coffey.

Bashaba Coffey

Bashaba Coffey, daughter of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, married William Jones (See Book I, Chapter 1).

Cleveland Coffey

Cleveland Coffey, son of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, died before January 1, 1844, in Rabun County, Georgia. He married Martha _____, who was born in 1790, in North Carolina. According to the 1850 Union County, Georgia Census, Martha Coffey was then living with her daughter Jane Stephens.

The following transcript is a land transaction between Cleveland and Martha Coffey and W. C. Cose. It is dated November 14; 1833, and was recorded in Oconee County, South Carolina.

.....
C. Coffee & Wife :

543 ACRES ON CONNEROSS CREEK

To :

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

W.C. Cose :

PICKENS DISTRICT.

.....
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Cleveland Coffee and Martha his wife of Rabun County State of Georgia in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to him paid by William C. Cose of the State and District aforesaid have granted bargained sold and released and do hereby grant bargain sell and release and convey into Henry H. Cresswell of the State and district aforesaid all that tract of land containing five hundred and forty three acres situated on Conneross Creek waters of Seneca River in the State and District aforesaid, bounded by lands belonging to Henry H. Creswell, James Blair, William Jones and others. Together with all and singular the rights members hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the premises unto the said Henry H. Creswell, his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof the said Cleveland Coffee and Martha, his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this 14th of November in the year of our November 1833. in presence of us.

William Jones.

his

Alexander x Nevill.

mark

his
Cleveland x Coffee (L.S.)

mark

her

Martha x Coffee (L.S.)

mark

SOUTH CAROLINA : Before me personally appeared Alexander Nevill and made oath that he was present and did see
PICKENS DISTRICT : Cleveland Coffee and Martha Coffee sign seal and deliver the within deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned & William Jones with himself witnessed the same.

Sworn to before me this 31st Oct. 1849.

W. L. Keith C.C.

his
Alexander x Nevill
mark

Recorded the 31st. day of October 1849 and examined by W.L.Keith C.C.& R.M.C.

Cleveland Coffey made his will on December 15, 1843, very shortly before his death. In this last will and testament, he provided for his wife, his children, and one grandchild; he instructed his son Isaiah to take care of Martha (Cleveland's wife); and he named his brother Edward Coffey as his executor. Cleveland died before January 1, 1844.

Georgia
Rabun County

In the name of God Amen

I Cleveland Coffey of the state and County aforesaid being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make this my last will and testament in Manner and form following that is to Say I do hereby devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Coffey my Plantation where I now live with all my farming tools household and kitchen furniture, My Oxens and Cart two cows and Calves, the choice horses, my stock hogs and two negroes, My youngest boy bert and My girl Effey for her special benefit for the term of her natural life or her widowhood and their if any left to be equally divided between my beloved Children Elizabeth Garrison, Jane Stephens, Iai Coffey, Ira Coffey, Ivory Coffey, Isalah Coffey and Nancy York.

2nd And the ballance of my property after paying all my just debts and dues I wish divided with my beloved Children Towit, To my son Joel Coffey and my son Jesse Coffey and my grand daughter Lucy Coffey, One dollar each and the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between Ellizabeth Garrison, Jane Stevens, Iai Coffey, Ira Coffey, Ivory Coffey Isalah Coffey and Nancy York

3rd And I further inform it an my son Isalah Coffey to stay and take the Chear of his mother and her property when the same is put into her hands and to take charge of it and her And I do hereby appoint my friend and Brother Edward Coffey to execute this my last will and testament. In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament this the fifteenth day of December Eighteen Hundred and forty three

Signed Sealed and
published by Cleveland
Coffey to be his last will
and testamony in our
presence who was called
on by him to witness
the same
John McClain
Elizabeth Coffey
James Stonecypher

HIS
Cleveland C Coffey (SEAL)
MARK

Georgia
Rabun County
Personally came in open Court John McClain, Elizabeth Coffey and James Stonecypher the persons whose names appear as witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Cleveland Coffey deceased and after being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Cleveland Coffey sign seal and acknowledge the within to be his last will and testament and that they believe he was in possession of his Ordinary Sound mind and understanding when he executed the same.

Done in open Court

1st January 1844

William Sharyer JIC

John McClain

Elizabeth Coffey

The following document is a copy of the inventory and appraisement of the estate of Cleveland Coffey.

John York JIC
Berry B.Beck JIC
James Stonecypher

Recorded the 18th day of March 1844

James Bleckley CCO

Georgia
Rabun County

An Inventory and appraisement with the necessary Certificates annexed to it of the estate of
Cleveland Coffey Decd.

	Cts.
One lot of land No 15 in the first District-Rabun	\$300.00
1 Negro Boy called young Ben	350.00
1 Negro girl Effey	200.00
1 sorrel mare	40.00
42 head of Hogs	52.00
2 Cows & Calvs	20.00
1 Cart & yoke of steers	45.00
3 plows	1.50
2 Clevices and Singletrees	1.50

4 Hoes	1.00
2 Pairs Geers	2.00
1 Bureau	25.00
1 Clock	15.00
1 looking Glass	1.00
1 Cupboard & furnitures	16.00
1 dresser & 5 jars	4.50
1 Table	1.50
2 Spinning Wheels	4.00
6 Chears	1.00
3 Beds & Furniture	40.00
Am't Bro't Forward	\$1121.00
3 Axes with sundry articles	8.75
1 Side Saddle	4.00
3 Jugs62 ½
3 old Barrels & 1 keg of vinegar	4.00
1 sythe & craddle	2.50
1 lot of Books62 ½
1 Straner & Bugle	1.00
1 Loom 3 Slays & Harness	7.00
1 Lot Potware	5.00
2 Barrels & 1 Table	1.00
2 Pails50
1 Smothing Iron50
1 Lot of Corn	50.00
3 Stacks of Fodder	6.00
4 Stacks of Oats	14.00
1 Cutting knife & box	1.00
1 Pr. of Sissors25
	<u>\$1227.75</u>

Received this 20th day of February 1844 of Edward Coffey Executor of the last will and testament of Cleveland Coffey late of said County - deceased all property contained in the foregoing schedule as my legacy in full bequeathe to me by the last will and testament of this said deceased.

