

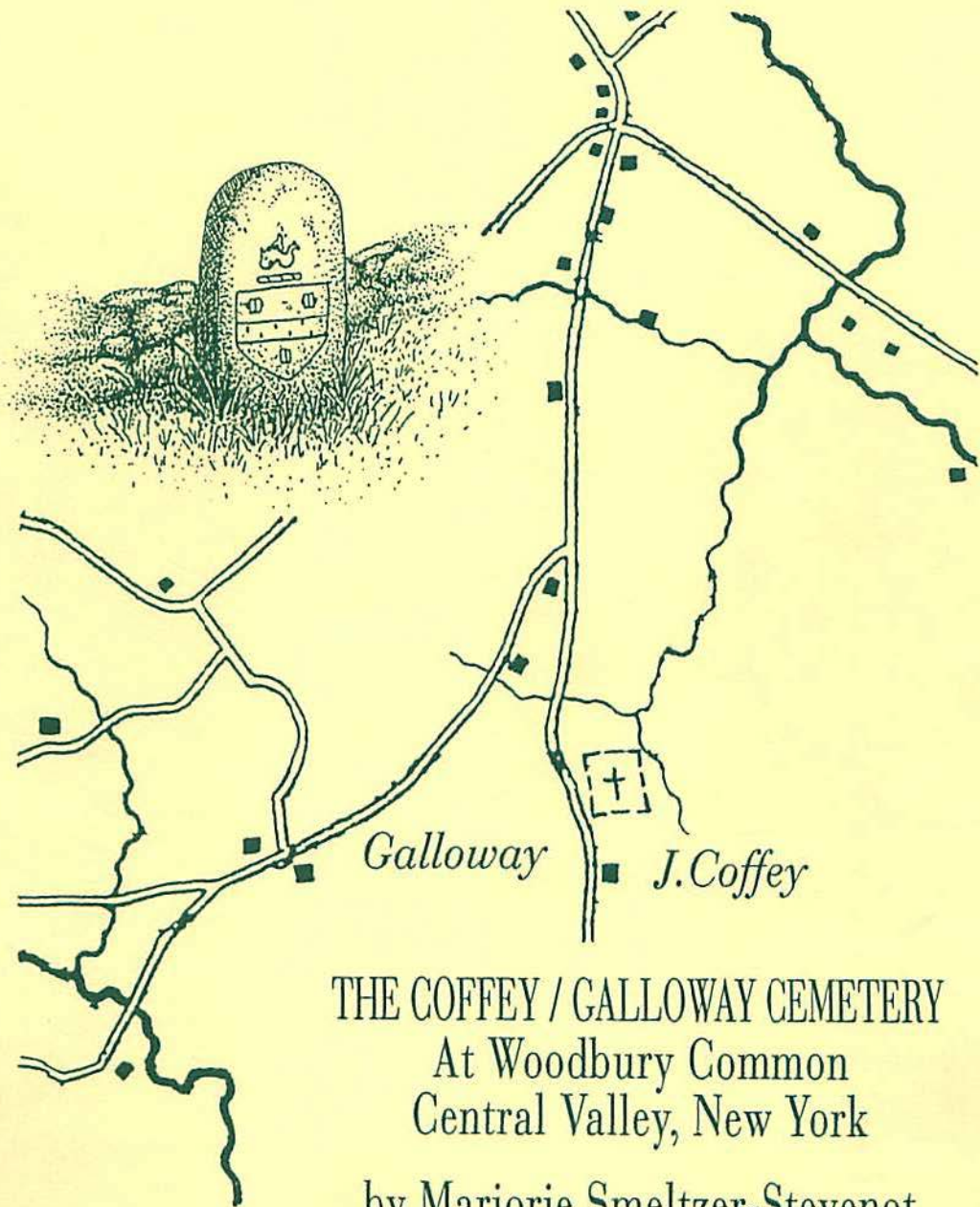
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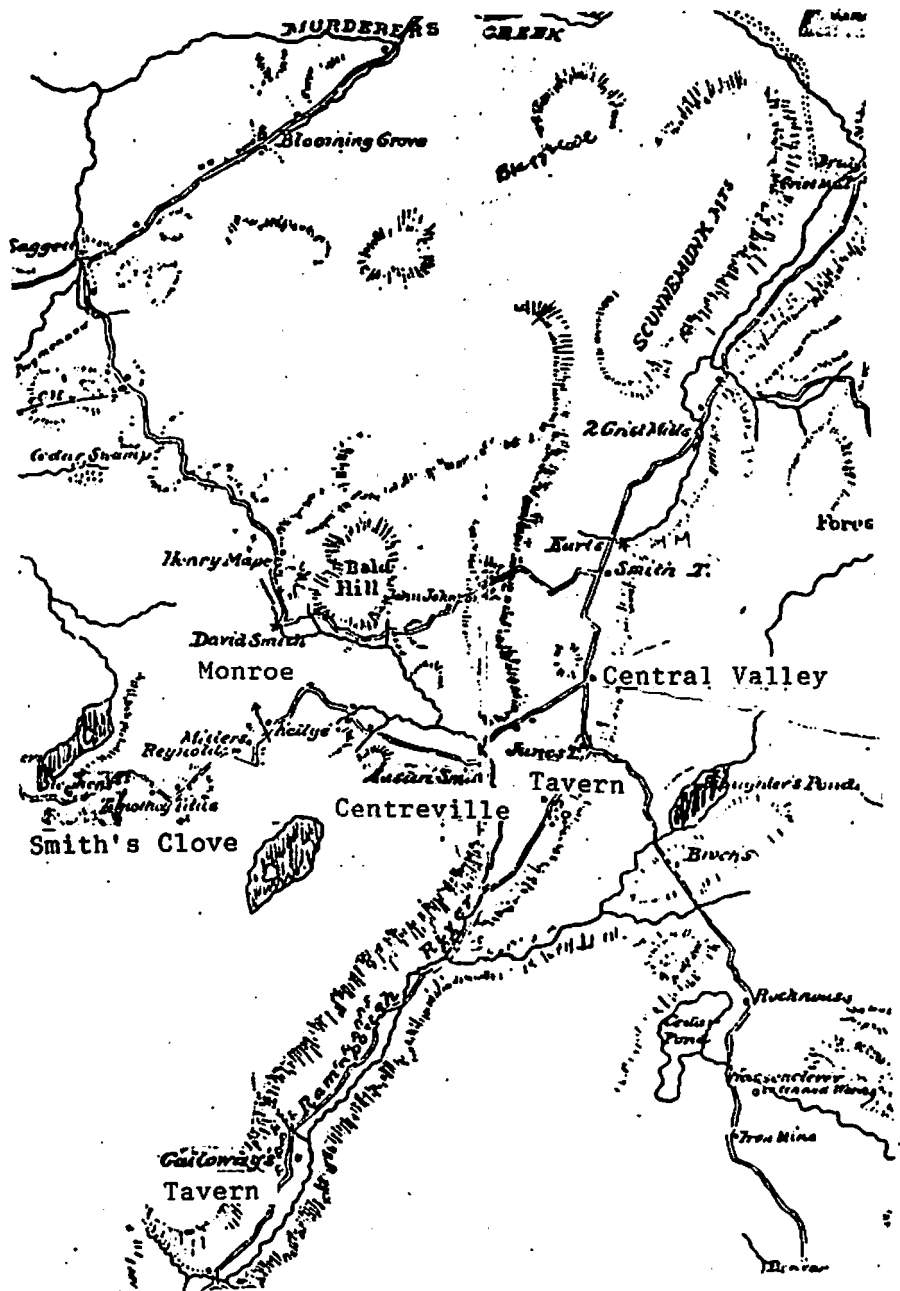
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