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Elijah Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Sarah Fields, left N.C. about 1835 and came to Rabun County, Ga., with his wife, Polly Hull, and their children:

Joel Anderson, b. 1819 in Wilkes County, N.C.; m. Charity _____
 Minerva, b. 1818; m. John Coffey
 Newton, b. 1824, unm.

Starling, b. 28 July 1829, Wilkes Co.; m. Nancy Tyler Cannon of Rabun County, Ga.; daughter of Hiram Cannon and Hannah Tyler

Alphonso, b. 1831; m. 21 Feb 1858 Julia Ann Dawkins
 Elvira, b. 1836
 Milton, b. abt 1838, unm.

Starling Coffey, son of Elijah Coffey and Polly Hull, changed the spelling of his name to COFFEE. He married Nancy Tyler Cannon, and their children were:

George A., b. 1852 in Forsyth Co., Ga.; m. Dora West; d. July 1927
 Russell, b. prob. 1854; d. 13 Jan 1924, Paul's Valley, Okla.; mar-

ried and one child.

Columbus, b. 20 Jan 1856, Gordon Co., Ga.; m. 4 Oct 1882 Mary Ella Blackburn; d. 25 Sep 1936

Patrick, b. 1860; m. Amselle Camp b. 1864. He d. 1942; she d. 1916

Theodore, b. 17 Feb 1862, Forsyth Co., Ga.; m. Dora Lee Kirby 5 May 1877. She was b. Pineville, Mo. He d. 22 July 1928; she d. 12 Oct 1954. They are buried at Rockwall, Texas.

Tipton Tyler, b. 15 Aug 1864, Forsyth County, Ga.; m. 14 Feb 1887 Lula Elizabeth King. He d. 18 Nov. 1936; she d. 7 June 1926

DeWitt, d. in infancy

Rowena, b. 12 Jan. 1850, d.y.

Starling Coffee and Nancy Tyler Cannon were married in Rabun County, Ga., in 1849. We don't know when they left there but they were listed in the Rabun County Census in 1850 when their first child, Rowena, was a month old. In 1860 they were listed in Forsyth County and their children were, Rowana, 9; George, 7; Russell, 6; Columbus, 4; DeWitt, 2; Patrick, two months. Tipton Tyler had not been born.

In July 1862 Starling volunteered for service in the Confederate Army in Atlanta and served three years in Capt. Whaley's Company, Lawton's Regt., Forrest Brigade (Cavalry). He was wounded in the arm during a skirmish in one of Gen. Forrest's raids on Mill Creek in Tenn. On Dec. 28, 1898, he applied for a soldier's pension in Gordon County, and stated that because of this injury his arm was practically useless. The ball entered the right elbow, lodged in the joint and was never removed.

Sometime after the Civil War, Starling and Nancy Coffee took their family of six sons (Rowena and DeWitt had died) and moved to

Dahlonega. There their sons were educated at Dahlonega College, which was a part of the University System of Georgia.

Starling Coffee farmed and sold wrought-iron ranges, and was apparently successful. He traveled about the country, as far west as Texas. We don't know when they moved to Gordon County to reside permanently but it must have been in the early or middle 1880s because Tipton Tyler Coffee married Lula Elizabeth King 14 Feb 1887 in that county. Starling Coffee owned a farm there and the Tipton Coffee family made it their home for a number of years.

Three of the sons went west: Russell and Columbus went to Oklahoma and Theodore to Texas. Russell practiced law and Columbus taught school and farmed. George Coffee, the eldest son, practiced law in Calhoun, Ga.; Patrick settled in Atlanta, Ga.; and Tipton Tyler Coffee became a newspaper man.

He began with small weekly papers in Gordon County, and the surrounding area, then moved to Decatur and Tallapoosa, Ga., before establishing the Chattahoochee Valley Times in Lanett, Ala., in 1915. In a short time, he purchased the West Point (Ga.) News and combined the newspapers in a plant located in West Point, Ga. This business was owned by members of the family until 1950. Tipton Tyler Coffee died 18 Nov. 1936.

The Story of Bluffton-Lanett, Ala., a publication of the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society, says, "No record of newspaper affairs in the Valley area can be adequate without great emphasis and much credit to the Tipton Coffee newspaper family Mr. Coffee began his newspaper career here in 1915. He had six sons, all of whom he brought actively into the family's newspaper work, beginning with their childhood. All but one of these boys followed in their father's foot-

steps when they reached maturity. Three became editor-publishers of their own newspapers in other parts of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. Each of these men created distinguished careers for themselves during their lives in their chosen work and each made contribution to the progress of and moral fiber of their respective communities, for they were men of high ideals and dedicated to lofty standards of service.

"Another son became owner and operator of a thriving business in Selma, Ala., where he is also active in the myriad affairs of the community where he lives. Another son chose to train himself for a professional career in the mechanical art of printing. "The youngest son chose another field and had a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy". (After graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, he served 30 years as an officer, retiring with the rank of captain).

The children of Tipton Tyler Coffee and Lula Elizabeth King were as follows:

Ewell, b. 24 Dec. 1867m Gordon Co., Ga.; m. 24 Dec 1821, Marie Faucett, native of Maine. He d. 18 June 1942, Atlanta, Ga.; she d. July 1970 in Selma, Ala.

Leta, b. 7 Jan 1890; d. unm. 12 Apr 1947

Russell Guy, b. 5 Sep 1891; d. 9 Dec 1944; m. 1928 Sara Green of LaFayette, Ala.; she d. 23 Aug 1967, Darlington, S.C.

Raymond King Coffee, b. 4 June 1893; d. 19 Aug. 1964, Jacksonville, Ala.; m. 23 July 1924 Clifford Sharpe of Hartselle, Ala.

Oliver Wendell, b. 12 Feb. 1895; d. 17 Dec 1953, West Point, Ga.; m. 29 June 1920 Grace Hughie, Tallapoosa, Ga.; she d. July 1961

Theodore, b. 28 Oct 1901; m. 30 Aug. 1926 Imogene Yeargen; Lives in Selma, Ala.

Charles Dana, b 1 June 1804; m. ~~32~~ (1) Mary Brewer; (2) Lulu Croft.

Doyle Murray, b. 28 Sep 1908; m. 1 Mar 1933 Margaret Pineo, Hood River, Ore.; live at Destin, Fla.

John Coffee, b. 27 July 1910, d.y.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King Coffee moved to Jacksonville, Ala., in 1937 with their 12-year-old daughter, Marion Sharpe. They established a newspaper and printing business which they operated until 1963 when illness forced Mr. Coffee's retirement. He died in 1964. Mrs. Coffee was publicity director at Jacksonville State University from 1939-1968. Marion graduated from Jacksonville State in 1945 with a BS degree in elementary education. In 1965 she was certified as a school librarian after completing academic requirements.

Marion Sharpe Coffee was married in 1952 to Philip Haworth Currier of Maplewood, N.J., who will retire Aug. 31, 1982 after 30 years of active and reserve service in the military. The Curriers have two children, Constance Coffee Currier, b. 31 July 1954 in Phoenix, Ariz., and Philip Tyler Currier, b. 29 May 1957 at Sculthorpe AFB, England.

The Cannon Family

Nancy Tyler Cannon, who married Starling Coffee, was the daughter of Hiram Cannon and Hannah Tyler of Rabun County, Ga. Hiram was the son of Henry Cannon and Hannah Bowen. Henry Cannon was born in Culpeper County, Va. 11 Aug 1773 and d. 12 Oct 1864. His wife was said to have been a native of Pennsylvania. She d. June 1838. They are buried in a beautifully-kept cemetery on a hill overlooking Clayton, Ga., in Rabun County. Henry's father was John Cannon.