HER
Martha X Coffey
MARK

In account of the sale of the personal property of Cleveland Coffey deceased Sold at public outcry on the 20th day of February 1844 upon a credit till the 25th of December that was not disposed of by will

Viz	
3 Bee Gums - Widow	\$ 1.50
7 Head Sheep Dr	6.00
Negro woman Charity (H W Cannon)	347.00
Negro Girl Betty Ann (Edward Coffey)	303.00
Negro Do Mariah (Lewis N Jones)	160.50
Negro Man Old Ben (Edward Coffey)	47.00
Bay Mair (Isalah Coffey)	51.50
An improvement (Thos Colman)	4.00
	<u>\$960.50</u>

Edward Coffey Executor

Recorded the 18th March 1844

James Bleckley CCO

The children of Cleveland Coffey and Martha _____ Coffey are:

- I. Joel Coffey.
- II. Jesse Coffey, born South Carolina, 1812; married Elizabeth _____, born North Carolina, 1810. Jesse Coffey is listed in the 1850 Rabun County, Georgia Census.

1850 RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

Jesse Coffey	age 38	Farmer	Born, South Carolina
\$200.00 value of real estate			
Elizabeth Coffey	age 40		Born, North Carolina

Abraham Coffey	age 11	Born, Georgia
Cleveland Coffey	age 9	Born, Georgia
Andrew Coffey	age 7	Born, Georgia
Rufus Coffey	age 7	Born, Georgia
Joel Coffey	age 3	Born, Georgia
Allen Coffey	age 2	Born, Georgia

According to the 1850 census Jesse and Elizabeth were the parents of at least six children.

Those children are:

- A. Abraham Coffey, born Georgia, 1839.
- B. Cleveland Coffey, born Georgia, 1841.
- C. Andrew Coffey, born Georgia, 1843.
- D. Rufus Coffey, born Georgia, 1843.
- E. Joel Coffey, born Georgia, 1847.
- F. Allen Coffey, born Georgia, 1848.
- III. Elizabeth Coffey, born South Carolina, 1810; married Thomas Garrison, born North Carolina, 1801.

The children of Elizabeth Coffey Garrison and Thomas Garrison are:

- A. William Garrison, born Georgia, 1836.
- B. James Garrison, born Georgia, 1838.
- C. John Garrison, born Georgia, 1840.
- D. Jane Garrison, born Georgia, 1843.
- E. Martha Garrison, born Georgia, 1845.
- F. Robert Garrison, born Georgia, 1848.
- IV. Jane Coffey, born South Carolina, 1815; married Rabun County, Georgia, by Joel Coffey, J. P. May 14, 1839, to Cannon Stephens, born South Carolina, 1816.

The children of Jane Coffey Stephens and Cannon Stephens are:

- A. Sarah Stephens, born Georgia, 1840.
- B. Nancy Stephens, born Georgia, 1842.
- C. John Stephens, born Georgia, 1844.
- D. Mary Stephens, born Georgia, 1846.
- E. Martha Stephens, born Georgia, 1848.
- V. Ilai Coffey, born South Carolina, 1814 (per tombstone); died 1884; married South Carolina, by the Rev. J. W. Lewis December 21, 1837, to Permella Isbell (daughter of Robert Isbell and Sarah _____ Isbell of Pendleton District, South Carolina.

The known child of Ilai Coffey and Permella Isbell Coffey is:

- A. Robert Coffey, born 1837; died 1928; married Habersham County, Georgia, November 26, 1857, to Mary Jones.
- VI. Ira Coffey, died by May 14, 1860; married by the Rev. S. Vandiver December 10, 1844, to Marriah Jane Miller (daughter of _____ Miller and Sarah _____ Miller. Sarah's will is recorded in Will Book 3, Office of the Probate Judge, Anderson, South Carolina.). Marriah was appointed guardian of her and Ira's children after Ira's death. The appointment was made May 14, 1860, in Cherokee County, Georgia.

The children of Ira Coffey and Marriah Jane Miller Coffey are:

- A. Elizabeth Coffey, married _____ Whitner.
- B. Frances Coffey.
- C. Joseph Coffey.
- D. Sarah Jane Coffey.
- VII. Ivory Coffey.
- VIII. Isiah Coffey. A land transaction recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Habersham County, Georgia, Book S, pp. 315-316 shows Eley B. Coffey selling land on Mountain Creek to Isaah Coffey for \$200.00. This sale is dated February 4, 1853, and is witnessed by F. G. Moss and L. H. Wright.
- IX. Nancy Coffey, married Rabun County, Georgia, by James C. Jarrard, M. G. February 4, 1842, to William York (son of Jeremiah York and Margaret Dollison York, and brother-

in-law of Rachel D. Jones York - See Book I, Chapter 1). William York's will, dated October 5, 1878, lists his wife, Nancy, and six children. The executrix is Nancy York, assistant executor is John M. York, and witnesses are Jeremiah York, Sr. and M. V. York.

The children of Nancy Coffey York and William York as stated in his will are:

- A. Rachel York.
- B. Elisha N. York.
- C. Cicero L. York.
- D. Martha York, married _____ Justice.
- E. Nancy A. York, married _____ Carnes.
- F. Marian York, married _____ Justice.

Sally Coffey

Sally Coffey, daughter of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, was born about 1787.

Joel Coffey

Joel Coffey, son of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, was born in the Pendleton District of South Carolina, about 1791. He died at his home in Rabun County, Georgia, September 15, 1849, (per tomb), and is buried at the Rowland Coffey farm (now Kingwood Estates) in Rabun County, Georgia. On August 18, 1815, he was married in Pendleton District, South Carolina, by Josiah Foster to Martha (Patsy) Cobb, born September 26, 1793, in Pendleton District, South Carolina, and died August 16, 1887, Rabun County, Georgia.