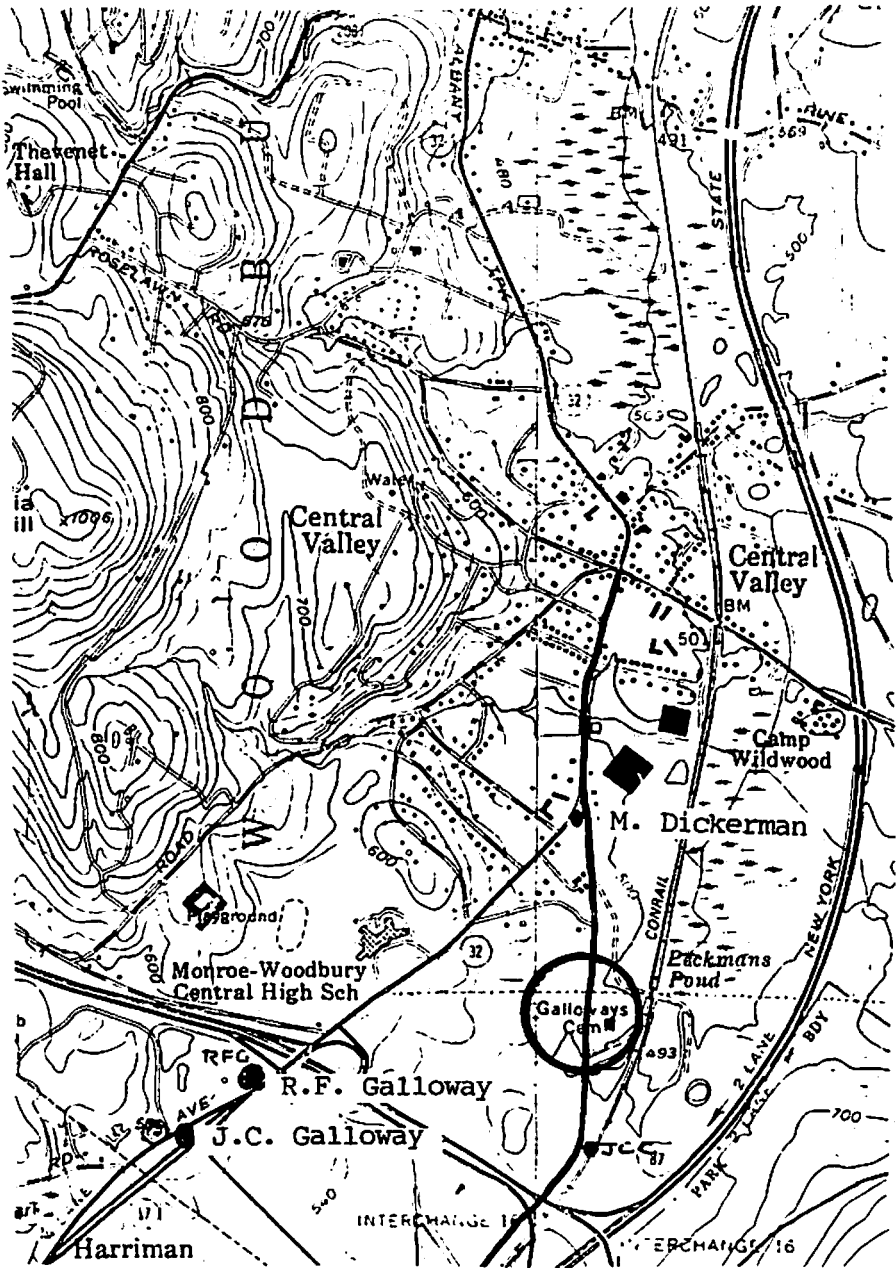
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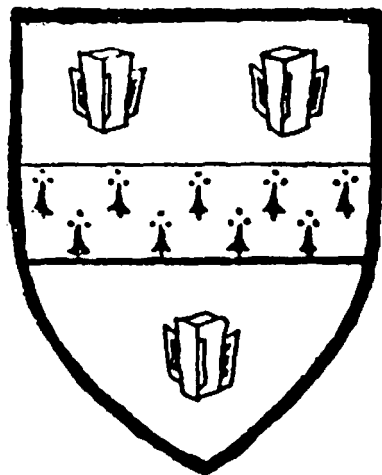


