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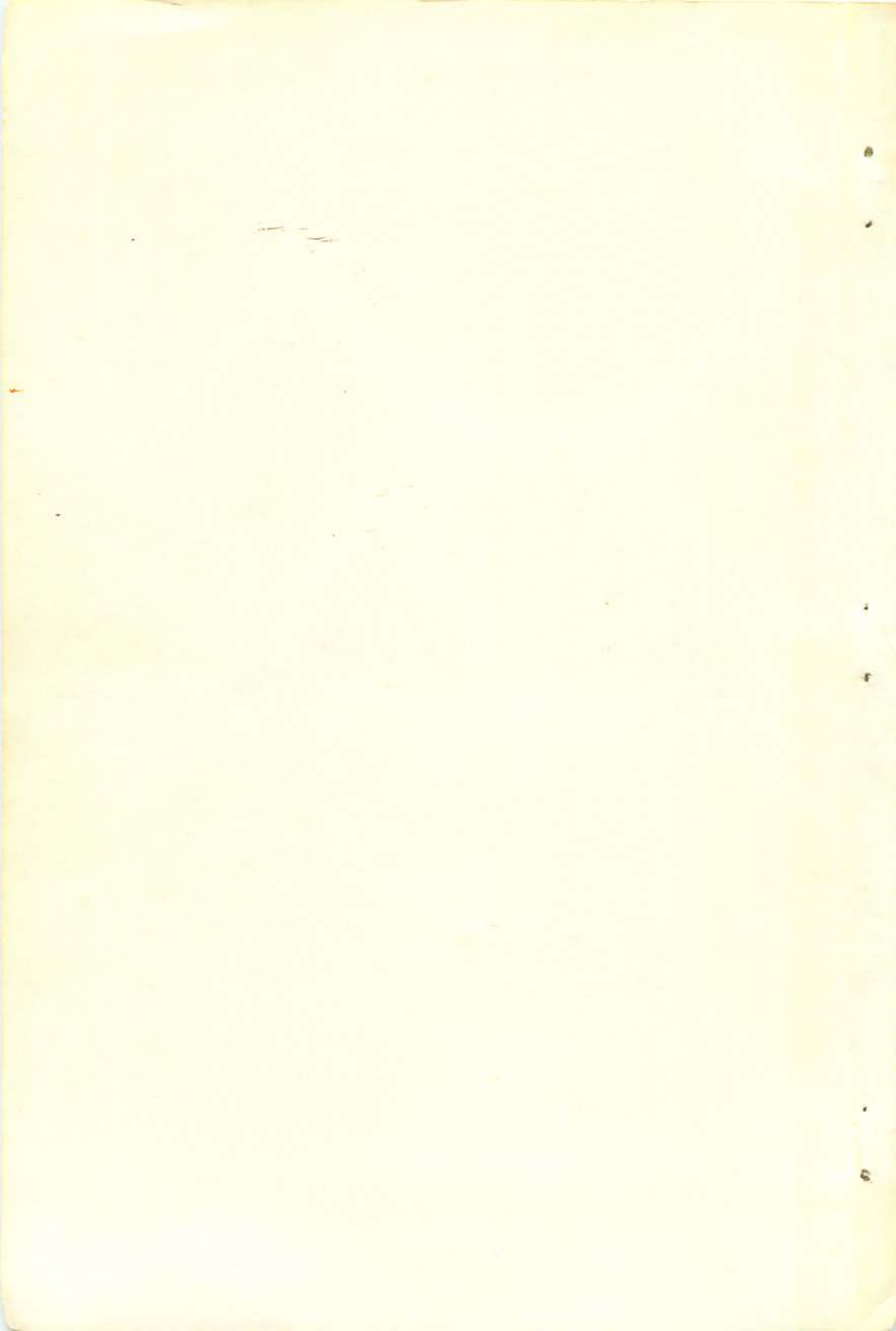


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Foreward

In this book, we have made an endeavor to compile names, dates, and brief sketches of history for the Coffey family from seventeenth century up to the present day.

Because of various mishaps, such as fires, military operations in the 1800's throughout the South, and in many cases, plain acts of negligence, many records were never preserved, or were destroyed. We have bridged these undocumented gaps with personal Bible Records, tombstone readings, and in some cases, family legends in order to present the Coffey history in it's most completed form.

If there are errors made in information regarding your family, these are unintentional, and we are regretful. We trust that in the future, these corrections may be made.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this book possible by sharing their Coffey family information and photographs with us. May this book make our family genealogical material more accessible to future generations of Coffeys.

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO



Abby Dorthea Dyer Griffin
12-25-1878 11-29-1964



Fred Everett Dyer
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In the year of 1916, Mrs. Abby Dyer Griffin and her brother Fred Dyer of Worthington, Indiana, became interested in the genealogy of their family, which descended from Edward Coffey, emigrant from Ireland to America in the later part of the seventeenth century.

Together, Abby and Fred researched avidly with a goal of publishing a book on the Coffeys, so that their descendants would not be deprived of this information in the years to come. Both of them worked the remainder of their lives, compiling all of the Coffey records available, however their dream of completing a book never became a reality.

The information in this book, for the most part, was taken from their records, and my hope is to complete this genealogy in a manner that will be a credit to their timeless efforts.

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History of the Coffey Name

Webster's Dictionary definition of the word "surname" is as follows, "a family name or epithet added to a person's name making it more specific and indicating family relationship or descent".

Personal names, no matter how primitive, have been in existence since the development of dialogue. As early as Biblical times, additional information was attached to a given name to aid or distinguish identification, such as James the son of Alphaeus, Jesus of Nazareth, or Simon the Zealot.

Surnames, as we know them were not universal until about the end of the twelfth century, and then they were not made compulsory until about 1465, during the reign of Edward V. He decreed that everyone should take unto him a surname, either of a town, a color, an art or science or a trade.¹ These names developed through the years with the addition of prefixes and suffixes denoting relationship or generations, for example the use of the suffix "son". Other prefixes and suffixes denoted geographical origins such as the English "son", "kin", and "ing"; the Gaelic "Mac", the Norman "Fitz", the Welsh "Ap", and the Irish "O".²

Using this brief summarization of the usage of surnames in the past, let us explore the name Coffey.

COFFEY COWHIG

The Coffeys are Celts of Milesian stock. In Gaelic the family name is written O'Cobhthaigh, from the word "Cobhthaigh" which means "victorious". O'Cobhthaigh means "the descendant of the victor" and their traditional zeal for honorable victory in battle is enshrined in the family motto "Not prudence but victory".

Ancient genealogical tables trace ancestry back to Cobhthaig grandson of Olliol Flann Beag, King of Munster, 240 A.D. In early times members of the family seem to have settled in various parts of Ireland, as historical records point to several distinct septs of O'Coffeys in widely separated districts of Ireland.

Perhaps the best known, and at one time, one of the most influential of the Irish families, were the O'Coffeys of Corca Laoighe. These were kinsmen of the O'Driscolls. When the local dialect pronunciation of their Gaelic name was anglicized, in some cases the final "g" was retained, so we find the name appearing in records as Cowhig as well as Coffey. Their patrimony was the modern barony of Barryroe, County Cork, and their family strongholds were the castles of Dunocowhey, Dunheady, Dunowen, Dunmore, Duneen, Dunworley, and Dungoohy.

The Coffeys of Galway are historically connected with the O'Madens and the tribe of Ui Maine. Their ancestral estates comprised the modern barony of Clonmacnwen, with the family seat at Tuam Cathraigh. They lost their lands and influence in the Cromwellian and Williamite confiscations.

The Coffeys of Westmeath were for centuries one of Ireland's celebrated bardic families. Another family of Coffeys had their home in County Derry and find frequent mention in Irish annals through the number of eminent ecclesiastics which they gave to the church. Yet another Coffey family were Lords of Umhall in County Mayo.³

In the "Old Country", family records were kept, generation by generation, in the churches, or parishes. These records were limited usually to baptismal or marriage listings however, for either to be recorded, the party had to record his or her parents names, along with the day of the year.

These records have aided the compiler of IRISH PEDIGREES, COFFEY. BY O'HART. As an introduction to his listing of the Irish pedigree of the O'Coffeys, O'Hart had this to say:

"This family was dynasts or chief lord of the ancient territory of Corca Laoighe, now called Barryroe East and Barryroe West of the County Cork." "In Irish, the family name was O'Cobhthaigh; anglicised O'Coffey, O'Cowhig, and later Coffey, Coffy. Coffee, and even Doffy."

Beginning with Bile' and Ithe', brothers who ruled Munster, the stem of the Irish nation formerly Spain, we will proceed quickly as possible to the emigration of the Coffeys to America.

1. Ithe', son of Breogan, King of Spain, the brother of Bile' was the ancestor of the Ithiaus; Ithe' was also the uncle of Milesius of Spain, and his descendants settled mostly in Munster. From Ithe' down to Cobhthaigh Fionn, are O'Coffeys of Munster.
2. Lughaiah (Luy)
3. Mae (or Mal)
4. Edaman

5. Logha
6. Mathsin
7. Sin
8. Gossaurin (Gossanian)
9. Asaman (Adaman)
10. Heremon
11. Logha Feile
12. Lachtnan (or Lachtrnan)
13. Nuaclad Argui
14. Deorgthine (or Deargthine)
15. Deaghe Derg
16. Deagha Ambra
17. Ferulnigh
18. Sethbolg (or Sithbolg)
19. Daire (or Darus) Diourdhach
20. Eoch-Bolg (or Each-Bolg)
21. Ferulnigh
22. Daire (2) From whom the Ithious were called Darrinians
23. Luy
24. Mac Niadh
25. Luy Mae Con the 113th Monarch of Ireland
26. Aongus (or AEneas)
27. Fergus
28. Luighesch (or Luigheach)
29. AEneas Bolg
30. Georan
31. Conall Claon
32. Ceann Reithe (or Clann Claon) Irish for ram
33. Clioll (or Olioll)
34. Fergus
35. Connacille (or Cormacille)
36. Maccon
37. Olioll(2)
38. Dungal
39. Cobthach Fionn "Cobthach; Irish Victorious; Fionn; fair, meaning the fair haired victor" Argus O'Cobhthaigh, anglicised O'Coffey O'Cowhig, Coffey, Coffy, Coffee

40. Donoch Mor' or Donach Mor' son of Cobthach Fionn
41. Donall Mor'
42. Maccraith
43. Conchobar (or Conor)
44. Magnus (or Maghnus)
45. Conor (2)
46. Manthou Dall (or Maithan)
47. Cobthac (2)
49. Dermod
50. Fergal
51. Donoch
52. Aoah (or Oodh or Hugh)
53. Maghuus (2)
54. Conor (3)
55. Nioch Ole (or Niocholl)
56. Walter
57. Cobthach (3)
58. Teige
59. Olioll (3)
60. Dermod (2)
61. Douall (2)
62. Maghune (3)
63. Cobthach (4)
64. Maolpadriac (2)
65. Ceannfaolla
66. Aodh (2)
67. Currumhan (or Cummumham)
68. Muireadach
69. Cathal (or Charles)
70. Donall(3)
71. Brian
72. Murtoch
73. Crimthann
74. Saortuille
75. Niochall

76. Aodh (3)
77. Cathal (2)
78. Donoch (2)
79. Felim
80. Teige (2)
81. Cathal (3)
82. Donall(4)
83. Aodh (4)
84. Cormac
85. Aodh (5) or Hugh
86. Cathal (4)
87. Teige (3) living in 1657 A.D.
88. Shane living in 1701, held the lands of Muchcross Abby (at Killarney) under Charles McCarthy Mor', from AD 1693
89. Dermod (or Darby) buried in Muchcross Abby where his tomb now exists
90. Edmond, living in 1807
91. Edmond (2) or Edward, died in 1841, he had an elder brother named William, a younger named John, both died single.
92. Edward Lees Coffey, son of Edward (2) living in America in 1881, had a family, he had 4 brothers (1) James Charles of Dublin, died in 1880, (2) John William, (3) David, (4) Henry

(All the notes from the above pedigree were taken from O'Hart*
 IRISH PEDIGREE COFFEY, American Edition, 1915, 2 Volumes,
 Coffey, Vol. 1.)

EDWARD COFFEY
Generation 1, in America

The first Coffey recorded in early American records is John Coffee, who emigrated from Ireland in 1637. He settled in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, however, there are no further records for him or his descendants. I am sure many Coffeys emigrated in the following years, but it wasn't until the year 1690, that Edward Coffey and his family first saw America.⁵

Based on information researched by the Media Research Bureau, we assume Edward to have been born in approximately 1650, and in approximately 1670, married Miss Ann Powell, daughter of Thomas and Mary Place Powell of Dinsdale. (for their personal pedigree charts, see page 100 in appendage #1.)

Another theory expressed is that Edward was born in 1670, came to America with his parents in 1690, and married in 1700 to Miss Powell.

We do know that in 1700, Edward and wife Ann Powell Coffey, were living in Essex County, Virginia. They were the parents of six children:

1. John Coffey, b. _____, d. prior to March of 1775, married Jane (Jean) Graves, b. _____, d. _____.
2. Edward Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married Grace Cleveland, b. _____, d. _____.

3. Martha (Patsy) Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
married Joshua Stapp, b. _____, d. _____.
4. Annister, (Ann) Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married _____ Shenalt, b. _____, d. _____.
5. Austin Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
6. Elizabeth Coffey, b. _____, d. _____ 1770ca.,
married John Cleveland, b. 1695ca, d. _____ 1770ca.

Edward's death took place some time before November 20, 1716 in Essex County, Virginia. Ann, his wife lived until the year 1726. A copy of Edward's will, as it appears in the Essex County, Virginia Record Books, page 669, may be found on the following pages.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMAN I Edward Coffey being in bedd of Sickness but in perfett sense & membrey thanks bee to God; I Edward Coffey do bequeath this to bee my Last Will & Testement, - I leave all my Land to my two Suns John Coffey & Edward Coffey Equall to be divided at Sixten Ears of age if the mother of them be ded otherwayes att Eighten Years of Agee. I also give one Cowe & her increas to my daughter Marther Coffey att ye Ears of Sixten or at her mothers deth allso one Cowe yerlen to my Sun John Coffey & her increas: All the tenebles Stock & Bock I give to my wife Ann Coffey till her deth, but if she marys then every one of my Children to have their parts as they come of age, and after ye Deces of my wife all tenebles to be Equall devided between my Six children John Coffey, Edward Coffey Marther Coffey Ann Coffey Austes Coffey Elisebeth Coffey As witness my hand & Seall this 14th day of Februy 1715/6

Samel. Edmondson

Edward ^{His Mark} Coffey

Themety *ff* Selemon

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 20th day of Novr. 1716.

The above last will & Testament of Edward Coffey deced. was presented & proved by the oath of Ann Coffey his wido. & Exex. therein named & also by the oaths of Samuel Edmondson & Timothy Seleven the evidences thereto & is ordered to be recorded & is recorded.

Test

Tho: Herman DCCur.

A Copy-Teste:

A. D. Patman Clerk
Circuit Court of Essex County, Virginia.

Essex County, Virginia Records
Deeds & Wills No. 14, Page 669

Know all men by these pents that we Ann Coffey & Thomas Graves and Jno. Hart are held and firmly bound unto John Lomax Drewry Robinson Aug. Smith Reuben Worth & Thos. Waring justices of the County of Essex & their Success'rs. in the penal sume of one hundred pounds ster. to ye wch payment. well & truly to be made we bind or. selves our heirs Exrs & Admsr. jointly & severally firmly by these pents .

Witness our hands and Seals this 20th day of Oct. 1716

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Ann Coffey Ec. of ye Last Will & Testamt. of Edward Coffey deced do make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels & Credits of ye sd. Deced w.ch have or shall come to the hands possession or knowlege of the sd. Ann Coffeyor into the hands or possession of any other pson or psons for her and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the County Court of Essex at such time as she shall be thereunto required by ye Court and the same Goods Chattels & Credits & all other the Goods Chattleles and Credits of the said deced at the time of death or which at any time after shall come to the hands & possession of the sd. Ann Coffey or into the hands or possession of any other pson or psons for her do well & truly admr. according to Law and further do make a true & just accot. of her actings & doings therein when thereto required by the sd. court & also do well and truly pay & deliver all ye legacys contained & specified in the said will & testamt. as farr as the sd goods & Chattels & Credits will thereunto Extend/[&]the law shall charge her Then this obligation to be void & of none effect ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~to~~ remain in full force force & virtue.

Her
Anne A Coffey (SEAL)
Mark

His
Thomas T Graves (SEAL)
Mark

His
John / Hart (SEAL)
Mark

Sealed & Delivered in the
psence of
Robert Jones

Page #2

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 20th day of Oct.
1716.

The ab ve named Ann Coffey Thomas Graves & John Hart acknowd. this
their bond wth. is ordered to be recorded & is recorded.

Test

Tho. Herman DCI Cur.

A Copy-Teste:

A. D. Latane Clerk
Circuit Court of Essex County, Virginia.

Essex County, Virginia records
Deeds & Wills No. 14, Page 669.

JOHN COFFEY
Generation II, child 1

John Coffey, son of Edward and Ann Powell Coffey, was born in approximately 1700, in Essex County, Virginia. He married Miss Jane (Jean) Graves, daughter of John and Hanna Graves, also of Essex County, Virginia (for Grave's family charts, see page 101 in appendage #1.)

The only information we have tracing the various moves of the John Coffey family, is the records of his land transaction, found in various deed books of the Virginia Archives.

Deeds Volume 23, page 276 Indenture July 15, 1745

"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 the Parish of St. Anne containing 100 acres, being part of a tract of 200 acres formerly called by name of Moseley's Quarter, and bounded, viz: beginning at the 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 sd. 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 new made 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)

Deeds Volume 24, page 130 Indenture July 15, 1747

John Coffey and wife, Jane Coffey, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia to John Garnett of Essex County, Virginia, consideration of 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 sd. John Garnett.

Witnesses:
William Duling John Coffey (seal)
Stephen Chenault, Jr.
John Noell Jane Coffey(seal)

Deeds Volume 2, page 12 Indenture March 9, 1758

John Coffey to James Coffey, 124, acres, for consideration of 30 pounds, lands in Albemarle County, Virginia, on Hardware River, beginning at John Coffey's line.

John Coffey (seal)

Deeds Volume 4, page 238 Indenture October 20, 1765

John Coffey of St. Annes Parish, planter, to James Garland, land of same, for consideration of 55 pounds, 100 acres on middle Hardware North Garden, adjoining land of said Garland, purchased of James Coffey, adjoining side of John Coffey's entry.

Teste:
Charles Lambert
Claudius Buster
Menan Mills

Clerk: Henry Fry

According to the deeds, it was in 1747, that John and Jane moved to Albemarle County, Virginia, where the majority of their children were born.

1. James Coffey I., b. _____ 1729, d. _____ 1786, married 1750 to Elizabeth Cleveland, b. _____ 1727, d. _____ 1827.
2. John Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married 1st to Dorcas Carter, b. _____, d. _____, 2nd to Nancy Richardson, b. _____, d. _____.

3. Edward Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married to Nancy Shenalt, b. _____, d. _____.
4. Thomas Coffey, b. March 7, 1742, d. 1825/26, married 1st to Elizabeth Smith, b. _____, d. _____, 2nd to Sally Fields, b. _____, d. _____.
5. Reuben Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married 1780ca to Sally Scott, b. _____, d. 1812. ?
6. Benjamin Coffey, b. _____ 1747, d. _____ 1783, married to Polly Hayes, b. _____, d. _____.
7. William Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married to Elizabeth Ausborne, b. _____, d. _____.
8. Elizabeth Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married to Thomas Fields, b. _____, d. _____.
9. Winnefred Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married to Nicholas Moran, b. _____, d. _____.

John Coffey made his will on March 31, 1774, and died some time prior to March 1775, when his will was probated. No further information was found for Jane Coffey.

The last will and testament for John Coffey, as it appears in Albemarle County records, may be found on the following pages.

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 yeoman, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God. Therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament. That is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the Almighty Power of God, and as touching such wordly estate wherewith it has 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 and bequeath to my sons James Coffey & William Coffey to each of them five Shillings Sterling. Item. I bequeath 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, Rubin 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 & I do hereby disallow, revoke, and disannull all & every other former will & testament, legacies & bequeaths and Executors in anywise before named & bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day & year above written.

John Coffey (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published,
pronounced and delivered by the
said John Coffey as his last will
and testament in the presence of
the subscribers.

Charles Patrick

Alexander Craig

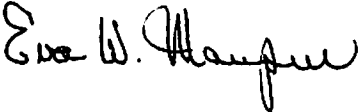
AT ALBEMARLE MARCH COURT SEVENTEEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY-FIVE.

This will was presented to Court &
proved by the oaths 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 is granted them for obtaining a probate in due
form on their giving security whereupon they gave bond with
Charles Patrick & James Garland their security and acknow-
ledged it accordingly.

Teste:

John Nicholas, Clerk.

A Copy-Teste:

 , Clerk.

JAMES COFFEY I.
Generation III, child 1

James was the eldest child of John and Jane Coffey. He was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, in the year 1729. In the year 1750 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Cleveland of Orange County, Virginia. To this union was born eleven children:

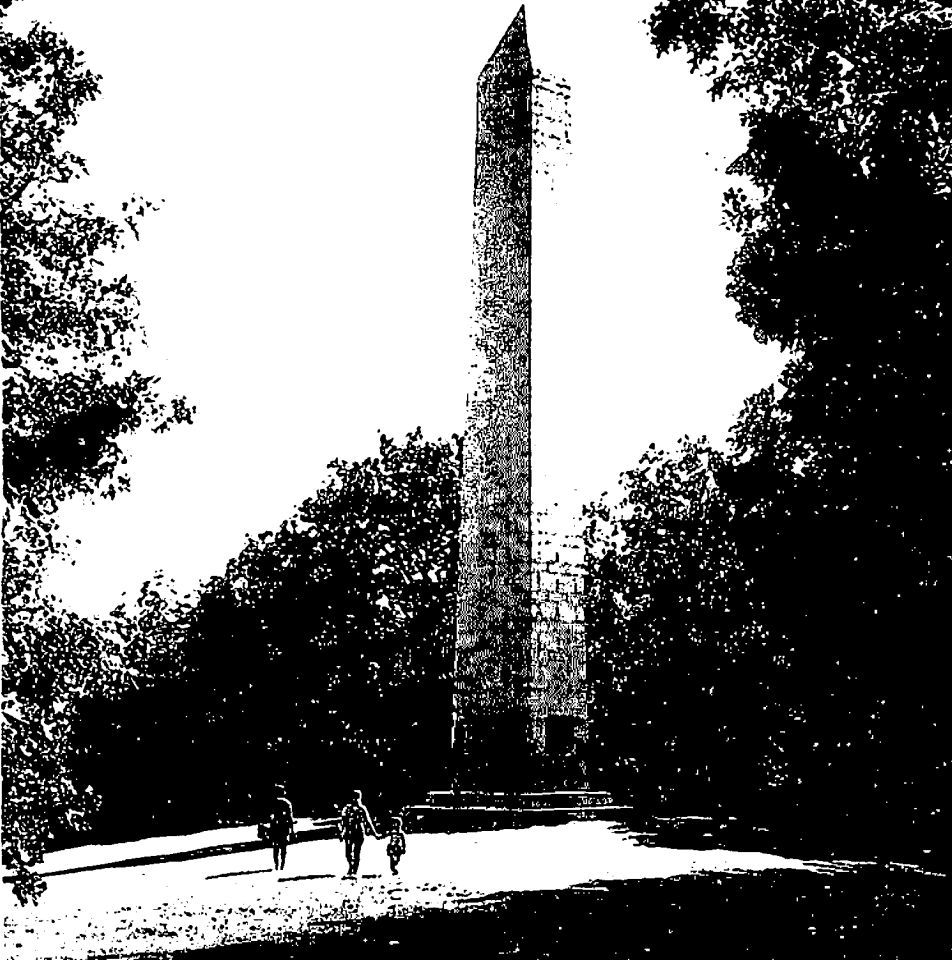
1. Elizabeth Coffey, b. _____ 1752, d. _____, married to Robert Whitesides, b. _____ 1738, d. _____ 1810.
2. John Coffey, b. _____ 1753, d. _____, unmarried.
3. Archelius Coffey, b. _____ 17 _____, d. prior to 1786 _____.
4. James Coffey Jr. b. _____ 1755, d. _____, unmarried.
5. Reuben B. Coffey, b. September 16, 1759, d. June 9, 1842, married to _____.
6. Ambrose Coffey, b. _____ 1762, d. _____, married to Mildred Moore, b. _____, d. _____.
7. Ely Coffey, b. March 1, 1764, d. September 5, 1847, married to Hannah Allen, b. _____, d. _____.
8. Rice Coffey, b. April 1766, d. July 24, 1853, married to Sally Bradford, b. July 22, 1776, d. September 3, 1840.
9. Martha Coffey, b. _____, d. Prior to Aug. 1826, married to Mastin Durham, b. _____, 1755, d. August 1, 1844.
10. Joel Coffey, b. _____ 1770, d. December 1826, married to Martha "Patsy" _____, b. _____, d. October, 1839.
11. Lewis Russell Coffey, b. November 18, 1772, d. September 29, 1850, married to Bidant Moore, b. November 3, 1775, d. January 13, 1851.

The first land entry for James and Elizabeth Coffey was for 115 acres of land in North Garden of Albemarle County, Virginia, purchased August 30, 1750. This land was held until December 13, 1764, when James bought 300 acres of land along the Eye River in Amherst County, for a consideration of 300 pounds. Here James and his family lived until about 1770.