The children of Henry and ^Hannah Cannon were:

Ellis Cannon	m. _____ Cleveland
Russell "	m. Eliza Berger
<u>Hiram</u> " b 1799	m. Hannah Tyler b. 1804
Horace " b. 13 Sep 1811 (Major in militia)	m. Nancy Hefner
Susie	m. Jesse Jones
Harriett	m. John Moore
Betsy	m. John Richards
Hannah	m. Thomas Cook
Nancy	
Ruth	m. _____ Cleveland

Cannon
Hiram/and Hannah Tyler's children were:

Nancy Tyler Cannon	b. 1 Jan 1831
Hettie	b 1836
Paddy (Patrick)	1843
Sag	

Horace Cannon, brother of Hiram, married Nancy Hefner, and their children were:

Jebel, b. 1836; Hannah, b. 1841; Horace, b. 1842; Elizabeth, b. 1844; Henry R., b. 1847; Russell, b. 1848; Susan R., b. 1850, James A., b. 1852; John C., b. 1852; Elizabeth W., b. 1854; Hiram R., b. 1856; Ada A., 1849.

This family was taken from a census record and is obviously a connection because of the similarity of names:

H.W. Cannon, b. 1801, in Ga.; Nancy Cannon, b. 1805, N.C.; Malissa, b. 1824; M_____, b. 1826; Marinda, b. 1828; Hannah C., b. 1830; Horace P., b. 1832; Henry K., b. 1834; Elizabeth, b. 1836; Russell, b. 1838; infant, 4/12.

The name Cannon (Canon) was not uncommon in Virginia. The records show that a John Canon was an indentured servant of a Christopher Woodward in 1626 and that he was mustered on 22 Jan 1624 as having come over on the ship Abigaile in 1622 at the age of 18. So the Cannons were in Virginia at an early date.

THE James Coffey (Coffee) Family

James Coffey, son of John Coffey and Jane Graves, and brother of Thomas Coffey, was born in 1728. He married 30 Aug 1750 in Orange County, Va., Elizabeth Cleveland, daughter of Alexander Cleveland, whose wives were (1) Sarah Ann Harrison and (2) Bridget Harrison. James Coffey died in North Carolina in 1786. He was a Baptist preacher and a Revolutionary soldier. His children were:

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John B. 1753

Archelaus, b. 1775

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This Rice Coffee was the son of James Coffee, brother of Thomas, and father of John R. Coffey, who was born in Bedford County, Tenn., and who came to Jackson County, Ala., while still in his teens. He is said to have worked as a clerk at Bellafonte for several years, then at age 22 established his own mercantile business which he operated until 1846. In 1840 he was elected sheriff of Jackson Co., and when the Mexican War broke out, enlisted in the army.

He organized the 1st Alabama Regiment and participated in the siege of Vera Cruz. Later he became a general in the militia. He returned to Jackson County and lived at Stevenson, farming and pursuing his mercantile interests.

He was married on 21 Jan 1848 to Mary Ann Cross, daughter of Col. Charles and Eliza (Clark) Cross, natives of N.C., who came to Alabama about 1826. They had six children, four of whom grew to maturity: Eliza m. William J. Tally; Sallie B. m. C.W. Brown, chief Clerk in the office of the State Superintendent of Education; John B. and Clark Maclin.

Descendants of this family still live in Jackson County.

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"Shelbyville, Tenn. Nov. 15th 1844

Dear Jefferson,

I received your letter of the 16th Sept. and have read it with satisfactory interest. Indeed it is always a source of gratification to hear my friends are doing well.

You request some information respecting the history of our ancestors.

I have no written Biography of the original Coffey family, and therefore can only relate to you such facts as have come within my own recollection and such as have reached me by tradition.

I remember to have seen my Paternal Grand Father. His name was John Coffey. He was raised in one of the lower counties of Virginia in Albermarle. My Grand Mother's maiden name was Jane Graves and my Father's name was James Coffey. He was also was raised in the lower part of Virginia, and from there removed to Essex and from there to Albermarle where your Father Ambrose was born in the year 1762. From this co. my Father removed to Amherst, and here his children grew up to manhood. My Mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Cleveland & My Maternal Grand Father's name was Alexander Cleveland. He was a descendant of England, and was an own Cousin of Oliver Cromwell a gentleman that figured so conspicuously in the 16th Century. He was born in Virginia, born in 1662, and died in 1775 at the age of 112. My Father was born in 1729 and died in 1786. His children were nine sons and two daughters. My brothers names were John, Archelaus, James, Reuben, Ambrose, Eli, Joel and Lewis and they are all dead, save Eli and Lewis, the first of them resides in Missouri, and the other in Ky. I became acquainted with your Maternal Grand Father Jesse Moore about the close of the revolutionary war. He then lived in Burke Co., N.C., where you were born. He was born in Virginia, where he married your Grand Mother, whose

maiden name was Johnson, one of the most respectable families at that time in Virginia, many of whose descendants now live in Ky.

I am still living at the same place you last saw me, but cannot expect in the course of nature, to remain much longer.

I am now in my 80th year.

May God bless you.

Rice Coffey"

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2nd Installment

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44. Elizabeth Coffey. Information from Mrs. Reams states that she married _____ Mills, and settled in Hawkins County, Tennessee. LOST LINKS lists her as Elizabeth (Coffee) Jewell, d. Jan., 1843 in Tenn. Was she married twice?

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47. America Coffey, born Burke County, North Carolina; married Samuel Lusk.

48. Myra Coffey, died 3 Sep. 1835 in Tennessee; married Edmondson.

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(Listed in LOST LINKS - but not in information from Mrs. Reams.)

Children of Ambrose Coffey and Elizabeth Rice: 2

55. Christopher Greenup Coffey, Colonel, died 29 April 1861 in Jackson, Miss. Left a daughter who died in childhood.

56. Emily Coffey. (Listed in LOST LINKS - but not in information from Mrs. Reams.)

24. Rice Coffey, son of James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland, was born 17 Mar. 1764 in Albemarle County, Virginia; died 24 July 1853, Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee; married c. 1790, in North Carolina (Burke County?), Sarah Bradford, born

22 June 1770; died 3 Sep. 1840, Bell Buckle, Tennessee, daughter of Joseph Bennett Bradford and his second wife, Margaret Wilson. Joseph Bennett Bradford served as orderly to General Sumter at the Battle of Guilford Court House in North Carolina in the American Revolution. See DAR Patriot Index, page 79.

Children of Rice Coffey and Sarah Bradford: 9

- 57. Joenash (Joshua?) Coffey.
- 58. Elvira Coffey.
- + 59. Henry Bradford Coffey, born 12 July 1796. (See later.)
- 60. Mary Coffey.
- 61. Waighstill Coffey.
- 62. Martha (Patsy) Coffey.
- 63. Benjamin B. Coffey.
- + 64. John Reed Coffey, born 27 March 1814. (See later.)
- 65. Jerusha Coffey.

38. Elijah Coffey, son of Thomas Coffey and Sarah Fields, was born 1788-9 in North Carolina; married Polly Hull. They left N. C. about 1835 and came to Rabun County, Georgia, with their children. Additional children were born in Georgia.

Children of Elijah Coffey and Polly Hull: 7

- 66. Minerva Coffey, born 1818; married John Coffey.
- 67. Joel Anderson Coffey, born 1819 in Wilkes County, N.C.; married Charity _____.
- 68. Newton Coffey, born 1824, unmarried.
- + 69. Starling Coffey, born 28 July 1829. (See later.)
- 70. Alphonso Coffey, born 1831; married 21 Feb. 1858, Julia Ann Dawkins.
- 71. Elvira Coffey, born 1836.
- 72. Milton Coffey, born about 1838, unmarried.

