

married John's brothers, Russell and Clark T.) along with their families were members of the church.

By 1840, Russell, Clark, Sarah and James Cockburn (a nephew or cousin) along with their in-laws, the Carrolls, were established along the old Federal Road in what is now Cisco in northern Murray County. Deed records show that land transactions by them started in 1834. Marriage records show that Clark, his sister Sarah, and James Cockburn were married in Murray County.

John Cockburn married Nancy Gage, Aug. 11, 1846 in Murray County. This was about the time of his brother George's death in Forsyth County. His will was probated in 1847. John probably lived with his bachelor brother until his death. George apparently also had a close relationship with John's in-laws, the Gage family, having left them land in Murray County in his will, John acquired his land in Murray County from his brother Russell.

Nancy Gage (b. 1820, d. 1904) was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Gage, born in Rutherford County, N.C. In the 1880 census, she lists her father's place of birth as N.C. and her mother's place of birth as S.C. It has been passed down through the family that she was part Catawba Indian (a South Carolina tribe).

By the 1850 census, John and Nancy Gage Cockburn were the only Cockburns remaining in Murray County. Clark T., Russell and their families and in-laws the Carrolls had moved to Montgomery County in the Ozark mountains of western Arkansas. At the same time another of John's brothers, Jeremiah, was helping found Parker County, Texas (just west of Ft. Worth). Brother James was in Forsyth County and brother Archibald was in Cherokee County in Georgia.

John and Nancy Gage Cockburn reared seven children at Cisco: Columbus "Lum" (1848-1885), Mary Elvira "Ciss" (1850-1941), John (1853-1941), Jane (1854-1905), Montevelle Cicero "Mont" (1857-1941), D.E. "Doc" (1860-1910) and Jefferson "Jeff" (1862-1946).

Other than a few family stories, little is known about the early years of John and Nancy and their family. It was passed down that during the Civil War when the activity in and around Dalton was occurring that Nancy had more than one confrontation with foraging soldiers. She blinded the mules to avoid having them taken, but they managed to take her horse which she was able to reacquire at gunpoint. They hid their livestock in the woods some distance from their house. At least on one occasion their house was ransacked for food and household wares.

It has been said that Nancy rarely missed church and rode a horse side-saddle to Liberty Baptist Church at Tennga even into her eighties. (John, Nancy, Nancy Jane, Ciss, John and Jeff are buried at Liberty. Mont and Doc are buried at Mt. Shumac Baptist at Cisco.)

Another family story relates that as young adults, Mont, Ciss and Jeff traveled to Arkansas and Texas to visit their relatives. They returned by ox-cart with a lifetime of tales about their experiences.

Ciss operated a small store a short distance north of Highway 2 on 411 Hwy. during the construction of the railroad in 1904 and 1905. A family speculation is that Cisco was named for her. Considering that her nickname was spelled C-i-s-s and her last name was pronounced Coburn, she and her family owned most of the property, and Cisco acquired its name about this time, it makes sense.

John, Ciss and Mont died within 10 days of each other in February of 1941. Of John and Nancy's seven children, only three, Lum, Mont and Doc had families of their own.

Columbus married Saphronia Shields. Their children were German, Jerry Mar, Alsie, Nora and Negoshia.

Mont married Minnie Ella Decker. Their children were Lula Jane, John Richard, William Walter, Lela, Cecil Park, George Lester, Earnel Hazel, Augusta, Lee and Elmer. (See next family history.)

Doc married Lula Hartley. Their children were Luther, Charlie, Harlin, Beaurtrice and Willie Mae.

The next generation numbers over 100 and most of their families live in Murray and Whitfield Counties today.