James, being a convert of the Baptist beliefs, is said to have become a minister in the year of 1757. His concern for the pioneers of the newly settled wilderness of North Carolina, prompted his move to Surry County, North Carolina. He went as a missionary, and founded a church in the Mulberry Field sector of what is now Wilkes County. His church was a mere meeting house, and commonly called "Brother Coffey's Meeting House".⁶ Although this church was built and operated by the Baptist association, it was attended by many people of other protestant beliefs from the surrounding area, because they had no place of their own to worship.

Reverend James Coffey was a patriot during the American Revolution (1775-1881). His brother-in-law, Benjamin Cleveland, was a Colonel, commanding a regiment known as the "Wilkes County Bull Dogs". This regiment was composed mainly of family; All of James' sons except for Rice, Joel, and Lewis Russel, who were too young, served in Cleveland's regiment. Others included in the "Bull Dogs" were James' youngest brother, Benjamin, Robert Whitesides, and Mastin Durham, both sons-in-law of James.

KINGS MOUNTAIN



Obelisk in Kings Mountain National Military Park, off I-85 near Bethany, South Carolina, commemorates victory of American patriots over British forces at Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780. The Americans killed, wounded or captured Major Patrick Ferguson's entire force of 1,104 men. Only 28 Americans were killed and 62 wounded.

The regiment of the "Wilkes County Bull Dogs", had only one main battle attributed to their name and that is the Battle of King's Mountain.⁷ At a time when the spirits were low elsewhere in the war, they were at an all time high with the North Carolinians.

Cornwallis, hoping to dampen the enthusiasm of the patriots, sent a force of British soldiers into the Allegheny Mountains. This regiment was fully equipped and lead by a British marksman, Major Patrick Ferguson. Major Ferguson sent word to the North Carolinians that the opposition to King George must cease. If not, he and the King's men would invade, hang the patriot organizers, make waste of their homes and in many other ways make recompense for their disloyalty.

The North Carolinian frontiersmen were tough, and having the quick temper of their Irish ancestors, refused to take the Ferguson threat "sitting down". They organized near what is today Elizabethton, Tennessee, and under the leadership of Colonels *Isaac Shelby, William Campbell, *Jack Sevier, and Ben Cleveland, marched toward the Allegheny fortress. Their assignment...to break up the camp which had been nicknamed "King's Mountain".

Cornwallis, upon hearing word of the newly composed regiment of over 3,000 angry frontiersmen, heading in his direction, dispatched riders south to gather all available Tories to come to his aid; how-

*Issac Shelby became the first governor of Kentucky

*Jack Sevier later became the governor of the state of Franklin,
(Later called Tennessee)

ever his efforts were too late. The American frontiersmen had by that time, surrounded the rocky hill and begun their march to the top. With the woodsmen shouting to the top of their lungs, "Tarleton's Quarter", the battle began. Because of the element of surprise involved, Ferguson and a great majority of his men were massacred. By night fall, the victorious North Carolina Patriots, along with the 600 prisoners they had taken into custody, began their long march home.⁷ (For Benjamin and Reuben's personal account of this battle, see their applications for military pension on pages 112&115.

This battle became known as the strangest battle in the revolution in that the entire regiment was organized over night, and vanished from existence almost immediately after the King's Mountain episode.

Reverend James Coffey did not live to see the end of the American Revolution, as he died some time prior to October 1786. Elizabeth his wife, spent the remaining years of her life in Wartrace, of Bedford County, Tennessee, where she lived with her son Rice to age 100.

The will of James Coffey may be found on the following page.

In the Name of God Amen

James Coffey of Withes County and State of North Carolina being sick & stricken in Body, through of God's Providence Disabling mind and Memory, and Calling to mind that it is certain for all men to Die; Do make and Revise this my last will and Testament Vizt -

First I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that Gave it: And my Body to be Buried in a Decent manner as the Discretion of my Executors, And as to what worldly Goods I have Pleas'd Almighty God to Bless me with I give and Dispose of that in that is the following manner (To wit)

That my will and Duty that my Loving Wife Elizabeth Coffey the widow of my Estate both Real & Personal (that she had Remains after paying my just Debts and Funeral Expenses) During her natural life

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Daughters Betty Whitaker, my own John Coffey, my son James Coffey, my son Reuben Coffey, my son Thomas Coffey, my son Sly Coffey, my son Thomas Coffey, my daughter Martha Durson, my son Joel Coffey, my son David Coffey, and the heirs of my son Archibald Coffey; the whole of my Estate both Real and Personal of all kinds whatsoever that shall Remain after my just Debts and Funeral Expenses are paid; to be Equally Divided amongst them at the Decease of my Wife Elizabeth Coffey that is to say Allowing all the Heirs of my Deceased Son Reuben Coffey jointly a part Equal to one of my Children and each of them an Equal Share with my own Children;

Item. I do Nominate and appoint my son John Coffey and my son Reuben Coffey Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby Direct and command all former Wills & Testaments to be my last will and Testament. In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Thirtieth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six

Signed Seal Published and Declared } (Witness the Bark as before) James Coffey Deceased
 In presence of _____ } made

Wm. Linnin } State of North Carolina } October 1736
 Peter West } Withes County }
 Benjamin Coffey }
 The within will was duly Read in open Court this the 24th of October 1736
 sworn by the said James Coffey
 and proved to be his Will
 Edm. M. Lewis Clerk

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND JANE COFFEY
Generation III

Generation III, child 4, Thomas Coffey, b. March 7, 1742, d. 1825/26
married Elizabeth Smith, b. _____ d. _____.

To this union were born 6 children:

1. Betsy Coffey, b. 1765, d. 1850, married David Allen, b. 1765, d. 1846
2. John Coffey, b. October 3, 1796, d. 1812, married Hannah Wilson,
b. 1780, d. 1862.
3. Thomas Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married 1st. _____
Coffey, 2nd. Nancy Pendley, b. _____, d. _____.
4. James Coffey, b. August 31, 1799, d. _____, married
Delilah Ferguson, b. _____ d. _____.
5. Polly Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
William Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
6. Smith Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
Hannah Boone, b. _____, d. _____.

After the death of Elizabeth, Thomas Coffey remarried to Miss Sally
Fields, and moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina. (This move took
place, sometime between 1775, and 1780). Here an additional 6 child-
ren were born.

7. Martha Coffey, b. September 3, 1807, d. _____, married
James Dowell, b. _____, d. _____.
8. William Coffey, b. 1782, d. 1839, married Annie Boone, b. 1785
d. 1876.
9. Rev. Reuben Coffey, b. 1785, d. 1854, married Polly Dowell, b. 1788
d. 1867.
10. Eligah Coffey, b. 1788, d. 1865, married Polly Hull, b. _____,
d. _____.

11. Sally Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
Samuel Stewart, b. _____, d. _____.
12. Jesse Coffey, b. _____, d. _____. unmarried

Several of these children settled in the Yadkin area of Wilkes County, North Carolina, however numbers 1,2,7, and 9 moved to the southern Indiana counties of Monroe and Owen.

Reuben, the 6th son of Thomas Coffey, was ordained into the ministry in February of 1815. For many years, he not only was the pastor of the Globe Mountain Church, but also served many of the surrounding churches of Wilkes and Burke Counties. He was the first moderator of the Catawba River Baptist Association, which was organized in 1827.

In 1832, Reuben and his family moved to Monroe County, Indiana and later on to Owen County, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Reuben built a schoolhouse alongside his home in Indiana in order to assure his children and grandchildren an education. He was a farmer, mechanic, gunsmith, maker of furniture; He is noted for making the castings for the first turning plow on wooden stocks in the state of Indiana. He received a patent signed by Andrew Jackson. Reuben, is possibly best remembered for being the founder of Franklin College, a Baptist institution in the state of Indiana.

The information for the Thomas Coffey section was taken from the book, THOMAS COFFEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS, by Laurence H. Coffey, Lenoir, N.C., published Chattanooga, 1931.

Generation III, child 5, Reuben Coffey, b. _____, d. _____

married to Sally Scott, b. _____, d. _____ 1812.

Reuben and Sally Coffey were the parents of 5 children.

1. Eligah Coffey, b. March 11, 1779, d. September 3, 1863, married September 23, 1803, to Mary Abby (Polly) Dyer, b. _____, d. _____.
 - A. Lucinda Coffey, b. August 8, 1804, d. _____.
 - B. Allen Coffey, b. September 21, 1806, d. _____.
 - C. Alfred Coffey, b. May 10, 1809, d. June 11, 1885.
 - D. Amos Coffey, b. June 12, 1811, d. _____.
 - E. Jane Louisa Coffey, b. June 12, 1813, d. _____.
 - F. Albert Coffey, b. December 7, 1815, d. _____.
 - G. Joel Anderson Coffey, b. June 10, 1818, d. March 21, 1901.
 - H. William Trimble Coffey, b. December 17, 1820, d. May 8, 1904.
 - I. Wiley Hubbard Coffey, b. February 27, 1823, d. March 19, 1879.
 - J. Malinda Caroline Coffey, March 6, 1825, d. _____.
 - K. Nancy Emmaline Coffey, b. September 27, 1827, d. March 19, 1904.
2. Nancy Coffey, b. September 16, 1788, d. April 19, 1866, married
1st _____ Durham, b. _____, d. _____,
2nd Joel Anderson Dyer, b. April 10, 1791, d. June 19, 1850.
 - A. Rice Durham, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Harvey Haywood Dyer, b. _____, d. _____, unmarried.
 - C. Hiram Gloucester Dyer, b. April 13, 1814, d. June 23, 1893, married Rhoda Abby McGinnis, b. September 17, 1829, d. May 12, 1902.
 - D. Elizabeth Trimble Dyer, b. _____, d. _____, married March 10, 1841 to John H. Oram, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Eligah Coffey Dyer, b. September 7, 1820, d. June 8, 1893, married August 31, 1843 to Polly McGinnis, b. August 16, 1824 d. March 4, 1861.
 - F. Mary Constance Dyer, b. June 23, 1823, d. July 28, 1852, married Samuel McGinnis, b. October 18, 1822, d. Nov. 4, 1858.
 - G. Joel Anderson Dyer, b. _____, d. _____.
 - H. John Granderson Dyer, b. December 12, 1827, d. March 24, 1874, married July 16, 1848 to Hannah Elizabeth Cross, b. December 26, 1830, d. February 14, 1905, buried in Worthington, Indiana.
 - (1) James M. Dyer, b. September 5, 1854, d. March 1927, married Alda Celesta Crull, b. December 27, 1854, d. February 24, 1942.
 - (a). Fred Everett Dyer, b. 5-14-1877, d. 6-12-1956
 - (b). Abby Dorothea Dyer, b. 12-25-1878, d. 11-29-1964

- I. William Dyer, b. December 26, 1830, d. May 15, 1850, unmarried.
- J. George Washington Dyer, b. November 3, 1833, d. February 8, 1917, married November 6, 1859 to Sara Jane Carter, b. February 25, 1840, d. July 31, 1907.
3. Benjamin Coffey, b. 1790ca, d. 1843, married in 1816 to Exa Saphronia Stepp, b. , d. June 1856
- A. Jesse Coffey, b. November 18, 1818, d. October 10, 1885, married February 12, 1840 to Lucinda Dorcas Burpo, b. May 10, 1825, d. September 16, 1897 (home Gentry Co, Mo.)
- B. Lawson Coffey, b. August 15, 1820, d. August 7, 1904, married February 1, 1851 to Mary A. Litton, b. 1827, d. remarried 1856 to Eliza Campbell, b. 1-18-1836, d. 3-6-1915
- C. Nancy J. Coffey, b. 1823 ca, d. February 3, 1866, married February 20, 1840 to David Allen, b. 1825, d.
- D. Sally Ann Coffey, b. 1838, d. , married 1st August 16, 1850 to William Kingston Litton, b. 1824, 2nd to George Luggett, b. , 3rd to Ira Graham, b.
- E. William W. Coffey, b. November 15, 1830, d. June 18, 1865, married February 7, 1850 to Malinda Emmaline Litton, b. October 25, 1827, d. June 15, 1919.
- F. Milton Hiatt Coffey, b. November 14, 1831, d. May 25, 1915 married June 1, 1858 to Cynthia J. Nicholas, b. March 1, 1841, d. June , 1910.
- G. Matilda Catherine Coffey, b. August 9, 1837, d. April 15, 1917 married 1st Eligah Miller, b. , d. . 2nd Calvin Denver Lyman, b. February 20, 1833, d. August 1, 1907
4. William Coffey, b. 1790ca, d. October 27, 1844, married Mary Falkner, b. 1788ca, d. .
- A. Mary Ann Coffey, b. 1835/40, d. , married May 9, 1859 to David Hansford Allen, b. , d. December 31, 1897.
- B. Silas DeMarcus Coffey, b. February 23, 1839, d. March 6, 1904 married November 1, 1864 Carolyn Byles, b. 1836, d. April 7, 1915.
- C. John Coffey, b. , d. .
- D. Isaac Coffey, b. , d. .
- E. James Leander Coffey, b. June 9, 1834, d. November 6, 1890 married September 30, 1855, to Elizabeth Litton, b. February 14, 1838, d. August 25, 1876.
- F. Oliver Newton Coffey, b. December 2, 1832, d. December 30, 1906 married January 30, 1851 to Elizabeth Litton, b. (same as above).
- G. Serena T. Coffey, b. 1846, d. April 1, 1855
- H. Hodge Rayborn Coffey, b. was 38, in 1850 census, married November 10, 1831 to Hannah Wilson b. January 27, 1811, d. June 12, 1880.

5. Isom Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
Martha Smock, b. _____, d. _____.

- A. Tilman Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- B. Denzia Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- C. Talisha Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

Reuben and Sally Coffey lived in Globe Settlement on John's River, in Burke County, North Carolina. It is believed that Sally died while still in Burke County. Reuben and later most of his children moved to Owen County, Indiana, by the way of Morgan County. A great majority of the descendants of Reuben and Sally Coffey still live in the Worthington, Owen, Spencer, and Morgan County areas.

Generation III, child 6, Benjamin Coffey, b. 1747, d. 1783,
married to Polly Hayes. I was able to find only one line of this
family, through Coffey descendant, Arvol Coffey, deceased, of
Berea, Kentucky. His line was as follows:

Generation 3, Benjamin Coffey, and Polly Hayes
Generation 4, John Coffey, and Elizabeth Rucker
Generation 5, Benjamin Coffey and Nancy Hayes
Generation 6, Ransom Coffey, and Delphia Cox
Generation 7, Willis Coffey, and Winifred Parsons
Generation 8, Rance Coffey, and Etna Hayes
Generation 9, Arvol Coffey

*The information for Generation III, child 5, Reuben Coffey
was taken from the personal files of Abby Dyer Griffin.

The Children of James Coffey I.
(records found but not researched extensively)

Although this book concerns it's self primarily with the Coffeys who came to Wayne County Kentucky, we wish to convey information we found in our research, in hopes that the data may help others.

Generation IV. child 1, Elizabeth Coffey, b. 1752, d. _____, married Robert Whitesides, b. 1738, d. 1810. Robert and his wife owned land in Wayne County at one time, however they settled in the Nashville, Tennessee area. They were the parents of 6 children and 27 grandchildren.

1. James Whitesides, b. _____, d. _____, married
2. Jonathan Whitesides, b. April 13, 1776, N.C., d. October 1860 and is buried on Lookout Mountain, married
3. Mary Whitesides, b. _____, d. _____, married
4. William Whitesides, b. _____, d. _____, married
5. Joel Whitesides, b. _____, d. _____, married
6. Lewis Whitesides, b. _____, d. _____.

Generation IV. child 2, John Coffey, b. 1753, d. _____, had no other information for him except a pay voucher for military service during the American Revolution. This voucher may be found on page 113 in Appendage 2.

Generation IV. child 3, Archelius Coffey, b. 17, d. prior to 1786, married ELON WADE, b. _____, d. _____. All we found for Archelius was the listing in his father's will as follows:

"That is to say allowing all the heirs of my deceased son Archelius Coffey jointly a part equal to one of my children and not each of them an equal share with my own children;"

- date 9-30-1786
1. James M. Coffey b. _____ d. _____ married Frances Lane
 2. John W. Coffey b. _____ d. _____ married Polly Harbord
 3. Hezekiah Coffey b. _____ d. _____ married _____
 4. Bailey Coffey b. _____ d. _____ married _____

Information for Archelius / Archelaus Coffey furnished by Mr. Marvin Coffey of Ashland, Oregon,

Generation IV, child 4, James Coffey Jr., b. 1755, d. _____
unmarried. James came to Wayne County with the other members
of the James Coffey family in the early 1800's. Because he
was dissatisfied with the country, he traded his land grant
to Lewis Russell for a plot of land he had remaining in N.C.
and returned to Wilkes County, N.C.

Generation IV, child 6, Ambrose Coffey, b. 1762, d. _____,
married Mildred Moore, b. _____, d. _____, daughter of Jesse
Moore, sister of Bidant Moore. Ambrose was a Revolutionary
Soldier, they lived in Chatanooga, Tennessee, then emigrated to
Kentucky where Ambrose and family was listed as living in Fort
Boonesboro on October 16, 1779. Finally they settled in Madison
County, Kentucky. Ambrose and Mildred had 4 children.

1. Jessie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
2. Thomas Jefferson Coffey, b. February 16, 1805, d. _____
married Malinda Groves, b. _____, d. _____.
3. Washington Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
4. America Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married Samuel
Lusk of McMinnville, Tennessee, b. _____, d. _____.
They made their home near the Brazos River in Texas.

Generation IV, child 7, Ely Coffey, b. March 1, 1764, d. September
5, 1847, married Hannah Allen, b. _____, d. _____. On
November 11, 1814, they purchased land in Wayne County where they
have deeds recorded as follows: November 4, 1815 Ely and Hannah Coffey purchase land in
town from Abel Shrewsbury for \$600.00 - Book B, page 266; November 11, 1815, Ely and
Hannah deed land to Hardin M. Weatherford a lot in town for \$60.00; November 11, 1815
Ely and Hannah to James Rapier a lot in town for \$50.00; May 6, 1839 sold parcels of land
by mail from McMinn, Tennessee.

1. *Asbury Madison Coffey, b. July 25, 1804, in Wilkes County, N.C., d. April 15, 1865 and was buried in Knobnoster Cemetery. He married a Miss Mary Bradford on July 22, 1828. In 1828 he and Mary moved to McMinn County, Tennessee where they lived until 1842. During that time he was treasurer of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad. In 1842 he moved to Knobnoster, Missouri. In 1850, President Fillmore appointed him Indian Agent and for several years he was stationed in the Peories of Kansas. Coffey County as well as Coffeyville, Kansas were named in his honor. In 1859, he and Mary removed to Knobnoster where they are both buried. They were the parents of 6 children.

Generation IV, child 8, Rice Coffey, b. April , 1766, d. July 24, 1853, married Sara (Sally) Bradford, daughter of Bennet Bradford of Wilkes County. Sara b. July 22, 1776, d. September 3, 1840. Rice and Sally Bradford Coffey lived in Wartrace, a town in Bedford County, Tennessee. They were the parents of 11 children.

1. Hamilton Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
2. Jerush Coffey, b. 1792, d. _____, unmarried
3. Elvira Coffey, b. 1794, d. _____, unmarried
4. Henry Bradford Coffey, b. 1795, d. _____, married Sarah Edmondson
5. Mary G. Coffey, b. 1797, d. _____, married John Kendall
6. Weighstill Avery Coffey, b. 1801, d. _____, unmarried
7. Alexander H. Coffey, b. 1803, d. 1864, married Mary Weatherly
8. Martha Coffey, b. 1806, d. 1845, married Alec. Yell
9. Benjamin B. Coffey, b. 1809, d. 1864, married Mary E. Roache
10. Rice Abner Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
11. John Reid Coffey, b. March 27, 1814, d. May 21, 1896, married January 21, 1849 to Miss Mary Ann Cross, b. December 28, 1831, d. September 8, 1887. John Reid was a Brigadier General of the Alabama Militia.

December 23, 1812, Rice Coffey from Wilkes Co., N.C. purchased one parcel of land including 658 acres of land from Andrew Jackson (surveyed by Jno. Coffey, Jacksons' nephew by marriage) for 2,000.00, Deed Book E, page 494 and 495. At this time, Wartrace had not yet been formed; Rice is in the town's history as being the instigator, drawing up the plans for the town, and arranging for the railroad to go through that area (see deed next page). Rice and wife, Sally are buried in a family cemetery outside of the town of Wartrace on the Bellbuckle (both have stones)

Rice Coffey to Nashville & Chattanooga Rail Road Company 1850 & John
 His intention made his 5th day November 1850 between Rice
Coffey of the same County State of Tennessee of the one part and the Nashville and
Chattanooga Rail Road Company of the other part: Witnesseth that the said Rice
Coffey for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to him paid by the said Company, hath given granted conveyed sold and conveyed
 and do by these presents and give grant convey sold and convey to the said Nashville
and Chattanooga Rail Road Company a certain tract or parcel of land situate
 lying and being in the County and State aforesaid On the West side of said
 Road on both sides of said Rail Road containing Eight acres beginning at the
 Road on said Coffey's tract of land at this in 1848 at a certain bearing there
 20 right angle with said Rail Road naturally and humanly and being seven
 feet from the center of said road to a stake three feet Eastwardly parallel with
 said Rail Road and thence a foot to a stake three feet Eastwardly bearing said road
 20 right angle three hundred and fifty four feet to a stake three feet Eastwardly
 parallel with said road and thence a foot to a stake three feet Eastwardly and being
 seven feet to the beginning So have said to hold with the appurtenances
 on them belonging to the Nashville and Chattanooga Rail Road Company in a
 their successors and assigns forever, and the said Rice Coffey for himself his heirs and
 representatives do hereby warrant and agree to warrant and defend the title to
 the above tract of land above recited to the said Nashville and Chattanooga Rail
Road Company; their successors and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons
 a contrary to the intent and wish of the said Rice Coffey both heretofore and
 hereafter made, he doth also witness this 5th day of 1850
 Executed in presence of
Rice Coffey John

John B. Lucas Secretary appeared before me Charles James Clerk of the
County County Clerk of said County: Witnesseth that on the 11th Decr 1850
 1850 and William Hopper as the 21st Decr 1850 the subscribers
 to the foregoing deed, who being first sworn upon oath that they are
 personally acquainted with Rice Coffey the grantor and that he delivered
 to them the same in their presence to be his act and deed on or about the 11th
 the same last date Witnesseth of hands as aforesaid this 21st Decr 1850
James James William
John B. Lucas Secretary

The above deed for Rice Coffey donates above mentioned parcels of land to the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad in order to assure that this railroad would run through the newly developed town of Wattrace, Tennessee... money exchanged - \$1.00.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF KENTUCKY

Kentucky was originally a county in the state of Virginia, and was called Kentucky County. It's only inhabitants were Cherokee Indians, and trappers on hunting expeditions. The main reason no one else had ventured to this area, was the impregnable Cumberland Mountains.

It wasn't until May of 1779, that legal provisions were made to make a road through these mountains, and begin settlements in this area. In December of 1781, the road was opened and became known as the Wilderness Road.

The government began to entice people to "Go West" where farmland was rich, plentiful, and there for the taking. In order to give the needed incentive for some of the people to pick up and leave their homes, the government, under congressional acts of 1788, 1789, 1803, and 1806, awarded land grants to all veterans of the Revolutionary War. These land grants were awarded according to the rank held during their military service:

Major	1100 acres
Captain	300 acres
Lieutenant	200 acres
Ensign	150 acres
Private	100 acres

Another type grant was the "Headrights" land grant. It resembled the homesteading process, in that the party had to live

MAP OF

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From New and Actual Surveys

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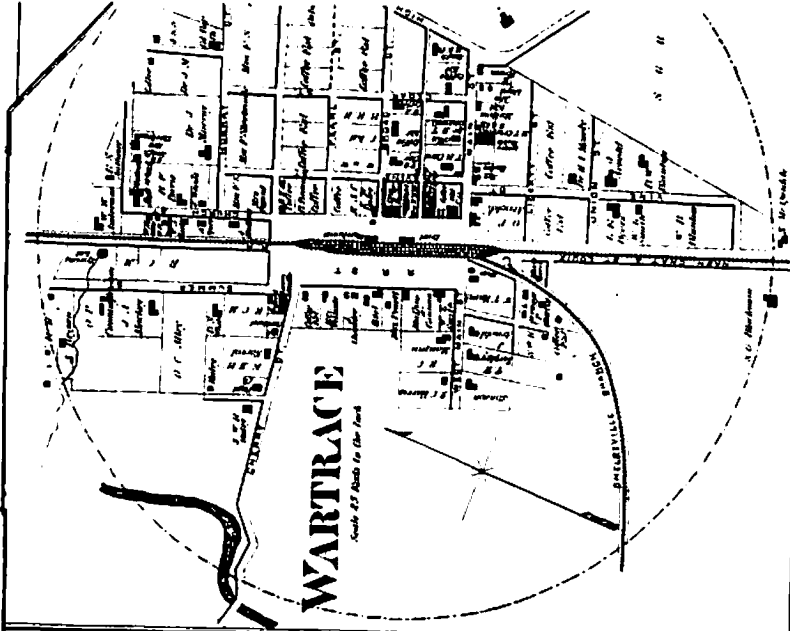
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Eng. by Walter A. Rorer
of the U.S. G. S.

Prepared by F. Messinger
of the U.S. G. S.

Scale: 1" = 1/2 Miles to the Mile



THE ABOVE SURVEYORS' MAP DATED 1878, ALTHOUGH AFTER RICE'S DEATH SHOWS A GREAT DEAL OF THE TOWN TO STILL BE IN THE COF. FEY FAMILY ESTATE.

on the land a period of time, then file his claim at the nearest land office.

By 1792, Kentucky was admitted to the Union, and Wayne County was formed in 1800 from parts of Cumberland, Pulaski, and Whitley Counties. Wayne was the 43rd county and in 1801 its county seat, Monticello, was formed.