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## PREFACE

Cemeteries are more than collections of whitened bones and monuments to forgotten names. They are to be treasured as reminders of our heritage. Those who were committed to the earth were real people who lived and loved and labored long ago. Recalling bits and pieces of their past restores flesh to their bones, brings back color to their lives. Getting to know them, seeing them as part of the tapestry of their times, is an exciting aspect of the genealogy of any family.

Close your eyes for a moment to Woodbury Common and enjoy these glimpses of the land the way it was and those who peopled it.



*Coffey*

## ***THE COFFEY/GALLOWAY CEMETERY***

**What is an abandoned 19th century cemetery doing in the middle of a parking lot at Woodbury Common?**

Progress does not mean that we must sweep away our American heritage. Through the efforts of the Woodbury Historical Society and the Town of Woodbury, the developers of Woodbury Common agreed to retain this precious bit of Woodbury's historic past. We hope you will pause for a moment to remember that real people lived and died here more than two hundred years ago.

If John Coffey were to wake up in the 20th century, he would no doubt "turn over in his grave" as he looked out on Woodbury Common. This was the land where he farmed, raised his children and is undoubtedly buried. He is named on the 1790 Federal census, died in 1818. His wife Experience, born in 1756, out-lived him by many years.

In those days it was customary for a farmer to set aside a piece of his farm - a half acre or an acre - as a family cemetery. The formal, engraved tombstones indicate that this was a prosperous family. Many of the pioneers who lived in the nearby hills used large unmarked fieldstones as headstones and smaller ones as footstones.

The cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall originally dry, cement added later. Dimensions are: north 79' 1/2"; south 47'; east 74' 1/2"; west 86' 1/2". A flagstone path leads to the entrance, marked by large stone pillars. Situated on a grassy knoll above the road, it is screened from the parking area by six-foot high shrubbery. Today many of the stones are broken or too eroded to read.

Fortunately, inventories made in the 60s and 80s have survived. The last person buried there may have been Mary Elizabeth Dickerman, wife of George T. Peckham and a great-granddaughter of John & Experience Coffey.

The earliest observed burial date is March 1818 for Sophia Galloway, daughter of Mary Coffey and George Galloway and grand-daughter of John Coffey Sr. Since John himself died that year, it is likely he had already laid out the cemetery. His gravestone may have been vandalized.

Nearly all of the occupants of the cemetery are descendants and their spouses of John (Sr.) and Experience Coffey. When Galloways owned the land, it was noted on maps of the period as the Galloway Cemetery. Later, when it became part of the Dickerman farm, it was referred to as Galloway/Dickerman. As the property of Mary Elizabeth Dickerman and her husband George T. Peckham, it was often called the Peckham Cemetery. The most appropriate name seems to be the Coffey/Galloway Cemetery.

### ***THE WAY IT WAS***

**In Colonial days**, the Town of Goshen covered a large area of southern Orange County. In 1764 the Town was partitioned and the Woodbury area became part of the Town of Cornwall. After the American Revolution, it was partitioned again and in 1799 became part of the Town of Cheesecoke - the name taken from the Cheesecoke Patent of 1703, which extended from the Hudson River to the Ramapo Mountains in Orange County and west.

Later the name was changed to the Town of Southfields and in 1808 renamed the Town of Monroe to honor James Monroe, then Secretary of State, later President. From 1863 to 1865 it was divided into three towns, then reverted to its original status. In 1889 Woodbury was created as a separate Town. Most of the early settlers of Monroe Twp. came from New England or Long Island.

### ***WHERE WE ARE***

**If you look for "Main Street, Woodbury"** you won't find one! New York State is divided into contiguous townships. Within a township (Town of) may be any number of incorporated villages. Today, Woodbury Township includes Central Valley and Highland Mills.

The Village of Monroe (in the Town of Monroe) is a few miles to the west of Woodbury Common. To the south are

Harriman (formerly Centreville, then Turners) and Southfields (Town of Tuxedo). North of Woodbury Common is the U.S. Military Reservation, which extends to West Point. The mountains to the south, across Route 6, are part of Harriman State Park, one of the parks in the Palisades Interstate Park system.

## ***INDIAN DAYS***

**Henry Hudson was greeted by Indians** when he sailed up the Hudson River. In Colonial times, the principal tribe in the Woodbury area was the Waoranek, a branch of the Lenape. They were also known as the "Murderers Creek" (Moodna Creek) Indians. Subsequently, they were driven out by the Iroquois Nation which came down from central New York. Various Indian artifacts have been found in the Woodbury area and are on display in the Trailside Museum at Bear Mountain State Park.