45. Jesse Coffey, son of Ambrose Coffey and Mildred Moore, was born in 1792; died 14 Feb. 1835 in Warren County, Tennessee; married about the year 1819, Ann A. Hackett of Rhea County, Tennessee.

Many members of the Ambrose Coffey family spelled their surname "Coffee" - however, the spelling "Coffey" is used throughout this article on this family.

Children of Jesse Coffey and Ann A. Hackett: 7

- 73. Patrick Henry Coffey, born 16 Sep. 1821.
- + 74. Chatham Coffey, born 14 Dec. 1825. (See later.)
- 75. Elizabeth Coffey, born 3 May 1828; died 4 April 1859 in Fayetteville, Arkansas; married 24 Feb. 1853, Howard Mercer Black, who died 8 April 1858 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. They left two children: Hannah Black, who died in McMinnville, Tenn., 26 May 1881, and Ann Black who died in McMinnville, Tenn., 3 Jan. 1892.

76. Ann Amelia Coffey, born 27 April 1830; married David Coleman Smithson.

77. Andrew Jackson Coffey, born 9 Aug. 1832; died 19 Dec. 1855, unmarried.

78. Alexander Smartt Coffey, born 10 Feb. 1835.

79. Jesse Coffey, born 10 Feb. 1835. Died in infancy.

59. Henry Bradford Coffey, son of Rice Coffey and Sarah Bradford, was born 12 July 1796 in Wilkes County, North Carolina; died March 11, 1864 in Jackson County, Alabama; married 6 Oct. 1825, Sarah Rial Edmondson, born 22 Dec. 1807; died 31 March 1892, and buried near Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee.

Children of Henry Bradford Coffey and Sarah Rial Edmondson:
9 (not in order of birth)

80. Wiley Daniel Coffey, born 6 Oct. 1827; died 4 March 1892; married 12 June 1850, Narcissa Ann Muse, born 10 Jan. 1828; died 21 Jan. 1892. Their grandson, Clifton Breckinridge Coffey, born 14 Nov. 1886, White County, Arkansas, son of John Reed Coffey and Sarah Ann Harriss, joined the SAR in 1957 on the services of Joseph Bennett Bradford, and in his application he states: "The evidence as to the dates of birth of Henry Bradford Coffey, my great-grandfather, and his descendants, down to and including that of myself, are recorded in an old Family Bible which I have. The dates of marriages of Henry Bradford Coffey and those of his descendants, to and including John Reed Coffey, my father, also are in the same Bible, as are the deaths of my grandparents, Wiley Daniel Coffey and his wife, Narcissa Ann Muse Coffey. The date of the death of Sarah Rial Edmondson Coffey is inscribed on the tombstone at her grave, near Wartrace, Tenn. The evidence as to the marriage and death of John Reed Coffey and his wife, Sarah Ann Harriss is in the public records of White Co., Ark. The record of my marriage is in the records of Pulaski Co., Ark. The spelling of the family name, as was brought to America from Ireland was "COFFEY." Some of the family began spelling it "COFFEE" back in the latter seventeen hundreds or early eighteen hundreds, but my line returned to the original spelling "COFFEY" more than one hundred years since." Mr. Clifton Breckinridge Coffey is now deceased and left no children. Does anyone know what became of the old Family Bible which he had?

81. Garland Rice Coffey.

82. Richard E. Coffey.

+ 83. William Edmondson Coffey, born 26 Feb. 1838. (See later.)

84. Isom Lane Coffey.

85. Elizabeth Coffey.

86. Elvira Coffey.

87. Mary Coffey.

88. Martha Coffey.

64. John Reid Coffey, son of Rice Coffey and Sarah Bradford,

was born 27 March 1814 at Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee; died 21 March 1896, Jackson County, Alabama; married 21 Jan. 1849 in Jackson County, Alabama, Mary Ann Cross, who died 6 Sep 1887, daughter of Col. Charles Cross and Eliza Clark, natives of North Carolina and came to Alabama about 1826. John Reid Coffey came to Jackson County, Alabama while still in his teens. He is said to have worked as a clerk at Bellefonte for several years, then at age 22 established his own mercantile business which he operated until 1846. In 1840 he was elected Sheriff of Jackson County, Alabama. When the Mexican War broke out, he enlisted in the army in a company commanded by Capt. Richard W. Jones. He afterwards acted as lieutenant, lieutenant colonel and major general in the militia; went to Mobile and organized the First Alabama Regiment and was elected its colonel, and as such, participated in the siege of Vera Cruz. After the war with Mexico, he became a general of the militia. He returned to Jackson County and lived at Stevenson, farming and pursuing his mercantile interests. In 1861 he was elected a delegate to the convention which passed the ordinance of secession. He was bitterly opposed to that ordinance, but, being overpowered, he submitted with the best possible grace, and thereafter gave moral and substantial support to the Confederacy.

Children of John Reid Coffey and Mary Ann Cross: 6, 4
of whom grew to maturity:

89. Eliza Coffey, married William J. Tally.

90. Sallie B. Coffey, married C. W. Brown, chief clerk in the office of the State Superintendent of Education.

91. John B. Coffey.

92. Clark Maclin Coffey.

69. Starling Coffey, son of Elijah Coffey and Polly Hull, was born 28 July 1829 in Wilkes County, North Carolina; married in 1849 in Rabun County, Georgia, Nancy Tyler Cannon, born 1 Jan. 1831, daughter of Hiram Cannon and Hannah Tyler. Starling Coffey changed the spelling of his name to COFFEE.

They were listed in the 1850 Census for Rabun County, Georgia. It is not known when they left Rabun County, but in 1860 they were listed in Forsyth County, Georgia. In July 1862, Starling volunteered for service in the Confederate Army in Atlanta and served three years in Capt. Whaley's Company, Lawton's Regiment, Forrest's Brigade (Cavalry). He was wounded in the arm during a skirmish in one of Gen. Forrest's raids on Mill Creek in Tennessee. On Dec. 28, 1898, he applied for a soldier's pension in Gordon County, Georgia, and stated that because of this injury his arm was practically useless. The ball entered the right elbow, lodged in the joint and was never removed.

Sometime after the Civil War, Starling and Nancy took their family of six sons (Rowena and DeWitt had died) and moved to Dahlonega. There their sons were educated at Dahlonega College, which was a part of the University System of Georgia.

Starling Coffee farmed and sold wrought-iron ranges, and was apparently successful. He traveled about the country, as far west as Texas. We don't know when they moved to Gordon County, Georgia to reside permanently but it must have been by the early or middle '80s because Tipton Tyler Coffee married Lula Elizabeth King 14 Feb. 1887 in that county. Starling Coffee owned a farm there and the Tipton Coffee family made it their home for a number of years.

Children of Starling Coffee and Nancy Tyler Cannon: 8

- 93. Rowena Coffee, born 12 Jan. 1850, died young.
- 94. DeWitt Coffee, died in infancy.
- 95. George A. Coffee, born 1852 in Forsyth County, Georgia; died July 1927; married Dora West. He practiced law in Calhoun, Georgia.
- 96. Russell Coffee, born probably 1854; died 13 Jan. 1924; married and had one child. He practiced law. Went to Oklahoma.
- 97. Columbus W. Coffee, born 20 Jan. 1856, Gordon County, Georgia; died 25 Sep. 1936; married 4 Oct. 1882, Mary Ella Blackburn. He went to Oklahoma. He taught school and farmed.
- 98. Patrick Coffee, born 1860; died 1942; married Anselle Camp, born 1864; died 1916. He settled in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 99. Theodore Coffee, born 17 Feb. 1862, Forsyth County, Georgia; died 22 July 1928; married 5 May 1877, Dora Lee Kirby, born in Pineville, Missouri; died 12 Oct. 1954. They are buried at Rockwall, Texas.
- + 100. Tipton Tyler Coffee, born 15 Aug. 1864. (See later.)

