

JFSS AND FANNIE (COFFEY) WALKER HISTORY

In 1896, Jess Allen Walker, son of Seth B. and Sarah Walker, decided to quit working on the Schreiner Ranch and purchase his own land. Born January 31, 1869, Jess had made numerous trail drives to Dodge City, St. Joseph, and Chicago. Interviewed in 1941 by J. Evetts Haley, author of Charles Schreiner General Merchandise, Jess stated: "The hardest day's work I ever did in my life was quit working for the Schreiners." With their backing, he bought a section of land in the White Bluff Community in Kimble County. On September 1, 1897, he married Fannie Josephine Coffey, a descendant of the first permanent white settlers in Concho County. The ^{Coffey} ancestry has been traced for ten generations and has been published in several historical papers. The late Dr. D. D. Tidwell of Waco was particularly instrumental in collecting the Coffey family history.

Fannie was the daughter of John Wright Coffey and Mary Brown Coffey and the granddaughter of Richard Coffey and Sarah Greathouse Coffey, who came to Parker County from Georgia in 1855 and settled Concho County in 1862. John Wright Coffey and his family also owned land and lived in the White Bluff Community.

Two children Hattie Adline (b. April 7, 1905) and John William (b. June 17, 1909) were born to Jess and Fannie while they lived at White Bluff.

Fannie's Bible contains the following information: "Fannie Walker and Jess Walker were baptized June 7, 1908 by Bro. P. D. Swift and were both sanctified and joined the Congregational Methodist Church under Bro. J. W. Taylor's preaching, September 20, 1909."

The Walkers sold their land at White Bluff and purchased land near London. Two more children Radie May (b. March 27, 1913) and Charley George (b. November 8, 1916) were born. Fannie died November 12, 1920, and is buried in the Little Saline Cemetery. Jess later married Ethel Ford Parker, a widow with four children. Jess died June 17, 1953, and Ethel was killed in a train accident

near San Angelo in 1958. Both are buried at Little Saline.

Hattie married Robert Lee Dodd September 9, 1923, and they lived in Kimble County until she died in September, 1947. Robert died in 1975, and they are both buried in Saline Cemetery. They had no children.

John married Minnie Elizabeth Jacoby in Junction on November 25, 1932. They, too, lived near Junction for several years before moving to Hext and later near London, where Minnie still lives. John died December 4, 1970, and is also buried at Saline. They have one son, Charles William (Cracker) who with his wife, Eileen, live in Bossier City, Louisiana. Cracker has four children in and near Austin.

Charley, the youngest son of Jess and Fannie, married Augusta Leigh Hull at the First Presbyterian Church in Kerrville on October 9, 1938. Augusta Leigh is the daughter of Melvin Custer Hull and Mary Matilda Apelt Hull, who were Kimble County residents. Charley and Augusta purchased the Jess Walker homestead near London and lived there until they moved to Fredericksburg in September, 1962. They have three children: Mary Ellen (b. March 9, 1942), George Allen (b. October 21, 1947), and John Lee (b. September 6, 1953). Mary Ellen is married to Dr. Joe Frank Thornton, and they have one son, Robert, and live in Houston. George is married to Pamela Pratt Walker, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, and live in Colorado City. Dr. John Walker, D.D.S., is married to Regina Brown Walker, and they live in Houston. Charley and Augusta still live in Fredericksburg.

Radie, the youngest daughter of Jess and Fannie Walker, married Jack Ryan. Jack is dead and buried in California. They have one son, Jack Dalton, who with his wife, Linda and two children, live in Santa Ana, California. Radie is in a nursing home in Santa Ana.

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Mary Ellen Thornton

George Nathan and Lillie Belle (Coffey) Walker

George Nathan "Nath" Walker, son of Seth B. Walker and Sarah A. Harrell, was born January 27, 1877 in Erath County, Texas. He was the youngest of nine children, five boys and four girls. His father, Seth B. Walker, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War with Co. F, 11 Regt. TVI.

Seth brought his children to the Kimble County area after the death of his wife, Sarah, on February 8, 1877 in Erath County.

On October 24, 1899, George Nathan married Lillie Belle Coffey, daughter of John Wright and Mary Adeline (Brown) Coffey. The marriage took place in Noxville, Texas. Lillie Belle was born July 15, 1881 in Concho County, Texas. Nath and Lillie had twelve children:

Clabe Wright, b. October 26, 1900, Kimble County, Texas, d. March 19, 1981, Kimble County, Texas, m. 1.) Pearl Seal, 2.) Cleora Arldia Dodd.