A copy of the deed, privately owned, indicates that Colonial Governor Thomas Dongan purchased Woodbury and the surrounding area from "Maringoman," the chief of the tribe, his "queen", "Squawgus Ugh-Quiad" and other tribe members. The price consisted of a "heap" of many fathoms of wampum, duffels and strouds (coarse woolen cloths and blankets for Indian trade), a "heap" of many guns, pistols, axes, hatchets, knives, brass kettles, pots, beer vats, smoking pipes and tobacco and dishes and a "heap" of clothing, blankets, shot lead, powder etc. as well as "bottles with rum" and four British pounds (about \$20.00 value).

## ***DURING THE REVOLUTION***

**To the east**, along the Hudson, are Forts Clinton and Montgomery, which figured prominently in the American Revolution, when British General Howe attempted to sail up the Hudson to meet General Burgoyne coming down from Canada. After an American defeat at the Forts in 1777, Washington fell back to the Newburg-Modena Creek and the present Woodbury line to guard the road north from Ramapo Clove. This narrow 13-mile pass through mountains on both sides, from Suffern to Arden, was the only access north to Orange County.

To prevent the British from using the Hudson, the American army ordered a chain of iron links to be forged and placed across the

Hudson. Iron for the chain was smelted in several of the furnaces in Orange County, especially at Sterling Furnace (now Sterling Forest) and Forest of Dean Furnace (on the U.S. Military Reservation). Some of the links may have been made at other forges to speed delivery. Orange County mines were noted for high quality ore.

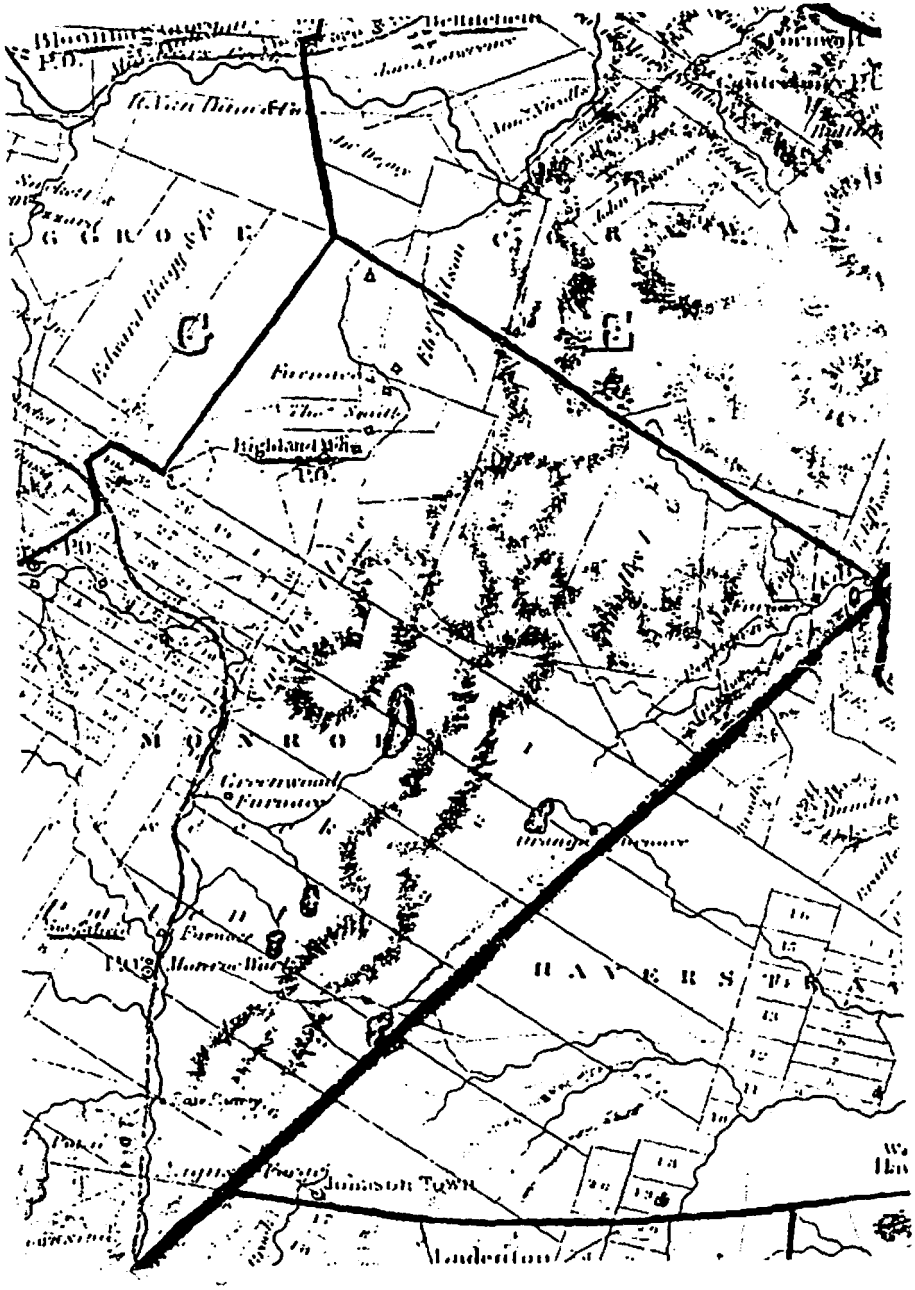
### **"COWBOYS OF THE RAMAPOS"**

**During the Revolution**, bands of local loyalists from the mountains harassed their neighbors, stealing grain, cows and horses, pillaging and burning farms, and trading with the British in New York City. Most notorious was Claudius Smith, "black sheep" of one of the early families. He was finally captured and hanged at Goshen.