Martha Cobb was the daughter of the Rev. John Cobb, who was born in Halifax County, Virginia, about 1759, and died in Pickens District, South Carolina, in 1841; and Frances Smith Cobb. John and Frances were married in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, August 27, 1786.

The children of John Cobb and Frances Smith Cobb (Martha's brothers and sisters) are:

- I. Rowland Cobb, born Pickens District, South Carolina, May 20, 1796; died Ladonia, Fannin County, Texas, before 1887; married March 18, 1817, to Mary Ann Morgan, born June 7, 1803; died Ladonia, Fannin County, Texas, 1887.
- II. _____ Cobb, married A. Whitmire.
- III. Martha Cobb, married Joel Coffey.
- IV. Verlinda Cobb, married _____ Norton.
- V. _____ Cobb, married _____ Wallis.
- VI. John Cobb, married _____

The year after Joel Coffey's death, Martha Coffey is listed in the 1850 Rabun County, Georgia Census.

1850 RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

Martha Coffey	age 52		Born, South Carolina
\$250.00 value of real estate			
William R. Coffey	age 16	Farmer	Born, Georgia

The value of Martha's real estate, as recorded in the 1850 census, attests to the fact that Joel and Martha were not wealthy. Joel was a farmer and served Rabun County, Georgia, as Justice of the Peace, but never amassed any great fortune.

In his last will and testament, Joel Coffey provided for his wife, children, and one grandchild. This document was made August 27, 1849, a few weeks before his death.

Georgia
Rabun County

In the name of God Amen, I Joel Coffey of the State and County aforesaid being weak in body, but of Sound mind Memory & understanding, do make this my last will & testament in the manner and form following, that is to Say, 1st I do hereby devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Coffey all my plantation and Lands on the Side of the creek where I now live, my House hold and Kitchen furniture all my Stock Hogs & Sheep my Doll Mare one Cow & Calf of her choice, & one Speckled Heifer for the Said Martha Coffey's Special benefit for the Term of her natural life and at her death all the personnal property which may not have been consumed shall be Equally divided between my three Children John Coffey, Francis Price and Jesse L. Coffey and the plantation and land named above Shall de cease & belong as will be stated hereafter. 2nd I will & bequeath to my little Grand son William Rowland Coffey, who I have partly Raised, one cow & calf the first Colt the doll mare has, and at the death of my wife Martha Coffey the said William Rowland Coffey is to have one third of my home plantation, 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved SON Jesse L. Coffey, all the Lands & plantation on the side of the creek next to the Wagon Road for the term of the lifetime of my wife Martha Coffey, and then he is to have two thirds of both Sides of the creek and William Roland Coffey one third of both Sides of the creek of my home plantation 4th I further declare that the Remainder of all my Estate both Real & personal Shall be disposed of by my Executor who I will name hereafter Either privately or otherwise as he may think best and applied to the discharging of my just debts and Remainder when all the debts is paid to be divided between my three children Shear & Shear Alike 5th and I do hereby appoint my beloved Son John Coffey to Execute this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal to this my last will & testament. This twentyseventh of August, Eighteen hundred and forty nine.

Signed Sealed and Published
by Joel Coffey to be his last
will and Testament in our
presents who was called
on by him to witness the Same

Joel Coffey(L.S.)

Edward Coffey
D. G. Love
his
Isaac X Rainny
mark

Georgia
Rabun County

I John Coffey Executor by appointment of Joel Coffey Deceased, do Solemnly Swear that the foregoing writing contains the last Will and testament of Joel Coffey deceased So far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the Same, by paying first the Debts and then the Legacies contained in the Said will as far as his Goods and Chattles will thereunto extend

Sworned to and Subscribed
in Open Court

this 5th November 1849

Wm Sharyer J.I.C.

Edward Coffey J.I.C.

James Billingsly J.I.C.

Baily Dover J.I.C.

Recorded this 7th November 1849

John Coffey executor

James Bleckly Ck



Joel Coffey's tombstone

Martha Cobb Coffey made application for a Widows Pension based on Joel's service during the War of 1812. The following entry is taken from the application papers on file in Washington, D.C. (claim no. 26996).

State of Georgia On This The 14 day of May one Thousand eight Hundred and fifty five Personally appeared
County of Rabun before me a justic of the Peace within and for the county of Rabun and State aforesaid **Martha**
Coffey age sixty two years a resident of Rabun in the state of Georgia who being duly sworn according to Law declares that she
is the widow of **Joel Coffey** Deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Barton in the Regiment
commanded by Col Austin In the ware with grate Britain declared by the United States on the 18 day of June 1812 A.D. that
her husband was Drafted about the year 1814 for the Term of Six months and continued in actual Service for the Term of two
months and she belives he was honorable discharge at the time Peace being made in the year 1815. She further states that she
was married to the said **Joel Coffey** In Pendleton District S.C. on the 18 day of August 1815 A.D. by one Josiah Foster a
justice of the Peace and that her name before her said Marriage was **Martha Cobb** that her said husband died at his resident in
Rabun County on the 15 day of September 1850 or 1851 and that she is now a widow. She further declares that she has made
applications for bounty land under the act of September 28th 1850 A.D. and received a Land No not selected for forty Acres
which she has since Legally dispose of and cannot make returne she makes this delarations for the perpose of obtaining the
additional bounty Land which she may be entitled to under the act approved the Third day of March 1855 A.D. She also
declares that she has never applied for nor received under this or any act of congress any bounty land warrent except the one
above mentions

her
Martha X Coffe
mark

We **Edward Coffee** and **Alfred Price** and residents of Rabun County In the State of Georgia upon our oaths declare that the
foregoing declarations was signed and acknowledge by **Martha Coffee** In our presence and that we believe from the
appearance and statements of the applican't That she is the Indentical person she represents her selfe to be