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The Montevelle Cicero "Mont" Cockburn Family

Montevelle Cicero "Mont" Cockburn (b. 3-21-1857, d. 2-25-1941), son of John and Nancy Gage Cockburn, was married to Minnie Ella Decker (b. 7-22-1872 Ark., d. 1-17-1938 Ga.). Mont met Ella when he went to Arkansas to visit his uncles who had moved there. This was about 1887-1888 because she was 15 when married. Ella was the only child of Charlie Richard Decker and Lula Carpenter (b. 8-15-1850, d. 8-15-1935) who were from Texas. Lula's father was T.L. Carpenter and her mother was an Adams, also from Texas. Richard Decker died when Ella was young, and her mother, Lula Carpenter Decker, married again to William Steele and then to S.D. Elliott. She had six children by each of these husbands. Mont and Ella were the parents of:

(1) Lula Jane b. 11-2-1891, d. 2-23-1963, m. Charlie Blankenship. (2) Rev. John Richard b. 1-17-1894, d. 6-26-1979, m. Mary Ella Mantooth. (3) William Walter b. 2-26-1896, d. 9-4-1967, m. Martha Dixon. (4) Augusta b. 8-31-1899, d. 8-31-1899. (5) Lela b. 11-11-1900, d. 7-1-1968, m. Earl Dunn. (6) Lee b. 2-3-1904, d. 9-4-1908. (7) Cecil Park b. 10-6-1906, d. 9-20-1976, m. Maebelle Green. (8) George Lester b. 1-31-1910, d. 3-15-1964, m. Roalee Dunn. (9) Elmer b. 9-27-1912, d. 9-27-1912. (10) Hazel b. 6-2-1914, m. 1st Ellis Stroud, 2nd J.F. Rollins. There are many descendants of Mont and Ella living in Murray and Whitfield Counties today.

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The Webster Riley and John William Coffey Family - 1984

From authentic records of Georgia and family members.

Religious persecution caused Scotch Irish people to come to America by ship-loads from 1700 to 1770. Coffeys were listed with those who arrived August 12, 1722. Some landed in Pennsylvania, others in South Carolina. Finding themselves unwelcome, those in the South went northward into West Virginia. Those

in Pennsylvania came southward to meet those in Virginia. From 1722 to 1832 there are many Coffeys listed in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina, some given names being Rice, James, John, Jefferson, Lewis, Joel, Elisha, Edward, Webster and William. The 1850 Murray County, Georgia Census, Center Valley District, lists:

(I.) Ira Coffey, age 32, born in South Carolina, and Jane, his wife, born in South Carolina, also Ira and Jane's children, Susan, 5 and James T., age 3.

(II.) Joel Coffey, age 43, born in North Carolina. Wife Nancy, age 43, born in North Carolina.

(III.) Elijah Coffey and his wife Nancy, their sons William N. and A.A.

(IV.) Webster Coffey, 40, born in North Carolina and his wife Laura Ann Young, 36, born in South Carolina, and children born in Georgia: (1) Lilly 20; (2) James L. 18; (3) Edward N. 16; (4) Webster Riley 14; (5) Elizabeth 12; (6) John William 10; (7) Georgia 3; and (8) Gilbert 2.

Webster Riley, the fourth child and John William, the sixth child, lived and reared their families on farms between Eton, Georgia, and Center Valley in Murray County, and are buried on the north side of Center Valley Cemetery.

The following is the known information of Webster Riley and John William and their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren:

Webster Riley Coffey, 1851-1924 and wife Josephine Tyson Coffey, 1854-1920, both buried at Center Valley Cemetery.

(I.) Rosa Narcissue, b. 9-12-1873, d. 11-3-1956, m. J.L. (Ella) Cobb b. 4-21-1867, d. 1-20-1936, both buried at Center Valley Cemetery. They had three children.

(A) Sally b. 1-18-1896, m. Fred Caldwell. They had two children, 1. F.L. m. Betty Hayes; 2. Thelma m. Clance Wimpy. Six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

(B) Enoch b. 5-8-1899, d. 11-20-1980, m. Exie Wilbanks who now lives in Eton, Ga. Children: 1. Marie m. Willie Thurman, Sr. 2. Geneva m. Glenn Manis, Sr. 3. Mabel m. Frank Owenby. 4. Enoch, Jr. m. Josie Dilbeck. 5. Parthina m. Wayne Davis. 6. Reba m. Raymond Butler. Eighteen grandchildren: Willie, Jr., Julian, and Ronald Thurman; Larry and Gregory Manis; Diane, Steve, June and Kathy Owenby; Nellie, Vickey, Dennis, Elizabeth and Dywen Cobb; Brin and Brent Davis; Kimberly and Chuckie Butler.