### **THE IRON INDUSTRY**

**One of the "Great Mountain Lots" (#3)** in the Cheesecoke Patent was discovered to be rich in iron ore, early in the 18th century. Dozens of mines dot the mountains. Furnaces for smelting the iron were established at Sterling, Southfields, Queensboro, Forest of Dean, Orange (Tiorati Brook). Southfields Works and Monroe Works were established 1805-06. In Colonial days, colonists were not permitted to manufacture products from their ore. The "pigs" were shipped to England, processed into various products and returned to the Colonies for sale. Trees crowned the hillsides and seemed to offer a limitless supply of fuel. Pioneer woodcutters burned it for charcoal to supply the furnaces.

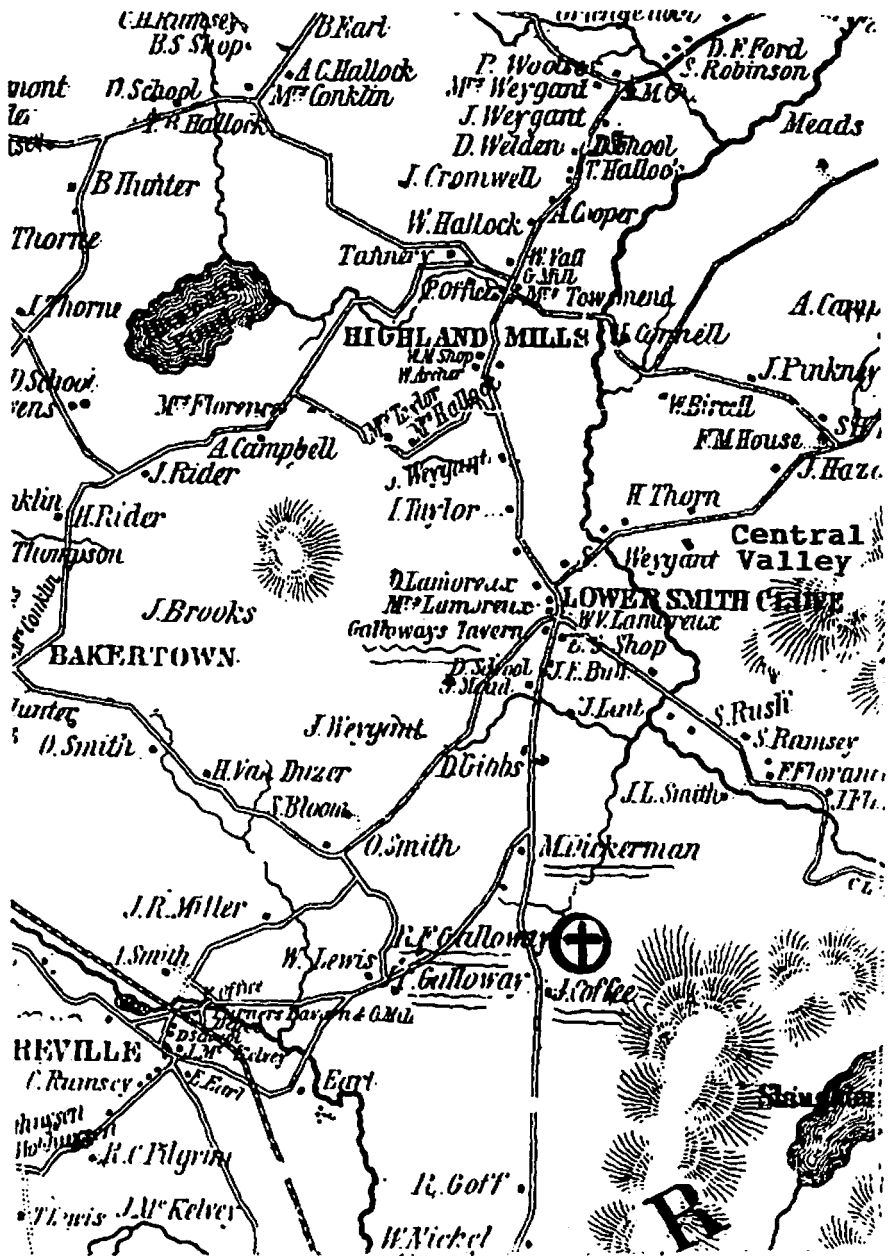
The soot-laden air and the incessant noise of the furnaces, rolling mills and other machinery made the surrounding country a far cry from today's clean, mountain air. Discovery of a plentiful supply of iron ore in the Great Lakes region, cheaper transportation to the rolling mills in Pittsburgh and the change to anthracite for fuel, severely damaged the iron industry in Orange County. With the opening of the Civil War, the furnaces had a new lease on life and contributed the successful Parrott gun. By the late 1800s, virtually all of the furnaces had closed.



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## **EARLY ROADS**

**A Post Road to Albany** was chartered by the Colonial government in 1703. In Orange County, it was wide enough only for a horse and rider - widened in 1721 to accommodate wagons. A United States Post Office was established at Goshen in 1792, at Southfields in 1803 (later named Monroe.) The stage coach route, run by various companies, ran from New York City, across the Hoboken ferry, through Bergen County, New Jersey to New Antrim (Suffern, Rockland County), through Ramapo Pass to Southfields, Central Valley, Highland Mills, Greycourt and on to Goshen. Stage and mail coaches stopped at inns along the way, including George Galloway's in Southfields and David June's at Central Valley. In 1988, foundation stones of June's tavern were found in the woods near Peckham's Pond, west of the Harriman Interchange.

To meet transportation needs from Sterling and Southfields, the Monroe-Haverstraw Turnpike was chartered in 1803 as a toll road. It ran from a slitting mill in Orange County through Sandyfield in Rockland County and on to Haverstraw. Privately owned and operated, it did not earn enough to cover maintenance and was abandoned. Some of it has been incorporated in modern roads.