Edward Coffee
Alford Price

The forgoing declarations and application were sworn to and subscribed before me in the day and year above mention and I
certify that I know the appicants to be credible persons that the claimant is the person she represents her selfe to be and that I
have no Interest in this claim

James M. Quillian JP

Georgia I **William C Price** clerk of Superior Court I do hereby certify **James M Quillian Esq** before when
Rabun County the within declarations affidavits were made and executed and who has there unto Subscribed his
name was at the time of so doing a justice of the Peace In and for the County aforesaid duly commission and sworn and that
his signature there to is genuine I further certify that I have no Interest in this claim In testimony where of I have here unto set
my hand and affixed the seal of office for the county aforesaid this the 16 day of May 1855

William C Price clerk

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of South Carolina
County of Oconee

In the matter of Claim for Pension of **Mrs. Martha Coffee** widow of **Joel Coffee** soilder of the war of 1812.
Personally came before me a a Trial Justice in and for aforesaid County and State **Alexander Neville** aged 85 years and
Mrs. Nancy Neville* aged 77 years citizen of the Town of _____, County of Oconee, State of South Carolina who
appeared to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as
follows: they were personally aquanted **Joel Coffee** and his wife **Martha Coffee** before their marriage also knew them for a
_____ of many years after their marriage and knew that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of **Joel**
Coffey which took place about twenty years ago and that his widow **Martha Coffee** has never since that time remarried, And
said **Joel Coffee** and his wife **Martha Coffee** were married about sixty four years ago, also that we lived near neighbors to them
for a long series of years our acquaintance with them has been of the most intimate character for a long time.

We further declare that we have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution, and that to said
applicant's husband **Joel Coffee** was the uncle of **Mrs. Nancy Neville**. Attest - when any affiant signs by mark, (2 persons.)

J. J. Smith
Elizabeth M Smith

Signature
of
Affiants.

his
Alexander X Neville
mark
Nancy Neville

***Nancy Neville** (See Book I, Chapter I).

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State of Georgia
County of Rabun

In the matter of claim for Pension for Mrs. Martha Coffee, widow of Joel Coffee soldier of war of 1812. Personally came before me John C Cannon Clerk Superior Court in and for aforesaid County and State, John Coffee aged 63 years and the widow Mary F. Marsongill age 61 years maiden name Mary F. Coffee citizen, County of Rabun, State of Georgia, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows: And makes oath that they are the children of Joel and Martha Coffee and so recognized as such and one other son J. L. Coffee age 51 years born unto them in wedlock and further declare that they are able to identify her as the person who was the wife of the identical Joel Coffee who rendered the service alleged in the above application in the company of Captain Barton in the war of 1812, and that they lived together as husband and wife from their earliest recollection up to the death of their Father who died September the 15th 1849. and that they know that the claimant has not remarried since the death of her late husband Joel Coffee and if she had have resumed marriage again the fact would have become known to us and that we both were present at the time of his death. and we further declare that we have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest - when any affiant signs by mark, (2 persons)

J. R. Love
M. R. Love

Signature
of
Affiants.

John Coffey
her
Mary F. X Marsingill
mark

Georgia
Rabun County

In the matter of claims for Pension for Mrs. Martha Coffee widow of Joel Coffee soldier of the war of 1812. Personally comes before me J. C. Cannon Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said county and State Martha Coffee age 84 years citizen of the county of Rabun, State of Georgia and makes oath that she has withen Church Public non family record of her marriage and that the 5 & 6th class evidence is the best that can be obtained of her marriage to her to late husband Joel Coffee.

witnesses

John Coffee
W. R. Coffee

her
Martha X Coffee
mark

2 Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this August 4th, 1879.

J. C. Cannon
C.S.C.

WAR OF 1812

Claim of Widow For Service Pension

Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740, inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9, 1878.

N.B. - All the blank spaces in this from must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof; and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

State of Georgia County of Rabun,ss.

On this Fourth day of August, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, personally appeared before me John C. Cannon, the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, (1) Martha Coffee, aged 84 years, a resident of Rabun County in the State of Ga. Martha Coffee, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Joel Coffee deceased, who was the identical (3) Joel Coffee, who served under the name of (4) Joel Coffee as a (5) Private in the Company commanded by Captain Barton in the Infantry regiment of S.C. Drafted, commanded by Col McClure in the war of (6) A.D. 1812; that her said husband (7) was Drafted at Pendleton S.C. on or about the December of 1814 A.D. for the term of 3 months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (8) fifty or fifty two day and whose service terminated, by reason of (9) Discharge at Pendleton S.C. on the day after peace A.D. 1815. She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (10) Age 23 years occupation farmer Birth place Pendleton dist. S.C. highth 5 feet about 8 or 9 inches. Color of hair black, eyes yellow complexion dark. She further states that she was married to the said Joel Coffee, at the city (or town) of Pendleton dist. S.C. in the county of _____, and in the State of S.C. on the day of August A.D. 1815 by one (11) Foster Esquire, who was a (12) Esqr.; and that her name before her said marriage was Martha Cobb and she was not remarried since the death of her late Husband, that (13) Neither herself nor her said husband had been previously Married and that her said husband (14) Joel Coffee, died in Rabun Co., in the State of Georgia, on the 15th day of Sept. A.D. 1849, and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (15) Pendleton dist. S.C. and in Rabun County, Ga. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740, inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9, 1878, and hereby appoints R. W. Walker, of Washington, D.C., her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim.

And she further declares that she has heretofore made application for (16) Bounty Land & obtained two land warrants the second one obtained under Act of congress approved on March 3rd, 1855. Residence was Rabun Co. Ga. at the time she obtained both land warrants county of Rabun, State of Georgia, and that her post office address is Clayton Rabun County, Ga.