LEWIS RUSSELL COFFEY
Generation IV, child 11

Although Surry County, North Carolina had been frontier-land when the Rev. James Coffey first moved his family there, by 1800, it had become as thickly inhabited as Virginia.

The war was now over, and our Coffey ancestors, being stifled by the set range of every day life, began to yearn for excitement. Reuben, James, and Mastin were all eligible for the military land grants. Their parents were dead, their families were young, so with nothing really holding them to North Carolina, one by one, they took advantage of the governmental offer.

Our first Coffey to move to Wayne County, was Lewis Russell, his wife Biddy, and their five children. Surpassing the main settlement, which was located at Parmleysville, Lewis and Biddy settled the east side of the mountain which was later to be called, in their honor, "Coffey Mountain". Lewis, took advantage of the Land Register Grants, and from the Wayne County Deed Book A, it appears that Lewis at one time owned much of Elk Spring Valley, (then called Coffey Valley). Their home, built about a mile from the foot of the mountain, marked the beginning of what was later referred to as the Coffey Settlement. The original log house still stands, encased in a weatherboard house belonging to Mr. Elmer Anderson. (house located off of highway #92, on #1258)

Lewis Russell Coffey, b. November 18, 1772, d. September 29, 1850, married December 10, 1795 to Bidant Moore, daughter of Jesse Moore and sister of Mildred Moore. Bidant, b. May 3, 1775, d. January 13, 1851.



THE HENDERSON COFFEY HOME

Lewis and Bidant Coffey were the parents of eleven children:

1. Elizabeth "Betsy" Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married March 16, 1819 to Richard Northcraft Cullom, b. _____, d. _____, son of William Cullom.

A.
B.
C.
D.

E.

F.

G. Shelby Moore Cullom, b. November 22, 1829, d. January 28, 1914, married 1st December 1855 to Hannah Fisher, b. _____, d. 1863. married 2nd May 5, 1863 to Julia Fisher, sister of Hannah. He was speaker of the house for one term. He served in congress from 1876 to 1883. He was governor of Illinois for 2 terms, and is said to have been a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln.

2. Rachael Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married in 1829 to Thomas Jefferson Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Margaret A. Jones, b. 1830, d. January 11, 1862, married August 21, 1849 to Martin Phillips Salee, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Elizabeth Salee
 - (2) Jefferson Salee
 - (3) Amanda Salee
 - (4) Margaret Salee
3. Mary "Polly" Coffey, b. October 19, 1800, d. March 29, 1855 married January 4, 1821 to Joshua Oatts, b. July 5, 1791, d. July 4, 1859.
- A. Cleveland Oatts, b. January 10, 1829, d. November 6, 1879, married
- B. James Oatts, b. _____, d. _____, married Harriette Worsham, b. _____, d. _____.
- C. Cosby Oatts, b. April 5, 1857, d. September 28, 1895, married 1st Irene Frisbie, b. September 9, 1822, d. January 28, 1875. married 2nd to Marietta Frisbie, b. January 30, 1844, d. August 6, 1891.
- D. *William Henderson Oatts, b. November 6, 1826, d. February 8, 1877, married Susan Emarine Harris, b. March 14, 1850 d. May 23, 1908.

*photo is in album

- (1) Mary Elsie Oatts, b. 1874, d. 1908, married
Jeff J. Stokes, b. _____, d. _____.
- (2) Nannie J. Oatts, b. 1876, d. 1919, married
Lloyd A. Rankin, b. _____, d. _____.
- (3) Martin Phillip Oatts, b. 1877, d. 1884
- (4) Susan Emarine Oatts, b. 1879, 1958 d., married
Pearson M. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- (5) Saphronia L. Oatts, b. _____, d. _____,
married David L. Rankin, b. _____, d. _____.
- (6) Mattie Rone Oatts, b. _____, d. _____, married
Dr. _____ Smith DDS, b. _____, d. _____.
- (7) *Shelby David Oatts, b. 1883, d. 1965, married
Bessie Mae Coffey, b. May 26, 1887, d. _____*
- (8) Nettie Faire Oatts, b. 1885, d. 1965, married
Dr. Ben F. Underwood, b. _____, d. _____.
- (9) Etta Keys Oatts, b. _____, d. _____, married
J. M. Hill, b. _____, d. _____.
- (10) Sally Eva Oatts, b. _____, d. _____, married
Charles C. Wren, b. _____, d. _____.
- (11) William Raymond Oatts, b. 1891, d. 1973, married
Sula Ramsey, b. _____, d. _____.
- (12) Lena Rivers Oatts, b. 1894, d. _____, married
Charles M. Back, b. _____, d. _____.

E. Emily B. Oatts, b. 1831, d. _____, married

F. John R. Oatts, b. 1834, d. _____, married

G. Saphroma Oatts, b. October 3, 1839, d. April 14, 1855

H. Lewis Oatts, b. _____, d. _____, married

I. Shelby Oatts, b. 1843, d. _____, married

J. Russell W. Oatts, b. December 22, 1844, d. December 26,
1895, married Emma L. _____, b. August 31, 1853
d. June 30, 1905.

K. T.J. Oatts, b. 1848, d. 1913, married Nancy Ingram,
b. 1860, d. 1888.

4. James Lewis Coffey, b. September 12, 1802, d. August 7, 1855,
married February 1829 to Sarah Alloway Strange, b. February
26, 1807, d. October 30, 1885.

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- A. Jessie Columbus Coffey, b. December 7, 1829, d. April 23, 1855.
- B. Elizabeth E. Coffey, b. April 23, 1831, d. May 11, 1855
- C. Anjeletta Coffey, b. November 22, 1832, d. May 20, 1855
- D. George W. Coffey, b. September 21, 1834, d. October 28, 1834.
- E. Cleveland McKendree Coffey, b. January 5, 1836, d. December 7, 1921. married April 17, 1887 to Mary Jane Elizabeth Coffey, b. January 24, 1854, d. September 24, 1900.
- (1) *Bessie Mae Coffey, b. May 26, 1887, d. _____
 - (2) Obadiah Coffey, b. December 18, 1885, d. February 3, 1908.
 - (3) Lewis Cleveland Coffey, b. April 12, 1889, d. _____
 - (4) Reba Vella Coffey, b. November 22, 1891, d. _____
 - (5) Grover Columbus Coffey, b. September 28, 1893, d. _____
 - (6) Mary Vera Coffey, b. October 12, 1895, d. _____
- F. Mary "Polly" Coffey, b. February 3, 1838, d. October 30, 1866.
- G. James Franklin Coffey, b. January 8, 1840, d. October 14, 1930, married December 15, 1869 to Louisa J. Miller b. August 2, 1840, d. March 15, 1905.
- (1) Pearson M. Coffey, b. July 26, 1870, d. May 25, 1923 married Susan Emarine Oatts, b. 1879, d. 1958.
 - (2) Sallie Maud Coffey, b. May 31, 1876, d. _____ married R. F. Shearer, b. August 6, 1915, d. _____.
- H. Sara S. Coffey, b. February 8, 1842, d. November 12, 1938, married November 17, 1920 to James W. Smith, b. _____, d. _____.
- I. Obediah S. Coffey b. May 3, 1844, d. June 21, 1912, married 1st Bettie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, 2nd Sally Kendrick, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1). Betty Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married Jim Salee, b. _____, d. _____, moved to Washington State.
 - (2) Mayme Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married Dr. Cleo Sandusky, DDS, b. _____, d. _____

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J. Verlinda Jane Coffey, b. October 31, 1848, d. December 23, 1934, married James Harvey Duncan, b. _____, d. _____.

James, previously married to Thresa E. Bobbitt, daughter of Alexander and Saphronia Coffey Bobbitt. Thresa, b. December 25, 1852, d. July 14, 1879. children (1) & (2)

(1) Sallie Duncan, b. December 12, 1875, d. June 3, 1957

(2) Jimmie F. Duncan, b. December 22, 1878, d. February 19, 1879.

(3) Ella May Duncan, b. May 9, 1885, d. December 28, 1966, married Theodore Lanier Jones, b. February 24, 1876, d. August 29, 1929.

(4) Edward H. Duncan, b. June 19, 1887, d. April 20, 1967, married Ethel Denny, b. October 16, 1890, d. _____. (lived in Orlando Florida)

5. Henderson Coffey, b. October 8, 1804, d. December 8, 1868, married August 29, 1827 to Minerva Alexander, b. March 6, 1805, d. February 22, 1881.

A. Telitha A. Coffey, b. October 4, 1829, d. November 28, 1874, married August 17, 1848 to Absalom S. Jones, b. July 12, 1817, d. November 29, 1888.

B. Captain Shelby Coffey, b. December 1, 1832, d. March 20, 1862, married

(see eulogy in cemetery listing, page 66)

C. Joseph Coffey, b. March 20, 1836, d. September 27, 1859, married Mary Warden, b. _____, d. _____.

- D. Emily B. Coffey, b. December 12, 1839, d. _____,
married September 12, 1856 to Lewis R. Jones, b. _____
d. _____.
- E. Nannie Coffey, b. 1840, d. January 4, 1930, married
A.J. Hayden, b. _____, d. _____.
(1) unnamed child born January 10, 1881, d. January 11, 1881
- F. Elizabeth L. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
- G. Lewis (Brandy) Coffey, b. 1843, d. 1914, married
Sophia Loretta Buster, b. 1853, d. 1894.
(1) Milton Henderson Coffey, b. 1875, d. _____.
(2) Mary Kathrine Coffey, b. 1879, d. _____.
(3) Charles Shelby, b. June 18, 1882, d. _____,
married Mary Margaret Anderson, b. April 5, 1895,
d. _____.
(4) Bessie Lockett Coffey, b. December 6, 1885, d.
August 24, 1897.
(5) Lois H. Coffey, b. February 18, 1890, d. March 6, 1890.
(6) Loretta Coffey, b. 1892, d. _____.
- H. Mary A. Coffey, b. May 11, 1849, d. March 17, 1911,
married Louis P. Tuttle, b. _____, d. _____.
6. Edward Northcraft Cullom Coffey (ENC) b. _____, d. prior
to April 13, 1850, married Rachael Isaacs, b. _____, d. _____.
7. Jessie Moore Coffey, b. _____, d. prior to April 13,
1850, married Eliza Griffin, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Saphrona Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
8. Shelby Coffey, b. August 12, 1811, d. September 2, 1863,
married Zerilda Emarine Meadows, b. June 29, 1822, d. June
22, 1900.
- A. Andrew Lewis Coffey, b. April 17, 1844, d. April 4, 1887
married Josephine Rowe, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Shelby Haskins b. May 10, 1866, d. July 1872
(2) Cattie Mae, b. October 1, 1868, d. January 13, 1963
(3) Basel Duke, b. October 10, 1870, d. February 13, 1898
(4) Crettie Margaret, b. February 16, 1874, d. July 1895
(5) Darinda Emma, b. September 10, 1877, d. May 5, 1898
(6) James W. Coffey, b. 1879, d. 1947
(7) *Columbus Coleman, b. January 24, 1882, d. June 15, 1973

*photo is in album

- (8) Foree Fulton, b. March 25, 1884, d. May 12, 1966
 (9) Cullem Watterson, b. January 1888, d. 1954
- B. Mary Jane Elizabeth "Molly" Coffey, b. January 24, 1854
 d. September 24, 1900, married Cleveland McKendree Coffey
 b. January 5, 1836, d. December 7, 1921.
- (1) *Bessie Mae Coffey, b. May 26, 1887, d. _____
 (2) Obadiah Coffey, b. December 18, 1885, d. February
 3, 1908.
 (3) Lewis Cleveland Coffey, b. April 12, 1889, d. _____
 (4) Reba Vella Coffey, b. November 22, 1891, d. _____
 (5) Grover Columbus Coffey, b. September 28, 1893,
 d. _____
 (6) Mary Vera Coffey, b. October 12, 1895, d. _____
9. Cleveland L. Coffey, b. _____, d. prior to April
 13, 1850, married Saphronia Oatts, b. _____, d. _____
- A. Lewis Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 B. Mary Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
10. Benjamin Franklin Coffey, b. December 10, 1816, d. May 11,
 1868, married October 11, 1842 to Mary Ann Worsham, b. June
 4, 1826, d. February 28, 1886.
- A. Martha E. Coffey, b. 1848, d. _____.
 B. Jessie C. Coffey, b. August 20, 1841, d. August 6, 1847
 C. Margaret Coffey, b. August 16, 1856, d. August 29, 1856
 D. Ida Saphrona Coffey, b. September 19, 1858, d. October
 29, 1884, married September 19, 1882 to Cicero Ramsey,
 b. May 1, 1854, d. June 23, 1926.
- (1) Rosalia Ramsey, b. July 13, 1883, d. July 13, 1883
 (2) Granville Vincent Ramsey, b. July 31, 1884, d.
 January 24, 1885.
- E. William E. Coffey, b. 1850, d. _____.
11. Thomas Coleman Coffey, b. 1819, d. _____,
 married 1st December 11, 1839 to Mary "Polly" Havens
 b. _____, d. prior to August 23, 1848.
 married 2nd August 23, 1848 to Patience Jane Miller
 b. 1828, d. April 1855.
 married 3rd to Sara Havens, b. _____, d. _____.
 married 4th to Amanda Jones, Hudson, Stone,
 b. 1818, d. March 15, 1897 (buried in the Buster Cemetery in town)
- A. Margaret R. Coffey, b. 1841, d. _____.
 B. John Coffey, b. 1843, d. _____.
 C. Marshall Coffey, b. 1850, d. _____.



THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COFFEY FAMILY CEMETERY
located in the Highland View Addition

In the name of God amen I Lewis Coffey of the County
of Wayne being sick and weak in body but of sound
mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God)
and Calling to mind the uncertainty of human life
and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly Estate
as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and be-
queath the same in manner following that is to say
after the payment of all my just debts and funeral
expenses

I give to my beloved Wife Fiddy Coffey the the following
shares (to wit) Acres and all her Children now with her,
Sarah and her Children and Nancy. Subject to her
Own Contrill, disposal, sale or devise in any such
way and manner as may be most agreeable to her
Discretion

Secondly I give to my beloved wife Biddy Coffey nee of
Hart man Charles my slave Jane & Bell during her
natural life

Thirdly I give to my beloved wife Biddy Coffey the farm
I now live upon and all adjoining land during
my natural life

Fourthly I give six hundred Dollars out of my Estate
to each one of the following named of my Children
Betsey Rachel Polly James Henderson Shelby Benjamin
F. and Thomas to make them equal in amount with
what my son W. M. Coffey has here before received

Fifthly I give unto the possession of Benjamin F.
Coffey my house and lot in the town of Monticello
for the support of my grand daughter Sophronia Coffey
only child of J. M. Coffey deceased said Benjamin
F. Coffey may lease said house and lot or permit my
said grand daughter to occupy the same after five years
from this date also the rents of said house & lot is
received for the term of five years from this date
after five said Benjamin F. Coffey may manage
and let said house and lot as he may think most
suitable to her future interest as no power is herein
given my said grand daughter to dispose of said house
and lot against the consent of him the said Benjamin
F. and at the death of my said grand daughter if without
children said house and lot shall belong to my heirs - if she shall
have issue and they shall die without children said
house and lot shall be to my heirs

Sixthly I give unto the possession of Benjamin F. Coffey
after five years three hundred and fifty Dollars for the
support of my grand daughter Sophronia Coffey to be
paid to her use and benefit at such times and in
such manner as he may think most suitable to her
interest

Seventhly I give unto the possession of Shelby Coffey after
five years eleven hundred Dollars for the joint support
of my grand son and daughter Lewis Coffey and
Mary Coffey the only children of W. M. Coffey deceased
to be paid to them equally and severally at such times
and in such manner as he may think most suitable
to their interest

Eighthly I leave in the hands of my executor one thou-
sand or fifty or fifty Dollars to each one of my
grand children whose names are as follows to wit

Sophronia Coffey, Lewis Coffey, and Mary Coffey
to be delivered or paid to them use and support
at such times and in such manner as my
executors may think best
Thirteenthly

My desire is that should my grand Child
die from any Cause and before the devise here
in made to them in that event said devise
shall belong to my heirs
Fourteenthly

My desire is that if my grand Children
Lewis and Mary Coffey should dye without
Children the blessed heritage given to them
vest and belong to my heirs
Fifteenthly

The devise and Bequests herein made
to my grand Children may be put at interest
at the option and will of their said Trustee as
such devise or Bequest is not subject to the
Control or Responsibilities of my grand Children
but to be Controlled by their said Trustee
Sixteenthly

My Black Woman Nab is to remain in
the possession of my Wife during the natural
life of my Wife should said Black Woman live
to Long at the death of my Wife to be by my
executors taken Care of and ample provision
out of my estate by them made for her support
whilst she may live provided she may not be
able conveniently to support herself
Seventeenthly

My desire is that after the devise and
Bequests herein made are set apart and provided
that the remainder of my estate both personal and real
to remain in possession of my Wife to be disposed of
by her as she may think right
Eighteenthly

My Will and desire is after the death of
my Wife that all the rest of my estate undisposed
of by her both real and personal of whatever nature
or kind whosoever it may be - be by my executors sold
the personal property on such Credits as they may
think best and the landed estate on a Credit of
Three years from and after the date of said Sale
and the proceeds when Collected and expensed, said
proceeds divided among the following of my Children
(Wife) Betty, Rachel, Polly, James, Henderson, Philip,
Benjamin F and Thomas R

I do hereby constitute and
appoint Henderson B. P. Coffey and Philip Coffey
executors of this my last will and testament and

The County Court upon their taking the Oath as
executors are not required to bind them to security
for the execution of this my last Will

And testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand this 13th Day of April 1850

Witness
Joshua Buxter
W^m Simpson

Darius Coffey

I Darius Coffey this day publish and declare
the following as a Codicil to my will bearing
date the 13th Day of April 1850 viz the proceeds of the
five years rent of the house and lot mentioned
in and received in the 5th item of my said Will
I desire and direct my son B. F. Coffey to use and
apply as he may deem most Conducive to the interest
of my said Grand Daughter Sophrona Coffey named
in the 5th item of my said wills provided however
he the said Benjamin F. may apply out of the
proceeds of said five years rent to his own use
and benefit (if he see proper to do so) an amount
equal to the expenses which he has and may incur
in the suits between James W. Griffen wife and
himself Concerning said house and lot

Witness my hand and seal this 17th Day
of September 1850 signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of

Witness
Joshua Buxter
William Simpson

Darius Coffey

State of Kentucky Wayne County Act
I J. N. Sheppard Deputy Clerk
Wm Simpson Clerk of the Wayne County Court do
certify that the last will and testament of Darius Coffey was
the 28th Day of Nov. 1850 produced in open Court and
proven by the Oath of William Simpson one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto in his proper person
and Joshua Buxter the other subscribing witness
not being present his hand-writing was pro-
ved by said Simpson to have been done in the pre-
sence of the testator which was ordered to be recorded
in accordance with law

Done under my hand this 3rd
of August 1853

Generation IV, child 9, Martha Coffey, b. _____, d. prior to August 12, 1826, and was buried near the Coffey Settlement in Wayne County, Kentucky. In February of 1794, Martha married Mastin Durham, b. 1755, d. August 1, 1844, son of John and Molly Durham of Burke County, N.C. According to Mastin's resume in his application for military pension in 1832, Mastin stated that he and Martha moved to Wayne County in the year 1811, and settled near the Coffey Settlement. After Martha's death, Mastin remarried to Mary Dockery, on the 12th of August, 1826. Martha and Mastin Durham had 6 children.

1. Molly Durham, b. February 7, 1755, d. _____, married
2. James Durham, b. February 8, 1777, d. _____, married
3. John Durham, b. March 29, 1779, d. _____, married
4. Betsy Durham, b. September 28, 1781, d. _____, married
5. Selah Durham, b. June 19, 1784, d. August 12, 1874, married Ebenezer Fairchild, b. _____, d. _____, son of Abijah Fairchild.
 - A. Elizabeth Fairchild, b. 12-12-1809, d. _____.
 - B. Caleb Fairchild, b. 12-17-1911, d. _____.
 - C. Sally Fairchild, b. 10-25-1815, d. _____.
 - D. Louisa Fairchild, b. 3-1-1818, d. _____.
 - E. Patsy Fairchild, b. 4-2-1820, d. _____.
 - F. Mastin Fairchild, b. 2-3-1823, d. _____.
 - G. Abijah Fairchild, b. 2-3-1823, d. _____.
 - H. Rice Fairchild, b. 11-5-1824, d. _____.
 - I. Miria Fairchild, b. 8-9-1827, d. _____.
 - J. Nancy Fairchild, b. 12-2-1900, d. _____.
6. Sally Durham, b. March 11, 1787, d. _____, married

Generation IV, child 10, Joel Coffey, b. _____ 1770, d.

December 1826, married Martha "Patsy" _____, b. _____

d. _____ 1839. Joel and Patsy Coffey moved to Wayne County from Burke County, N.C. sometime after 1806. (their first deed was dated December 3, 1806). Joel is believed to have been a speculator of land as he purchased some 18 large parcels of land in the 20 years he lived in Wayne County. By trade, he was a carpenter, and was evidently thought highly of by his peers, as he was chosen by the court of Wayne County to build the county courthouse in the year 1825. Below are excerpts from the court orders dated May 1825 and June 1826:

The court a majority of all the justices being present do agree with and direct Joel Coffey the undertaker of the building of the courthouse to which the said Coffey agrees to raise what is called a four square roof upon the said courthouse in place of the roof now required and also a cupulo on said house to be of hight and size in proportion to the size of said house agreeably to the rule of good workman and to be finished by painting as is common in such cases on such building and the said Coffey agrees to make the said cupulo eight square of the commipions(?) request and the county court binds themselves and their successors to pay the said Coffey the sum of \$500.00 to be divided amongst the payments (\$1.50 per day in Commonwealth money for as long as the court may-sit, \$2.00 per day for as many a day as elections may continue.)

Joel and Martha were the parents of six children.

1. Nathaniel Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married 1st in 1823 to Louisa Durham, b. _____,
d. _____.
- A. Andrew Jackson Coffey, b. 1825ca, d. October 20, 1899
in Montague, Texas. Married January 16, 1850 to Martha
J. Spann, b. 1834ca, d. _____.
- (1) William S. Coffey, b. 1850ca, d. _____.

- (2) Charles L. Coffey, b. 1852ca, d. _____.
- (3) Andrew J. Coffey, b. 1856ca, d. _____.
- (4) Eliza Angeline Coffey, b. 10-27-1856, d. 1-1-1928
married John Harrison Kinnett, b. _____, d. _____.
- (5) George H. Coffey, b. 1857ca, d. _____.
- (6) Sarah Zerilda Coffey, b. 12-28-1858, d. _____,
married August 18, 1880 to William Harrison Parmlay
b. 9-13-1858, d. 1-19-1933.
- (7) Mary E. Coffey, b. 1865ca, d. _____.
- (8) Samuel E. Coffey, b. 1869, d. _____.
- (9) Robert E. Coffey, b. 1869ca, d. _____.

- B. T. Cleveland Coffey, b. 1827, d. _____, married
August 7, 1845 to Elizabeth Harman, b. 1829, d. _____.
- (1) William M. Coffey, b. 1847ca, d. _____.
- (2) Eliza E. Coffey, b. 1849ca, d. _____.

C. William Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

Nathaniel Coffey married 2nd to Nancy Clark, sometime after 1830.

- 2. Alvina (Elvira) Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married March 27, 1828 to Martin Wright, b. 10-22-1806
d. _____.
- 3. Carolina Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married _____ Summers, b. _____, d. _____.
- 4. Martha L. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
February 19, 1835 to Perry M. Stacy, b. _____, d. _____.
- 5. Frances Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
Andrew Jackson Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Martha L. Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
- 6. Henry B. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
January 24, 1838 to Sara Ann Isbell, b. _____, d. _____.

Martha Coffey remained in Wayne County sometime after Joel's death and settled his estate; then she moved to Randolph County, Missouri, where she died. Her will is recorded in Randolph County. A copy of Joel's will as it appears in Wayne County records, may be found on the following pages.