74. Chatham Coffee (so spelled), son of Jesse Coffey and Ann A. Hackett, was born 14 Dec. 1825; married 11 July 1850, Mary Evelina Morford, daughter of Josiah Furman Morford.

Children of Chatham Coffee and Mary Evelina Morford: 3

- 101. Hallie Morford Coffee, born 4 Dec. 1855; married 8 Jan. 1901, Rev. F. L. Leeper.
- 102. Leila Coffee, born 14 Aug. 1858; married 3 Sep. 1877, George W. Lewis.
- 103. Jessie Furman Coffee, born 30 Jan. 1868; married 3 July, 1889, Radford M. Reams.

83. William Edmondson Coffey, son of Henry Bradford Coffey and Sarah Rial Edmondson, was born 26 Feb. 1838, Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee; died 27 March 27, 1887 in Wartrace, Bedford County, Tennessee; married in Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama in 1871, Nancy Louisa Daniel, born 1 March 1855 in Cherokee County, Alabama; died 7 April 1923 in Cherokee County, Alabama, daughter of Leonard Addison Daniel and Nancy Caroline Clifton.

Nancy Louisa Daniel eloped and married William Edmondson

Coffey against her parents' wishes. After their marriage they lived in Wartrace, Tennessee (except for a short time in Coffeyville, Kansas), until his death. After the death of her husband, Nancy Louisa Daniel Coffey returned to Cherokee County, Alabama, to live and later purchased the old Leonard Addison Daniel homeplace, which is still owned by her descendants.

Cherokee County, Alabama records - Minutes, Probate Court, Book G, page 74, dated April 23, 1923, states that Mrs. Nancy L. Coffey died at or near Round Mountain in Cherokee County, Alabama, on the 7th day of April 1923. Letters of administration were applied for and granted to Mrs. Janie C. Phillips and Chis R. Coffey, children of the deceased.

Cherokee County, Alabama records - Probate Court Record, Book K, page 482, dated November 10, 1924, states that Mrs. Janie C. Phillips and Chis R. Coffey, administrators of the estate of Mrs. Nancy L. Coffey deceased made oath that Mrs. Janie C. Phillips, aged over 21 years, residing in Cherokee County, Alabama; Mrs. Mattie Coffey Elliott, aged over 21 years, residing in Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Carrie Bostick, aged over 21 years, residing in West Virginia; Chris R. Coffey, aged over 21 years, residing in Cherokee County, Alabama are the heirs and devisees of said deceased.

Children of William Edmondson Coffey and Nancy Louisa Daniel: 5

104. Janie Elvira Coffey, born 7 Nov. 1874 in Wartrace, Tennessee; died 26 June 1944 in Cherokee County, Alabama; married 14 June 1924 in New Orleans, Louisiana, John W. Phillips of San Augustine, Texas. They had one daughter, Vera Phillips, who died young.

105. Carrie Coffey, born 8 Jan. 1879 in Wartrace, Tennessee; married Rev. Tilton S. Bostick, a Methodist minister. Three children.

106. Leonard William Coffey, born 6 Feb. 1881 in Wartrace, Tennessee; died 26 June 1882 in Cherokee County, Alabama. Buried in the Leonard Addison Daniel Cemetery, Cherokee County, Alabama.

107. Martha Mary Coffey, born 22 Sep. 1883 in Coffeyville, Kansas; died Aug. 1942 in Cherokee County, Alabama; married Amos Elliott. No children.

108. Chisolm Rice Coffey, born 25 Dec. 1885 in Wartrace, Tennessee; died 13 Jan. 1935 in Cherokee County, Alabama and was buried in the Leonard Addison Daniel Cemetery in Cherokee County, Alabama; married 19 July 1908 in Cherokee County, Alabama, Frances Eula Wheeler, born in Jefferson County, Alabama, daughter of Thomas Drew Wheeler and Alice Ann Alexander and granddaughter of Jonas Wheeler and Mahulda Miller and Thomas Williamson Alexander and Rebecca Ann Baugh. Mrs. Coffey now (Jan. 1973) resides in Centre, Alabama. Seven children.

100. Tipton Tyler Coffee, son of Starling Coffee and Nancy Tyler Cannon, was born 15 Aug. 1864, Forsyth County, Georgia; died 18 Nov. 1936; married 14 Feb. 1887 in Gordon County, Georgia, Lula Elizabeth King, died 7 June 1926.

Tipton Tyler Coffee became a newspaper man. He began with small weekly papers in Gordon County and the surrounding area, then moved to Decatur and Tallapoosa, Georgia, before establishing The Chattahoochee Valley Times in Lanett, Alabama, in 1915. In a short time, he purchased the West Point (Georgia) News and combined the two newspapers in a plant located in West Point, Georgia. This business was owned by members of the family until 1950.

The Story of Bluffton-Lanett, Ala., a publication of the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society, says, "No record of newspaper affairs in the Valley area can be adequate without great emphasis and much credit to the Tipton Coffee newspaper family Mr. Coffee began his newspaper career here in 1915. He had six sons, all of whom he brought actively into the family's newspaper work, beginning with their childhood. All but one of these boys followed in their father's footsteps when they reached maturity. Three became editor-publishers of their own newspapers in other parts of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. Each of these men created distinguished careers for themselves during their lives in their chosen work and each made contributions to the progress of and moral fiber of their respective communities, for they were men of high ideals and dedicated to lofty standards of service.

"Another son became owner and operator of a thriving printing business in Selma, Ala., where he is also active in the myriad affairs of the community where he lives. Another son chose to train himself for a professional career in the mechanical art of printing. The youngest son chose another field and has had a distinguished career in the U. S. Navy." (After graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, he served 30 years as an officer, retiring with the rank of Captain).

Children of Tipton Tyler Coffee and Lula Elizabeth King: 10

109. Ewell Coffee, born 24 Dec. 1887, Gordon County, Georgia; died 18 June 1942, Atlanta, Georgia; married 24 Dec. 1921, Marie Faucett, a native of Maine, who died July 1970, Selma, Alabama.

110. Leta Coffee, born 7 Jan. 1890; died unmarried 12 April 1947.

111. Russell Guy Coffee, born 5 Sep. 1891; died 9 Dec. 1944; married 1928, Sara Green, who died 23 Aug. 1967, Darlington, S.C.

+ 112. Raymond King Coffee, born 4 June 1893. (See later.)

113. Emory Coffee, born 13 Dec. 1897; died unmarried, about 1921?

114. Theodore Coffee, born 28 Oct. 1901; married 30 Aug. 1926, Imogene Yeargen; lives Selma, Alabama.

115. Charles Dana Coffee, born 1 June 1904; married (1) Mary Brewer; married (2) Lula Croft.

116. Doyle Murray Coffee, born 28 Sep. 1908; married 1 March 1933, Margaret Pineo, Hood River, Oregon. They live at Destin, Florida.

117. John Coffee, born 27 July 1910; died young.

118. Oliver Wendell Coffee, born 12 Feb. 1895; died 17 Dec. 1953, West Point, Georgia; married 29 June 1929, Grace Hughie, Tallapoosa, Georgia, who died July 1961.