(Two attesting witnesses who can write their names.)

her
Martha X Coffey
mark

John Coffey
W. R. Coffey

Also personally appeared John Coffey, aged 63 years, residing in Rabun Co., Ga., and W. R. Coffey, aged 44 years, residing in Rabun Co.

The children of Joel Coffey and Martha Cobb Coffey are:

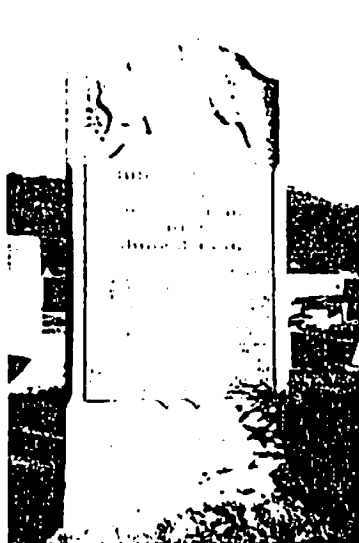
- I. John Coffey, born Pendleton District, South Carolina, July 23, 1816; died at his home in Rabun County, Georgia, June 3, 1886; married first Rabun County, Georgia, by Jehu Chastain December 31, 1833, to Leviny (Lucy) Carter, born South Carolina; married second Rabun County, Georgia, by the Rev. J. C. Jarrard February 4, 1837, to Martha (Patsy) Singleton, born South Carolina, May 20, 1818; died Rabun County, Georgia, July 10, 1887 (daughter of James Singleton and Nancy Gainer Singleton). Both John and Martha are buried at the Clayton Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, Georgia. John Coffey was a Baptist preacher, who reportedly, preached a mighty sermon at the home of William and Bashaba Coffey Jones (his uncle and aunt). The text of that sermon possibly exists today. John Coffey is listed in the 1850 Rabun County, Georgia Census.

1850 RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

No. 250			
John Coffey	age 34	Baptist minister	Born, South Carolina
\$500.00 value of real estate			
Martha Coffey	age 32		Born, South Carolina
Hannah R. Coffey	age 13		Born, Georgia
Joel H. Coffey	age 11		Born, Georgia
James L. Coffey	age 9		Born, Georgia
John C. Coffey	age 7		Born, Georgia
Robert A. Coffey	age 4		Born, Georgia
Thomas Coffey	age 2		Born, Georgia
Edward Coffey	age 1		Born, Georgia



Martha wife of
Rev. John Coffey
May 20, 1818
July 10, 1887
Dau of
Nancy Galner
and
James Singleton



Elder
John Coffey
Born
July 23, 1816
Died
June 3, 1886
He united with the Stecoah Baptist Church when a youth, was ordained to the ministry May 1845 and served the Stecoah Church as pastor 41 years. He served the Mountain Association as moderator for 35 years. He preached to many churches and was faithful to his charges contending earnestly for the faith, and died at his post. Peace to his sleeping dust until God shall bid it arise in the resurrection morn. Asleep in Jesus.

The only child of John Coffey and Leviny (Lucy) Carter Coffey is:

- A. William Roland Coffey, born November 5, 1834; died July 9, 1909; married Ruth M. _____, born December 26, 1851; died February 2, 1920. Both William and Ruth are buried at Dillard Baptist Church Cemetery, Dillard, Georgia. William served as Sheriff for Rabun County, Georgia, in 1866 and 1867.

The only known child of William Roland Coffey and Ruth M. _____ Coffey is:

1. Franklin Coffey, born August 10, 1885; died June 8, 1888; buried Dillard Baptist Church Cemetery, Dillard, Georgia.

The children of John Coffey and Martha (Patsy) Singleton Coffey are:

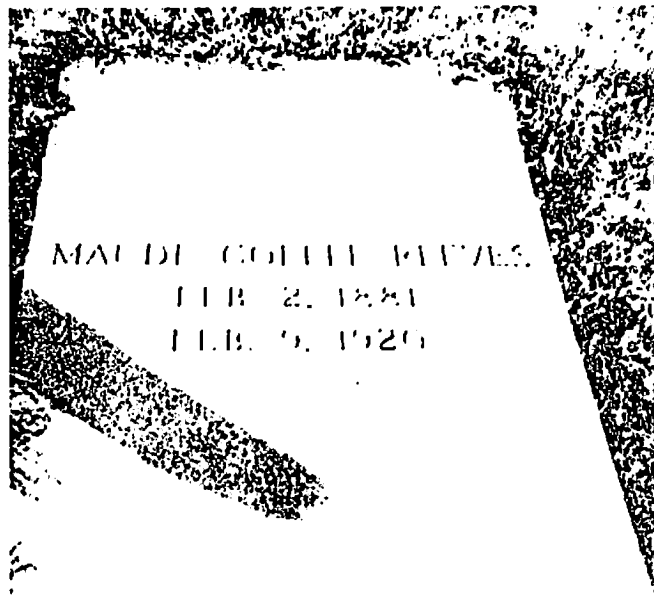
- B. Hannah Coffey, born 1837; died 1885; married William Winters.
C. Joel Hymer Coffey, born April 15, 1839; died February 28, 1923; married March 9, 1869, to Susan Elizabeth Cobb, born South Carolina, November 15, 1846; died Rabun County, Georgia, January 10, 1929. Both are buried at Clayton First Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, Georgia. The inscriptions on their tombstones are "J. Hymer Coffee - Apr. 15, 1839 - Feb. 28, 1923. His toils are past, his work is done. He fought the fight, the victory won," and "Susan Elizabeth Cobb wife of Joel Hymer Coffee - Nov. 15, 1846 - Jan. 10, 1929."

The only known child of Joel Hymer Coffey and Susan Elizabeth Cobb Coffey is:

1. Maude Coffey, born Clayton, Georgia, February 2, 1881; died Atlanta, Georgia, February 9, 1920; buried Clayton First Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, Georgia; married June 8, 1913, to James Allen Reeves, born Fulton County, Georgia, January 13, 1878; died Atlanta, Georgia, March 10, 1959.