Ivy Maude, b. July 25, 1903, Kimble County, m. William Oliver "Bill" McKinney.

Simon, b. July 15, 1905, m. Ruth Johnson.

Arthur Holland, b. October 31, 1907, Kimble County, m. 1.) Nettie Schmidt, 2.) Ollie Davis.

Walter Edd, b. December 21, 1909, Kimble County, m. Jessie Cowsert.

Ola, b. January 26, 1912, Kimble County, m. Paul Foster.

William Henry, b. May 19, 1914, Menard County, m. 1.)
Evelyn Nichols, 2.) Murdell Rowlett.

susie, b. December 21, 1916, Menard County, m. ¹⁾George
IVY, 2) Coleman Solursh.

Earl, b. October 29, 1919, Kimble County, m. Margie Harper.

Verda Fannie, b. February 21, 1921, Kimble County, m.
Phillip Braden.

Myrtle, b. May 13, 1924, Kimble County, m. John Lewis
Weaver.

Lillie John, b. April 2, 1927, Kimble County, m. Edward
William Brown.

Nath and Lillie spent most of their married life on a
ranch in Kimble County near Noxville, then lived for a few
years in Harper. Their family grew up in Kimble County. Nath
died July 10, 1951 in Harper. Lillie died December 28, 1965
in Menard. Both are buried in Noxville Cemetery.

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John W. Coffey Dies At Ranch

In the passing of Col. J. W. Coffey on Thursday, August 30, 1934, Kimble county has lost one of its best pioneer citizens. He had been ill several days and loved ones and friends realized that he was in a serious condition. He was known as "Uncle John" to hosts of friends. He was also known as Col. Coffey to many although he never saw any service as a soldier. The following account of the passing of this popular ranchman is taken from the Harper Herald:

"John Wright Coffey was born at Granbury, Hood county, Texas, June 21, 1856, the son of Rich Coffey, noted early day Texan and Indian fighter. When a lad in his early teens Col. Coffey himself had several harrowing experiences with the Indians in west Texas. He was married to Miss Mary Brown in Coleman county, December 31, 1874 and they reared a family of seven children.

In 1886 Col. Coffey moved his family to the Devil's River section and there established the Coffey ranch homestead where he died. His first wife died December 19, 1919. While a great portion of his life had been spent in the cattle business he had in recent years stocked his ranch with goats, and was considered one of the region's most substantial citizens. In spite of his advanced age, he was a consistent believer in progress and was always to be found in the forefront of every movement for the betterment of his community, state and nation. He believed in good schools and roads and it was one of his cherished ambitions to see his community connected with Junction, the county seat, by a highway. He saw the realization of that hope in the last five years of his life.

He loved his horse, which he frequently rode, and his death is believed to have been hastened by a hurt he received several months ago when riding through a gate. A horse-hoe hook caught his boot and painfully wrenched his leg and back and he was obliged to use a cane thereafter.

London (Kimbler) Cemetery (County)

✓ Cooper, Joe Bailey	7-10-1911	11-29-1958	
✓ Cooper, George W.	9-13-1858	3-20-1940	
✓ Cooper, Georgia Ella	11-10-1871	3-24-1952	
✓ Cooper, Thomas	11-21-1890	9-25-1963	
✓ Coffey, Arzela E. Rush	12-22-1875	11-9-1953	
✓ Cummins, French	9-1-1883	9-1-1963	
✓ Cummins, Inf son of Mrs + Mrs French		3-27-1928	
✓ Cummins, Eph L.	10-31-1880	7-9-1950	
✓ Cummins, Susie D.	6-26-1886	4-20-1956	
✓ Craven Vivian Esthine	4-13-1912	4-9-1933	
✓ Cannon Myrtle	7-12-1897	7-22-1915	4
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✓ Ellebracht Anna Meyer	4-16-1861	7-1-1944	
✓ Deek, Walter ^{Clyde} Scott	5-13-1890	6-12-1961	
✓ Ellebracht, Albert Frederick	9-27-1887	10-1-1942	
✓ Dayton, Jack C.	1-5-1913	1-26-1982	9
✓ Deek, Clara	10-30-1898	3-4-1975	2
✓ Ellis, Pink A.	11-10-1890	3-3-1989	?
✓ Duff, Ethel Amberson	7-24-1894	6-3-1916	94
✓ Ellebracht, Philipp	1886	1950	85
✓ Ellebracht, Felix A.	2-29-1892	1-31-1961	14
✓ Ellebracht, Adolph E.	11-4-1899	7-15-1971	996
✓ Donaldson, Vernon L.	3-12-1919	6-9-1971	
✓ Dürsch M. B.	1883	1967	
✓ Dürsch, Gertrude	10-18-1889	2-25-1966	