(C) Wilma b. 3-25-1908, d. 10-5-1981, m. Sam Caldwell. She was killed in an automobile accident on Dawnville Road, and buried at Center Valley Cemetery.

(II.) Arthur, married Mary Grooms, moved to South Georgia. He had four children.

(III.) Olin married Flodie Gravely. Children:

(A) Elmo married Gather Morgan; child, Beverly, m. Greg Springfield; two grandsons, Terry and Gregg.

(B) Ruth married Earl Howell, child, A.W. Smith (Arthur Webby), m. Barbra Jean Day; three grandsons, Mark, Danny and Chris; one granddaughter, Stacy.

(C) Eva married Mack Jackson; no children.

(D) John b. 1-27-1924, m. Juanita Parsons, retired after 25 years with Dalton Fire Department. Children: 1. Treen, age 42, m. Erlene Green, works for Dalton Fire Department; one daughter, Treenie, age 20. 2. Phyllis, age 29, m. Terry

Bartenfield. She is a graduate of Dalton Junior College. Two children, Tera 13, and Caroline 5. 3. Pam Laney, age 29, works at Diamond Mills. She is a graduate of Georgia Realtors Institute. She has one child, Chris, age 6.

(IV.) Webster (Webby) b. 12-19-1885, d. 3-22-1930, m. Jessie Douglas Keith b. 12-26-1893, d. 7-16-1979. He was accidentally killed by a fall in a barn he was building. She was from Whitfield County. They had eight children:

(A) Frances b. 1-21-1912, d. 2-3-1964, m. Milo Corbly, Rossville, Georgia. She taught school in Rossville. They had one daughter, Mary Frances, who m. David Upperman, a dentist in Chillicothe, Ohio, where they live with their three children, Jennifer, Rusty, and Bethany Ann.

(B) Elizabeth (Betty) b. 7-13-1914, m. J. Gordon Souther from Gilmer County, Georgia. She is retired from public school teaching, and he is retired from business management. They live near Dalton, Ga. They have one daughter, Beth, b. 10-12-1950, who lives and works in Atlanta, Ga.

(C) Hiram Douglas Keith, b. 3-19-1916, m. Dorothy Sumner of Pearson, Ga. Both are retired teachers from Dalton Public Schools. One son, Keith, a druggist in Chatsworth, Ga.

(D) Tyson b. 5-3-1918, d. 5-27-1922, died of mastoid infection.

(E) Martha Sue, b. 11-18-1920, m. Herbert Marett, Fair Play, S.C. Sue, a public school teacher; Herbert, retired county agent. One daughter, Charlotte, m. Richard Cowden of Atlanta. They have two children, Ashely and Bryan.

(F) Jessie Lee m. Dan Collier of Griffin, Ga. Jessie Lee is secretary and treasurer of Lee Printing & Office Supply, Inc. Dan is a druggist. He owns and operates Collier Drug Co. in Dalton.

(G) Lucy b. 5-27-1927, m. Dallas Clark. Lucy is secretary at Lee Office Supply, Inc. and Dallas is foreman for Lee Printing Co. They have two sons: 1. Dallas Craig, Jr., m. Gail Nichols of Catoosa County, Ga. Craig is a druggist at Hamilton Medical Center. Gail is office manager for a firm of three doctors in Dalton. They have one daughter, Mandy. 2. Alan Douglas m. Lisa Thompson, a secretary in Dalton. Alan is an engineer with "HUB" in Marietta, Ga.

(H) Webby (Buddy) b. 6-25-1930, m. Marlene Fraker of Dalton. She is secretary with Westpoint Pepperell. Buddy is an accountant with World Carpets, Inc.