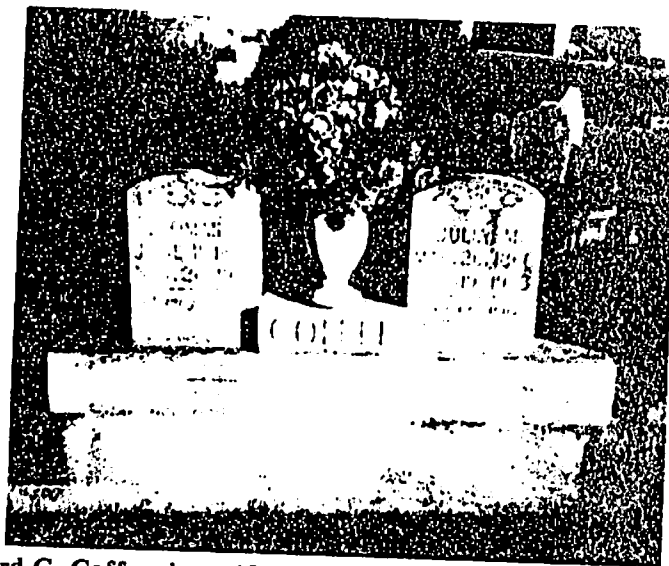
The only known child of Maude Coffey Reeves and James Allen Reeves is:

- a. Ina Reeves, married Charles Spencer Worthy.



- D. James L. Coffey, born 1841.
E. John C. Coffey, born 1843.
F. Robert Andrew Coffey, born January 5, 1847; died August 9, 1912; married Delcena Ellen Zackary.

- G. Thomas Jefferson Coffey, born June 11, 1852; died November 26, 1901; married Julia M. Dotson, born March 26, 1866; died October 19, 1953. Both are buried at Clayton First Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, Georgia. Their tombstone inscriptions read "Thomas J. Coffee - June 11, 1852 - Nov. 26, 1901 - A loving Father" and "Julia M. Coffee - Mar. 26, 1866 - Oct. 19, 1953 - Our Precious Mother."



- H. Edward C. Coffey, born 1849.
 I. Lampkin Coffey, died in Civil War at age 22.
 J. Calvin Coffey, died from typhoid fever at age 18.
 K. Peter Davis Coffey, died September 16, 1908; married Sarah Frances Adams Cook (widow of _____ Cook).
 L. Sarah Frances (Dixie) Coffey, born February 16, 1862; died during childbirth April 17, 1888; buried Clayton Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, Georgia; married Amos McCurry. The inscription on her tombstone is "Sarah F. D. wife of Amos McCurry, & Daughter of John Coffee, Born Feb. 16, 1862 - Died Apr. 17, 1888. Asleep in Jesus."



- M. Nancy Coffey, married Amos McCurry after her sister's death.

- II. Mary Frances Coffey, born 1818; died 1873; buried old Coffey Cemetery, at Rowland Coffey homeplace (now Kingwood Estate), Rabun County, Georgia; married first by James C. Jarrard, M. G. March 19, 1835, to Silas B. Price, married second Rabun County, Georgia, by Joseph Woodall, M. G. March 18, 1852, to Robert T. Marsongill. The only known child of Mary Frances Coffey Price and Silas B. Price is:

A. William Price.

There are no known children by the marriage of Mary Frances Coffey Price Marsongill and Robert T. Marsongill.

Mary Frances Coffey Price Marsongill tomb inscription reads "M. F. Marsongill, B. 1818, D. 1873.



Tomb of Mary Frances Coffey Price Marsongill

- III. Jesse Lenord Coffey, born 1828; married first Rabun County, Georgia, by Edward Coffey September 2, 1845, to Nancy O. Singleton; married second to Arzelia Thomas, born 1838. Jesse L. Coffey was appointed the guardian of William Price, orphan of Silas B. Price. Jesse is listed in the 1850 Rabun County, Georgia Census.

1850 RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

No. 282			
J. L. Coffee	age 22	Farmer	Born, Georgia
\$150.00 value of real estate			
Nancy Coffee	age 22		Born, Georgia
Terrel Coffee	age 3		
Mary M. Coffee	age 2		

The children of Jesse Lenord Coffey and Nancy O. Singleton Coffey are:

- A. Terrel Coffey, born 1847.
B. Mary M. Coffey, born 1848.

The children of Jesse Lenord Coffey and Arzelia Thomas Coffey are:

- C. Robert C. Coffey, born 1867.
D. James T. Coffey, born 1869.
E. Rachel L. Coffey, born 1872.
F. Franklin A. Coffey, born 1873.
G. Hannah C. Coffey, born 1875.
H. Jenilia Coffey, born 1877.

Edward Coffey

Edward Coffey, son of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, was born September 29, 1793, in Pendleton District, South Carolina, although according to his tombstone, he was supposedly born in Virginia. He died May 31, 1858, in Rabun County, Georgia, and is buried with his wife, Elizabeth, at the Bleckley Cemetery, Cherchero District, Rabun County, Georgia.

Edward married Elizabeth Neville, daughter of Jesse Neville and Margaret McCarter Neville (See Book I, Chapter 1). Elizabeth was born in Pendleton District, South Carolina, on June 24, 1790, and died in Rabun County, Georgia, September 15, 1879.

Elizabeth's father's (Jesse Neville's) will was made September 13, 1838, and was proved July 25, 1842. According to that document, Jesse was a resident of Pickens District, South Carolina, and had children named Alexander, William, James, Rebecca (who married William Price), Wenneford (who married Solomon Beck), and Elizabeth (who married Edward Coffey). He gave to Edward Coffey and his wife, Elizabeth, a negro girl named Minerva. The witnesses to this will were John Adair, Enos A. Shields, and William H. England.