112. Raymond King Coffee, son of Tipton Tyler Coffee and Lula Elizabeth King, was born 4 June 1893; died 19 Aug. 1964, Jacksonville, Alabama; married 23 July 1924, Clifford Sharpe of Hartselle, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King Coffee moved to Jacksonville, Alabama, in 1937 with their 12-year-old daughter, Marion. They established a newspaper and printing business which they operated until 1963 when illness forced Mr. Coffee's retirement. Mrs. Coffee was publicity director for Jacksonville State University from 1939-1968.

Children of Raymond King Coffee and Clifford Sharpe: 1

119. Marion Sharpe Coffee, married in 1952, Lt. Philip Haworth Currier of Maplewood, New Jersey, who retired 31 Aug. 1972 after 30 years of active and reserve military service. Marion Sharpe Coffee graduated from Jacksonville State in 1945 with a BS degree in elementary education. In 1965 she was certified as a school librarian after completing academic requirements.

The Curriers have two children: Constance Coffee Currier, born 31 July 1954 in Phoenix, Arizona, and Philip Tyler Currier, born 29 May 1957 at Sculthorpe AFB, England.

The Cannon Family

Nancy Tyler Cannon, who married Starling Coffee, was the daughter of Hiram Cannon and Hannah Tyler of Rabun County, Ga. Hiram Cannon was the son of Henry Cannon and Hannah Bowen. Henry Cannon was born in Culpeper Co., Va., 11 Aug. 1773 and died 12 Oct. 1864. His wife was said to have been a native of Pennsylvania. She died June 1838. They are buried in a beautifully kept cemetery on a hill overlooking Clayton, Ga., in Rabun Co. Henry Cannon's father was John Cannon.

The children of Henry and Hannah Bowen Cannon were: 10

1. Ellis Cannon, married _____ Cleveland.
2. Russell Cannon, married Eliza Berge.
3. Hiram Cannon, born 1799; married Hannah Tyler, born 1804. Their children were: 4

- a. Nancy Tyler Cannon, born 1 Jan. 1831, married Starling Coffee.
- b. Hettie Cannon, born 1836.
- c. Paddy (Patrick) Cannon, born 1843.
- e. Sag Cannon.
- 4. Horace Cannon, born 13 Sep. 1811 (Major in Militia), married Nancy Hefner. Their children were: 12
 - a. Jebel Cannon, born 1836.
 - b. Hannah Cannon, born 1841.
 - c. Horace Cannon, born 1842.
 - d. Elizabeth M. Cannon, born 1844.
 - e. Henry R. Cannon, born 1847.
 - f. Russell Cannon, born 1848.
 - g. Susan R. Cannon, born 1850.
 - h. James A. Cannon, born 1852.
 - i. John C. Cannon, born 1852 (sic).
 - j. Elizabeth W. Cannon, born 1854. (sic).
 - k. Hiram R. Cannon, born 1856.
 - l. Ada A. Cannon, born 1859.

GENERAL JOHN COFFEE

John Coffee, son of Joshua Coffee and Elizabeth Graves, was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia on June 2, 1772; died July 7, 1833 in Lauderdale County, Alabama; married October 3, 1809, Mary Donelson, aged 16, daughter of John Donelson. Her sister, Rachel Doneison, married General Andrew Jackson.

Joshua Coffee was born January 26, 1745 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; died September 8, 1797 in Rockingham County, N.C.; married June 2, 1767, Elizabeth Graves, born February 28, 1751 in Hanover County, Virginia; died in 1804 in Davidson County, Tennessee, daughter of Henry Graves and Mary Williams. Joshua Coffee lived in Prince Edward County, Virginia until 1775 when he moved to Granville County, North Carolina where he remained until the close of the Revolutionary War, when he moved to Rockingham County where he died. During 1780 he commanded a company of mounted gun men. See DAR Patriot Index, page 141. LOST TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA by Worth S. Ray, states that Joshua Coffee was a son of Peter Coffee of Prince Edward Co., Va.

After the battle of New Orleans, John Coffee was promoted to the rank of major general. In 1817 he was made surveyor general of Alabama, and moved to Huntsville. Two years later he settled in Lauderdale County, Alabama, where he spent the rest of his life. He was buried at family cemetery, three miles north of Florence, Alabama. NORTHERN ALABAMA lists 9 children of General John Coffee and Mary Donelson: Mrs. Mary Hutchings, John Donelson Coffee, Elizabeth Coffee, Andrew J. Coffee, Alexander Donelson Coffee, Mrs. Rachel Jackson Dyas, Catherine Coffee, William Donelson Coffee, and Joshua Coffee. These were all living when their father died.

Jacksonville
Alabama

February
14
1970

Dear Mrs. Hudgins:

Mrs. R.E. Crawford of West Monroe, La., sent me your name and address, and since I think I have some help for you, I am writing you immediately. I am getting ready to go to Europe to visit my daughter and her family, and I thought if I went ahead and gave you this, you could be working on it.

I think you are from the same line as my husband, Raymond King Coffey, who died in 1964. I have done a lot of work on his line, and the names you mentioned in your letter to Mrs. Crawford are in his line.

According to "Thomas Coffey and His Descendants", the first John Coffey came to Virginia about 1600 from Ireland via Liverpool. His wife was Mary Jollife, and their children were John, Elizabeth, Patsy, Anister and Edward. The second John Coffey married Jane Graves. I really think he is a grandson or great-grandson because of the dates. He died in 1775. Their children were: Thomas, (my husband's ancestor), James, John C., Edmond, Reuben, Benjamin, Winifred Moran, Betty Fields. I suppose Moran and Fields are the married names of the daughters.

Thomas Coffey moved to Wilkes County, N.C., after the Revolutionary War. He married Elizabeth Smith the first time, and after her death Sallie Fields. His children were: Betsy, John, Thomas, James, Polly, Smith, Martha, William, Reuben, Elijah, Larkin, McCaleb and Jesse, and Sallie. Elijah, my husband's great-grandfather, was born in 1788. Smith, and William married into the family of Daniel Boone who were their "immediate" neighbors on the Yadkin River in N.C.

Thomas Coffey's brother, James, also went to N.C., but moved on to Tennessee. "Tennessee Cousins" (if you haven't seen this book, you should, by all means) says "Wartrace was an "old stomping ground" in Bedford County (and this is not very far from you). The land on which ~~was~~ the town was built was located and had been owned by Rice Coffee and Henry B. Coffee, evidently brothers".

In "Tennessee Cousins" there is a whole page devoted to these Coffeys. There is a letter from Rice Coffee, written in 1844 when he was 80 years old and was living at Shelbyville. He says "My father (James) was born in 1729 and died in 1786. His children were nine sons and two daughters: John, Archelus, James, Reuben, Ambrose, Eli, Joel and Lewis. They are all dead save Eli and Lewis, the first of whom resides in Missouri, and the other in Kentucky."

This letter was written to his nephew, Jefferson Coffey or Coffee, and he told him, "I remember to have seen my paternal grandfather. His name was John Coffee, and he was raised in one of the lower counties of Virginia, and from thence removed to Essex County and thence to Albermarle, where your father, Ambrase Coffee, was born in the year 1762. From this county my father (James) removed to Amherst County, and here his children grew to manhood. My mother's name was Elizabeth Cleveland."

In my notes I have this from ABSTRACT OF N.C. WILLS: Joel Coffey, wife, Martha, James, Joel, Cleveland, Nathan, Katie, Jane and Celia. James Coffey, wife Elizabeth, John, James Reuben, Ambrase, Eli, Rice, Martha, Duham, Betty Whiteside.