State of Kentucky; Wayne County Sub. - I John Coffey of the County and
State of said being in bad health and a deterioration of health and
infirmities and taking into consideration the necessity of every individual
arranging his own affairs in this world to prevent confusion after his
Death in his Family have thought proper and do declare and publish
to the world this instrument of writing to be my last will and testa-
ment. 1st I bequeath unto my wife Patsy Coffey the possession of my
present Residence to gether with the lands adjoining it, I also sell part
propert of every description belonging to me during her natural life to be
paid as she think proper for the use of her Family with the exception of
one horse named John which I wish to be sold at publick sale at such
time and on such credit as my Executor here after to be named in this
will shall think proper and the proceeds of said horse to be applied
as my affairs may require 2nd I bequeath unto my said wife
Patsy an unconditional right to my Negro Boy Jack for ever during
my life in exchange 3rd It is my will and desire that my tract of land
which I purchased from John Headon and an which I named James
now lies be immediately exposed to sale in the best way and on such
credit as my Executor may think right and the situation of my affairs
may require and the proceeds of the sale of said land to be applied
to the use of my Family and settlement of my business in that way and
in such manner as my Executor may think best. 4th My will is that my
tract of land which I purchased from John Headon lying in the Dogwood in
settlement remain unsold it being of but little value and having a bal-
ance ahead and it I wish it to remain for the benefit of my Family
5th My wife being now sick and being uncertain whether she will get well or
not my will is that if she dies that the possession named in the first story
on this will be reserved and kept in the possession of the Family for their
benefit subject to the control and direction of my Executor and his
of my personal property as my Executor think the Family all most need
I wish to be sold in such manner and on such credit as may be most
beneficial to the interest of my Family 6th It is my will and desire that at
the Death of my wife if that should happen after my youngest child come

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of age and if before then when the youngest child becomes of age the whole of my estate both real and personal be equally divided between my legal heirs and Representatives 7th Whether my wife live or die it is my wish and desire that my children which are and grow shall receive and education sufficient to do their own business 8th It is my wish and desire that my Executor should carry into effect my bequest for building the Court House in this County by performing every thing that I am bound to do as undertakes and to do the same as soon as possible and to receive the proceeds of said Work and apply the same in that way which will best suit my affairs and the Interest of my Family

9th It is my will and desire that my tract of Land which I purchased from Elijah Henthorn and my heirs and Lot in Town on which the brick house stands be rented for the best profit that can be had, but if in the opinion of my Executor either the Land or Lot can be sold for a better price according to their respective Values than any other property hereby mentioned to be sold, he is hereby directed to sell them or either of them as may best suit so I hereby appoint my Brother Lewis Coffey Executor of this my last will and testament and desire him to strictly to carry the same in to complete effect given under my hand and seal at my own house this 21st day of November 1826

Isaac Coffey

John Chrisman
J. C. Henthorn

Commissioners of Kentucky Wayne County Court Set
I William Simpson Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of Isaac Coffey decd which appears from the Record of this Wayne County Court to have been proven at at the December Court 1826 in open Court by the oath of John Chrisman and Archibald C. Henthorn (Subscribing witnesses thereto) has been duly recorded in my office agreeably to an order of said County Court made pursuant to an act unto this an act to authorize certain Records of the Wayne County Court to be transcribed, given under my hand this 17th day of June 1840
Wm Simpson Clerk

in full force

Austin S. Staldon *(Seal)*Thomas E. Adams *(Seal)*William J. Owens *(Seal)*Edward Owens *(Seal)*James Owens *(Seal)*

April 18 1857

Austin S. Staldon

I Austin Coffey of the County of
Rapidolph in the State of Missouri do make
this my last will and testament
in manner and form following that is
to say First it is my will that my fun-
eral expenses and all my just debts be
fully paid

Second I give devise to my eldest son
Nathaniel Coffey the bonds I hold against
him in the hands of Lewis Coffey
Thirdly, I give devise to my eldest
daughter Henry Wright one hundred
dollar out of the money I sold my
negro boy Jack for

Fourth I give devise to my second
daughter Caroline Summers one
hundred dollar out of the money
I sold my negro boy Jack for

Fifth I give devise to my third
daughter Martha Stacy one hundred
dollar out of the money I sold my negro
boy Jack for

Sixth I give devise to my young-
est son Henry Coffey the note
I hold upon him for eighty
dollars

Seventh I give devise to my

youngest daughter Francis Jones three hundred and fifty dollars to buy her the said Francis Jones a negro girl and the said negro girl and her increase to go to the benefit of said Francis and her offspring forever

Eighth. I also give devise to my grand daughter Martha Lohrie my gray man named Sam Ann her increase (her first colt excepted

ninth. I give devise to my grand daughter Martha Wright the first colt that the said gray man named Sam bring.

Tenth I also sold my waggon and yoke of Oxen for ninety dollars and out of that money I give devise to my grand daughter Serilda Ellen fifty dollars and the ballance of that money I give to my daughter Francis Jones I also give devise to my grand daughter Serilda Ellen one half of my household furniture and the other half I give to my grand daughter Martha Jones. I do hereby certify to this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratifying and ~~confirming~~ conforming this and no other to be to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty nine

Martha J. Lohry

Signed published and declared by the
above named Martha Coffey as her last
will and testament in the presence of us
who at her request have signed as witnesses
to the same in her presence and in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscri-
bed our names

David Turner
Nathan Barron

State of Missouri
County of Randolph

Nathan Barron and David
Turner subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
last will and testament being duly sworn
say that the said Martha Coffey did make
her mark to the said instrument and
did publish the same as her last will and
testament that she was of sound and dis-
posing mind at the time of so doing

David Turner
Nathan Barron

Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 20th
day of October 1839

R. Wilson clk
Recorded 28th Oct. 1839
R. Wilson clk

State of Missouri
County of Randolph

Robert Wilson Clerk of County
Court of Randolph County So all who shall
see these presents shall know that whereas
said County having had
intestate and William Johnson
having executed bond with satisfactory

REUBEN COFFEY
Generation IV, child 5

Reuben Coffey, born in Albemarle County, Virginia, September 16, 1759, was the founder of the Wayne County Coffeys, from which many of us are descendants.

From Reuben's resume, turned in for pension application purposes, we find that Reuben lived with his parents until age 20. On June 17, 1780, he volunteered for military service in the War of the American Revolution for "as long a period of time as my country needs me". He participated in the battle of King's Mountain and some small expeditions at Guilford, Hunting Creek, and Yadkin Hollow, in North Carolina. He was discharged in the fall of the year 1781.

Reuben received 103 acres of land in Wilkes County, North Carolina from his father's estate; this property was deeded November 15, 1795 (deed book C, page 164). This land, located on the Yadkin River, was held by Reuben until February 28, 1800, when he deeded it to his brother John Coffey, and moved to Burke County, North Carolina. It was here that Reuben raised his family of 10 children.

1. Eleanor Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
Joel Hisan, b. _____, d. _____.
2. Elizabeth "Betsy" Coffey, b. 1786ca, d. _____, married
 Thomas Sumpter, b. _____, d. 1843ca.
 - A. Cathrine Sumpter, b. _____, d. _____,
 married May 8, 1834 to James Selby, b. _____,
 d. _____.
 - B. Jordan Sumpter, b. 1813ca, d. December 1, 1852, married
 April 4, 1834 to Mary "polly" Overstreet, b. 1819,
 d. _____.
 - (1) Charlotte J. Sumpter, b. 1835, d. _____.
 - (2) John P. Sumpter, b. 1840, d. _____.
 - (3) Henry T. Sumpter, b. 1842, d. _____.
 - (4) Elizabeth F. Sumpter, b. 1844, d. _____.
 - (5) Sefronia E. Sumpter, b. 1848, d. _____.
 - C. Polly Sumpter, b. 1820ca, d. _____.
 - D. Elizabeth Sumpter, b. 1822, d. _____.
 - E. Elenor Sumpter, b. 1829, d. _____.
 - F. Thomas E. Sumpter, b. 1829, d. _____, married
 January 13, 1855 to Milly Matilda Gibson, b. 1833,
 d. _____.
 - (1) *William S. Sumpter, b. November 24, 1855, d. _____.
 - (2) *America Legrande Sumpter, b. November 28, 1858,
 d. _____, married Rufus Abbott, b. 1852,
 d. _____.
3. Sally Coffey, b. 1785ca, d. _____, married Joseph
 Owens, b. _____, d. _____.
 - A. Charles Owens, b. _____, d. _____.
4. James Coffey, b. 1790ca, d. _____, married July 7,
 1810 to Sally Sumter, dau of James Sumter, b. _____,
 d. _____.
 - A. Nelson N. Coffey, b. July 9, 1811, d. February 22, 1878,
 married October 14, 1830, to Kiziah Watters, b. March
 6, 1810, d. June 5, 1885.
 - B. Lewis Coffey, b. 1813, d. _____, married Elizabeth
 Watters, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Elizabeth Coffey, b. 1816, d. _____.
 - D. John Coffey, b. 1818, d. _____, married January
 28, 1848, to Rachael Barrier, b. 1825, d. _____.
 - E. Harden Coffey, b. 1822, d. _____, married Oct.
 10, 1853 to Tamsie Ballou, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. James Coffey Jr. b. 1823, d. _____.
 - G. Polly Coffey, b. 1826, d. _____.
 - H. Reuben Coffey, b. 1827, d. _____.
 - I. Joseph Coffey, b. 1829, d. _____, married
 December 6, 1853 to Betheda Strunk, b. _____,
 d. _____.
 - J. Emaline Coffey, b. 1832, d. May 11, 1855

5. Anna Coffey b. _____ d. _____ married
 Simeon Owens, b. _____ d. his will dated Jan. 10, 1827 and
 probated in Wayne County Open Court, March 23, 1827.
- A. John Owens b. _____ d. _____
 - B. Elizabeth Owens b. _____ d. _____
 - C. Polly Owens b. _____ d. _____
 - D. Lucinda Owens b. _____ d. _____
 - E. Jane Owens b. _____ d. _____
6. Rachael Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
 July 18, 1820 to Burnett Elam, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Peggy Elam, b. _____, d. _____, married
 _____ Lee, b. _____, d. _____.
7. Polly Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
 _____ Giddens, b. _____, d. _____.
8. Naoma N. Coffey, b. 1805ca, d. _____, married
 Summers Wright, son of Evans and Rebecca Wright, b. 1804,
 d. _____.
- A. Reuben H. Wright, b. 1834, d. _____.
 - B. Nancy E. Wright, b. 1837, d. _____.
 - C. Metilda Wright, b. 1837, d. _____.
 - D. Melissa J. Wright, b. 1842, d. _____.
 - E. Serilda Wright, b. _____, d. _____, married
 Marcus White, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Eliza Wright, b. _____, d. _____, married
 Thomas Moody, b. _____, d. _____.
9. Oliver Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married
 October 18, 1815 to Sally Ramsey, b. _____, d. _____
10. Austin Coffey, b. 1796ca, d. _____, married January
 19, 1819 to Sally "Elizabeth" Garner, b. 1797, d. _____.
- A. Austin Coffey Jr. b. 1830 ca. d. _____, married
 1868 to Eliza Goldsby, b. _____, d. _____.

James, Reuben's oldest son moved to Wayne County, Kentucky sometime in the year 1815 and Elizabeth, along with her husband Thomas Sumpter came shortly after. It is the general feeling that having 2 children and several brothers already established in Wayne County, prompted Reuben's move at the age 71.

Reuben purchased his first 100 acres of land August 19, 1819 from Evans and Rebecca Wright for a sum of \$900. This land was located on the opposite side of the Coffey Mountain from his brother Lewis. The deed describes the land as being farm land, with the boundry meandering along Beaver Creek.

On October 30, 1830, Reuben bought another 25 acre tract of land adjacent to his farm and on September 25, 1834 he purchased a final tract of land from Johnson Wright, bringing his land up to the William Bartleson farm. The deed mentions that the land corners at a graveyard. We have found the small Bartleson graveyard on land above Beaver Creek, at Sumpter. Because the land in this area follows the description given in Reuben's deeds, here is where we believe the farm to have been located. (see map of Coffey Settlement)

Taking advantage of the new act of legislation, passed on June 7, 1832, providing pensions for all veterans of the American Revolution, with 6 months or more of service, Reuben and Mastin Durham, his brother-in-law made application in open court October 31, 1835. Reuben's application appears in appendage #2, page 115.

Reuben died June 9, 1842 in Wayne County as stated in excerpt from Court Order Book, B, page 348 May term Circuit Court 1843.

Proof was this day made in open court by James Coffey his oath that Reuben Coffey, a Revolutionary Pensioneer of the U.S. departed this life on the 9th day of June 1842 leaving the following children to wit Eleanor Hisan, Betsy Sumpter, Sally Owens, James Coffey, Anna Owens, Rachael Elam, Polly Giddens, Naoma Wright, Oliver Coffey and Austin Coffey.

Reuben's last pension was paid by Rhodes Garthe, agent at Lexington, Kentucky, April 2, 1842, covering a period from September 1840 to March 4, 1842.

Because Reuben made no will, his estate was sold at auction with his son James and his nephew Henderson being appointed as administrators. A copy of this inventory may be found in appendage #2, page 125.

In this auction, Reuben's family Bible was sold to Washington Owens. For this reason, it has been literally impossible to gather birth, marriage or death dates for many of Reuben's children. We did find various bits of data for the following children:

1. We found an 1850 census listing for Sally and her husband Joseph Owens. Wayne County
- | | | |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| Joseph Owens | age 65 | birthplace N.C. |
| Sally Owens | age 65 | birthplace N.C. |
| Charles | age | birthplace N.C. |
| America | age 20 | birthplace N.C. |
| James K. | age 8 | birthplace Ky. |

2. We found a marriage recorded in the Wayne County Marriage Records for Rachael and her husband Burnett Elam for July 23, 1820

3. We found a deed for Peggy Elam Lee, deceased daughter of Burnett and Rachael Elam, the selling of her 1/3 of 1/11 of the Reuben Coffey land estate to James Coffey, date April 4, 1843.

4. We found a marriage recorded in the Raleigh N.C. Archives of records for Burke County celebrated between Austin Coffey and Sally Garner on the 19th day of January 1819.

5. We found an additional listing for Austin Coffey in the Wayne County Deed Books;

"I Austin Coffey, of the county of Adair, and the state of Missouri, sell land descended to me as an heir of Reuben Coffey deceased of Wayne County, Kentucky." July 11, 1854
signed Austin Coffey

6. We found an 1850 census listing in Adair County, Missouri for Austin Coffey.

Austin Coffey	age 54	birthplace N.C.	
Elizabeth Coffey	age 53	birthplace Tenn.	
Austin Coffey	age 7	birthplace Mo.	
Joseph Parish	age 46	birthplace Ky	laborer

7. We found an 1850 census listing in Wayne County, Ky, for Elizabeth Sumpter.

Elizabeth Sumpter	age 64	birthplace N.C.	
Polly Sumpter	age 30	birthplace N.C.	
Elizabeth Sumpter	age 28	birthplace N.C.	
Thomas E. Sumpter	age 21	birthplace Ky.	
Elenor Sumpter	age 21	birthplace Ky.	
Jane Sumpter	age 60	birthplace S.C.	

8. We found an 1850 Macon, Missouri census listing for Naoma Coffey and husband Summers Wright.

Summers Wright	age 46	birthplace Ky.
Neoma N. Wright	age 45	birthplace N.C.
Reuben H. Wright	age 16	birthplace Mo.
Nancy E. Wright	age 15	birthplace Mo.
Metilda Wright	age 13	birthplace Mo.
Melissa J. Wright	age 8	birthplace Mo.

9. We found an 1850 Pulaski County, Kentucky census listing for James Coffey and Sarah.

James Coffee	age 60	birthplace N.C.
Sarah Coffee	age 60	birthplace N.C.
Harden Coffee	age 28	birthplace Ky.
James Coffee	age 27	birthplace Ky.
Elizabeth Coffee	age 34	birthplace Ky.
Polly Coffee	age 24	birthplace Ky.
Ruben Coffee	age 23	birthplace Ky.
Joseph Coffee	age 21	birthplace Ky.

10. We found a listing in the book, A History of Pulaski County, Kentucky, by Tibbals, page 86 for Oliver Coffey.

Oliver is recorded as being the Post Master of the Cumberland County, Post Office in the year 1874.

11. In Burke County, North Carolina Marriages we found no marriage listing for Reuben Coffey. There were several speculations received in correspondence as to whom Reuben was married to, the most often mentioned being a Mildred "Millie" Morris, and a Naomi Hays. Because no records were found to document these marriages, and because Reuben consistently failed to mention his wife by name in deeds, court orders etc. always referring to her as "the wife" or Reuben Coffey and "wife" it is regrettably that we have to omit this piece of information from the Reuben

Coffey chapter until some future date.

The two large tombstones missing from their foundations in the Coffey Cemetery in the Valley, are believed to have been the stones of Reuben and his wife. There has been however, a memorial stone, erected in the memory of Reuben, in the same spot.

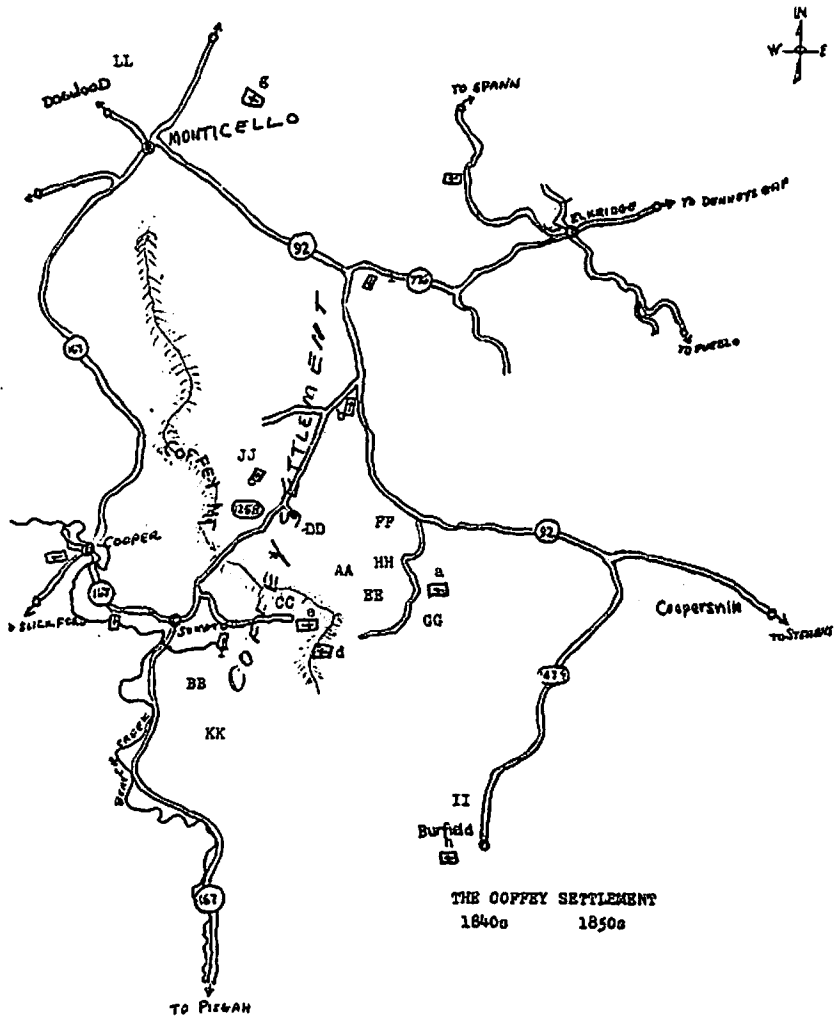
THE COFFEY SETTLEMENT

The areas marked on the map on the next page are the supposed general areas of family land locations and cemeteries.

- AA. Central location of the Lewis Russell Coffey farm, adjacent parcels belonged to his children
- BB. Reuben Coffey tract
- CC. Thomas and Elizabeth Coffey Sumpter tract
- DD. Lewis "Brandy" Coffey tract
- EE. Lewis and Betsy Watters Coffey tract, later divided into smaller tracts among the sons
- FF. Obediah Coffey tract
- GG. Henderson Coffey tract (both taken from father's tract)
- HH. "A" Coffey tract
- II. Mastin and Martha Coffey Durham tract
- JJ. James Lewis Coffey tract
- KK. William Bartleson tract
- LL. parcels of land belonging to Joel Coffey, located in that area as well as Elk Spring Valley area.

Cemetery locations

- a. Coffey Roberts Cemetery
- b. Lewis Russell Coffey Family Cemetery
- c. Lewis Coffey Slave Graveyard
- d. Harden and Martha Coffey Cemetery
- e. Cullom and Salena Coffey Cemetery
- f. Bartleson Cemetery
- g. Benjamin F. Coffey Family Cemetery
- h. Mastin Durham Cemetery (Big Springs)
- i. Eligah Columbus and Jane Coffey Cemetery (Ingram)



THE COFFEY SETTLEMENT
 1840s 1850s

THE COFFEY FAMILIES OF 1855

Many dangers faced the early settlers along the Wilderness Trail. There were still renegade Indians, unhappy with the treatment they had received during the American revolution, and made their restlessness known to the early military land grantees. Because of this unrest, the pioneers were required to carve their names or initials into the corner logs or on the chimney rocks of their cabins. This practice aided the officials in identifying casualties.

Even though many of the early Wayne Countians were hunters and trappers by trade, their families were still endangered by the wild animals that lurked in the forests. A hunting tale passed down through the Coffey family tells of the timberwolves that roamed through the woods, with an appetite for the early settlers. No one dared go out without their gun, and particularly when a timberwolf was sighted. The menfolk would go out as a group, trap and destroy any of these wolves before giving the all-clear to travel once more. This tale tells of a pack of wolves. Because travel was done by foot, this pack not only was a hazard to the settlers, but also a nuisance. The menfolk in the families built a platform high off the ground, in a clearing, then returned to their homes to bait the trap. Each man soaked the soles of his shoes with meat renderings, then took his gun and proceeded to walk from all directions

to this platform in the clearing. When all the men were safely on top of the platform, they waited until nightfall. Their plan was successful, because it wasn't long till the animals, following the scented trail, arrived to their destination. Lighting their pine torches quickly, the men were able to shoot the whole pack without being in the slightest danger. Most likely each family handed to their generations to follow, similar hunting tales.

The pioneers, who were lucky enough to survive the perils of their newly inhabited land, were often caught up by still another threat.....epidemics. Our Coffey ancestors were no exception.

By the middle 1800s, Reuben, Joel, Lewis, Martha Coffey Durham and their descendants, had thickly settled the Coffey Mountain, Elk Spring Valley area. Lewis Coffey's sons and their wives built homes scattered around his farm, forming what was known as the Coffey Settlement.

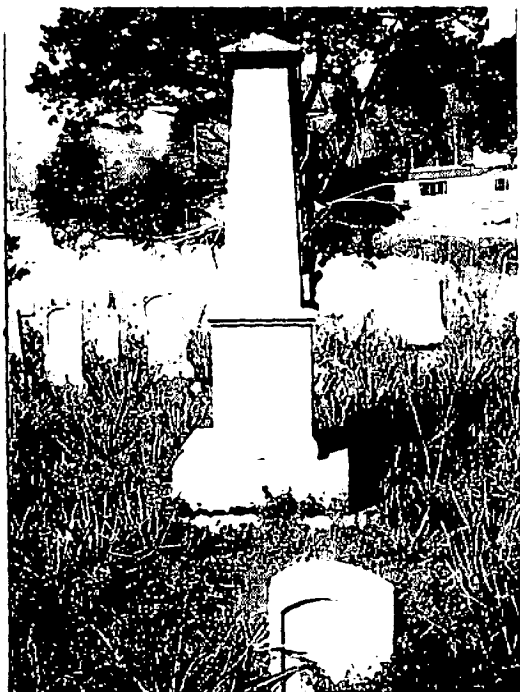
In the spring of 1853, Joshua Oatts, son-in-law of Lewis Coffey, became ill with "Congestive Typhus" (Typhoid Fever), supposedly contracted from their contaminated spring. Because Typhoid Fever was so contagious, neighbors kept their distance. This was not the case with Mrs. Polly Goddard, "Aunt Polly" as she was called. Mrs. Goddard went from her home,(which

is now the Mark and Pearl Burnett home) out to the Coffey Settlement and nursed the sick till their deaths* Because they knew nothing of preventive measures, many of the family members contracted the fever. As a result, there were fourteen reported deaths, eleven of these in a ten month period of time. Dr. J. Frisbie, M.D. attending physician, recorded the following deaths:

- 4 July 1853, Joshua Oatts, age 66, son-in-law of Lewis Coffey
- July 1853, Walker Coffey, age 14, slave of Henderson Coffey
- Oct. 1854, Julia Coffey, age __, slave of Benjamin F. Coffey
- Oct. 1854, Harriette Coffey, age 2, slave of Benjamin Coffey
- Oct. 1854, female Coffey, age 6, slave of Benjamin F. Coffey
- 29 March 1855, Mary "Polly" Oatts, age 54, daughter of Lewis Coffey
- 14 April 1855, Saphroma Oatts, age 15, daughter of Joshua and Polly
- April 1855, female Coffey, age __, slave of Lewis Russell Coffey
- 23 April 1855, Jessie Columbus Coffey, age 24, son of James Lewis Coffey
- April 1855, Patience Jane Coffey, age 27, wife of T. Coleman Coffey
- 11 May 1855, Emiline Coffey, age 23, daughter of James and Sally Coffey
- 12 May 1855, Elizabeth Coffey, age 23, daughter of James Lewis Coffey
- 20 May 1855, Angeletta Coffey, age 27, daughter of James Lewis Coffey
- 7 August 1855, James Lewis Coffey, age 52, son of Lewis Russell Coffey

The slaves were buried in a small grave yard in a grove of cedar trees across the road from Lewis Coffey's home. The family members were buried in the Coffey Cemetery, also on the original Lewis Coffey farm, (see graveyard listings on following pages).

*Information about Polly Goddard taken from an interview with Miss Lula B. Ingram, as remembered by her mother.