On December 5, 1822, at a meeting of the December Session of the Inferior Court of Rabun County, Georgia (twenty years before Jesse's will was proved), Edward Coffey and Winifred Neville Coffey obtained letters of administration on the estate of Edward's brother (John's) estate. Winifred Neville later married Solomon Beck, and was known as "Wenneford Beck" in her father's will.

Edward's name appears many times in the history of Rabun County, Georgia. He was named in public records, served in the Indian Wars, and was elected to several public offices. His influence was surely felt throughout the northern portion of Georgia.

In 1822, Edward Coffey served as the foreman of a Grand Jury. Among those that served with him were Samuel Beck, Cleveland Coffee, and Elisha Coffee.

Agreeable to the within accompt

We the Grand Jurors for the County of Rabun do surtify that we do agree to the within to be a just statement of the insolvents of said County by Alexander Keel Tax Collector

August 19th 1824

Edward Coffee Forman

Obidiah Dickison

Alexander Stricklen

Robert Wood

Ephram McClain

Wm Kelly

Hubbard Carnes

Samuel Beck

Moses Anderson

John Morris

Cleveland Coffee

Elisha Coffee

Archable Rud

Alexander Keel

Samuel Wood

Alan Gaines

Ruffin Ginn

Wm Granthom

David Mozly

William Wall

Jessey Cartor

Insolvent List for

Rabun 1822

\$7.15

Edward Coffey is listed in the 1850 Rabun County, Georgia Census and the 1850 Rabun County, Georgia Slave Schedule.

1850 RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

No. 293

Edward Coffey

age 57

Farmer

Born, South Carolina

\$1,500.00 value of real estate

Elizabeth Coffey

age 61

Born, South Carolina

William Thomas Coffey

age 5

Born, Georgia

1850 RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA SLAVE SCHEDULE

Edward Coffey

1 slave age 75, male, black
1 slave age 28, female, black
1 slave age 11, female, black
1 slave age 8, female, black

Military records, 1829-1841, as recorded in Rabun County, Georgia, show that Edward Coffey served as a Captain August 26, 1830 through May 7, 1834. He is also indicated as having served as a Major from March 22, 1834 to March 2, 1836.

The following letter signed by Edward Coffee and others was written in 1838, during the final removal of the Cherokee Indians.

21st February 1838 Clayton Rabun County, Georgia

Governor Gilmer,

Sir we citizens of this county have adopted this method of informing your excellency. that thier is a good deal of fear and alarm existing at this time with a considerable portion of the citizens of this county, from an apprehension that thier will be depordations committed by the Indians when thier time for removal arrives from the peculiar mountainous Situation of the county adjoining as it does to a considerable extend the Lands was occupied by the Indians. And in the event of their becoming hostile we believe that they would avail themselves of the opportunity that those Large mountains there would afford them for secreting themselves and as they would ncessarily have to subsist that they would do so at the expense of our citizens property and perhaps lifes. To quiet those fears and to be prepared for any emergency, we respectfully ask of your influence with the War Department for a company of cavaldry to be stationed in the north west portion of the county
And should such a company be ordered for that purpose in a very short time it could be raised there ready for immediate Service.

Respectfully Yours

His Excellency G R Gilmer

H. H. Armstrong
James Dillard
Edward Coffee
John McClure

Edward was Sheriff of Rabun County, Georgia, in 1825 and 1826. He served as a member of the House of Representatives for Rabun County in 1831, 1833, 1834, 1835, and 1836. He was a Convention Delegate for that county in 1833 and 1839. He also was a member of the Georgia State Senate in 1841, 1842, 1843, 1855, 1856, 1857, and until his death in 1858.

The following entry is taken from the Senate Journal of 1858. It announces the death of the Honorable Edward Coffey.

Mr Jarrard announced the death of the Hon. Edward Coffee, Senator from the county of Rabum, and offered the following resolutions, which were unannmously agreed to:

Whereas the Hon. Edward Coffee, at the time of his death, in 1858, was a member of this Senate - as a just tribute to his distinguished usefulness as a statesman and citizen,

Be it Resolved, That in the death of Edward Coffee, Rabun county has lost a faithful representative, his co-laborers a sincere friend, and the world an honest man.

Resolved, That the usual badge of mourning will be worn by us during the balance of the session of the General Assembly, and that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Dated Wednesday, November 3, 1858.

Edward Coffey died intestate. The following papers show his son-in-law Franklin A. Bleckley as administrator, and are dated August 2, 1858, a couple of months after Edward's death.

I Franklin A. Bleckley administrator on the estate of Edward Coffee deceased do Solemly swear that Edward Coffee deceased died without any will as fare as I know or believe and that I will well and truly administer on ali and singular the goods and

chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and pay all his just debts as far as the same will extend and the law requires me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and debts and a just return there of when there unto required So help me god

Franklin A. Bleckley

Sworn to be fore me
in open court August
the 2nd 1858

Lewis N. Jones ordinary
(see Book one, Chapter one, eighth child).

F. A. Bleckley letters of Admr

State of Georgia
Rabun County

By the Court of ordinary for said county where as **Edward Coffey** late of said county deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattels rights and credits within the county aforesaid by means where of the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and also a final dismission from the same to the court aforesaid does of right belong and said court desiring that the goods chattels rights and credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto **Franklin A. Bleckley** administrator full power by the tenure of these presents to administer the good chattels rights and credits of the said deceased which to him in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stand bound so far as his assets will extend according to law and then the balance justly to pay over to the legal heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said **Franklin A. Bleckley** having given bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by law necessary to his just qualification as administrator he is by order of said court and by virtue of these presents ordained constituted and appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased. witness **Lewis N. Jones** Judge of said Court of ordinary this second day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty eight.