The descendants of James Coffee later moved to Jackson County, Ala., and some of them are still living there. One of them, W.A. Coffee, organized the first bank in that county. He was born in Bedford Co., Tenn. in 1837, and died in 1864.

This Rice Coffee was John R. Coffee. He married Sallie Bradford, and they had a son, John R. Coffee, who married Mary Ann Cross. He was born in 1814.

I think you could get a lot by going to the court house in Bedford Co. The Coffees were there early and held some positions of prominence - sheriff, or something, I think.

A book, "Northern Alabama", says, "John R. Coffey of Fackler, Jackson Co., Ala., son of Rice and Sallie Bradford Coffey, was born at Wartrace, Bedford Co., Tenn. March 27, 1814. Rice Coffey was born in Pennsylvania (I think this is wrong) in 1766. When a young man he removed to N.C. and became a gunsmith. He married and again removed to Tenn. about 1801, and settled on a farm of 1,000 acres which he bought from Gen. Jackson, and on which his son, John R. Coffey, was born. He died in 1863 and his wife in 1840. He was a son of James Coffey, of early times who raised a large family, all of the older sons of whom served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

(I think this is the son of the first James) James Coffey's will, Wandridge, Tenn. Jan. 13, 1807. Children; Robert, Margaret (m. Weir), Mary (m. Smith), John, commissioner in Cooke Co., helped locate and superintend erection of county buildings, Parthelia (m. Luther L. Lillard about 1846), James A., 42 years old, born Monroe Co., N.C. (Census of 1850), John Francis Yearwood (son of Thomas and Lavinia, m. Elia Coffee and settled in Georgetown, Texas; John T. Coffee among early lawyers in Bradley Co. in first years of its existence. J.T. Coffee admitted to bar in Polk Co., June 18, 1840. Elizabeth Parthelia Coffee, m. Luther L. Lillard, buried Benton, Tenn. John Coffee, clerk of circuit court of Rutherford Co. 1820.

I think this will give you something to work on and I believe you can verify much of this by going to the court houses in some of these places, especially Bedford Co.

Would love to hear from you.

Sincerely, *Cyril Sharp Coffee*
(Mrs. R.K.)

(inner)

Jacksonville
Alabama

March
6
1970

Dear Joan:

I appreciated your letter and especially the information about my other lines. When I come back from my trip I hope I can do some research in several Tennessee counties, including yours.

There are still Coffeys in Lawrence County, Ala. and I have seen that name in reading census records of Lawrence County. My husband's great-grandfather, Elijah Coffey, who moved to N.C. with his father after the Revolutionary War, went to Georgia about 1830 or around that time. His son, Starling, who was my husband's grandfather, once lived near Adairsville. I've heard them talk about Adairsville many times. Adairsville is in Bartow County, which adjoins Gordon County, in which my husband was born. His grandparents, Starling and Nancy Tyler Cannon Coffee are buried near Adairsville.

There are also Coffeys in Cherokee County, Ala., although I do not know any of them. Years ago when I was a child growing up in Hartselle a woman lived near us who was a Coffey from Lawrence County. Later she and her husband were in business in West Point, Ga., where my husband lived and was in business when we married. They tried to get some connection between their families but didn't. For one thing, I don't think either of them knew enough to make connection.

There was another family of Coffeys in Rabun County, Ga., where my husband's great-grandfather, Elijah, settled, and they were supposed to be related. An Edward Coffey was among the early settlers there. In fact, the first deed in the county was issued in his name. I have never tried to trace that line, so I don't know any more about it, but it could be your line - maybe.

In the notes you sent me about my lines: Peter R. Booker may have been a brother of my great-great-grandfather, Shields Booker. Shields married Sarah DeWoody, whose parents, William DeWoody and Hannah Alexander were married in Washington County, Tenn. Shields and Sarah moved to Limestone County, Ala., with the DeWoodys about 1830. I have not been able to connect Shields with the other Bookers, but he was born in Virginia. Peter Booker later came to Alabama and his will is on file in the court house at Florence. I want to go up there and read it when I come back to see if there is any reference to Shields. I wrote for a copy of it but they wanted over \$8 and I decided I would wait and go up there.

One of the names you included was Thomas Sharp, and my great-great-grandfather, who came to Alabama from Tennessee about 1810, was named Thomas.

Well, I've rambled on and on without really giving you any information, but I wanted to thank you for what you did for me. I am leaving March 22. Maybe I'll see you when I return.

Sincerely,

Doyle & Sons Book

--- COFFEY FAMILY HISTORY ---

(By Rev. I. W. Thomas)

(no date)

Thomas Coffey was born in Essex County, Va., 7 of March, 1742. His parents were members of the Church of England. His grandfather came from Ireland. He had three daughters and two sons, John, Elizabeth, Patsy, Annister and Edward. John married Jane Graves, whose parents came from England. Patsy married Joshua Stapp. Annister married a Mr. Shenalt. Edward married Grace Cleveland. Unto John were born seven sons and two daughters, whose names were James, John, Edmond, Thomas, Reuben, Benjamin, Winnefred and Elizabeth. (Note: this list gives only 8 children, rather than 9. GB). James married Elizabeth Cleveland. John married Dorcas Carter for his first wife, and after her death he married Nancy Richardson. Edmund married Nancy Shenalt. William married Elizabeth Ausburn. Thomas first married Eliza Smith by whom he had six children, Betsey, John, Thomas, James, Polly and Smith. After the death of his wife Eliza, he moved to North Carolina, Caldwell, then Wilkes County, and located on the first farm below Patterson, on East side of the Yadkin River where he remained until his death. After moving to Caldwell he married Sally Fields, by which marriage he had nine children, Martha, William, Reuben, Elijah, Sally, Jesse, Lewis, Larkin and McCaleb. Thomas was a prominent member of the Yadkin Grove Baptist church, was a well-to-do farmer, owning what is now known as the Col. J. C. Harper place as far down as the church and from Patterson up to the forks of the river. He died about 1825, at about the age of 83, and was buried beside his wife, Sally, at what is known as the Hull Grove yard where many of his posterity sleep. (Note: This should be Hull Hill graveyard. In the 1900s Thomas and Sally were moved to the Harper's Chapel Cemetery, where a suitable marker was erected. This is near the town of Patterson. GB). Betsey, first daughter of Thomas Coffey, married David Allen and lived at the McCaleb Coffey homestead about one mile north of Patterson. Later they went to Indiana, about 1828, and settled in Owen County. They died there and left a large family connection. John, second son of Thomas Coffey, married Hannah Wilson and moved to Indiana where he and his posterity all died.

Thomas, his third son, married a Miss Coffey first and after her death he married Nancy Pendley, and located at the mouth of Mill Cove branch, one and one half miles above Patterson. James, his fourth son, married Delilah Ferguson and lived between the Steele and Jones farm, in Yadkin Valley. His children were Thomas, James, Marvel, Eli, Lovancy, Keller, Myra and Laney. He died on Kings Creek at his son, Marvel's about 1840, and was buried at the Hull Graveyard. His son, Thomas married Nancy Barlow; James, Mary Keller; Lovancy, Jonas Keller; Marvel, Nancy Pendley; Eli, Caroline Story; and Myra, George Laney. (Note: A Coffey Genealogy gives a daughter, Louisa, who married John Jackson. GB).

Polly, fifth child of Thomas Coffey, married William Coffey of Buffalo Cove Creek, this county (Caldwell). They had three sons, Austin, William and Elijah.