THE LEWIS RUSSELL COFFEY FAMILY CEMETERY
located in Elk Spring Valley

The Lewis Russell Coffey Family Cemetery
dates as they appeared October '72

1. Mary Alexander Coffey, daughter of Henderson, wife of Louis P. Tuttle, b. 1849, d. 1911.
2. Charlie S. Tuttle, son of Louis P. and Mary Coffey Tuttle b. January 16, 1883, d. September 11, 1885, age 2yrs, 7mos, and 25 days. "Weep not Papa and Mama for me, I am waiting in glory for thee".
3. Bettie F. Jones, daughter of L. R. and E. B. Jones, b. November 1864, d. February 7, 1867. grandchild of Henderson
4. Nannie T. Jones, daughter of L. R. and E. B. Jones B. November 8, 1857, d. October 29, 1861 grandchild of Henderson
5. Thresa E., wife of James H. Duncan, b. December 25, 1852, d. July 14, 1879. daughter of Saphronia And Alexander Bobbitt
6. Jimmie F. Duncan, b. December 22, 1878, d. February 19, 1879.
7. Saphronia Coffey, wife of Alexander R. Bobbitt, b. July 4, 1812, d. January 3, 1877.
8. Cleveland McKendree Coffey, son of James Lewis Coffey, b. January 5, 1836, d. December 7, 1921
9. Sara Alloway Strange, wife of James Lewis Coffey, b. February 26, 1807, d. October 30, 1885, 78yrs, 8 mos, 4 days "Blessed Are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their laborers and their works do follow them"
10. James Lewis Coffey, son of Lewis Russell Coffey b. September 2, 1802, d. August 7, 1855
11. Anjeletta Coffey, daughter of James Lewis Coffey b. November 22, 1832, d. May 20, 1855
12. Lois H. Coffey, daughter of Lewis and Sophia L. Coffey b. February 18, 1890, d. March 6, 1890 "Safe in the arms of Jesus"
13. Elizabeth E. Coffey, daughter of James Lewis Coffey b. April 23, 1831, d. May 11, 1855

14. Jessie Columbus Coffey, son of James Lewis Coffey
b. September 2, 1802, d. August 7, 1855
15. Infant son of Obediah S. and Bettie Coffey
still born August 18, 1888
16. George W. Coffey, son of James Lewis Coffey
b. September 21, 1822, d. October 28, 1834
17. Zerilda Emmerine Coffey, wife of Shelby Coffey
b. June 29, 1822, d. June 22, 1900
18. Shelby Coffey, son of Lewis Russell Coffey
b. August 12, 1811, d. September 2, 1863
"We laid him here but he hath arisen"
"Oh death, where is thy sting"
19. Lewis Russell Coffey, b. November 18, 1772, d. September 29, 1850, Bidey, his consort, b. May 3, 1775, d. January 13, 1851.
"Beneath the shadow of the old oak grove this holy spot
where memory lingers in hallowed vigil by the tomb.
This ponderous marble on their breast, shall hide them
ever from our view.
The Love of a daughter's heart could cherish, a son's
hope, a grandchild's joy, here where the old oak tree
bends over the graves of our household band.
Then good parents calmly sleep, beneath the turf of
our native land"
- Erected by Benjamin Franklin, Henderson and Shelby Coffey
20. Henderson Coffey, son of Lewis Russell Coffey
b. October 8, 1804, d. December 8, 1868 "badly eroded"
21. Manerva Alexander, wife of Henderson Coffey
b. March 6, 1805, d. February 28, 1881
"Darling mother, thou hast left us and thy loss we deeply
feel, but tis God who hast bereft us, he can all our
sorrows heal."
22. Shelby Coffey, son of Henderson Coffey
b. December 1, 1832, "Elected to Kentucky Legislature 1859"
"Entered C.S.A. as a captain, 1861" "Wounded January 16,

and died March 20, 1862" "He needs no other Eulogy"

23. Telitha A. Coffey, daughter of Henderson Coffey, wife of A.S. Jones, b. October 4, 1829, d. November 28, 1874
"Dearest wife and mother, thou hast left us here, thy loss we deeply feel, yet is God who has bereft us, he can all our sorrows heal.
24. Albion S. Jones, b. July 12, 1817, d. November 29, 1888
"Oh that my words were now written, Oh that they were printed in a book, for I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth and through after my skinworms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
25. Lois H. Coffey, b. February 18, 1890, d. March 6, 1890
26. Lewis Coffey, son of Henderson Coffey "Brandy"
b. 1843, d. 1914
27. Sophiel Loretta Buster, wife of Lewis Coffey
b. 1853, d. 1894
28. Emma L. Oatts, wife of Russell Oatts
b. August 31, 1853, d. June 30, 1905
29. Russell W. Oatts, son of Joshua and Polly Coffey Oatts
b. December 22, 1844, d. December 26, 1895
30. Bessie Lockett Coffey, daughter of Sophia and Lewis Coffey
b. December 6, 1885, d. August 24, 1897
31. Infant son of A.J. and Nannie Coffey Hayden, grandson of of Henderson, b. January 10, 1881, d. January 11, 1881
32. Margaret A. Jones, grand daughter of Lewis Russell Coffey, wife of Martin P. Salee, b. October 1, 1830, d. January 11, 1862.
33. Saphroma Oatts, b. October 3, 1839, d. April 14, 1855
34. Joshua Oatts, husband of Mary "Polly" Coffey Oatts,
b. July 5, 1791, d. July 4, 1853

35. Mary "polly" Coffey, wife of Joshua Oatts
b. October 19, 1800, d. March 29, 1855
36. Cleveland Oatts, b. January 10, 1829, d. November 6, 1879
son of Joshua and Polly Oatts
37. Alice Oatts, daughter of B.F. and Mary Oatts,
b. April 14, 1882, d. July 20, 1882
"Budded on earth to bloom in heaven"
38. Claude Davis, son of J.P. and F. Davis
born and died January 22, 1886
39. Aggie Coffey, b. October 15, 1839, d. December 13, 1912
40. Mary "Polly" Coffey, daughter of James Lewis and Sara Coffey
b. February 3, 1838, d. October 30, 1866
41. Monument erected in memory of Reuben Coffey, b. September
16, 1759, d. June 9, 1842, Revolutionary Soldier

There are many other graves in the cemetery, however their stones were either unmarked, or missing.

JAMES COFFEY
Generation V, child 4

James Coffey, oldest son of Reuben Coffey, was born in Burke County, North Carolina, some time in the year 1790. It was in Burke County that James married to Miss Sally Sumter, daughter of James Sumter, on July 7, 1810.

Henderson Coffey, cousin of James was already living in Wayne County, Kentucky, and had acquired much of the Lewis Russell farm. According to Mrs. Maggie Coffey Keith, great granddaughter of James, Henderson sent for James and his family to come to Wayne County, and help with the farming and cattle. It was approximately 1815, that James, Sally, and their 2 sons, Nelson and Lewis came to Elk Spring Valley to live.

James' new job consisted of burning off the Coffey land in the Rock Creek, Wolf Creek area, so that the grasses, and wild pea vines would be plentiful in the spring. When that was completed, he moved herds of Henderson's cattle there to graze.

After working in that area, James settled and took advantage of the Headrights act, being offered by the Commonwealth

of Kentucky, and on the 17th of December 1824, he received a 100 acre land grant located on the waters of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. It was here that the remainder of James and Sarah's 10 children were born.

1. Nelson N. Coffey, b. July 9, 1811, d. February 22, 1878, married October 14, 1830 to Kiziah Watters, b. March 6, 1810, d. June 5, 1885.
2. Lewis Coffey, b. _____ 1813, d. _____, married 1831 to Elizabeth "Betsy" Watters, b. _____ 1816, d. _____.
3. Elizabeth Coffey, b. _____ 1816, d. _____.
4. John Coffey, b. _____ 1818, d. _____, married January 28, 1848 to Rachael Barrier, b. _____ 1825, d. _____.
5. Harden Coffey, b. _____ 1822, d. _____.
6. James Coffey Jr. b. _____ 1823, d. _____.
7. Polly Coffey, b. _____ 1826, d. _____.
8. Reuben Coffey, b. _____ 1827, d. _____.
9. Joseph Coffey, b. _____ 1829, d. _____, married December 6, 1853 to Betheda Strunk, b. _____, d. _____.
10. Emaline Coffey, b. _____ 1832, d. May 11, 1855, with Typhoid Fever during the Coffey Valley epidemic.

October 30, 1830, James and Sally Coffey, sold their land in Elk Spring Valley, and moved to Flat Rock, Kentucky. According to Mrs. Maggie Keith, James and family moved to some unclaimed mountain land that he bought at a rate of \$1.00 per acre; there he ran wild horses and cattle, catching them in corrals and selling them in open market in the South.

After Sally's death, James lived with Elizabeth and Polly, his unmarried daughters. He died some time between the years 1870 and 1880 and was buried along side his wife in the Flat Rock Cemetery. Neither of these graves have markers

A copy of James and Sally's marriage bond as it appears in the Burke County, North Carolina records of marriages, may be found on the next page.

State of North Carolina }
Burke County }
— — — — —

Know all Men By these presents that we
James Coffey and James Sumter
in the State aforesaid are held and firmly
Bound unto the Governor of the State aforesaid
for the time being in the Just and full Sum
of five hundred pounds Current Money of
this State to be paid to the Governor or his Successors
in office to which payment well and truly to be
made & Do we Bind our Selves our heirs Executors
and Administrators Sealed with our Seals
and Dated this 7th Day of July 1810

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that
that whereas the above Bounden James Coffey
 hath made application for a License for a mar-
riage to be celebrated between him and Sally
Sumter of the County aforesaid now in case it
shall not appear hereafter that there is
any Lawful Cause to obstruct the Marriage
then the above obligation to be void otherwise
to Remain in full force and virtue Sealed
and Dated in presents of us

James Coffey

James Sumter

"AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS"

In eastern Kentucky, there's a county called Wayne,
where few folk have risen to fortune and fame.
Where honesty and integrity were the pride of us all,
in times of aggression, we answered the call.

There was a man, called Anthony, who's last name was Wayne,
in his great honor, our county was named.
Fallen timbers, the place where we stood by his side,
in this bloody battle, we helped turn the tide.

Although few in number, and a long way from home,
we rode back as victors, with no time to roam.
Through the territory of Indiana, with it's prairies so green,
where homesteads were waiting, for families unseen.

Now back in Wayne County, with our job well done,
back home, with our families, and ready for fun.
Hunting and fishing and tilling the land,
we redeemed from the savage, and fearing no man.

O ~ neighbors in Dixie, were oppressed by the Creeks,
the British came later to assure our defeat,

When old Andy Jackson, gave us a call,
we loaded our rifles with powder and ball.

We mounted our horses, and lit for the South,
looking for Edd Pakenham, that dirty old louse.
We found him in the brambles, by the old Mississip,
with his red coats all ready our brave men to whip.

But the hail of the bullets, from our rifles so true,
and the spirit behind them, our courage renewed.
We drove them through thickets, their hides bleeding sore,
the few that outran us, came back nevermore.

Then the shame of our nation, that great Civil War,
that even rent families, our peace was a horror.
We rallied to the Union, and again grabbed our guns,
we marched off to battle, by fife and by drum.

The plague of bushwackers, those murderous gangs,
that pillaged our homes, those men without shame.
Our fields that once stood, with grain and with fold,
now stained with the blood, from our brave and our bold.

Now that war was fought, our great nation to save,
we honor the graves, of both blue and the gray.
With hearts that are rent, that years will not heal,
until the last spoke is gone, from these two great wheels

Once again there is peace, and our land once more healed,
our hearts are now humbled and stronger than steel.
Our heads held up high, with hearts light and gay,
we're facing the future, let come what it may.

Written by:

Bennie Coffey, Sr.

The next breakdown of generation 6, lists only the descendants of Nelson and Lewis, as they were the two who remained in the Wayne County area.

NELSON COFFEY

Generation VI, child 1

Nelson N. Coffey, son of James and Sarah Coffey, was born July 9, 1811 in Burke County, North Carolina. He married Miss Kiziah Watters, daughter of Eligah and Nancy Rue Watters, on the 13th day of October, 1830 in Wayne County. Nelson and Kiziah Coffey made their home in the Wolf Creek area, which is today located in McCreary County. Nelson and Kiziah were the parents of 10 children.

1. Rhoda Ann Coffey, b. ca 1832, d. _____, married Lewis Perkins, brother of Rev. James Perkins, b. _____, d. _____.
 - A. Susanna J. Perkins, b. 1864, d. _____
 - B. Nelson Perkins, b. _____, d. _____, married
 - C. John M. Perkins, b. _____, d. _____, married Miss _____ Toby, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. William Perkins, b. _____, d. _____, married Laura Jones, b. _____, d. _____
 - E. Lou Vina Perkins, b. _____, d. _____
 - F. Rachael Perkins, b. _____, d. _____, married February 10, 1909 to Elisha Slavens, son of John and Elizabeth Slavens.
2. Nancy Coffey, b. ca 1833, d. _____, married Pleas Spradlin, b. _____, d. _____, (is said to have been killed in Civil War, and Nancy was awarded a widow's pension.)
2nd to Thomas E. Bell, on the 6th of January 1879.

3. John Coffey, b. 1837ca, d. _____, married Elizabeth Strunk, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Ema Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Sarah A. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Rhoda A. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Raney A. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Henry Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Litha Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
4. Joseph Coffey, b. 1839ca, d. _____, married in November 1867 to Louisa J. Jones, b. 1847ca, d. _____. was a civil war soldier, settled in the Coopersville Community
- A. Eenola Coffey, b. 1870ca, d. _____, married March 8, 1888, to Joe Coffey, son of John and Rachael Barrier Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Reuben Coffey, b. 1875, d. 1943, married Mary Alice Vaughn on December 25, 1895, Alice, b. 1877, d. 1954.
 - (1) Clyde Estel Coffey, b. 1918, d. _____.
 - (2) Nelson Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Fordie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (4) Sterlie Coffey, b. 1915, d. _____.
 - (5) Emma Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (6) Lonie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Obie C. Coffey, b. 1883ca, d. _____, married November 28, 1905 to Jane Bell, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Joseph Coffey Jr. b. 1885, d. 1964, buried in the Dobbs Cemetery at Coopersville, married May 5, 1902 to Lou Vada Martin, b. June 25, 1844, d. _____.
 - (1) Roscoe Coffey, b. 1908, d. _____.
 - (2) Frank Coffey, b. 1909, d. 1972
 - (3) Inman Coffey, b. 1919, d. October 6, 1965
 - (4) Everett Coffey, b. 1916; d. _____.
 - (5) Diana Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Arabella May Coffey, b. 1877, d. August 6, 1966, married April 7, 1901 to George Milton Foster, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (1) Grover Foster, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Roy Foster, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Bertha Mae Foster, b. January 16, 1918, d. _____.

- F. Josa Dora Coffey, b. 1879, d. _____, married February 12, 1904 to Douglas Thomas Bell, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Virgle Bell, b. _____, d. _____
 - (2) Essley Bell, b. _____, d. _____
 - (3) Linzie Bell, b. _____, d. _____
 - (4) Denver Bell, b. _____, d. _____
- G. Kizzie Coffey, b. January 19, 1882, d. March 22, 1972, married September 13, 1903 to Richard Martin, b. 1875, d. _____.
- (1) Richard Martin, b. _____, d. _____
 - (2) Ivy Martin, b. _____, d. _____
 - (3) Isaac Martin, b. _____, d. _____
 - (4) Bessie Martin, b. _____, d. _____
 - (5) Grace Martin, b. _____, d. _____
- H. Anna M. Coffey, b. 1872ca, d. _____, married Pierce Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Lettie Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____
- I. Polly Ann Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married Joseph Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
5. Henry Coffey, b. 1841ca, d. 1896, married November 8, 1868 to Sarah Elizabeth Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Coleman M. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married March 1, 1891 to Rosie Burke, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Gaines Coffey, b. 1891, d. _____
 - (2) Wilburn Coffey, b. 1908, d. _____
 - (3) Adie Coffey, b. 1896, d. _____
 - (4) Eva Coffey, b. January 14, 1912, d. _____
 - (5) Lurainey Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - (6) George W. Coffey, b. 1872, d. _____
 - (7) Alfred Coffey, b. 1881, d. _____
 - (8) Milford Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - (9) Mathew Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - (10) Arbana Coffey, b. 1864, d. _____
6. Richard Henderson Coffey, b. July 13, 1848, d. August 6, 1920 married February 27, 1902 to Cathrine Jones, b. March 27, 1840, d. October 16, 1901.

- A. Margaret Coffey, b. November 6, 1870, d. October 16, 1901
 married Henderson "H" Coffey, b. October 15, 1870,
 d. January 3, 1960.
- (1) Ida Coffey, b. May 2, 1900, d. January 26, 1934
 - (2) Garnett Coffey, b. November 24, 1903, d. _____
 - (3) Walter Coffey, b. October 29, 1906, d. _____
 - (4) Everett Coffey, b. September 22, 1911, d. _____
 - (5) Lexie Coffey, b. January 9, 1909, d. September 16, 1969
- B. Polly "Mary" Coffey, b. 1869, d. _____, married
 March 12, 1891 to Elisha Roberts b. 1858, d. _____
- (1) Minnie Roberts, b. _____, d. _____
 - (2) George Roberts, b. 1895, d. _____
 - (3) Luther Roberts, b. _____, d. _____
 - (4) Elmer Roberts, b. _____, d. _____
 - (5) Etta Catherine Roberts, b. _____, d. _____
- C. Kizzie Coffey, b. 1869, d. _____, married December
 26, 1900 to John Coffey, b. 1875, d. _____.
- (1) Luther Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Lester Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Rachael Jane Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (4) Lincoln Coffey, b. 1907, d. _____.
- D. Nelson Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, married Myrtle
 Haloway, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Leland Coffey, b. 1915, d. _____.
- E. William M. Coffey, b. _____, d. November 30, 1932,
 married December 8, 1901 to Laura Jones, v. 1894, d. _____
- (1) Johnny Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Elmer Coffey b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) James Coffey b. _____, d. _____.
 - (4) Darkie Coffey b. _____, d. _____.
 - (5) Angeline Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- F. James C. Coffey, b. 1880, d. _____, married Angeline
 Dobbs, b. 1876, d. _____.
- (1) Ollie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Beecher Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Phronie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

- (4) India Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (5) Raymond Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (6) Marie Coffey, b. 1910, d. _____.
 - (7) Lillie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
7. Sarah "Sally" Coffey, b. 1846, d. _____, married Sherrod Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. Benjamin Franklin Dobbs, b. 1871, d. _____, married 1st Laurainey Coffey, b. _____, d. _____, 2nd Lurenda Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Thomas Dobbs, b. 1879, d. _____, married January 28, 1900 to Julia Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (1) Sherrod Dobbs, b. May 25, 1902, d. _____.
 - (2) Jobe Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Lilly Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (4) Esther Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (5) Edith Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____. - C. Eli Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____, married Lettie Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Angeline Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____, married James C. Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
8. Prudence A. Coffey, b. 1848ca, d. _____, married December 7, 1873 to James Dobbs, b. 1853, d. _____.
- A. Joseph Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Pierce Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Kizzie Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. James Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Emerine Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Eunie Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
 - G. T. Dobbs, b. _____, d. _____.
9. Benjamin Franklin Coffey, b. February 10, 1851, d. April 6, 1918, married Martha L. Dobbs, b. March 18, 1850, d. March 5, 1938.
- A. Nelson Coffey, b. 1872, d. _____, married Kitty Denney, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (1) Mattie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) May Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

- B. Benjamine Franklin Coffey Jr., b. February 16, 1876,
d. November 15, 1955, married November 11, 1902 to
Sallie Belle Clark, b. May 3, 1884, d. November 20, 1966.
- (1) Adina Coffey, b. 1905, d. 1965
 - (2) Benjamine Franklin Coffey, b. 1907, d. April 16, 1935
 - (3) Leroy Coffey, b. 1912, d. _____.
 - (4) Henry Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (5) Rebecca Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (6) Toni Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (7) Delpha Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (8) Vienne Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (9) Grover Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (10) Hobert Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (11) James Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (12) Dova Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (13) Dorothy Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- C. Tolbert M. Coffey, b. February 5, 1878, d. July 13, 1907
married Sarah Roberts, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Mattie Coffey, b. 1899, d. _____.
 - (2) Myrtle Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Minnie J. Coffey, b. September 20, 1903, d. September
13, 1972.
- D. Nettie Coffey, b. June 10, 1881, d. February 20, 1973,
married January 24, 1906, to George Phillips Jr., b. 1855,
d. _____.
- (1) Flonnie Phillips, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Mattie Phillips, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) Otto Phillips, b. July 3, 1910, d. February 16, 1971
- E. Henderson Coffey, b. March 29, 1886, d. January 5, 1909
married Alice Clark, b. _____, d. _____.
- (1) Maudie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Martha Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- F. America Florence Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
married 1st Litten Keith b. 1890, d. 1920,
married 2nd Sherman Corder
- G. James Perkins Coffey, b. August 24, 1896, d. February 14, 1929
married January 16, 1924 to Clara Correll b. 1905, d. _____
- (1) Woodrow Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (2) Theadore Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - (3) "James. Perk" Coffey, named for her father, b. _____,
d. _____.

- H. Maggie Coffey, b. 1893, d. 1974, married June 22, 1918 to Jim Keith, b. _____, d. _____.
- I. Gertie Coffey, b. 1883, d. 1886
10. James Nelson Coffey, b. March 23, 1835, d. February 20, 1915 married May 9, 1861 to Sarah Margaret Barrier, b. January 14, 1844, d. 1935.
- A. Jane Coffey, b. May 15, 1862, d. March 15, 1927, married January 15, 1885 to Lafayette Emberson Foister, b. May 11, 1863, d. April 21, 1937.
- (1) Eva Foister, b. _____, d. _____, married Lincoln Burks, b. March 22, 1887, d. April 29, 1950.
- (2) Martha Foister, b. _____, d. _____, married Elmer Davenport, b. 1881, d. May 29, 1962
- (3) Granville Foister, b. July 20, 1891, d. October 10, 1968, married June 8, 1916 to Flonnie Huffaker, b. February 26, 1900.
- B. Nelson C. Coffey, b. February 17, 1884, d. May 30, 1934 married February 2, 1887 to Sarah Emerine Worley, b. January 4, 1867, d. October 10, 1957.
- (1) Rachael Coffey, _____, d. _____. twins
- (2) Emmerine Coffey, b. _____, d. _____. died at birth
- (3) James Nelson Coffey, b. April 22, 1889, d. _____ married February 22, 1911 to Dica Ann Roberts, b. July 24, 1894, d. April 23, 1963.
- (4) Albert Coffey, b. April 7, 1891, d. November 13, 196_ married August 20, 1911 to Lottie Ann Denney, b. _____ d. 1969.

Information for the Nelson Coffey chapter was donated by Mrs. Alma Coffey Whitis, daughter of James Nelson Coffey (B. (3)).

LEWIS COFFEY

Generation VI, child 2

Lewis Coffey, son of James and Sarah Coffey, was born in the year 1813 in Burke County, North Carolina. When he was about 2 years of age, his parents moved to Wayne County, Kentucky. Lewis spent the early years of his life in the Wolf Ridge area of Wayne County, and along with his father, Lewis helped on the Henderson Coffey farm.

In the year 1831, Lewis married Elizabeth "Betsy" Watters, sister of Nelson's wife Kiziah. To this union, was born, 10 children.

1. Millie Anna Coffey, b. February 10, 1832, d. _____
married William Smith, b. April 8, 1830, d. _____.
 - A. Manerva Jane Smith, b. December 14, 1854, d. _____.
 - B. James Shelby Smith, b. October 7, 1856, d. _____,
married Kiziah Foster, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Sarah Anne Smith, b. October 6, 1858, d. _____.
 - D. Lewis Smith, b. May 1, 1861, d. _____.
 - E. *Daniel Marion Smith, b. October 4, 1864, d. August
15, 1950, married June 15, 1890 to Mittie Moore King,
b. March 3, 1866, d. December 12, 1936.
 - F. Savannah Smith, b. September 26, 1867, d. _____.
 - G. Susa Emerine Smith, b. June 1, 1870, d. _____.

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- H. *Amsy Buchanan Smith, b. June 24, 1873, d. _____.
- I. *Margaret Smith, b. March 7, 1876, d. _____,
 married _____ Goodson, b. _____, d. _____.

Millie Anna and her husband moved to Ellington, Missouri in the year 1887, only Daniel ever returned to Wayne County, Kentucky

- 2. Sarah "Sally" Coffey, b. _____ 1833, d. _____,
 married Henry Roberts, b. _____, d. _____.

 - A. Jim Roberts, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Lewis Roberts, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Sarah Sellers, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Silas Roberts, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Thomas Roberts b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. William Samuel Roberts b. April 17, 1877, d. July 17, 1967, married to Rosa Emarine Lair, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Nas Roberts, b. _____, d. _____, married Hettie Godsey, b. _____, d. _____.

- 3. Minerva Jane Coffey, b. _____ 1834, d. _____, married Silas Baker, b. _____, d. _____.

 - A. Telitha Baker, b. _____, d. _____.

- 4. Elizabeth Coffey, b. _____ 1836, d. _____, married Riley Winchester, b. _____ 1837, d. _____.
- 5. *Nancy Rue Coffey, b. _____ 1838, d. September 11, 1911, married Rev. James Perkins, b. _____, d. July 29, 1909.

 - A. *Minerva Jane Perkins, b. _____, d. _____, married Reuben Floyd, b. _____, d. _____.

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- twins
- B. *Lewis Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Mary Hollers, b. _____, d. _____.
- C. *Eligah Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Rose Bates, b. _____, d. _____.
- D. *Marden Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Salley Winchester, b. _____, d. _____.
- E. Rebecca Elizabeth Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Bill Winchester, b. _____, d. _____.
- F. Sally Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married John Hall, b. _____, d. _____.
- G. William Perkins, b. _____, d. _____.
- H. *Kizzie Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married John Brewster, b. _____, d. _____.
- I. *Mary Ann Perkins, b. _____, d. _____.
- J. *Nettie Perkins, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Hiram Smith, b. _____, d. _____.
6. Cullom Coffey, b. October 22, 1841, d. March 9, 1896, married
 January 18, 1862 to *Salena Bell, b. January 2, 1845, d.
 March 3, 1907.
- A. Shelby Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- B. Lewis Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- C. Eligah Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- D. Saphronia Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
- E. Willie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
7. *Eligah Columbus Coffey, b. December 7, 1843, d. February
 16, 1915, married 1st Myra Emarine Freeman, b. January 9,
 1852, d. October 15, 1877.
- A. *Elizabeth Jane Coffey, b. July 8, 1870, d. January
 1, 1941, married August 3, 1895 to Rolly Stewart
 Lair, b. March 15, 1875, d. October 11, 1958.

- B. *John Lewis Coffey, b. December 12, 1872, d. April 10, 1948, married April 23, 1898 to Geneva Lair, b. January 13, 1882, d. January 3, 1968.
- C. *Hiram Tolbert Coffey, b. July 27, 1876, d. 1941, married Cordie Thomas, b. April 27, 1877, d. September 2, 1919.