In the 19th century, local taverns and overnight inns dotted the Albany road. Inns on the lower road were operated by John Coffey, George Wilkes, John Galloway, Micah Dickerman and Michael Gough. When the Erie went into service in mid-century, it largely followed the stage coach route. Peter Turner opened a hotel near the railroad at Turners. Before railroad dining cars, passengers left the train at Turners to eat before continuing.

An Erie Guide of 1851 described the new route north of Suffern in glowing terms:

"In many places there is a primitive wilderness...gradually the mountains indicate the improvement of soil on their side. The unbroken wall of rock and forest is becoming invaded. Here and there, midway up, the patches of field and an occasional hut show that permanent positions have been established."

"Monroe Works (from New York 42 miles) takes its name from the adjacent ironworks that once flourished here, but are now greatly reduced in point of work. The ore used in Monroe Works is brought from six miles off and is said to be the best in the country for cannon. A useful little stream, Ramapo, is said to mean the 'river of round ponds.' The Ramapo, made up of surplus mountain basins runs through the valley and closes in the Passaic, in New Jersey.

**"A spacious hotel, kept by Mr. Coffee, near Monroe Works Station, affords good accommodations to those wishing to spend the summer in that quiet region and to those sturdy pedestrians who care not to tramp eight or nine miles to Suffern and thus examine the interesting valley.**

"A few miles beyond the Monroe Works, the very crest of the hillsides are carved by the plow and the shaven ridge is marked with fences and dotted with trees, convecting the heights into the character of the Orange County summit. We are now fairly in sight of the "land flowing with milk and honey" and the receding hills seem to bow their heads and sink lovingly in the embraces of the wide fields and pastures stretching flatly before us."

## ***VACATION LAND***

**Summer homes and boarding houses** began to dot the hills toward the end of the 19th century. "John Coffey's" in Southfields is noted as a boarding house. Easy access by the Erie Railroad from New York City made Central Valley a popular vacation spot. Its heyday was relatively brief. With the invention of the automobile, particularly after WWI, families preferred to tour on vacation rather than stay in one spot and take carriage rides around a lake. A few vintage hotels remain, beloved by those who return year after year.

## **EDUCATION**

Early schools were organized by groups of parents and supported by their labor, donation of goods and monetary contributions. Educated parents might teach their children at home or arrange for a local minister to tutor them. In New York City, in the latter half of the 18th century, a Patrick Coffey offered Latin and Greek to young gentlemen at his private school. Pupils in rural areas rarely had this opportunity unless they studied with a local minister who had been educated at a religious seminary.

A public school at Seamanville (outskirts of Monroe Village) was started the same year as the Presbyterian Church - about 1783. The pastor of the church was also the teacher. Classes were probably held in the meeting house until a log school house was built west of the church. A stone school at Stage Road followed. A two-room school, it had desks and benches on two sides of the room. It was given up when the Academy (Monroe Institute) was erected south of it, close to the highway.

In 1819 there were 13 common schools in the Town of Monroe, which then included Woodbury Falls, Highland Mills, Central Valley, Greenwood and Baileytown.

In 1834, Central Valley had a one-room frame school, District #9, which served the surrounding farming areas and the mountains around Twin Lakes. It was perched on a knoll on the east side of Route 32 and South Clove Road, not far from Galloway's tavern. (Shown on 1851 map). Inside the school, benches and desks were placed around the edge of the room - probably to provide space for community meetings. Many of the children walked several miles along dirt roads or mountain paths. An old minute book of 1834 notes that in January of that year the freeholders and inhabitants of the District passed two resolutions: (1) to raise \$15 to paint the schoolhouse; (2) to raise \$30 to pay old debts.

After three new towns were separated from the Town of Monroe, the Town of Woodbury had four schools: Woodbury Falls #1; Highland Mills #2; Central Valley #3 (formerly Monroe #9) and Baileytown #4. In 1895 the Woodbury schools had eight teachers and a total of three hundred and eighteen pupils enrolled.

Judging by the political offices he held, John Coffey Sr. was well educated. In Lee, MA he had been an assessor and surveyor in 1781. He was Supervisor of the Town of Monroe in 1805-1806.

Members of the Coffey family maintained an interest in education. John Coffey Jr. provided a lot opposite the Methodist Church in Southfields for District #7. He was a school commissioner in 1813 and 1843. Hudson Coffey, one of John Jr.'s sons, sold land to the Village of Monroe for District #1 in 1857. Micah Dickerman, grandson-in-law of John Sr. was elected school trustee in 1837 and school clerk from 1843 to 1852. Minutes of the 1837 meeting noted that the teacher had been paid a total of \$23.30 from October to the end of April. Michael Goff, a son-in-law of John Coffey Sr., was a school commissioner. John Coffey Jr., Micah Dickerman and Michael Goff were school inspectors.

## ***CHURCHES***

**Before the 20th century**, nearly all farmers in the valley were Protestant. Denominations were Presbyterian, Methodist and Friends. Country churches remained small since most of the congregation needed to be within walking distance or have access to a wagon road.

**Presbyterianism** was the oldest religious sect in Orange Co. The first church dates from 1721 in Goshen. The second, established in Montgomery, was formed principally by families that had emigrated from Northern Ireland. A third church in Cornwall began about 1750. Pioneers from Suffolk Co., Long Island, descendants of Pilgrims, began the Blooming Grove church in 1759.