Austin married Betsey Hawkins; William, Margaret Robbins; and Elijah, Elizabeth Robbins. (Note: These were sons of Polly and William Coffey. GB). These were all men of moderate means, but men of high moral character. They lived to a ripe old age. Some of their descendants are still living in this and adjoining counties.

Smith (Note: son of Thomas and Eliza. GB.). last son of first wife, married Hannah Boone, near relative of Daniel Boone, and located near our County home. He owned that and adjoining farms. His children were Squire, Athan, Morgan, Leland, Isaac, Mila and Sallie. Squire married Ella Webb; Leland, Myra Day; Isaac, Sally Estes; Mila, Wiley Stanley; and Sallie, William Puette. Athan, Morgan and Mila went to Cherokee county. Many of his posterity died in this county, and others are living here and in adjoining counties. Smith was buried near our present County Home.

Martha, first daughter of Thomas Coffey by his second marriage, married James Dowell of Mulberry section of this county, and lived on the E. L. Moore place on Mulberry Creek. They went to Indiana, raised a family and died there.

William Coffey, second child by last marriage, married Anna Boone, sister of Smith Coffey's wife, as mentioned above. He lived at the forks of Mulberry Creek, this county, on the farm now owned by Richmond Moore. William was born in 1782 and died

in 1839, and was buried on the home farm. He had five children, Wilborn, Daniel, Calvin, Celia and Gilliam. Daniel married Clarissa Estes; Wilborn, Sallie Cotrell; Celia, Hezekiah Curtis of Wilkes County; Gilliam, Polly Moore; and Calvin, Mary Greene. These are all dead, but, as they have many descendents refer to them later, when I shall have gotten more information.

Reuben, third son of Thomas Coffey by last marriage, married Polly Dowell, and lived on Mulberry Creek, this county, on what is now the G. W. Moore farm. He was a Missionary Baptist preacher of considerable note, and also a gun smith by trade. He moved to Indiana about 1830, and died there, leaving a large family. He has a grandson, Newel Sanders, living in Chattanooga, Tenn., who has charge of the Chattanooga Plow Works. Elijah, fourth child by last marriage, (of Thomas GB.) married Polly Hull, and lived at the Mill Shoals above Patterson. To them were born six children; Anderson, Newton, Starling, Alphonso, Minerva and Elvira.

Minerva married John Coffey. There is no information as to whom the others married. The family went to Georgia about 1835. Sally, fifth child of Thomas Coffey by last marriage, married Samuel Stewart whose father lived on what is now the J. R. Steele farm in Yadkin Valley. Samuel Stewart settled on what is now the Henry Webb farm one mile below Collettsville. They had four children; Thomas, Martha, John and Theodore. Thomas married Sally Carroll, daughter of William Carroll of Wilsons Creek, this county. They had no children. They went to Missouri, and Thomas died 1899. Widow is still living. Martha married James Marlow of Burke county. They had seven children, three boys and four girls. James was first lieutenant in a company in 58 N. C. regiment in Civil War. He went to Missouri in 1868. Theodore Stewart, fourth son of Sally and Samuel, never married. He entered the service of the Confederacy in 1861, was captain of a company in 58 regiment N. C. troops and was killed in battle at Missionary Ridge, Tennessee. He was held in high esteem by all his comrades in arms.

Jesse, sixth son of Thomas Coffey by last marriage, died after grown, but no family. Lewis, seventh child by last marriage, married Harriet Powell of Louisiana, went to Indiana, raised a family in Raburn or Owen county, died there and his family went back to Louisiana.

Larkin, eighth son of Thomas Coffey by last marriage, married Catherine Wilson and lived at the McCaleb Coffey homestead above Patterson. They had seven children; Susan, Sylvester, Lorenzo, Jason, Sarah, Adolphus and Elzy. Susan married Leroy Sanders; Sylvester, Edith Johnson; Lorenzo, Eliza Corder; Jason, Rachel Corder; and Adolphus, Susan H. Miller. Elzy died in infancy and Sarah never married. Larkin moved to Indiana in 1833. He died there 1882. This brings us to McCaleb Coffey and as his descendents are most numerous, at this time, in Caldwell county, I will take up his family in my next.

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McCaleb, ninth and last child of Thomas Coffey by last marriage was born in the house where Col J. C. Harper lived, near Patterson, August 22, 1803. In 1828 he married Elizabeth Collett, sister of John Collett of Cherokee county, and settled in what was then known as the upper dark hollow of the Yadkin river, long since known as the McCaleb Coffey homestead one mile above Patterson. His wedded life extended through a period of 53 years during which time sixteen children were born. McCaleb Coffey was a model citizen and was chairman of Caldwell's first Board of County Commissioners, and discharged his duties with credit to himself and his county. As far as the writer knows, he was not a member of any church, but was truly a pious man. He was a farmer and, by industry and economy, accumulated good property. He died in 1881 and was buried at Harper's Chapel within sight of the home where he was born. Mrs. Coffey outlived her husband some six years, dying in 1887, and was buried beside her husband at Harper's Chapel. She was not a member of any church, but was a good woman. McCaleb Coffey, and wife, Elizabeth, had sixteen children. Thomas J. was the oldest. He married Mollie Greer, daughter of Thomas

Greer of Boone, N. C. He followed teaching in early life at Butler, Tenn., and later engaged in the mercantile business at same place until a storm came and carried away his storehouse. He then went to Boone, N. C., and continued in the mercantile line in partnership with his brother, W. C. Coffey. He was a confederate soldier, and captain of a company in 58 regiment, N. C. troops. He was energetic, enterprising and public spirited. He was an important factor in the making of the town in which he lived. He was an ardent friend of education, and served a number of years as chairman of the Board of Education for Watauga county. He was a firm believer in the cause of temperance. Some distillers once called upon him to buy a lot of rye to convert into whiskey, and he replied, "I have rye for sale, but none to convert into whiskey." As far as I know he was not a member of any church, but was a very moral man, and friendly to religion, a church goer, and a contributor. I recall the fact that he gave the site for the Baptist church house in Boone. The writer lived a neighbor to him eight years and was Secretary to the Board of Education while he was its chairman, and always found him an agreeable and obliging gentleman. He died in 1901, aged 70 years, and was buried in the cemetery at Boone. His widow is still living. They had three children: Bettie, Maggie and Stewart, all living. Bettie married Judge W. B. Council, and lives in Hickory, N. C. Maggie married Stacy Rambo and lives in Mountain City, Tennessee. Stewart married Mrs. Roby and lives in Hickory, N.C., and is a member of the Henkel-Crail Live Stock Company. Charles L. Coffey, second child of McCaleb Coffey, was born in 1830, and married Emily Coffey, daughter of Daniel Coffey, and located on Lower Creek in the Hoover settlement and not far from Mt. Zion Methodist church. In early manhood he engaged in teaching in the public schools of Caldwell county. He recalls having taught in the Dobbins, Rocky Springs (Collettsville), Mulberry and Thompson districts. He enlisted in the Southern Army in Civil War, and was a member of First N. C. Cavalry Regiment with Dr. J. C. Blair, captain of his company and G. N. Polk, Col. He was never wounded and never surrendered. He served one term as County Commissioner with John Ballew and M. E. Shell. He was magistrate for a time. He has devoted most of his life