Eligah, then married *Jane Keith, b. December 8, 1863, d. December 6, 1897.

- A. *Edward Cullem Coffey, b. June 12, 1881, d. September 30, 1966, married June 12, 1903 to Gertie Evana Taylor b. August 6, 1884, d. February 9, 1955.
- B. *James Harden Coffey, b. July 17, 1883, d. April 14, 1942, married July 3, 1906 to Lillie Abbie Mounce, b. February 1, 1889, d. _____.
- C. *Joel Joseph Coffey, b. September 26, 1885, d. July 1, 1953, married April 25, 1907 to Ruthie Mae Lair, b. August 8, 1889, d. _____.
- D. *Nannie Sophie Coffey, b. August 12, 1887, d. _____, married August 23, 1908 to William Zackary Lair, b. December 2, 1883, d. January 4, 1970.
- E. *Mary Lucy Annie Coffey, b. October 8, 1889, d. May 9, 1972, married February 23, 1920 to George Roberts, b. October 6, 1880, d. May 4, 1946.
- F. *Roxie Amanda Coffey, b. April 26, 1893, d. March 12, 1920, married January 4, 1914 to Joe McClain, b. _____ d. _____.
- G. *Sally Kate Coffey, b. June 4, 1895, d. _____.
- H. *Eligah Henry Coffey, b. November 23, 1897, d. _____, married 1st Daisy Roberts, b. _____, d. _____, 2nd Mary Bedwell, b. _____, d. _____.

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8. Amanda Jane Coffey, b. _____ 1846, d. _____,
 married James G. Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
- A. John W. Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 B. Henry L. Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 C. Elizabeth Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 D. Mary Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 E. Cynthia Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 F. W.S. Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 G. Sally Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
9. *Harden Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
 married *Martha Ann Keith, b. December 25, 1853, d. May 14,
 1898.
- A. *George Lewis Coffey, b. October 2, 1877, d. October
 9, 1964, married 1900 to *Emma Huffaker, b. September
 28, 1884, d. August 27, 1957.
- B. *Nancy Rhoda Coffey, b. July 13, 1875, d. November 13,
 1960, married October 7, 1897 to *Elisha K. Abbott,
 b. October 12, 1876, d. July 13, 1959.
- C. *W. Cullen Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Pearl Marcum, b. _____, d. _____.
- D. *Thomas Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Lou Abbott, b. _____, d. _____.
- E. *Charlie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Ninnie Abbott, b. _____, d. _____.
- F. *Henry Coffey, b. June 30, 1869, d. September 25, 1947
 married *Sally Chriswell, b. May 20, 1887, d. May 7, 1955.
- G. *Fannie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Ink Blake, b. _____, d. _____.
- H. *Myrtie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
 married Ephriam Phipps, b. _____, d. _____.
- I. *Harvey Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

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10. *Lewis Coffey, b. August 23, 1850, d. July 25, 1928,
 married November 6, 1870 to *Permelia Ann Tucker,
 b. March 7, 1851, d. November 6, 1932.
- A. *Eliza Coffey, b. February 17, 1873, d. May 10, 1963,
 married October 12, 1898 to William Dodson, b. March
 19, 1868, d. November 30, 1958.
- B. *Martha Coffey, b. November 27, 1875, d. May 25, 1956,
 married February 16, 1905 to Jacob Koontz, b. March
 7, 1885, d. April 6, 1962.
- C. Mary Coffey, b. April 4, 1878, d. December 19, 1883.
- D. *Elitha Coffey, b. April 15, 1881, d. April 1, 1969,
 married May 15, 1902 to Joe Lair, b. _____,
 d. _____.
- E. *Jeff Coffey, b. June 25, 1884, d. August 31, 1969,
 married November 16, 1905 to Lina Mae Barnett, b.
 October 24, 1889, d. October 7, 1961.
- F. *Mitt Coffey, b. March 16, 1887, d. September 22, 1970
 married May 29, 1913 to Flossie Linnie Taylor, b. Novemb
 17, 1894, d. _____.
- G. *Flora Delia Coffey, b. July 16, 1890, d. January 7, 193
 married July 24, 1915 to Fredrick L. Engel, b. March 18,
 1881, d. October 22, 1939.
- H. *William Coffey, b. October 6, 1893, d. _____,
 married May 9, 1921 to Ida Coffey, b. May 21, 1900,
 d. January 26, 1934.
 married 2nd February 15, 1936 to Lexie Coffey, b. Januar
 9, 1909, d. September 16, 1967.

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ELIGAH COLUMBUS COFFEY
Generation VII, child 7

Eligah Columbus Coffey was born on the seventh day of December, 1843, in Rock Creek, Kentucky, a section located near the Wayne County line. Like his father before him, Eligah was a farmer and hunter.

Because he had such a small farm, he was forced to work away from home in order to make a living. For this reason, Eligah was a sympathizer with the North during the "War Between the States. The large land owners, who had slaves to do their work, had no use for hired hands, making employment a hard thing to find. Eligah was not old enough to serve in the earlier part of the war, however stood guard at the Henderson Coffey home, until the threat of looting and terrorism was over. One member of that household had already been shot through an upstairs window, by lawless guerrillas, who roamed the area, antagonizing family members of the soldiers. When reconstruction began and the country became a whole once more, the men were able to return to their homes.

It was on August 19, 1868 that Eligah married Miss Myra Emarine Freeman, b. January 9, 1852 to Eligah Freeman,

of Wayne County. To this union, three children were born.

1. Elizabeth Jane Coffey, b. July 8, 1870, d. January 8, 1941.
married August 3, 1895 to Rolly Stewart Lair, b. March 15,
1875, d. October 11, 1958.
 - A. Cloie Lelia Lair, b. May 7, 1896, d. May 31, 1924,
married Elmer Lair, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Denzle Lair, b. January 17, 1899, d. September 7, 1955
married Vina Draughn, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Flonnie Ora Lair, b. January 24, 1901, d. August 18, 1974
married Ezra Alexander, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Lola Erma Lair, b. November 6, 1903, d. _____,
married Lee Smith, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Bessie Myra Angeline Lair, b. March 27, 1906, d. _____
married Preston Barnett, b. April 8, 1905, d. June 18, 1961
 - F. Lona Zonzie Lair, b. January 9, 1909, d. _____,
married Shelby Barnett, b. _____, d. _____.
 - G. Zula Effie Lair, b. December 2, 1911, d. _____,
married Walter Coffey, b. October 29, 1906, d. _____
 - H. Rhoda Alena Lair, b. November 9, 1915, d. March 30, 1967,
married Stanley Denney, b. _____, d. _____.

2. John Lewis Coffey, b. December 12, 1872, d. April 10, 1948.
married April 23, 1898 to Geneva Lair, b. January 13, 1882,
d. January 3, 1968.
 - A. William Eligah Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Mayme Byon Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Ewell Smith, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Nellie Virven Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Charlie Adams, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Jesse Romer Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Lola Barnett, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Anna Ruth Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Ephriam Jones, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Nancy Ethel Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Alford Wilburn Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

- G. John Henry Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Dorothy Abbott, b. _____, d. _____.
 - H. Geneva Rankin Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Thomas Flynn, b. _____, d. missing in action,
2nd Cecil Thompson, b. _____, d. _____.
3. Hiram Tolbert Coffey, b. July 27, 1876, d. 1941, married
Cordie Thomas, b. April 27, 1877, d. September 2, 1919.
- A. Ruby Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Wilroe Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Lalia Coffey, b. _____, d. _____,
married Clinton Gorman, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. Inez Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Ola Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Fredia Coffey, b. _____, d. _____.

Myra Freeman Coffey died October 15, 1877, and was buried
in Wayne County. Eligah reared his three children alone until
the year of 1881, when on the 29th of April he married Miss
Jane Keith, of Wayne County. Jane was born the 8th of December
1863, and was the daughter of Jabe and Hallie Keith, who were
Cherokee Indians. To Eligah and Jane were born 8 children.

- 1. Edward Cullem Coffey, b. June 12, 1881, d. September 30, 1966,
married June 12, 1903 to Gertie Evana Taylor, b. August
6, 1884, d. February 9, 1955.
- A. Bonnie Edward Coffey, b. September 5, 1904, d. _____,
married July 13, 1924 to Lilbern Garland Martin, b.
March 3, 1902, d. _____.
- B. Onie Mae Coffey, b. August 17, 1906, d. September 6, 1963
- C. Finis Henry Coffey, b. October 3, 1912, d. _____,
married April 18, 1947 to Elvena Tucker, b. May 4, 1927,
d. _____.
- D. Rufus Woodrow Coffey, b. October 20, 1914, d. _____,
married Lula Bea Denney, b. June 18, 1919, d. _____.

- E. Bennie Bryan Coffey, b. January 8, 1917, d. _____,
married May 31, 1947 to Juanita Irene Abbott, b. May 21,
1927, d. _____.
 - F. Mazzie Matilda Coffey, b. April 10, 1919, d. _____,
married May 31, to Lee Clemons Denney, b. November
13, 1924, d. _____.
 - G. Cullem Leonard Coffey, b. February 14, 1925, d. _____
married February 14, 1948 to Lula Mae Tuggle, b. November
14, 1929, d. _____.
 - H. Ray Radford Coffey, b. January 7, 1928, d. _____,
married July 12, 1954 to Norma Jean Stephenson, b. August
17, 1927, d. _____.
2. James Harden Coffey, b. July 17, 1883, d. April 14, 1942,
married July 3, 1906 to Lillie Abbie Mounce, b. February
1, 1889, d. _____.
- A. Leila Marie Coffey, b. May 10, 1907, d. _____,
married Homer Brake, b. _____, d. _____.
 - B. Carrie Inez Coffey, b. July 3, 1910, d. _____,
married Arthur Smith, b. _____, d. _____.
 - C. Zula Elsie Coffey, b. June 19, 1913, d. _____,
married Fred Kidd, b. _____, d. _____.
 - D. George Columbus Coffey, b. December 5, 1915, d. _____
_____, d. _____, married Irene Hicks,
b. _____, d. _____.
 - E. Hazel Lydia Coffey, b. April 2, 1918, d. _____,
married Raymond Martin, b. _____, d. _____.
 - F. Lola Delia Coffey, b. April 10, 1920, d. _____,
married Carl Guffey, b. _____, d. _____.
 - G. James Lewis Coffey, b. September 5, 1922, d. _____
married Nina Gregory, b. _____, d. _____.
 - H. Eula Mary Coffey, b. August 27, 1924, d. _____,
married Joe Johnson, b. _____, d. _____.
 - I. Jesse Ray Coffey, b. July 3, 1928, d. _____

3. Joel Joseph Coffey, b. September 26, 1885, d. July 1, 1953
 married April 25, 1907 to Ruthie Mae Lair, b. August 8, 1889,
 d. _____.
- A. Raymond Ottis Coffey, b. February 19, 1908, d. _____
- B. Hattie Elizabeth Joffey, b. December 23, 1909, d. _____
 married Melvin Smith, b. _____, d. _____
- C. Opal Alene Coffey, b. August 26, 1912, d. _____
 married Odie Slaven, b. _____, d. _____.
- D. Evana Sue Coffey, b. February 7, 1914, d. _____
 married Hershal Alexander, b. _____, d. _____
- E. Zonnie Louise Coffey, b. May 24, 1917, d. _____
 married Marvin Alexander, b. _____, d. _____.
- F. Lonnie Virvin Coffey, b. June 3, 1920, d. _____
 married Joshua Taylor, b. _____, d. _____.
- G. Joseph Clayton Coffey, b. February 1, 1925, d. _____
 married Hazel Vaughn, b. _____, d. _____.
- H. Hubert Bradford Coffey, b. March 22, 1930, d. _____
 married Flonnie Clark, b. _____, d. _____.
4. Nannie Sophie Coffey, b. August 12, 1887, d. _____
 married August 23, 1908 to William Zackary Lair, b. December
 2, 1883, d. January 4, 1970.
- A. Mildred Lair, b. _____, d. _____.
5. Mary Lucy Annie Coffey, b. October 8, 1889, d. May 9, 1972
 married February 23, 1920 to George Roberts, b. October 6,
 1880, d. May 4, 1946.
- A. Joshua Roberts, born and died December 20, 1920
- B. Richard Roberts, b. September 5, 1922, d. _____
 married Velda Dodson, b. _____, d. _____
- C. Shelby Roberts, b. May 1, 1924, d. _____
 married Evily Gregory, b. _____, d. _____
- D. Dorothy Roberts, b. April 11, 1926, d. January 1929
 buried in Ingram Cemetery to the left of Eligah Coffey

- E. Hubert Roberts, born and died May 15, 1929, buried in Ingram Cemetery
 - F. Ora Roberts, born and died October 24, 1931.
6. Roxie Amanda Coffey, b. April 26, 1893, d. March 12, 1920 married January 4, 1914 to Joe McClain, b. _____ d. _____.
- A. Esther McClain, b. _____, d. _____ married Robert Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - B. Lester McClain, b. _____, d. _____
7. Sally Kate Coffey, b. June 4, 1895, d. _____
8. Eligah Henry Coffey, b. November 23, 1897, d. _____ married 1st Daisy Roberts, 2nd Mary Bedwell, b. _____ d. _____.
- A. Robert Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - B. Romer Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - C. Robert Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - D. May Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - E. Nannie Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - F. Betty Coffey, b. _____, d. _____
 - G. Eligah Coffey Jr. b. _____, d. _____

Jane Keith Coffey died December 6, 1897, as a result of childbirth, and was buried in the Ingram Cemetery, located on the Lawrence Dick farm. Mrs. Nancy Lair took baby Eligah and nursed him to age one, then returned him to the family

Again, Eligah was left alone with a family. This time he remained a widower till his death, which took place on February 16, 1915. He too, is buried in the Ingram Cemetery along side his 2nd wife.

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APPENDAGE I.

FAMILY CHARTS

WILLIAM POWELL

made will 12-11-1695

ELIZABETH POWELL

FRANCIS PLACE

will Incognit August 6th
will recorded 11-10-1655

ANN WILLIAMS PLACE

THOMAS POWELL

made will 3-2-1700
will proven 4-10-1701

MARY PLACE POWELL

ANN POWELL COFFEY

WILL OF THOMAS POWELL

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

The 12th., day of July in the year of our Lord, 1683, according to the computation of the Church of England; I, Thomas Powell, of the Isle of Wight County, being of perfect memory and remembrance, praised be to God, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

FIRST: I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Maker, hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Savior and redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and as for my body to be buried in Christian Burial at the direction Burial at the Direction of my Executor hereafter mentioned.

ITEM: I do give and bequeath the one-half of my land which I now enjoy and ~~poss~~^{ess} unto Thomas Powell, Nathaniel Powell, William Powell and John Powell, to be equally divided amongst them after my decease and I do by these presents obdlidge them and their heirs that they shall not make sale of any part or parcel of the said land to any person whatsoever unless it be from the one to the other.

ITEM: I do give and bequeath the rest of my land unto my Son, William Powell, whom I have hereby constituted and ordained my Executor; to him and his heirs forever, I do give and bequeath to my Son, William Powell, one Brass kettle, and one shuck bed and what clothing belong thereto it, as also one set of Iron Wedges, one cross saw, one finant saw, foror augurs, two small chissils and one gauge.

ITEM: I do give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law, Elisabeth Powell, one cow.

ITEM; I do give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law, ~~Eucetta~~ Corbell, one cow; I do give and bequeath one cow between ~~Eucetta~~ Powell and John Powell.

I bequeath one heifer of two years old between Robertta Powell and Elisabeth Powell.

I give to Thomas Powell one pair of leather brichis and one blue waist coat.

I do give unto Nathaniel Powael one pair of Cloth Breeches & ^{Coat} ~~Serge~~
ITEM: I give unto my son, William Powell, the rest of my wearing clothes, whom I do appoint by these presents to see this my last will and testament performed and accomplished.

I do give unto Thomas Powell one Iron Pistle, and his brother, Nathaniel is to have the use of it as much as himself.

The mark of
Thomas x Powell (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of:

Thomas Griffin

The mark of
Francis F. H. Hutchins

Proved by Francis Hutchins in open Court held for the Isle of Wight County, February 9th., 1687 to be the Will and Testament of Thomas Powell.

Teste John Pitt Clerk

A COPY

Teste R. G. Edwards Clerk

Recorded in Wills & Deed Book, Volume 2, Part I, page 272, Isle of Wight County records.

WILL OF WILLIAM POWELL

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Will Powell, of the Isle of Wight County, being at present very sick and weak in body, but yet in fine sense and memory I do if it shall please God to take me out of this present life make this my last will and testament as follows:

FIRST: I do give unto my loving wife, Elizabeth Powell, the plantation I now live upon during her life, all the stock thereunto belonging during her aforesaid life and I do give unto my Son, John Powell, broadneck at and upon my line likewise I do give my Son, Nathaniel from that neck down swamp to my orchard side and remaining part of this land unto my son, Jacob, to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their own bodies forever.

SECOND: I do give unto my son, Will Powell and my Son, Thomas Powell, all my land upon Bow and Arrow Swamp to be equally divided between them, my Son Will/^{to}have his first choice, to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their own bodies forever.

THIRD: I do give unto my Daughter, Elizabeth, wife of John Poops that plantation they now live upon to them or their heirs forever, this being my last Will and Testament and revoking all other wills and testaments whatsoever, in witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord God Sixteen Hundred and ninety-five.

Will m Powell (SEAL)
His mark

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:

Thomas Powell
His mark

Thomas Gale
His mark

Rich. V. Hutchin
His mark

A COPY .

Teste R. C. Thomas, CLERK

Recorded in Deed Book, Vol. I,
page 193, Isle of Wight County
Records.

JAMES GRAVES

will made 1-1-1724
probated 4-20-1725

JOHN GRAVES

will made 10-4-1719
probated

ROBERT MAYFIELD

will made 12-3-1714
probated 8-16-1715

JEAN MAYFIELD

SARAH

JANE GRAVES
(JEAN)

HANNAH

In the name of God Amen I John Graves of the County of Essex & parish of St. Ann am sick and weak of body but of sound perfect sense & memory thanks be to God for it knowing that it is appointed one for all men to dye & doe comit my body to the Earth & my Sole to God that gave and after my Debts & Legacies are paid I give my Estate as followeth

Item I give unto my well beloved wife Hannah Graves my plantation where I now live dureing her life provided she doe not marry againe but if she doe marry again it is my will that the Land at her marriage shall go to my Son James Graves and his heirs Lawfully begotten of his own body but if my son James Graves dye without having any child of his own then it is my desire that ye Land shall goe to my son Benjamin Graves & his heirs forever

& further give to my Daughter Martha Graves one Cow & Calf to be paid at the day of marriage, I further give to my Daughter Ann Graves one Cow & Calf to be paid at the day of marriage

& further give unto my Daughter Jean Graves one Cow and Calf to be paid at the day of marriage & as for ye rest of my personal Estate I give unto my loving wife Hannah Graves, during her naturall Life and at her decease it is my desire that my personall Estate that I gave to my wife for life that it shall be equally divided amongst all my Children at her decease

I further constitute & appoint my well beloved wife sole & sole Executrix of this my Last will & Testament revoking and disannulling all other wills and Testaments heretofore by me made,

John Graves

(Seal)

Signed Sealed in

the psence of us

September ye 4th 1719

Robt. Elliott

John Munday

Johannah I E Elliott
her
mark

At a Court held for Essex County, on Tuesday ye 17th day of May
1726. This will was presented in Court by Hannah Graves Exec with-
in named who made oath thereto & being further proved by the oaths
of M^obt. Elliott & John Munday witnesses thereto is admitted to
record.

Test

W^oeverley, Cl^our.

A Copy--Teste:

adlatave Clerk.
Will book 3, Page 140, Essex
County, Virginia Records

In the Name of God Amen I James Graves being of perfect sense and memory thanks be to the Almighty God who gave it me hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ to receive the same at the last day to enjoy eternall bliss. I recomend my body to be buryed in decent and Christian manner according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named

Item I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Jean Graves all my real & personal estate to her & her heirs for ever and I do constitute and appoint my loving wife Jean Graves my whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament revoking and disannulling all other will & Testaments heretofore by me made as as Witness my hand this 10th day of January 1724

James Graves (No Seal)

Sined Sealed & Delivered
in presents of us

Test John Munday

her
Mannah H Graves
mark

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday the 20th day of April 1725.

The above last Will & Testament of James Graves deced was presented in Court by Jane Graves his Executrix who made oath thereto & was also proved by the oaths of John Munday & Hannah Graves the witnesses thereto & admitted to record.

Test

Wm Beverley, ClCur.

A Copy--Teste:

A. D. Latane Clerk.
W. B. 4, page 78, Essex
County, Va. Records.

In The Name of God Amen the third day of December, 1714; I,
Robert Mayfield Senr being sick in body: but of good and perfect
memory, thanks be to almighty God, and calling to remembrance the
uncertain estate of this transitory Life and that all flesh must
yield unto death, when it shall please God to Call, do make
constitute ordain, and declare this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following: First being penitent and sorry from
the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring
forgiveness for the same, I give and commit my Soul unto Almighty
God my Savior and Redeemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus
Christ I trust and beleive assuredly to be saved, and to have full
remission and forgiveness of all my Sins, and that my Soul with my
body at the general day of resurrection shall rise again w.th joy
and through the merits of Christs death and passion, possess and
inherit the Kingdom of heaven prepared for his Elect and Chosen;
and my body to ye Earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in
such decent and Christian manner as to my Executors hereafter
named shall be thought meet and convenient, and as touching such
wordly estate as the Lord in mercy has Lent me, my Will and
meaning is the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter
by this my Will is expressed,

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Sarah Mayfield
all my land and monable estate during her life. 2d. Item I give
and bequeath unto my loveing Son Robert Mayfield one Shilling.

3d. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Abraham Mayfield one
Shilling, 4th I give and bequeath unto my Son John Mayfield one
Shilling, 5, I give and bequeath unto my Son Isaac Mayfield one
Shilling,

6ly I give and bequeath unto my loveing Son Jacob Mayfield after
the decease of my wife Sarah Mayfield all my Land and Monable
Estate to him and his heirs.

7 I give unto my loweing daughter Catherine Gregory one Shilling,
daughter

8ly I give unto my loveing/Jane Graves one Shilling.

9ly, I give unto my lovéing daughter Anne Anne Connely one
Shilling

I do authorize Constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Sarah Mayfield Executrix and my Loveing Son Robert Mayfield Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby making null and void all former wills and testaments this will to be duly and truly fulfilled and executed accordingly

In Testimony whereof I have hereinto set my hand and fixed my Seall this third day of December Seventeen hundred and fourteene.

his
Robert X Mayfield (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In psence of

Daniel Hayes
Cornelius Sale

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye 16th day of August 1715 this Will was proved by ye oath of Sarah Mayfield widow Executrix therein named according to Law and by ye Oaths of Daniel Hayes and Cornelius Sale the Executors thereto and is recorded.

Text:

Tho: Freeman, BlCeur

A Copy - Teste:

a. d. latane Clerk.

Wills etc. No. 14, page 385.
Essex County, Va. Records

ALEXANDER CLEVELAND
b. Before 1620 in England
d. probably in Prince Wm. Co, Va.

ALEXANDER CLEVELAND JR.

