

THE "JOEL" PUZZLE

We (Kevin and Fred Coffey) have found it impossible to "sort out" the genealogy connections for census reports, and for other documents, when they are found in years prior to 1850 and simply give a name "JOEL COFFEY".

The problem is that every family in one of the Coffey generations decided one of their sons should be given the name "JOEL". The "Joels" marked in red below were all alive in the early 1800's, and may be easily confused!

Even the Russell County tax assessor of the time had trouble, and the tax assessments refer to one of the Joels as "Red Head" or "Red" to distinguish him from others.

The family tree below shows the "Joel Connections" assumed in the genealogy underlying this study. If anyone thinks they can help us sort out which Joel belongs with which early census and which abstract, please help!