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Coffey Family

Coffey, Charley R. 1890-1958 6-13-
Coffey, Mary B. Thurman^T 1896-1967

off Highway 385 between Harper & London.
Kimble County

Broughton Family

Broughton, Billie Jean 10-29-1930 3-3-1996

Spiller Family

Spiller, Robert Roy 5-21-1900 4-28-1979

Allen Family

Allen, Wm. Edward Jr. 7-27-1929 11-15-1988
Allen, Wm. Edward III 5-7-1951 3-5-1978

cross a creek and then Little Devil's River. Take the first right hand hill to the cemetery which is well out of reach of flood water. The cemetery is well fenced and has two substantial gates. It is a well cared for cemetery - with trees and underbrush cleared, outside the fence, some fifty yards on all sides.

There are seven graves with appropriate markers commemorating service in the Confederate States Army. One grave, marked by the State of Texas, indicates service of a deceased in the war for Texas Independence. (That of CREED TAYLOR'S grave). The earliest birth indicated on a marker was 1816. The first burial appears to have been made 21 February 1881. There are numerous graves marked only by fieldstones. Some are marked with metal strips into which names appear to have been imprinted with a hot tool of some kind. (Ed.: this description by the Fosters was made several years ago.)

North Side Front to Back

Editor has arranged for the surname to appear first, though they were recorded as they appear on the tombstones, with first name first.

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| ✓ PARKER, Cecil E. May 31, 1918-Jan. 24, 1968 | (Double Marker) |
| ✓ PARKER, Dock D. 1894-1935 ³⁻⁹⁻¹⁸⁹⁴ 2-25-6-26-35 | ✓ WHETSTONE, Fred G. June 18, 1892-May 7, 1957 |
| (Double Stone) | ✓ WHETSTONE, Martha R. Aug. 18, 1902-Oct. 4, 19 |
| ✓ PARKER, Albert S. 1882-1960 ²⁻¹²⁻¹⁹⁶⁰ | (Double Marker) |
| ✓ PARKER, Ida G. 1890-1958 ^{2-4-1890; 3-1-18} | ✓ BEEMAN, Gerold R. Jan. 14, 1875-Oct. 18, 1942 |
| ✓ CARTER, Linda Lea July 5, 1950-Oct. 4, 1969 | ✓ BEEMAN, Mary A. March 9, 1878-April 12, 1965 |
| ✓ WELDON, G. W. 1867 - 1935 | ✓ WHETSTONE, Deen L. July 23, 1917- |
| ✓ PARKER, Mrs. M. J. Feb. 12, 1856-Jan. 11, 1945 | March 11, 1971 |
| ✓ PARKER, J. H. (Masonic emblem) July 28, 1845 - Feb. 1, 1917 | (Double Marker): |
| Texas 1 2nd Lt. Co. B. 50th Inf. | ✓ WHETSTONE, Seth June 11, 1884-Dec. 4, 1959 |
| Confederate States Army | ✓ WHETSTONE, Flossie Aug. 17, 1894 (no other date) |
| ✓ PARKER, George V. 1888-1930 ⁶⁻¹⁻¹⁵⁻¹⁸⁸⁷ 2-1-1930 | (Double Marker): |
| (Double Stone) | ✓ WHALEY, Barton H. Dec. 1882-(no other data) |
| ✓ PHILLIPS, Thomas Sept. 23, 1875-Sept. 21, 1954 | ✓ WHALEY, Minnie W. March 28, 1888-Jan. 6, 1977 |
| ✓ PHILLIPS, Belle Zora Feb. 21, 1878 - Dec. 27, 1951 | ✓ WHETSTONE, Winona L. (Mother) 1880-1955 |
| (Double Stone) ¹¹⁻³⁻¹⁹⁰⁷ | ✓ WHETSTONE, Alonzo T. (Father) 1874-1950 |
| ✓ NEAL, Alta J. (Mother) 1906-1940 ¹⁻³⁻¹⁹⁴⁰ | ✓ WHETSTONE, Tom M. April 5, 1839-April 29, 1922 |
| ✓ PHILLIPS, Jesse Belle Feb. 4, 1904-Sept. 21, 1911 | (Confederate States Army) |
| ✓ PHILLIPS, Rowland Thomas Jan. 31, 1909-Sept. 20, 1911 | ✓ WHETSTONE, Battie, wife of Tom WHETSTONE |
| ✓ PHILLIPS, Leslie L. May 21, 1901-May 15, 1957 | March 17, 1848-March 18, 1925 |
| (Dates on foot stone) | ✓ LACKEY, Delie, daughter of F.A. & E.A. |
| ✓ GILLETT, Hazel Jan. 19, 1913-Dec. 19, 1968 | ✓ LACKEY, Jan. 10, 1891-Sept. 17, 1892 |
| (Potsy Parker on back of stone) | Three unknown graves |
| ✓ PARKER, Lon L. 1880 - 1963 | ✓ DAVIS, Mattie Persis April 23, 1905-Oct. 4, 1906 |
| ✓ PARKER, William D. 1877 - 1938 | WILSON - John WILSONS wife (No given name or dates) Dedicated by Mr. & Mrs. R. H. DAVIS |
| ✓ PARKER, Leonard Feb. 16, 1903-March 21, 1903 | (Double Marker): |
| ✓ WHITSON, Jesse June 10, 1832-June 28, 1893 | ✓ KNOX, Noah (Father) May 2, 1895, age 79 years |
| (Confederate States Army) | ✓ KNOX, Persis (Mother) March 29, 1906 |
| ✓ EDENBOROUGH, Charles A. Jan. 9, 1880-July 27, 1947 | age 81 years |
| ✓ EDENBOROUGH, Eva Maye May 17, 1897-Nov. 30, 1968 | ✓ KNOX, Dug Feb. 2, 1859-Nov. 27, 1924 |
| ✓ WHETSTONE, Betty Jo, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred WHETSTONE, April 31, 1926-Sept. 10, 1927 | ✓ LENNON, J. W. SR. June 4, 1864-April 5, 1931 |
| | ✓ LENNON, Sarah A. March 23, 1872-Jan. 18, 19 |
| | An unmarked grave |
| | ✓ TAYLOR, Creed, son of Creed & Luvena TAYLOR Feb. 10, 1886 - Dec. 24, 1895 |