JOHN CLEVELAND

b. 1695 ca d. 1770's

MILLIE PRESLEY

ELIZABETH CLEVELAND COFFEY

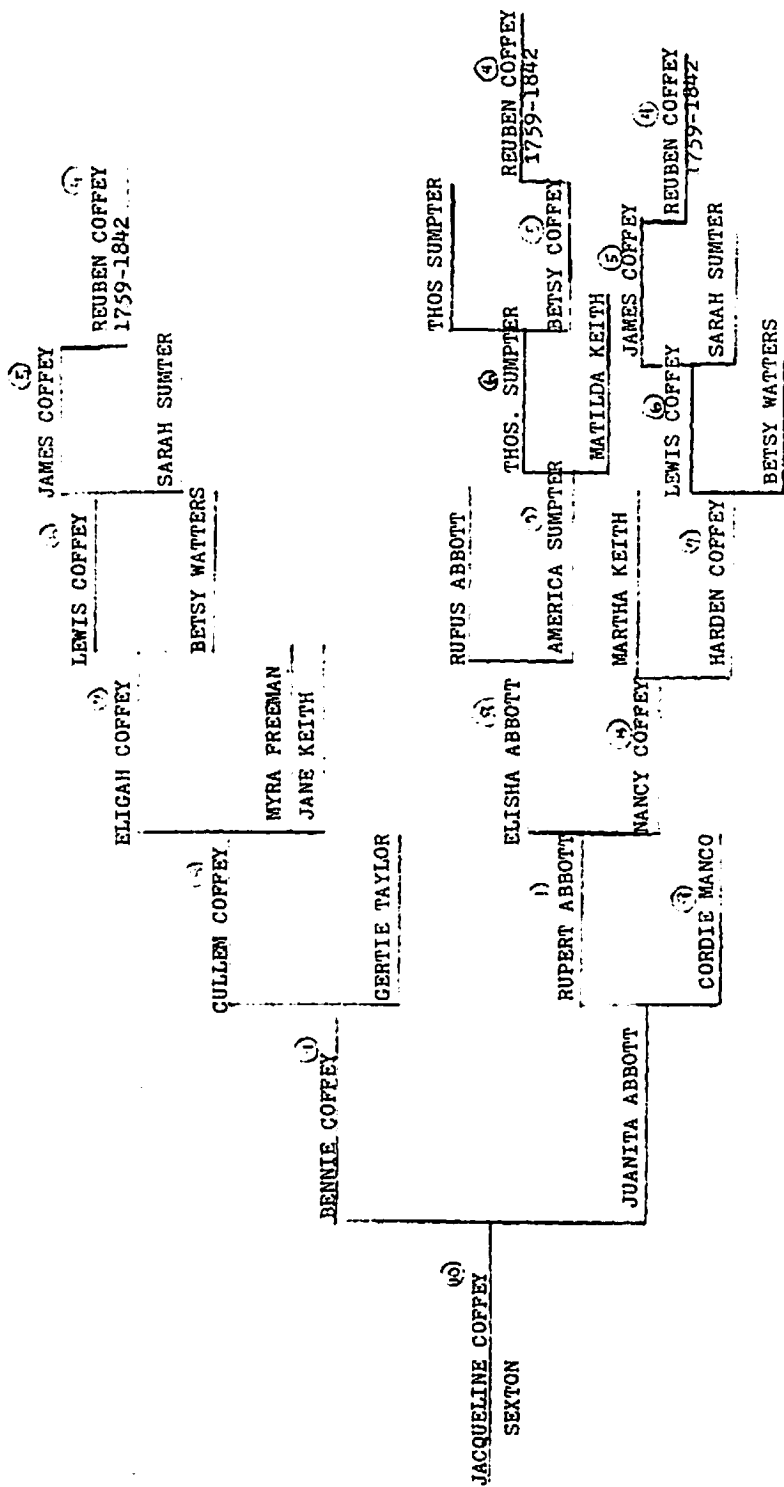
EDWARD COFFEY

b. 1650ca

MARTHA COFFEY

d. 1770ca

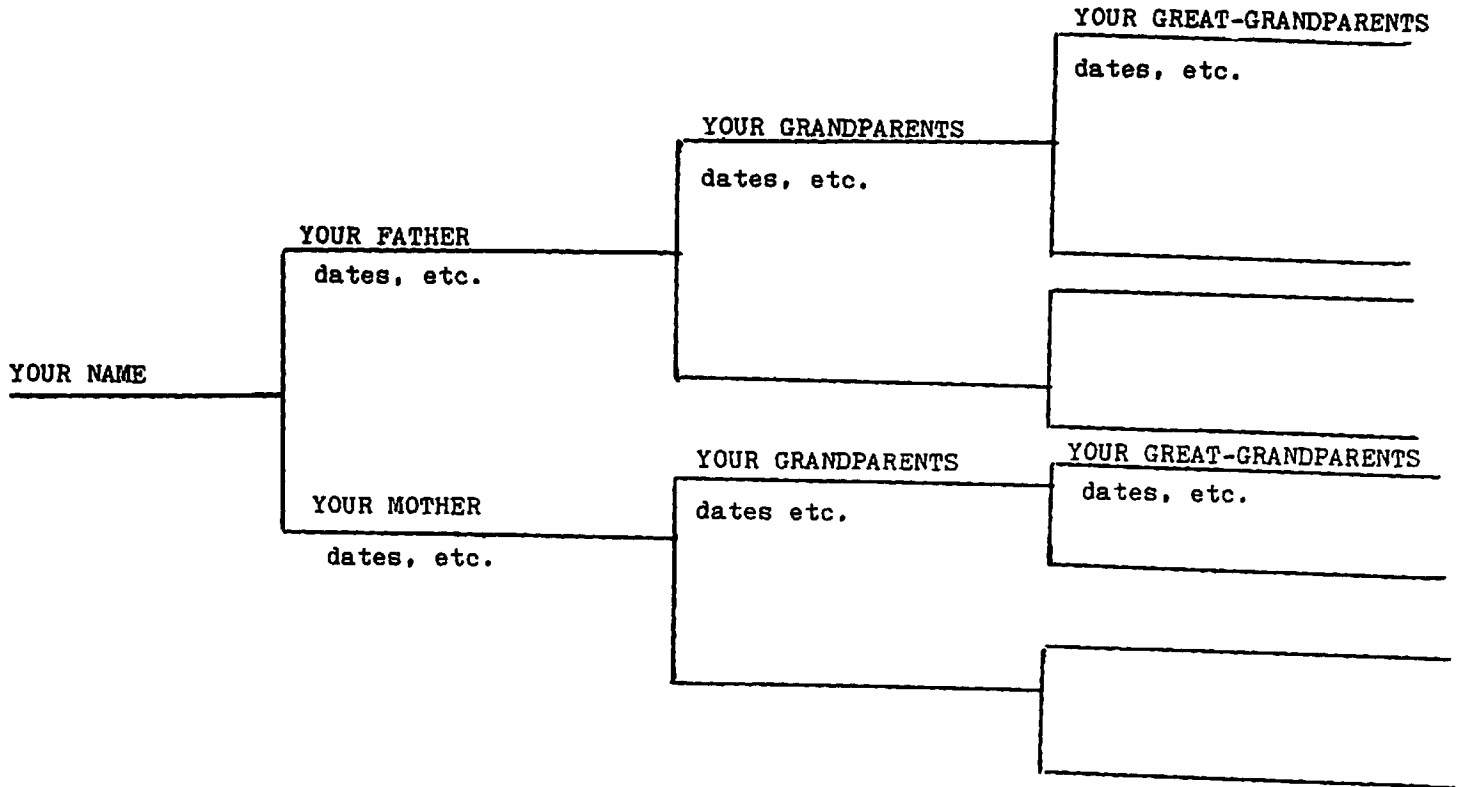
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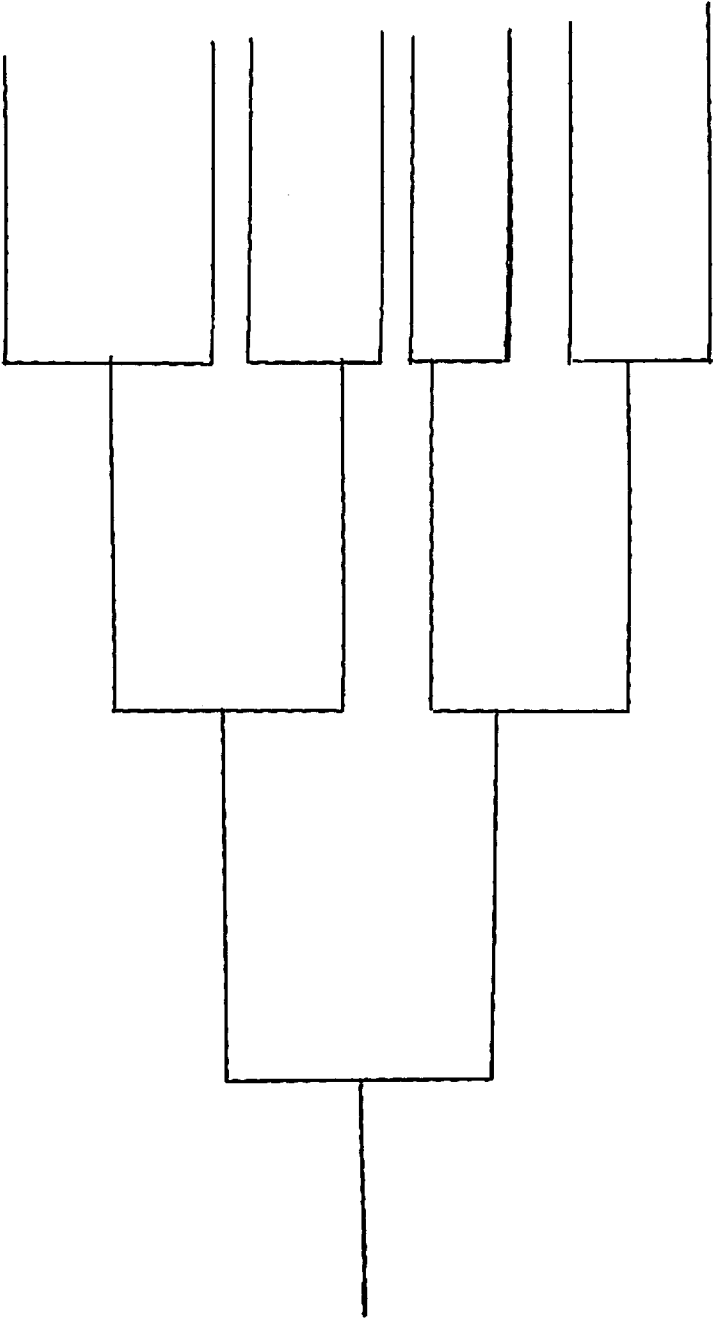


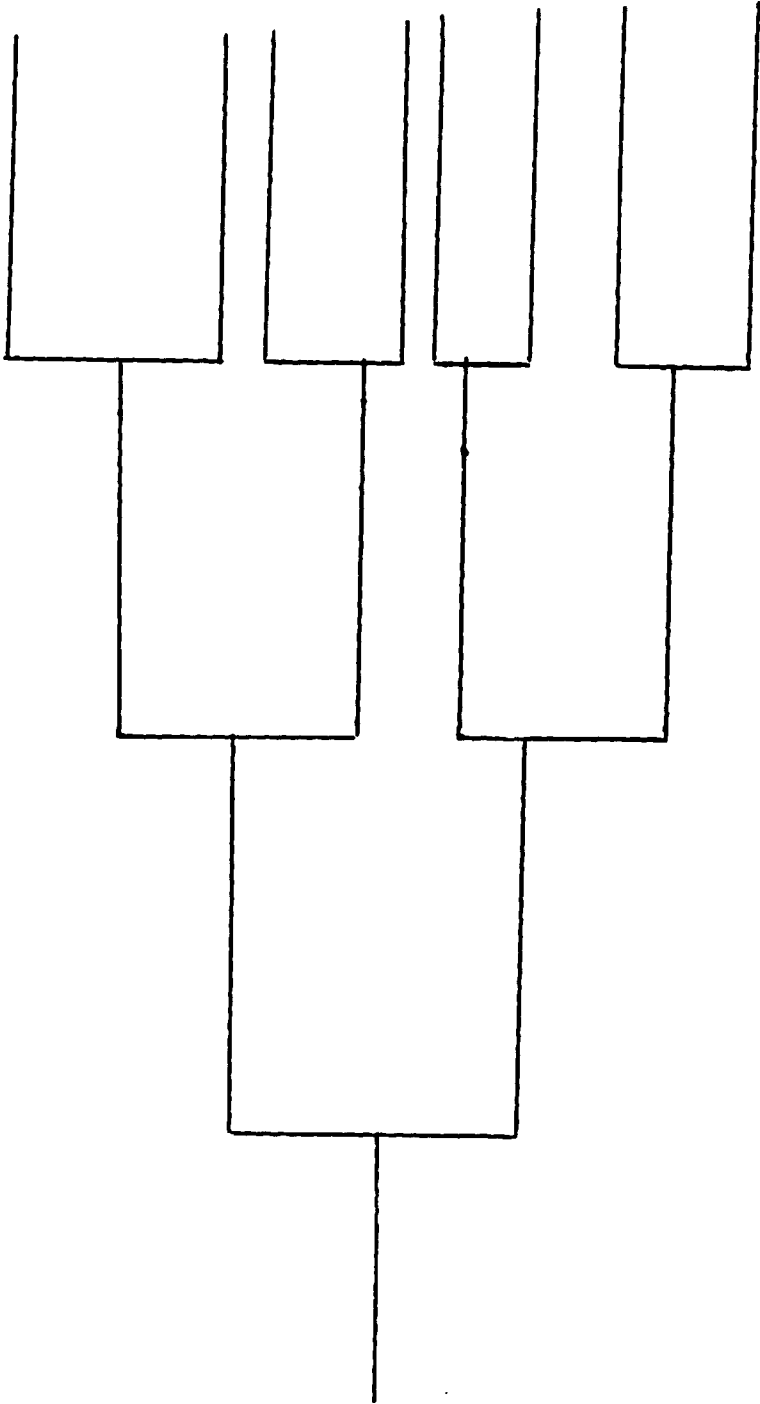
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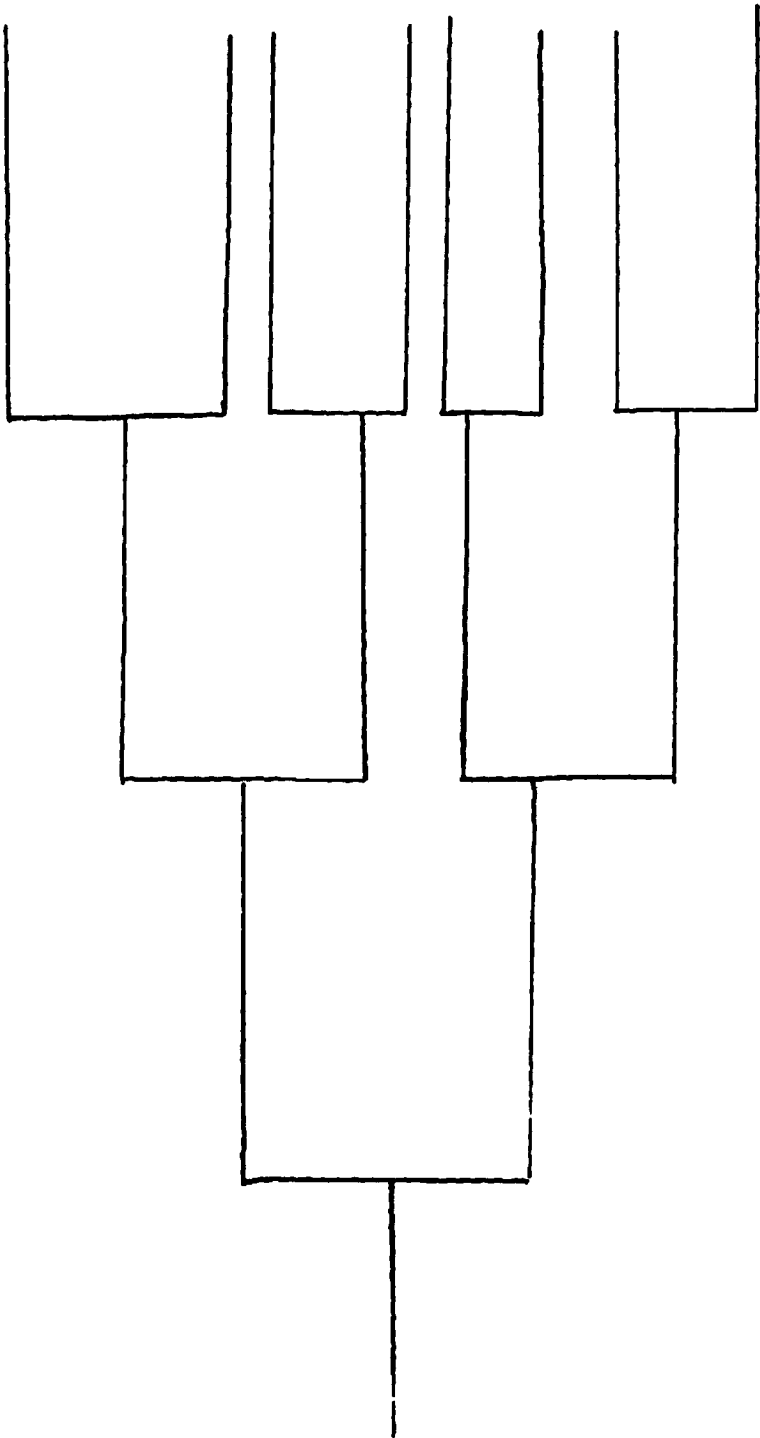
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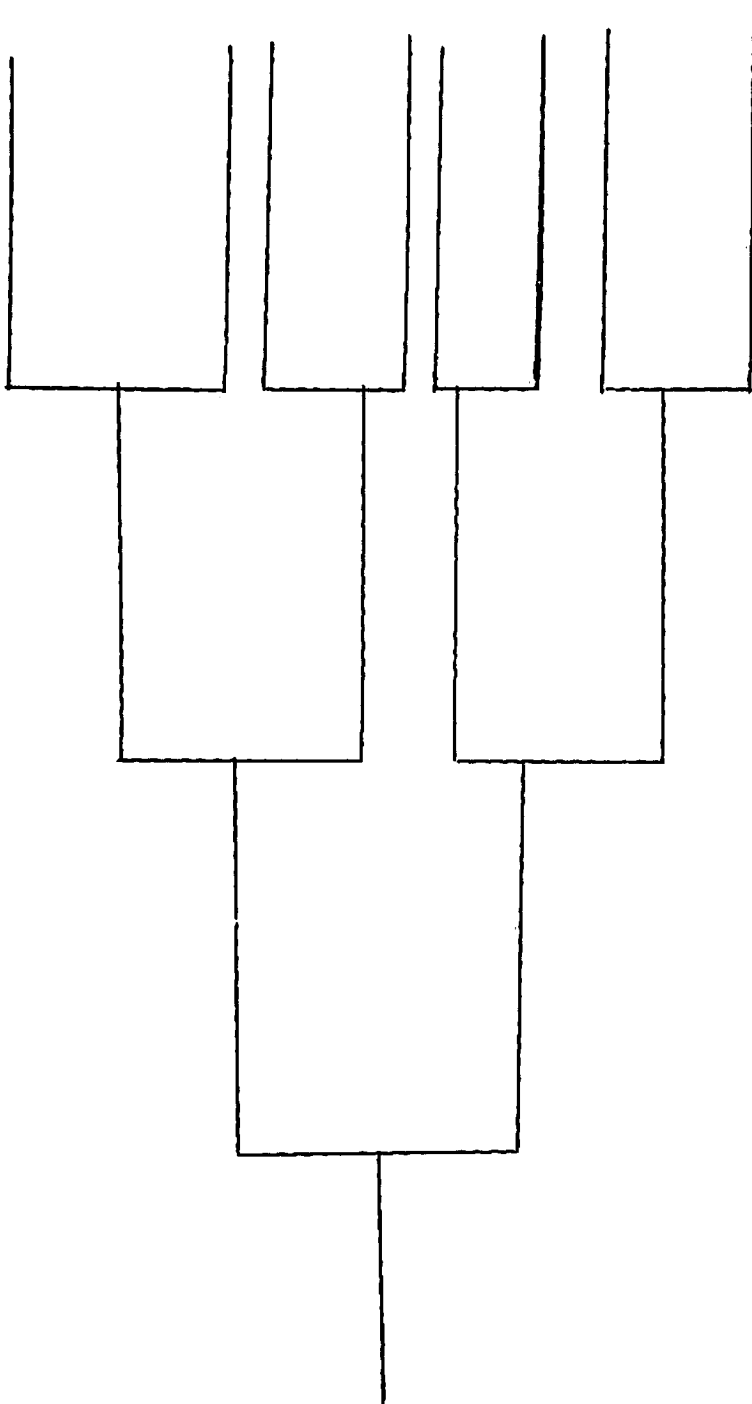
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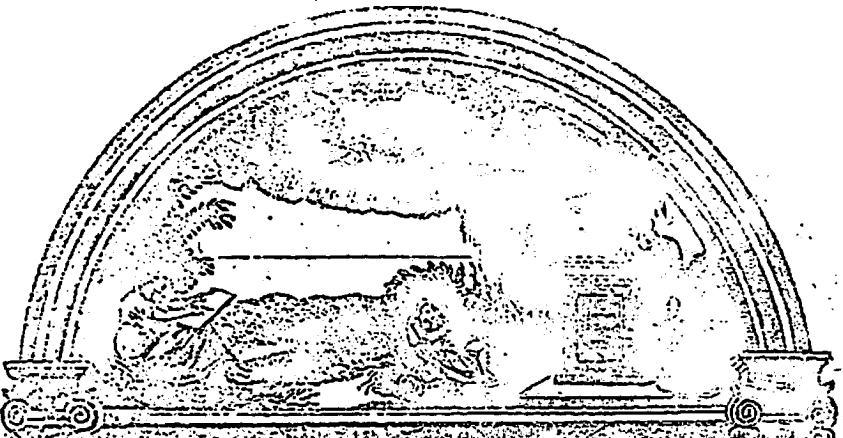








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NAMES.	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.		
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<p><i>Cemetery of Elijah Coffey and family. Elijah Coffey son of Reuben Coffey and Sally Coffey, was born in Catoe Settlement on John's River Burke County, North Carolina</i></p>						
<p><i>Polly Dyer daughter of Josiah and Sally Dyer was born in Wilkes County, State aforesaid.</i></p>						
<p><i>Elijah Coffey and Polly Dyer aforesaid were joined in matrimonial bands on Cove Creek in Ashe County State aforesaid, by Wm. Johnson Esq.</i></p>						
<p><i>Offspring:—</i></p>						
<p><i>Lucinda Coffey was born in Catoe Settlement aforesaid</i></p>						
<p><i>Alex Coffey born in same settlement</i></p>						

March 11 1777

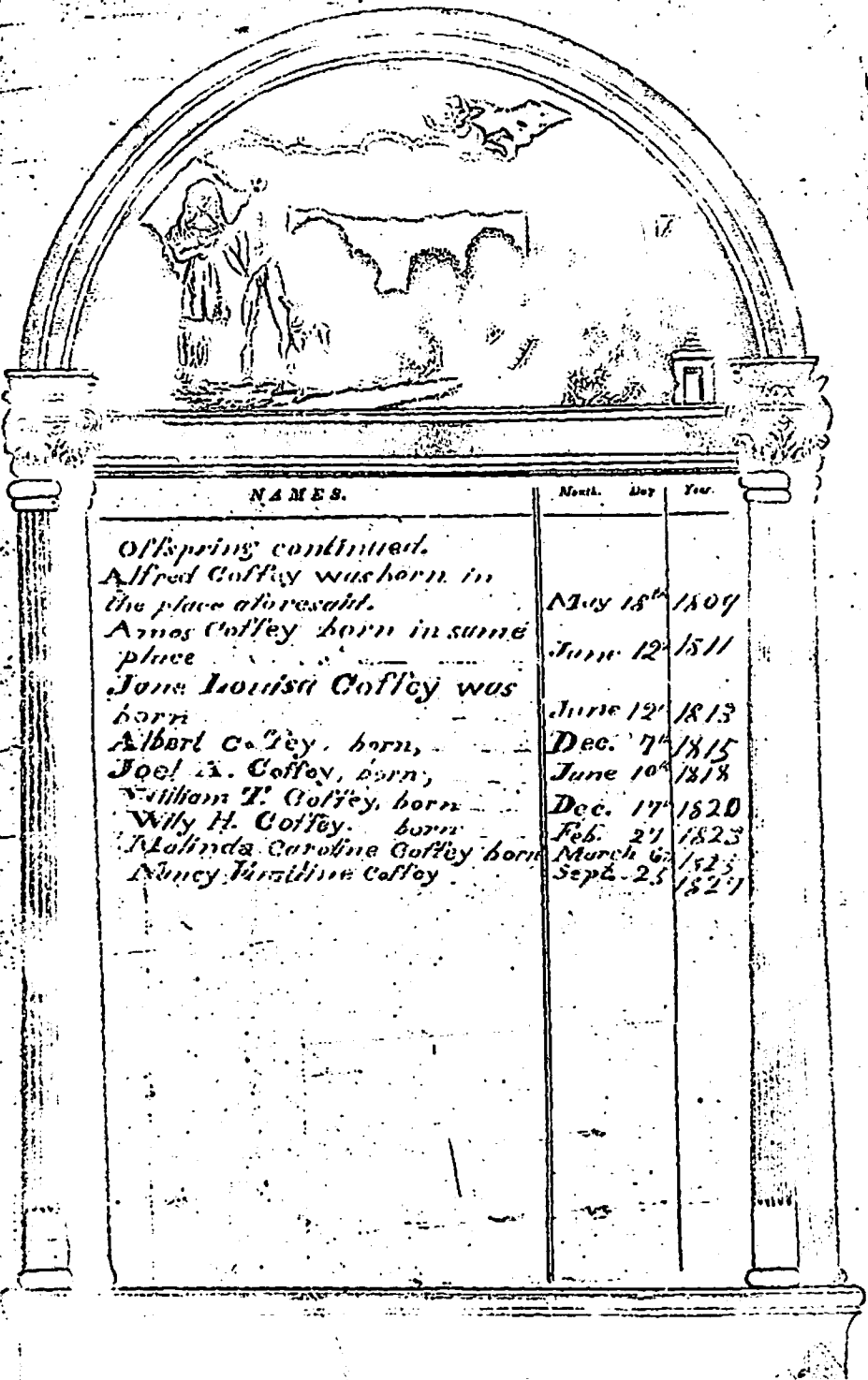
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A BIBLE RECORD FOR THE REUBEN COFFEY FAMILY. REUBEN, SON OF JOHN AND JANE GRAVES COFFEY.



NAMES.

Month. Day Year.

NAMES.	Month. Day Year.
<i>Offspring continued.</i>	
<i>Alfred Coffey was born in the place aforesaid.</i>	May 18 th 1809
<i>Amos Coffey born in same place</i>	June 12 th 1811
<i>Jane Louisa Coffey was born</i>	June 12 th 1813
<i>Albert Coffey, born,</i>	Dec. 7 th 1815
<i>Joel A. Coffey, born,</i>	June 10 th 1818
<i>William T. Coffey, born</i>	Dec. 17 th 1820
<i>Willy H. Coffey, born</i>	Feb. 27 th 1823
<i>Malinda Caroline Coffey born</i>	March 6 th 1825
<i>Nancy Fidelity Coffey</i>	Sept. 25 th 1827

APPLICATION FOR REVOLUTIONARY PENSION

Hawkins County, Tennessee

Benjamin Coffey

File no. 26,608

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

25 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

RESUME

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. Benjamin 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 anymore.

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 May 1833

Benjamin, son of John and Jane Graves Coffey.

~~2969~~ 2969
Coffee

Coffey
Indebted

L. G.
L. G.
Henry - 2000
Bury - 1000
L. G. - 1000
L. G. - 1000

North Carolina Morgan's District No. 9818
This certifies that the Board of Auditors have
allowed John Coffey, Newfounder for Militia
Service a grant to an act of Gen. Assembly
in such case made. Given under our hands
this 25th of June 1784

By Order
J. J. Miller
J. J. Miller
J. J. Miller

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PAY VOUCHER
FOR
JOHN COFFEY, SON OF THE REV. JAMES COFFEY

Reuben Coffey, son of James and Elizabeth Cleveland Coffey

On the following pages is the resume turned in to the government by Reuben Coffey, on the 31st day of October, 1835, making him eligible for military pension under the act of June 7, 1832.