(V.) Eddy b. 12-19-1885, d. Oct. 6, 1970, (twin of Webster "Webby"), lived his entire life in Murray County, Ga. He m. Jennie Ruth Bates b. 1-28-1893 (dau. of George and Mary Isenhower Bates). Jennie d. 2-4-1950, the day after her son Ben was killed in an automobile accident. A double funeral was held and they are buried at Chatsworth Heights Cemetery. Eddie and Jennie's four children are:

(A) George Webster b. 9-16-1912, m. Jennie Mae Kendrick b. 12-17-1916, m. 10-27-1934. George is self employed as a farmer. Jennie Mae is a housewife. Their six children are: 1. George Edward b. 6-17-1938. 2. Sam Julian b. 1-17-1942, m. Henrietta Hooker. Their three children are Holly Lynn, Stacy Ann and Brent Julian. 3. Linda Carol b. 2-6-1945, m. Robert Coker. Their two children are Carrie b. 9-20-1975, and Ashlie Brook b. 2-13-1980. 4. Larry Lamar b. 4-15-1946 m. 1st Joann Dill. Their three children are Karen Sue, Sharon Renee and Anita. His 2nd m. was to Gail Walker. 5. Allen Webster b. 4-5-1952 m. Quantrell Crider. Their child is Travis Allen. 6. Terry Bruce b. 4-5-1952 m.

5-1-1978 to Alice Hardin b. 4-16-1958. Their daughter Tonya b. 2-3-1979.
 (B) Sam Maddox b. 3-4-1918 m. Mary Keith Harris b. 9-30-1922, on 5-17-1941. Their five children are: 1. Talitha Frances b. 4-9-1942, m. Linton Monroe Walker. Their four children are Martha, Douglas, John and Steven. 2. Marimac b. 6-19-1945, m. 1st Felix Bordelon, one child, Dwayne; 2nd m. to Walter Paul Tant. 3. Janice Ruth b. 5-24-1946, m. Charles Aaron. Their son is Michael Scott. 4. Evelyn Harris b. 12-2-1948, m. Herbert Andrew Dutton, Sr. Their children are Linda Lee, Herbert A., Jr., Brian Keith. 2nd m. Thomas S. Houston; one son, Samuel Stacey. 5. Marco Nell b. 11-18-1961 m. Clifford D. Brooks; one child, Brinnany Marie.

(C) Ben b. 8-27-1920, d. 2-3-1950.

(D) Marjorie Leah b. 5-9-1931, m. James Leonard Hahn, July 22, 1950. He was b. 7-29-1919 and is now retired from Georgia State Highway Dept. He was in U.S. military service for 4½ years. Their four children are: 1. Ben Charles b. 6-13-1951, m. Deborah Joan Hampton b. 8-29-1955. Their two daughters are Brittany and Stephanie. 2. Stephen David b. 3-18-1955, m. Martha Quins Springfield b. 7-17-1955. Their children are Kurt and Sallie. 3. Edward Michael b. 8-18-1958. 4. Timothy James b. 4-21-1960.

(IV). Harris married Vera Lane. He served and was wounded in World War I—disabled for life. Harris and Vera had no children. They lived in Chattanooga, Tenn., and are buried there.

John William Coffee, b. 1850, d. 6-19-1919, m. Sara Josephine Latch b. 1862, buried at Center Valley Cemetery, North. Six children:

(I.) Lillie m. Barrett Richards; nine children: (A) Troy m. Rilla Lee Robinson, dec'd. Four sons, Billy, Jimmy, Randall, Delno. Eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. (B) Walter m. Ella O'Neal. Three girls, Walter Lou, Betty, Lillie; one son, Bobby. Eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. (After Ella's death, Walter m. Virginia Bearden). (C) Ralph m. Jewel Craig. One son, Marvin N.; three grandchildren. (After Jewel's death, Ralph m. Mildred Smith.) (D) Kathleen m. Tom Holland (dec'd). One daughter, Sara, m. John Crump; one grandchild. (E) Mary Ruth m. Tom Parkman, Tifton, Ga. Five children, Tommy, Richard, Larry, Lesley and Glen. Fourteen grandchildren. (F) J.B. m. Vivean Gregory, live in Comer, Ga. Two boys, Gregory and Barrett; two grandchildren. (G) Dorothy m. Tom Howell; two sons, Philip and Douglas; four grandchildren. (H) Charlie m. Betty Webb; seven children, Tresia, Charles, Kathy, Tammy, Kimberly, Charles Jr. and Jody; six grandchildren. (Later Charles m. Juanita Garland.) (I) Frances m. Joe Walls, live in Arab, Ala. Four sons, Johnny, Collen, Mark and Scott. Seven grandchildren.

(II.) Georgia m. Farris Haggard, Akin, S.C.; two daughters, Ezma and Syble.