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METERY (Continued)

Creed (Masonic emblem)
 11 10, 1820 - Dec. 26, 1906
 DIER TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE
 ANZALES TO BEXAR 1835
 COUT AND COURIER 1836
 (Marker erected by State of Texas 1962)

TAYLOR, Lavinia Amanda, wife of CREED
 TAYLOR April 23, 1855 - March 7, 1903

TAYLOR, James P. May 15, 1879 - May 21, 1943

TAYLOR, Effie WHETSTONE Nov. 25, 1879 -
John Wright Jan. 31, 1925

COFFEY, J. W. (Masonic emblem)
 June 21, 1856 - Aug. 30, 1934

COFFEY, M. A. (O.E.S. emblem) *Mrs. J. H.*
 Jan. 30, 1858 - Dec. 20, 1919

COFFEY, Walter L. (Masonic emblem)
 Aug. 17, 1890 - Oct. 21, 1931

COFFEY, Jess (Masonic emblem)
 Aug. 11, 1897 - Mar. 6, 1936

PARKER, Thomas J. Jan. 19, 1868 - Dec. 21, 1941

WITE, H. A. Jan. 6, 1895 - March 27, 1936

WHETSTONE, Ila Ray Dec. 29, 1904 - Oct. 12, 1934
 (Double Marker):

WHETSTONE, Dee H. May 19, 1871 (no other)

WHETSTONE, Susie, Nee COFFEY
 June 16, 1884 - March 28, 1945

EESE, Sterling Died May 10, 1951,
 age 48 yrs. 8 mos. 9 dys.
 unmarked graves

OLVIN'S BABY (No dates)

* Six unknown graves

South Side - back to front:

(Double marker):

WHETSTONE, James F. July 9, 1876 - June 30, 1965

WHETSTONE, Aszora C. Dec. 3, 1880 -
 Oct. 4, 1962

WITE, Thomas A. March 6, 1842 - Feb. 28, 1895
 Pvt. Co. E, 6 Regt. Texas Cav.
 Confederate States Army

WITE, John Alonza, son of T.A. & M.C.
 WHITE July 6, 1884 - Sept. 26, 1885

WITE, Lula B. B. & D. April 20, 1886

WITE, Minnie M. Nov. 30, 1893 - Feb. 17, 1896

WYLOR, J. M. (field stone. Name
 recently "scratched")
 unmarked children's graves
 MES Child's grave "ED. JAMES GIRL"
 burned into metal
 infant graves unmarked

ST. Elizabeth M. Dec. 4, 1839 - Feb. 24, 1881

WALTON, John L. 1896 (date on field
 stone)
 Pvt. Co. I 16 Regt. Texas Inf.
 Confederate States Army (dates on
 CSA Marker sunk into Concrete base)

PARKER, J. J. May 28, 1872 - Jan. 21, 1902
 (Grave is enclosed with an iron
 picket fence.)