The early church at Scamanville, on the outskirts of the village of Monroe, followed the principles of the Associated Presbyteries. In 1780, a group of four clergymen, led by Jacob Green, objected to the Presbyterian hierarchy and insisted on the complete independence of the local church. They formed the Associated Presbyteries, a volunteer society for promotion of the interests of religion - Presbyterian in a Scriptural sense, Congregational in fact. They became associated with the Presbytery of Westchester and formed small country missions.

One of those trained by Rev. Green was Silas Constant. Constant was ordained as an evangelist at Blooming Grove on May 29, 1784, by the Associated Presbytery of Morris Co., NJ. He did pioneer missionary work at Smith's Clove. In his diary he mentions a meeting house there and refers to it as one of his preaching stations. The meeting house belonged to the Associated Presbytery of Westchester. Records of the Monroe Presbyterian Church show marriages performed by Constant in 1784.

Rev. Constant held his first service in the Town of Cheesecocks under a tree on April 27, 1783. A month later, on May 28, he began a church at Seamanville. The congregation was incorporated Jan. 9, 1802. The original church featured square pews, a gallery and an octagonal pulpit topped by a sounding board. The framework was sold and moved to Cornwall.

For its first 30 years, the Seamanville church followed the Congregational style of governance espoused by the Associated Presbyteries. Hosea Ball, who followed Silas Constant, was trained by him. A Sunday School was organized in 1819 and reorganized by Rev. Ball in 1823. The Associated Presbyteries, largely ignored by the Presbyterian Church, lasted about a quarter of a century - were then absorbed into the established Presbytery.

Many members of the Coffey and Galloway families were enrolled in the Presbyterian church or were married there. Baptismal records of the church, especially of children baptized in private homes, are minimal.

When the Erie Railroad came to Monroe, many members wanted to move the church. About 1842 more than half the Presbyterian congregation left to join a new Methodist church that had been erected in the heart of the village. A building fund for the Presbyterian church, begun in 1844, was subscribed to by Albert Roe, husband of Maria Coffey, J.W. Youngs, husband of Grace Coffey, Micah Dickerman, husband of Caroline Galloway and John Coffey Jr., son of John Sr.

Only the churchyard was left to mark the original home of the Presbyterian congregation. Many of the pioneers lie in unmarked graves. Known as the Seamanville Cemetery, it fell into disuse, became overgrown; some stones were pulled out. In the

1870s a stone wall was built, granite pillars and gates installed - called "God's Acre." A new church was built in the Village of Monroe and incorporated April 9, 1853.

John Coffey Sr. is not listed as a member of the Monroe Presbyterian Church. His wife Experience was received by certificate from the Congregational church of Lee, MA nine years after his death.

John Coffey Jr. held Pew #7 from 1815 to 1823. In 1840 he purchased Pew #26 for \$20 and subscribed \$10 for a new parsonage in 1844. Miles Hughes, second husband of Elizabeth Galloway, paid \$20 for Pew #40 in 1840; Albert Roe, husband of Maria Galloway, \$10 for #17 in 1874 and Micah Dickerman \$12 for #52 the same year.

**Methodism** spread rapidly in the nearby mountains and in the valley. It came to Orange County in 1798 with Reverend Ezekiel Cooper and his associates of the Flanders, NJ circuit. Small groups formed Methodist Societies, meeting in homes, barns, or wherever space could be found. When the nucleus became strong enough, a member usually gave land, others contributed materials and labor for a church.

In 1809, the Newburg circuit, which had been established in 1789, divided. The New Windsor circuit had two classes in that year in the Town of Monroe - one at Smith Clove and one at the Lower Clove (Highland Mills).

**In Highland Mills**, a Methodist Society began about 1809 under the leadership of Francis Weygant. The first church was incorporated in 1829 and the building completed in 1835. It was 20 x 30 with a balcony on three sides. A Sunday School began in 1843. In 1859 it was decided to build a new church, 40 x 60. The old one was moved and became a wagonmaker's shop. In 1905 a Sunday School room was added. The present church holds regular Sunday services. The adjoining Cemetery of the Highlands is the resting place of many early residents.

**In Monroe**, another Methodist Society was organized in 1839. The church was built soon after - about 1840. Records begin April 1841. The original church had a porch which extended across

the width of the building. The floor inclined, rising eight inches higher in the rear. Located in the heart of the village, it attracted many members from the Presbyterian church, weary of arduous driving over dusty and rutted roads. The Monroe Church was included in the Highland Mills pastorate until 1866.

**In Southfields**, John Coffey Jr., son of John Sr. and Experience, deeded three quarters of an acre of his land to the trustees to build a church. A condition was included that the property be fenced. Dedicated in 1848, the church is still there, holds a service every Sunday morning. Repaired in 1916, it retains its original facade, its distinctive veranda running the width of the building, and has kept its original pews. The fence is gone. The Church is located on the southwest side of old Orange turnpike (slightly west of Route 17) on a knoll that looks across to the mountains.

**The Central Valley Methodist Church** began with a Sunday School held over Isaac Noxon's store in 1875. Preaching services on alternate Sundays, conducted by the minister from Highland Mills, began in 1877. In 1879 Mrs. Elizabeth Bates purchased a building in Central Valley, donated it for use as an ME church. The church was organized in 1882 and received its first regular pastor in 1888. In 1889 R.F. Ficken donated the lot on which the present church stands; the cornerstone was laid in the fall that year.

**Episcopalians** attended Grace Church in Monroe until 1912. At that time a Mission was established in Highland Mills in a rented structure that had been built by the Society of Friends in 1879. In 1922 it was officially reorganized as St. David's Mission.