(III.) Lizzie m. a Mr. Caldwell. Georgia and Lizzie are buried at Center Valley Cemetery.

(IV.) Will (William Webster) b. 1882 Murray Co., Ga., m. Emma Roberts, moved to South Georgia; four children: (A) Haymon W. m. Louise Morris; children: (a) Mary Rose; (b) Morris Winston m. in England; (c) Dela Frances, Fitzgerald, Ga.; (d) Dudley Mark, Fitzgerald, Ga. (B) Ruth E. m. Thomas H.

Stone in Fitzgerald, Ga. (C) Thelma Annie b. 1909. (D) Jack Milton b. 1920, m. Polly Stokes.

(V.) Florida m. Lon Vess, Eton, Ga.; nine children: (A) Merrill W. b. 11-11-1915, m. Alleen Crumbley; one child, lives at Marietta, Ga. (B) J.W. b. 12-5-1917, m. Fannie Mae Padgett; five children, Marietta, Ga. (C) Dorsey H. b. 12-10-1919, m. Zula Mae Welch (Dorsey dec'd). Four children, Chatsworth, Ga. (D) Willena Sullivan b. 10-4-1921; three children, Chatsworth, Ga. (E) J. Raymond b. 12-29-1923, m. Marilyn Cross; three children. (F) Oma Nell Browning b. 4-2-1926, Lawrenceville, Ga.; two children. (G) C. Edward b. 8-3-1928 m. Nellie Ruth Rhodes, Ringgold, Ga.; one child. (H) G. Milton b. 3-9-1931, m. Betty Flood, Chatsworth, Ga.; one child. (I) F. Eugene (Gene) b. 2-12-1934, m. Betty Martin, Smyrna, Ga.; one child.

After John William Coffey's first wife died (Sara Josephine Latch), he married Hester Jackson, and they had four children:

(I.) Naoma—spent most of her working years at Cabin Crafts of Dalton.

(II.) Opel m. Ben Hoskins. Both worked in furniture manufacturing in High Point, N.C.

(III.) Dawn Boyd m. Edna Earl Gregory on Dec. 17, 1925. They had three children:

(A) Boyd Gregory m. Amy Knaws; nine children: (1) Debbie m. Larry Langley; live in Boone, N.C.; two children, Adam and Tyler. (2) Jane (a twin) m. Gene Casson, a pharmacist, Saheda, S.C.; three children, Russ, Lauren and Seth. (3) Joan (a twin) m. Tommy Morehead, an insurance executive, Huntsville, Ala.; two children, Brad and Ben. (4) Susan m. Jack Reiley, chemical salesman, Birmingham, Ala.; one son, Aaron. (5) Nancy m. Steve Mitchell, a cardiologist. (6) Carol m. Grant Clark. He works for an electrical engineering company. They live in Memphis, Tenn.; one son, Grant. (7) John. (8) Don, a commercial artist. (9) Bob, a senior at Auburn, Ala.

(B) Estelle b. 8-25-1928 m. Calvin Townsend, a contractor. She is a retired teacher. They have three children. (1) Karen b. 12-26-1950 m. Charles Hemphill, carpet manufacturer; two children, Whit and Leigh. (2) Dan b. 11-14-1952 m. Jackie Kenemer, a teacher. Dan is a banker. One daughter, Kristen. (3) Suzanne b. 8-13-1957 m. Randy Mosteller. She is a teacher, he, a carpet salesman. They live in Boca Raton, Fla. One son, Tucker.

(C) Fred C. b. 2-12-1930 m. Dot Green, Macon, Ga. They now live in Jacksonville, Ark.; two children, Freddie, an oil driller in Jacksonville, Ark., and Valerie, a teacher in Jacksonville, Ark.

(IV.) Novis m. Verna Gregory of Rome, Ga. He is deceased and buried at Eton, Ga. Three children, Patricia, Sara, and Jerry. (A) Patricia C. m. Greg Toth. They live at Stone Mountain, Ga.; two children, Mike and Rose Anne. (B) Sara C. m. Clyde Johnson; two children, Emily and Andy. They live in Dalton, Ga. (C) Jerry, not married, lives with his mother in Rome, Georgia.

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