1. Mrs. Lou May 13, 1848 - Sept. 12, 1888

THURMAN, F.A. & Emma (Twins)
 July 19, 1920 - July 20, 1920
 (Double Marker):

PARKER, Walter W. March 11, 1892 - Sept. 1969

PARKER, Modelle Jan. 13, 1902 - (no other date)

MARISON, Lena (Child, name burned in metal)

McCOLLAUM, Nancy April 9, 1862 - Dec. 19, 1894

PARKER, Kelley Coy Oct. 25, 1940 - May 8, 1962

WALKER, George Nathan Jan. 27, 1877 - July 10, 1951

WALKER, Lillie *Call* COFFEY July 15, 1881 -
 Dec. 28, 1965

WALKER, Seth B. June 30, 1830 - June 12, 1899
 Pvt. C.F., 11th Regt. Texas Inf.
 Confederate States Army

LANE, Joe (Child, no dates, name burned
 Unmarked infant grave into metal)

WHITEMAN, F. (name only, burned into metal)

PARKER, Sam H. Nov. 7, 1872 - May 25, 1963

PARKER, Tempie Lane Dec. 25, 1873 - March 15, 1903

HEFFERNAN, Susan Nov. 3, 1832 - May 26, 1913

PARKER, Tom P. 1883 - 1946 *8-6-1883 12-6-46*

PARKER, Claudia Lee 1872 - 1955

PARKER, Kathryn March 5, 1905 - June 15, 1951

KINGSBURY (Foot stone on above says
 Kathryn KINGSBURY)

JONES, John L. III Dec. 2, 1942 - April 20, 1972

PARKER, Billy Jack Jan. 8, 1934 - March 9, 1973
 Double Marker

PARKER, James A. Dec. 28, 1874 - Dec. 20, 1968

PARKER, Ada Joy April 18, 1879 - Aug. 3, 1954

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* CREED TAYLOR - Defender of the Frontier

This Texas Hero was born in Tenn.; his father, Josiah, from James Co., Va. was distantly related to Gen. ZACHARY TAYLOR. Josiah came to Texas in 1811 to explore, got involved with the Mexicans trying to overthrow rule of Spain on Texas soil, was in several skirmishes, severely wounded and returned to Virginia. In 1824 the entire family returned to Texas, where Josiah died 1830 at his ranch south of Cuero. Creed was sent to Gonzales to attend school; lived with ALMON DICKINSON who died in the Alamo (Mrs. DICKINSON and infant escaped from the Alamo and told the story.) Creed was in many fights for Texas freedom, and was near BEN MILAM when he was killed in the Battle of San Antonio, Dec. 1835. He served in the Rangers with CAPT. JACK HAYS and later served in the war with Mexico under HAYS also.

Sowell's Indian Fighters of the Southwest tells much about this man's exploits protecting the frontier. In CREED TAYLOR is in Bexar "Cibilo & Clato". 19

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John Wright Coffey

John Wright Coffey, son of Richard Coffey and Sarah Greathouse, was born June 21, 1856 in Granbury, Hood County. He went to Concho County as a small child where his father established the Rich Coffey Ranch where John grew to manhood.

On December 31, 1874, he married Mary Adeline Brown. Mary was born January 30, 1858 to Albert Burlison and Sarah Upton Brown.

John and Mary's children were: Fannie Josephine, born February 28, 1876 in Concho County, died November 12, 1920, married Jesse Allen Walker; Samuel Albert, born November 9, 1878 in Concho County, died December 27, 1950, married Alice Van; Lillie Belle, born July 15, 1881 in Concho County, died December 28, 1965 in Menard County, married George Nathan Walker; Sarah Susan, born June 16, 1884 in Concho County, died March 29, 1945, married Dee H. Whetstone; twins - Walter Lee, born August 17, 1890 in Kimble County, died October 21, 1931, married Anna Terry; Charley Richard, born August 17, 1890 in Kimble County, died July 13, 1959, married Belle Thurman; Jesse born August 11, 1897, died March 6, 1936, married Nola Taylor.

In 1886, John and Mary Coffey brought their family from Concho County to Kimble County where they settled on a ranch on Little Devil's River. He was a life-long member of the Masonic Lodge. Mary Coffey died December 19, 1919. She is