to farming and has been very successful, accumulating good property and has a beautiful home which is noted for its hospitality. He is a member of the Adventist church and is very devoted to his church. He is a very decided Democrat and Prohibitionist. He is in his 84th year and in feeble health. He hasn't but two children; Julia A. married James Hartley and lives in Yadkin Valley, Wilkes County, and Jane E. married Haywood Powell and lives at the home place of C. L. Coffey. Sarah A., third child of McCaleb Coffey, married John Steele, brother of the late Henry and James Steele and lived in Yadkin Valley near John R. Steele's. Fourth child died in infancy. Mary L. fifth child married George Nelson. Margaret E., sixth child, died unmarried. She was a school teacher. John, seventh child, was drowned when four years old. William Columbus, eighth son, married first Carrie Curtis, daughter of Hezekiah Curtis of Wilkes County, and after her death married Mrs. Ada Penn, daughter of the late Esq. Worth, of Ashe County, N.C. He served in the 58th regiment, N. C. troops in Civil War. He engaged in the mercantile business first at head of Cove Creek in Watauga County, and later located in Boone, N. C., and formed a partnership with his brother, Thomas Coffey, which partnership continued forty years. They accumulated much property. Columbus had two sons; Edward and Finley. The latter married Jennie Council, daughter of the late Dr. W. B. Council of Boone, N. C. and lives at Manning, S. C., the former married Annie Parks, daughter of the late Rev. W. C. Parks of Grayson County, Virginia. He is a prominent attorney-at-law, and represented his district in the senate branch of the N. C. legislature of 1913-1914. He lives at Boone, N. C. Columbus Coffey is a Baptist and a Democrat and lives at Boone, N. C. The ninth child died in infancy. Martha E., tenth child, never married. She lives with W. M. Austin. Henry C., eleventh child, married Sophronia Coffey, daughter of Daniel Coffey. He located on Mulberry Creek, this county, and was an excellent farmer. He served in 56 N. C. Infantry in Civil war and was wounded. He had two sons; Charles and Lawrence.

The former married Belle Critcher, daughter of the late A. J. Critcher of Watauga County, and lives at North Wilkesboro, N. C., the latter married Florence Powell and lives at Walmead, one mile north of Lenoir. He is a practicing physician. Henry Coffey was a member of the Adventist church and was a Democrat in politics. He was a good citizen. He died a few years ago. F. Carrie, twelfth child, married David Farthing, son of the late Brown Farthing, and lives at Butler, Tennessee. James F., thirteenth child, died first year of Civil war. Rachel W., fourteenth child, married Thomas Coffey, son of William Coffey of Buffalo Creek, this county and lived at the McCaleb Coffey homestead. Thomas died in 1901 and Rachel in 1910. They had five children. Lois M., married Ann Pennell; James L., Rachel Robbins; Columbus C., Mittie Davis; Carrie E., Joe Welborn, and Mary L., William Austin. Mrs. Welborn now occupies the old McCaleb Coffey homestead. Jennie, fifteenth child is unmarried and lives in Boone, N. C., and is engaged in the millinery business. Laura, sixteenth child, died unmarried. The McCaleb Coffey family is and was remarkable for high toned morality, virtue, temperance, honesty, truthfulness, industry and loyalty to state and church.

In my next and last on the Coffey Family, I want to write more fully of the Mulberry and Globe Coffeys, and refer briefly to some others.

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---3rd installment of The Coffey Family ---

Daniel Coffey who married Clarissa Estes, lived on Mulberry Creek two miles from Collettsville, on the farm now owned by Thomas Moore. He had eight children, some of whom have already been mentioned. Drury D. married Rose Freeze and lives in Lenoir and is engaged in the manufacture of furniture. Daniel S. is unmarried and lives somewhere in the west. Ellen married Dr. Robert Coffey, son of Patterson Coffey, and lives in the West. Drury D. was a prominent citizen of Caldwell County, taking an active part in the affairs of both county and state. He served on the board of County Commissioners for this county two or three terms, and represented Caldwell County in the

lower branch of our state legislature. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Adventist church. He died at his son, Finley's in Lenoir, August 16, 1913.

Wilburn Coffey, who married Sallie Cottrell lived on Mulberry Creek, on the farm now owned by J. A. Laxton, near Siden Post Office. He had eight children, Rufus, Milton, Mira, Grayson, Minerva, Calvin, Finley and Caroline. Rufus married Harriet Moore; Mira married Robert Shearer, late of Watauga County; Minerva married Rev. J. H. Nelson; Calvin and Finley are twins; the former married Lucy Tuttle and the latter Bettie Tuttle, daughters of the late ex-sheriff of this county, and Caroline married Richmond Moore. Milton and Grayson were both wounded in battle at Gettysburg and both died in prison at New York. Wilburn Coffey died at the age of ninety years. Gilliam Coffey who married Polly Moore, lived on Mulberry Creek, adjoining Wilburn's farm. He had six children: Harvey, Elbert, Harriet, Celia, Adaline and Emma. Harvey married Jane Cochran, and lived in the Globe section of this county. He served one or two terms as county commissioner for this county. He died a year or two ago. Elbert married Margaret Kincaid; Harriet, James Blair; Celia, John Estes; Adaline, John Gragg, and Emma died young. Gilliam died at the age of ninety-nine years and eight months.

Calvin Coffey, who married Mary Greene lived in same neighborhood with Wilburn and Gilliam. He had four children: Harrison, Alexander, William and Patterson. Harrison married Charity Moore. Alexander and William were killed in Civil War. Patterson married Martisha Estes, daughter of Robert Estes, late of Collettsville. He moved west many years ago, and died not many years since. He is the father of Dr. Robert C. Coffey, who is a very distinguished physician and surgeon located probably in Portland, Oregon.

Celia, who married Hezekiah Curtis, lived in Yadkin Valley near Wilkesboro, N. C. She was the mother of six children; Larkin, Judson, Julia, Finley, Carrie and Martha. Larkin was killed in Civil war. He was in Confederate army. Johnson was a graduate of Wake Forest College, and went West. Julia

died unmarried. Finley married Selma Rosenblatte who is engaged in the mercantile business at Butler, Tennessee. Carrie married Columbus Coffey of Boone, N. C. Martha is unmarried and lives with her brother, Finley. The Curtis family ranked with the very best families of Wilkes County. The home was noted for its hospitality. The family was Baptist in religion and noted for piety and purity of character. In conclusion the writer wishes to call attention to two or three families that have had only passing notice in this write-up. Martha, daughter of Daniel Coffey married Elijah Moore and lived on Mulberry Creek. She was the mother of Willard, Leonard and Walter Moore. Willard married Callie Greene; Leonard, Drusilla Greene; and Walter, Bettie Moore. This family went West. Isaac Coffey, son of Smith Coffey, whose wife was Hannah Boone, married Sallie Estes, and lived on Lower Creek, not far from our county home. He had several children. Smith, Boone and Avery were the sons. They are all dead. Smith married Rebecca Greene. Boone never married and Avery married Alice Cottrell, daughter of William Cottrell. The girls were May, Rebecca and Mattie and others whose given names I cannot now recall. Mary married Adam Sherrill; Rebecca, John Austin, and one Decatur West and one Waitzel Hagler. Mattie died unmarried.

John Bunyan Coffey, son of Leland Coffey, married Ann Smith, daughter of Rev. Isaac Smith, and located on Lower Creek and owned a farm adjoining the Bernhardt farm, now owned by Chalmers Pressnel. He recently moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he has two sons, Elisha and George engaged in Dental work and a daughter, Lucy, who is in the millinery business. Thomas and John Coffey owned slaves. The latter took one with him to Indiana, who lived to be more than one hundred years old. In concluding this biographical sketch of the Coffey family, I wish to state that I am indebted largely to C. L. Coffey for the material used. Few men have taken as much interest, as he has, in getting up and preserving the family history.

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