Lewis N. Jones ordinary

During the Rabun County, Georgia, August Term, 1858, the court appointed **Robert Dickson**, **Irvin Price**, **J. C. Williams**, **William C. Price**, and **John Little** as appraisers of the Estate of **Edward Coffey**. **Edward** is buried beside his wife **Elizabeth**, who died twenty-one years later.



Tomb of Edward Coffey

General Edward Coffey
Born in Va.
Sept. 29, 1793
Died May 31, 1858
Married **Elizabeth**
Neville of **Pickens**
Now **Oconee Co. S.C.**
A consistent member of the
Baptist church for over 40
Years. A devoted husband. A
Kind parent, and ever ready
To contribute to the wants
Of the needy.



Tomb of Elizabeth Neville Coffey

Elizabeth Neville
Consort of
Edward Coffey,
Born in **Anderson Co. S.C.**
June 24, 1790
Died Sept. 15, 1879
She was a faithful wife, a
Devoted mother, and died in
Full faith in her redeemer.
Peace to her ashes.

- G. Benjamin B. Bleckley.
- H. Infant Son, died September 10, 1863; buried Bleckley Cemetery, Cherchoero District.
- I. Marcus S. Bleckley, born November 16, 1856; died September 12, 1857; buried Bleckley Cemetery, Cherchoero District, Rabun County, Georgia.
- J. Child.
- K. Child.
- L. Child.
- M. Child.

Nancy Coffey

Nancy Coffey, daughter of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, was born about 1795.

John Coffey

John Coffey, son of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey, died in Rabun County, Georgia, in 1822. He married Winifred Neville, daughter of Jesse Neville and Margaret McCarter Neville (See Book I, Chapter I) Winifred Neville Coffey and Edward Coffey made application to administer John's estate. The following documents include that application, the inventory and appraisement, and the sale of the estate of John Coffey.

Georgia
Rabun County

November Term 1822

Edward & Winford Coffey Did Mak application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of John Coffey late of said County Deceased the Court of Ordinary.

Thomas Kelly JP COC

Georgia
Rabun County

December 5th-fifth one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty two 1822,
That Edward & Winford Coffey Did obtain Letters of Administration from the Court of Ordinary on the Estate of John Coffey late of Said County Deceased.

Thomas Kelly JP COC

Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of John Coffey Deceased

No	: Gray Horse	102.00
2	fifty two hogs	132.00
3	Nineteen head cattle	8.00
4	three polts two ovens	5.50
5	Plow & Iron tools	5.50
6	Sum Wodden Vessils	2.50
7	Wheel beaded & Card	3.00
8	two peaces leather	3.25
9	six chears Augers 2 Smooth Iron	14.00
10	Chest & drawers furniture	33.00
11	Bead & furniture 2 beaded	2.25
12	Sifter bell pail churn	10.00
13	bell two chissels pad lock pocket Book	2.80
14	cure comb	9
15	Bell one stak Book	\$422.80

We do Certify upon Oath that as fair as was produced as by the Administrators the Above and foregoing Contains a true appraisement of the Goods Chattle and Credits of the Estate of John Coffey deceased to the best of our Judgment and understanding.

William Jones
David Mosley
Appraisors
William Price

I do hereby Certify that the Above Appraisers are Sworn to perform the Duty as Appraisors according to Law this Ninth day of December one thousand Eight Hundred & twenty two.

Thomas Kelly JP

Thomas Kelly COC

Inventory of the Personnaly Estate of John Coffey Deceased Sold at publick Sail on the twenty fifth day of December at twelve month credits.

Notis	
Andres Miller-----	\$191.75
Wineford Coffey-----	70.75
James Boal-----	35.00
Jacob Capchart-----	17.80
John H Henson-----	15. 8 7½
Samuel Ward-----	11.00
Stephen White-----	11.50
Chesly McKinsey-----	9.75
William Godfrey-----	7.00
H T Mozly-----	4.25
James B Henson-----	3.62 ½
James B Neville-----	3.00
Thomas Suffad-----	3.43 ¾
George Russell-----	.00 ½
William Price-----	1.62 ½
Elisha Coffey-----	.50
Edward Coffey-----	5.08 ¼
Erwin Price-----	8.06 ½
Reddy Mony to the Amount of-----	\$404.10 ¾
fore Hundred and forty five dollars-----	404.10 ¾
& fifty cents in the hands of Edward Coffey & Wineford Coffey at the Estate of	445.50
John Coffey Deceased.	849.60 ¼

Thomas Kelly CCO

Edward Coffey and Wineford Coffey Administrators on the Estate of John Coffey Deceased and William Jones and Benjamin Odell the Suretys.

Thomas Kelly Sr JP CCO

Sometime after John Coffey's death, Winifred Neville Coffey married Solomon Beck (born in 1789) and had two children by that marriage.

Those children are:

- * Caroline Beck, born 1831.
- * Asy Beck, born 1837.

Solomon Beck and his family are listed in the 1850 Cherokee County, Georgia Census. Both of the children were still living with their parents.

1850 CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA CENSUS

Solomon Beck	age 61	Born, North Carolina
Winnaford Beck	age 58	Born, South Carolina
Caroline Beck	age 19	Born, Georgia
Asy Beck	age 13	Born, Georgia

Elijah Coffey

Elijah Coffey, son of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey and twin brother of Elisha Coffey, was born about 1800. In October of 1822, he was married in Pendleton District, South Carolina, by the Rev. Stevens to Nancy Owens, daughter of Hardy Owens and _____ Owens.

Although the exact date of Elijah's move to Rabun County, Georgia, is not known, it is believed that he came to that part of North Georgia about 1821. He is listed several years later as a Grand Juror for Rabun County, Georgia, for the April Term in 1829, and for the October Term in 1845. Elijah is also listed on the Muster Roll for Rabun County, Georgia (1829-1841) as of April 5, 1836.

Elisha Coffey

Elisha Coffey, son of Jesse Coffey and Nancy _____ Coffey and twin brother of Elijah Coffey, was born about 1800.