The resume (in Reuben's handwriting) was preceeded by this information:

North Carolina Reuben Coffey File No. S469-16

Reuben Coffey of Wayne County in the state of Kentucky who was a private in the _____ commanded by Captain Guest of the _____ commanded by _____ in the North Carolina line for 1 year.

Inscribed on the roll of Kentucky at the rate of 40 dollars and 11 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1834.

Certificate of pension paid the 31 day of October 1835 and Rodes Garthe Monticello

And is to the 4th of September \$1.00
semi-annual allowance ending 4 March .20

\$1.20

Revolutionary Claim
act June 7, 1832

Recorded by David Boyd Clerk
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NOW ON FILE IN THE UNITED STATES ARCHIVES OF MILITARY HISTORY

State of Kentucky
Wayne County, So.

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally
appeared in open court before the
Justice of the Court of Wayne County
now sitting Reubin Coffey, a Resident
of Wayne County, in the County of Wayne
and State aforesaid, aged Seventy two
years old the 16th day of September last
who being first duly sworn according
to law doth on his oath make the
following Declaration, in order to ob-
tain the Benefit of the Act of Con-
gress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered in the Service of
the United States under the following
named officers and served as here is
related, to wit That I the said
Reubin Coffey volunteered under Capt.
Abner Gresh in Wilkes County North
Carolina, in a Horse Company
for as long a period as our country needed
my Services, & in the Service of the

United States, on the 14th day of June
 1780 Before the Battle of Kings
 Mountain - ^{and} ^{as a private} I marched under my
 Captain Moses Guest. Lieutenant Thomas
 Ferguson, & Majors - Hartgrove his
 christian name not recollected. & Major Joseph
 Winston. and - Col. Benjamin Cleveland
 with a Adjutant Major Isaac Franklin

We first marched to Deepwater
 mill in Lincoln county, North Carolina
 the day after the Battle there. And
 when we met General Rutherford and
 General Thomas Sumpter and their
 army. The Tories being then defeated
 our Regiment ^{marched} towards home, and was
 generally engaged in scouting after the Tories
 we had several small engagements with
 them. The British and Tories having
 collected in force, and marching towards
 Virginia as far as Burke County, North
 Carolina we pursued them, and they
 retreated towards Kings Mountain. our
 command was Col Benjamin Cleveland and
 Col. William Campbell. Col. Isaacs,
 Shelby & Col. John Lewis - A

We overtook and fought the British of Louis
 at Kings mountains, in South Carolina &
 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 me. Col. Maitland in Rutherford
 County South Carolina. We then marched
 about three miles to a weaver Bickens
 - staffs. where a court martial was held
 and condemned and hung some of the
 Tories. we after marched thro. Burke
 County Wilkes County and towards the Mo-
 -nahan Town. the main army marched
 to the mountain Towns & guarded the British
 & Tories. ^{Enemy Benjamin Greys & North myrtle} But my ~~company~~ ^{Regiment} and
 45 or 60 others of our company By order were
 detached to go back upon the frontiers to
 quell & pursue the Tories, who had caused a
 considerable alarm. I was upon several small
 expeditions. One down to Guilford, another
 to Hunting creek, another to the hollows of
 the c. & d. I was sometimes stationed
 at Hamlin's Old Store in Wilkes County
 & at another time at John Stables in
 Burke County and other places. and

Remained in service twelve months & upwards
our country being no further call for our
services myself and ^{others} were discharged
by our Capt. ^{some time in the fall of the year 1781} ~~at~~ his own house in
Wilkes County North Carolina ~~but not~~
in writing. Having served twelve months for
which I now claim.

I the said Reuben Coffey was born in
the state of Virginia Albemarle
county on the 16th September 1759. My Father
moved to Amherst County Virginia ^{about}
a year after. When I lived about 15
years. My Father then moved to the state of
North Carolina and settled in Wilkes County
near the head of the Stokes River, where
I resided ^{think about 16 years} several years I then settled in Bush
County and lived there about 2 years I then
moved to the state of Kentucky in Wayne county
where I now live & have resided here a little
upwards of ^{eight} years.

That I have no documentary evidence

but can prove by Master Durham and
Lewis Coffey of my being engaged in said service
I the said Reuben Coffey hereby relinquishes
every claim whatever to a Pension or
annuity except the Present, and declare
that my name is not on the Pension roll
of the Agency any State
sworn to and subscribed this day & year
at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~place~~ ^{place}
Reuben Coffey

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BRIEF in the case of *Richard Coffey*
of *Illinois Co.* in the State of *Ill.*
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court.*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he?
4. State his services, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.		
<i>Volunteer Army in 17 82</i>	<i>Remained in service 12 m^o & upwards</i>			<i>As a Private</i>	<i>Gen. Cass, Major Green.</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Range Mountain*
 6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Illinois Co. N.C.*
 7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditional evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditional evidence only*
 8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *As before - no to authentication of service - papers not authenticated - Court have not public seal.*
- I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.*

W. H. Seligson Examining Clerk.

Attest John Chinnon

This Indenture made this fourth day of December & Eighteen hundred and sixteen between Evan Wright & Rebecca his wife of the one part and Reuben Coffey of the other parts both of the County of Wayne and state of Kentucky (the facts that the said Evan Wright for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Reuben Coffey the Receipt whereof the hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell allow enfeoff and confirm unto Reuben Coffey his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract of land lying in the County & state of Kansas and in Beaver Creek Containing one hundred acres and bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a

Receipt of Henderson ^{heir of} Coffey of the administrators of the estate of Reuben Coffey deceased the full amount in money coming to me out of his personal estate from notes & proceeds of sales &c except a note on John Johnson for \$20. which cannot now be made this 14th day of December 1846
Ellen ^{her} Coffey
mark.
John ^{his} Coffey
mark

Receipt of settlement in the Reuben Coffey Estate sale for daughter Ellen (Elinor) Coffey Hisan.

Beaver creek, and on the south side of the creek running
 thence N 70 E 1/4 pole to a white oak sapling on the corner of a rocky hill,
 thence S 40 E 60 poles to two oaks and mulberry thence S 50 W 179 poles and
 a half the beginning with its appurtenances to have and to hold the said
 tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances unto him the said Reuben Coffey
 and his heirs forever and Eben Wright and Rebecca his wife for themselves
 their heirs &c. &c. Do covenant and agree to and with the said Reuben Coffey
 and his heirs that they will warrant and forever defend the said tract or
 parcel of land with its appurtenances unto the said unto him the said
 Reuben Coffey and his heirs forever against the claim or claims of them the
 said Eben Wright and Rebecca his wife forever against the same as well as
 against the claim or claims of any and every other person whatsoever In
 Witness whereof they the said their hands and seals to this presents the day
 and date here written

Francis ^{Justice} Justice
 Abraham ^{his} Summers
 William ^{his} Summers

Eben Wright
 Rebecca Wright

Myself County Clerk officed off

March 20th 1830

This instrument was this day proved before Francis
 Johnson Deputy Clerk for John Chinnaman Clerk of the
 Wayne County by the oaths of Abraham Summers and
 William Summers two of the subscribing witnesses
 thence to be the act & deed of Eben Wright and
 Rebecca Wright parties thereto whereupon the
 same is admitted to Record

Wm Francis Johnson D.C. 1830

No 339
 The Court made this 30th Day of October out of the Court
 and hereby between Alexander Mungo of the one part and Richard Coffey
 of the other part Both of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky
 witnesseth that the said Alexander Mungo for and in consideration of
 the sum of twenty five dollars to him in hand paid the receipt of
 the said Alexander Mungo hath hereby acknowledged himself
 therein fully satisfied and purchased from the said Richard Coffey
 conveyed and confirmed by their friends do hereby fully clearly
 and lawfully Buy and receive convey and confirm unto him the said
 Richard Coffey for him forever a certain tract or parcel of Land
 containing 25 acres lying and being in the County of Warren
 the western of Beaver Fork Beginning at two oaks near
 Millers Cross Corner running North 50 East south and west
 line 54 poles to a conformational line a hickory and ash corner
 thence north and west conformational line as is marked to a chestnut
 oak & 40 oaks thence south 45 East 130 poles to a black oak
 thence South 50 poles to a white oak thence South 30 West 30
 poles to a stake thence North 53 West 33 poles to the beginning
 with all the appurtenances & Enclosures thereto the long
 unto him the said Richard Coffey forever and the said
 Alexander Mungo doth hereby bind himself his heirs to warrant
 and defend the above premises to him the said Richard
 Coffey and his heirs forever. In testimony whereof the said
 Alexander Mungo hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day
 and date above written

Alexander Mungo

Witness my hand of the County of Warren Kentucky this 30th Oct 1830
 I John Chumacek Clerk of the County Court for the County of
 do hereby certify that this deed from Alexander Mungo to Richard
 Coffey was this day produced to me in my office by the
 said Alexander Mungo or his acknowledged by the said Richard Coffey to be
 his act & deed whereupon the said deed together with
 the foregoing certificate hath been duly admitted to Record
 in my office given under my hand this 7th day
 of December 1830
 John Chumacek Clerk

Kentucky Wayne County September - the 19th 1827 Run a Division
 Line Between Reuben Coffey and William Boutwell the parties being both
 present and agreeing thereto Beginning at a horn Beam & stone on said Coffey
 & said Boutwells line on the South side of Beaver brook Running N 21 E 23 poles
 to a stake on the Bank of said brook N 78 E up the brook Meandering the
 same 5 poles to a small black oak N 8 E 11 poles to a stake at the Graveyard
 800 E 5 poles to a stake N 5 W 24 poles to a hickory N 85 E 30 poles to a hickory
 on William Boutwells old line to which line each of us have agreed to be
 have heretofore subscribed our names

Witness

James Coffey
 Alfred Coffey



J Bates & William Boutwell
 L. Jones & Reuben Coffey



Kentucky Wayne County Court

September 30th 1827

The within agreement was this day acknowledged before me in my
 office by the parties therein named to be their act and deed and at their
 instance as committed to them

John Chapman Clerk

Rec'd September 25th 1824 of Henderson Coffey
 Administrator of the estate of Reuben Coffey
 is full of ~~my~~ ^{our} interests in the personal
 estate of said decedent.

John Sumpter

Elizabeth Coffey Sumpter
 John Sumpter
 Jordan Sumpter
 John Sumpter
 Elizabeth Coffey Sumpter
 Ellen Coffey Sumpter
 Thomas Sumpter

Receipt of settlement in the Reuben Coffey Estate sale for daughter Elizabeth Coffey Sumpter.

May Term. 1848

Proof was this day made in open court by James Coffey his oath that Reuben Coffey a revolutionary member of the U. S. deposited this life on the 7th day of June 1842 leaving the following children then to wit Eleanor Keiser Betsey Erumpton Sally Andrew James Coffey Anna Andrew Rachel Elam Polly Giddens Naomi Wright Oliver Coffey Austin Coffey

REUBEN COFFEY, SON OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH CLEVELAND COFFEY

Sale Bill of the Estate of

Reuben Coffey dec'd.	
Made at the August Term of the Wayne County Court 1842 filed and ordered to be recorded and is in words & figures as follows	
Benj ^r Coffey two yearling	4 50
Benj ^r Coffey one cow	6 50
Benj ^r Coffey three cows	13 00
James Coffey 20 head of hogs	12 12
William Ballew one horse	41 50
Joseph Owens one horse yearling	43 50
Joseph Owens one foal	37 00
Benj ^r Coffey one yearling mare	17 00
William Ballew one wheelbarrow	18 00
Robert Ammons two tools	50
James Coffey one pile of Corn	17 00
Richardson Coffey one yearling & foal	80
Richard Coffey one wagon & gear	18 00
Richardson Coffey eight bushels	3 18 1/2
Daniel Thomas two stone jugs	2 06 1/2
James Coffey 150 lbs of tobacco	2 50
William Oatts one crop cut band	4 27 1/2
John Longle bound and 1/2 bundle	1 7 1/2
Thomas Samples one lot of tools	2 26 1/2
William Ballew one horse and foal	87 1/2
James Coffey saddle girth &c	1 00
James Redcross two horse &c	2 13
Richardson Coffey one summer	11 3/4
James Stone one pile	50
	27 1/2

SALE BILL OF THE ESTATE OF REUBEN COFFEY. NOTICE THE NAMES OF THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS PRESENT AT THE SALE.

Book list furnished	
William Matthews saddles & bits	1 62
George Dunsen, stained book	50
Whitely Dunsen barrel & bag	1 00
Allen Coffey one wheel	1 25
Thomas Sampson one bed & cover	5 00
James Mann one bed &c	10 75
Also one bed & cover	4 27 1/2
John W. Hickory leather saddle & bridle	68 1/2
Joseph Bennett one business & cover	8 12 1/2
Johna Dull to one clock	5 00
Albusthorpe one picture one picture	1 00
Thomas Sampson one landscape	8 00
Edward Dunsen one clock	1 86 1/2
Thomas Sampson one set of designs	62 1/2
James Coffey three books	25
Whitely Dunsen top of machine	75
William Ford Bennett table	3 86 1/2
Jordan Sampson one book	45
Robert Hickory one book	57
Thomas Sampson two books	8 1/2
Benjamin Dunsen three books	21 1/2
more than Dunsen one book	1 11
John Robinson one line box	75
David Dunsen two business	2 10
also one business	70
John Robinson picture plates	1 25
James Coffey one table	1 00
Peter Edwards two bottles	25
Whitely Dunsen coffee mill 10	62 1/2
Thomas Dunsen coffee one tin box	25
Francis Bennett one chest	75
Thomas Dunsen coffee one set	1 62 1/2
George Dunsen one cover	50
Jordan Sampson plants & bag	2 68 1/2
James Coffey one grand horse	1 00
Whitely Dunsen barrel & bag	1 75
David Dunsen one cover & cover	27 1/2
Thomas Dunsen one mill & horse	1 87 1/2
Thomas Dunsen coffee one dish	1 00
Thomas Sampson saddle & bridle	5 27 1/2
Allen & Dunsen to three barrels	87 1/2
William Dunsen one young horse	50
James Lockhart one hat	1 00
Whitely Dunsen post	1 00
William Dunsen one horse	1 00
Jordan Sampson one skirt	50

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Sheet book acc.

Thomas Sumpter one shill	1	00
Washington having a young pair		62 1/2
Thomas D. Stone & Anne K. Stone		62 1/2
David Lassens one put ash	1	12 1/2
James Coffey one kettle	3	12 1/2
James Coffey candle stick		2 1/2
Washington Dessert tin for a		22 1/2
Thomas Sumpter one kettle & Co	3	46 1/2
P. Edwards 1 chair	1	27 1/2
James Coffey one kitchen stool		5 0
James Coffey growing corn	13	31 1/2
James Coffey whiskey barrel		93 1/2
James Coffey Sticks & Cradle	2	50
Blow bottle		2 1/2
Wenderson Coffey to Cash on hand	9	31 1/2
James Coffey	3	10

The foregoing is a correct list of the sales of the personal estate of Reuben Coffey dec'd sold by us on the 8th day of July 1842.

Given under our hands the date above written

Wenderson Coffey
 James Coffey
 Adm^r of Reuben Coffey dec'd

State of North-Carolina, }
Burke County. }

KNOW all Men by these presents, That we Oliver Coffey and

James Coffey, in the state aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of North Carolina for the time being, in the just and full sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current money of this state, to be paid to the said Governor, or his successors or assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 13 day of October - Anno Domini 1815

The Condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas the above bounden Oliver Coffey & James Coffey hath made application for a License for a Marriage to be celebrated between him and Sally Ramsey of the county aforesaid: Now in case it shall not appear hereafter, that there is any lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of us

John Holloway

Oliver Coffey
James Coffey

WARRIAGE LICENSE BOND ON FILE IN BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR OLIVER COFFEY, SON OF REUBEN COFFEY, SON OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH CLEVELAND COFFEY.

know all men by these presents that we the undersigned
 do hereby certify and attest in full Branch Governor of
 North Carolina in the sum of five hundred pounds & are
 to be void on condition there be no lawful cause to
 obstruct marriage between Austin Coffey and
 Sally Garrison otherwise to remain in full force
 and virtue hereafter as shown and plain
 this 19th day of January 1849

Int
J. B. ...

Austin Coffey *B*
 mark
 Joel ...

MARRIAGE LICENSE ON FILE IN BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR
 AUSTIN COFFEY, SON OF REUBEN COFFEY, SON OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH
 CLEVELAND COFFEY

Recd of Henderson Coffey administra-
 tor of the estate of Reuben Coffey.
 because the full amount in money
 coming to us as heirs of said estate
 out of the personal property this 2nd
 day of September 1845

attest
 Shelly Coffey

Joseph Owens
 mark
 Sally Owens
 mark

Receipt of settlement in the Reuben Coffey Estate sale for daughter Sally Coffey Owens.

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 The following receipts of the distributees of
 the estate of Reuben Coffey decd, were produced
 by the Adm^r which are herewith filed viz

1844 Sept 5 =	Peyton Cabany & John Cery	in full	
" " 2 =	Miriava Elam		" "
1846 Dec 14 =	Ellen Hiram & Joel Hiram		" "
	Elizabeth M. Sumpter		" "
	John Sumpter		" "
1844	Jordan Sumpter		" "
Sept	Pally Sumpter		" "
25	Elizabeth Sumpter		" "
	Eleanor Sumpter		" "
	Henry Sumpter		" "
1849 Mar 2 =	Julia A. Culam		8.35
1844 Nov 7	Peter Edward & Lucinda	in full	
1845 Sept 27	John & Mary Robinson		" "
	Sumner Knight		" " in part
1843 Oct	Alfred Coffey		" "
21.	Sarah Coffey		" "
1845 Sept 27 =	Joseph Owen & Sally		" "
1844 Aug 27 =	Robert M. & Margaret Lee		" "
1854 " 10 =	Shelby Coffey jr		" "

THE COFFEY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

Featuring Coffeys living in the 1800s



ASBURY MADISON COFFEY
GENERATION 5

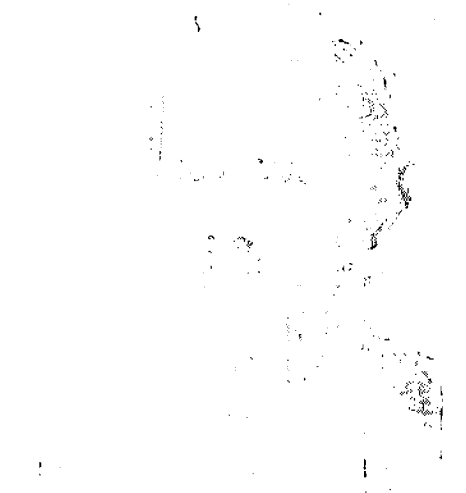


WILLIAM S. SUMPTER AND FAMILY

WILLIAM, JIM, ERVIN, WILLIE, LUCY, MARTHA
inscription on back read: presented to ant Betsy & Poly Sumpter
Generation 7, great-grandchild of Reuben Coffey



AMERICA LEGRANDE SUMPTER
Generation 7
great-grandchild of Reuben



WILLIAM HENDERSON OATTS
Generation 6
grandchild of Lewis Russell Coffey



SHELBY DAVID OATTS AND WIFE, BESSIE MAE COFFEY OATTS

Both are generation 7

great -grandchildren of Lewis Russell Coffey



COLUMBUS COLEMAN COFFEY

GENERATION 7

great-grandchild of Lewis Russell Coffey



NANCY RUE COFFEY AND HUSBAND REV. JIM PERKINS

Generation 7
great-grandchild of Reuben Coffey



ELIGAH COLUMBUS COFFEY
Generation 7
great-grandchild of Reuben Coffey



JANE KEITH COFFEY
WIFE OF
Eligah Columbus Coffey



HARDEN COPPEY AND WIFE MARTHA KEITH COPPEY
Generation 7
Great-grandchild of Reuben Coffey



SALENA BELL COPPEY
Wife of Cullcm Coffey



LEWIS COPPEY AND WIFE PERMELIA TUCKER COPPEY
Generation 7
great-grandchild of Reuben Coffey



DANIEL MARION SMITH
Generation 8
son of Millie Anna Coffey Smith



AMSY BUCHANAN SMITH
Generation 8
son of Millie Anna Coffey Smith



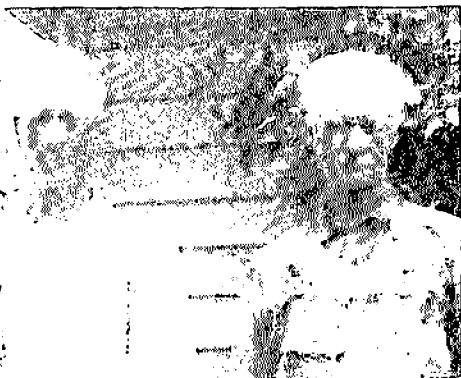
MARGARET SMITH GOODSIN
Generation 8
daughter of Millie Anna Coffey Smith



LARRY, ETHEL AND LILLIE SMITH
Generation 9
children of Daniel M. Smith



MINERVA JANE, KIZZIE, NETTIE, AND "DINE"
PERKINS
Generation 8
children of Jim and Nancy Coffey
Perkins



HARDEN AND ELIGAH PERKINS
Generation 8
children of Nancy and Jim Perkins



LEWIS PERKINS
Generation 8



ELIZABETH COFFEY AND HUSBAND ROLLY LAIR
Generation 8
daughter of Eligah C. Coffey



JOHN AND GENEVA COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Eligah C. Coffey



HIRAM T. AND CORDIE COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Eligah C. Coffey



EDWARD CULLEM AND GERTIE COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Eligah C. Coffey



JAMES HARDEN COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Eligah C. Coffey



JOEL, RUTHIE, AND RAYMOND COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Eligah C. Coffey



ZACKARY AND SOPHIE COFFEY LAIR
Generation 8
daughter of Eligah C. Coffey



Joe and Roxie Coffey McClain
Generation 8
daughter of Eligah C. Coffey



LUCY COFFEY ROBERTS
ELIGAH HENRY COFFEY
SALLY KATE COFFEY

Generation 8

children of Eligah Columbus Coffey



GEORGE LEWIS AND EMMA COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Harden Coffey



ELISHA AND NANCY COFFEY ABBOTT
BOTH GENERATION 8
Nancy, daughter of Hardin Coffey
Elisha, son of America Sumpter Abbott



W. CULLEM COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Harden and Martha Coffey



THOMAS COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Harden and Martha Coffey



CHARLIE COFFEY AND CHILDREN, HERSHAL
AND ERNIE
Generation 8
child of Harden and Martha Coffey



HENRY AND SALLY COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Harden and Martha Coffey



FANNIE COFFEY BLAKE
Generation 8
daughter of Harden Coffey



MYRTIE COFFEY PHIPPS
Generation 8
daughter of Harden Coffey



HARVEY COFFEY
Generation 8
son of Harden and Martha Coffey



BILLY AND ELIZA COPPEY DODSON

Generation 8
daughter of Lewis Coffey



JEFF AND LINA COPPEY

Generation 8
son of Lewis and Permelia Ann Coffey



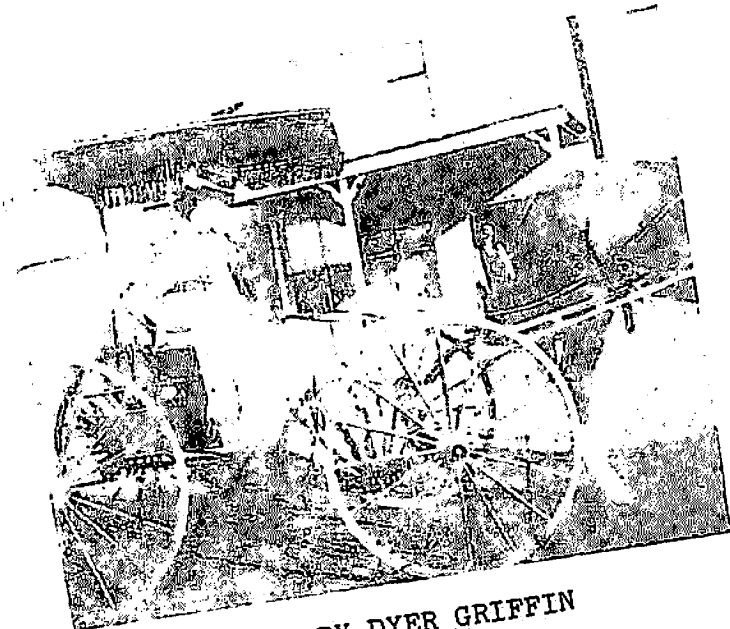
MITT COPPEY
Generation 8
son of Lewis Coffey



WILLIAM COPPEY
Generation 8
son of Lewis and Permelia Coffey



LEWIS COFFEY FAMILY GROUP
LEFT TO RIGHT
FRED ENGEL
FLORA DELIA COFFEY ENGEL
CHILDREN, MARY, MABEL, AND HAZEL ENGEL
LEWIS AND PERMELIA COFFEY
ELIZA COFFEY DODSON



ABBY DYER GRIFFIN
Generation VI, child 2

PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

In closing.....

It has taken many years to find, attain, and compile this 8 generation history of our family. In order that future generations of the Coffey family will not be as hard to find, I have made it possible within this book for each individual to record his complete family.

I would like to leave you with the challenging statement once made by the writer, Macaulay:

"They who take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by remote descendants."

Thank you,

Jacqueline C. Saxon

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