**The Society of Friends** brought their religion with them from Long island when they settled in Woodbury Falls in the 18th century. In 1801 they purchased two acres from Patrick Ford to build a meeting house at Woodbury Falls. Completed in 1803, it was known as the South Clove Friends Meeting House and was associated with the older Meeting at Cornwall. After a split between the Orthodox and Hicksite Friends, the Orthodox moved to another building shortly after 1828. The original Meeting House still stands. An historic treasure, it is meticulously maintained. A center wall with movable partitions separates the interior - one side for



men, one for women. A large overhead stove pipe carries heat from a small stove to warm the room. A combined Meeting is held annually in August with the Cornwall group. John Coffey's son Edward married Ann Brown, a Quaker, and moved to Cornwall. They and some of their children are buried in the Quaker Cemetery at Cornwall.

## ***HARRIMAN STATE PARK***

**Edward H. Harriman**, the railroad magnate, was also a conservationist and bought up acres of forested mountain land in the late 19th and early 20th century. He built a mansion on a mountain top in Arden (now owned by Columbia University), but died just before it was completed.

At the turn of the century, blasting along the Palisades for building stone for New York City threatened to destroy the magnificent cliffs. The Palisades Interstate Park Commission was formed to prevent further destruction. In 1910, the widow of E.H. Harriman deeded to the Park Commission 10,000 acres and a million dollars toward the State Park. Mr. Harriman had envisioned a greenway from New York to the Highlands. A condition of the gift was that a prison (to relieve Sing Sing) which had been started, be torn down. The Palisades Interstate Park Commission agreed.

From then on, the Commission began a series of purchases of forests and farms and its chief engineer drew plans for dams to create lakes for swimming, boating, and fishing, built camps and laid out hiking trails for outdoor recreation in a natural environment. Many of the hills had been denuded by woodcutters. Natural regrowth was encouraged and many areas were replanted. In the process of creating the Park, many residents, whose forebears had lived in the mountains before the Revolution, were forced to sell their land as the Park exercised its right of eminent domain.

Thousands of acres were nearly lost when the New York State Thruway planned to cut through land bordering several Harriman homes. A sale of Harriman lands to Palisades Interstate Park Commission had provided that should the State ever take additional land, the original gift of 10,000 acres would revert to the Harriman estate. The State engineers curved the highway and located it a mile to the west.

Several cemeteries now within the Park are nearby: Queensboro, where Long Mountain Parkway meets Seven Lakes Drive; Baileytown, a few miles from the south side of Route 6; Summit Lake, also south of Route 6. (Parking is not permitted on Park roads.)

## ***THE CEMETERY LAND***

**The Cheesecoke Patent** which ran from the Hudson River to the Orange mountains was purchased from the Indians in 1702, confirmed by Queen Anne in 1707. Much of it was not surveyed until 1839-45. Charles Clinton divided it into lots to apportion among the patentees and made field notes describing the geological features. His hand-written records are preserved in the Marble Book, so fragile it is kept under lock and key in the Orange County archives in Goshen. It was donated in 1919 by the Townsend family.

### **John Coffey (Sr.)**

**Sometime** between 1785 and 1790 John Coffey purchased 135 acres, which included parts of Clove Lots #3 and #4 (noted in later quit claim deeds) in the valley just west of the mountains. John had been living with his family in Lee, MA until 1785 when he sold his properties there. In the 1790 census he was living in Orange Co., NY

Lot #3 (153 acres) was described by Clinton as "swamp and plow land not suitable for settlement."

Lot #4 "swamp, middle stony area, good oak and timber but bad for a village because of the stone."

When John Coffey died in 1818, he bequeathed his real estate to his two sons, giving the homestead area to John Jr. (who had previously purchased 50 acres from his father) and to his son Edward, property to the north, along the Lamoreaux Road. Their sisters were to receive cash and personal property. The estate was not settled until 1828 when three of John Jr.'s sisters were compensated and signed quit claims. His sister Mary, wife of George Galloway, retained 46 (or 44) acres according to her husband's will. (Mary's father had left her \$1.!) The family cemetery was within this parcel.

Although there is no monument to John Coffey Sr. today, it is evident that he began the cemetery for his family. A granddaughter Sophia Galloway was buried there in March 1818 and son-in-law Levi Alger in 1820.

### **George Galloway**

Since the cemetery was now on Galloway land, it became known as the "Galloway" cemetery (1851 map).

George Galloway's will, made in 1830 (he died in 1832) is privately owned and not on file in Goshen. In it George bequeathed property known as the "Donovan Farm" to his eldest son John Coffey Galloway. The 46 acres which Mary had inherited from her father was to remain hers, to be disposed of as she thought best. She was to retain the rest of the land until April 1, 1836 - then to be inherited by sons Alexander H., George W. and Robert F.

### **George Washington Galloway**

In 1837 George purchased the 46-acre parcel from his mother. The same year he sold 24 acres to Micah Dickerman, his brother-in-law. In 1842 he sold the original 46 acres back to his mother, including the 24 acres previously sold to Dickerman.

### **Robert Fowler Galloway**

In 1842 Robert Galloway, a brother of George W., purchased 24 acres of the original Coffey farm that George W. had sold to Micah Dickerman. Robert also bought another 100.87 acres which his father George had owned previously. The deed noted open access to a lane for cattle and teams to cross to the creek on the northeast side of the road, as specified in a deed from Dickerman to Robert F. in 1844. In 1854 Robert sold 90 acres of his holdings to John Hoag. The deed reserved access to Galloway and Dickerman heirs to **"the space enclosed as burying ground for burial purposes."** "Spaced enclosed" suggests that the present stone wall around the cemetery was in place at that time.

## **John Hoag**

Hoag was a neighboring farmer. A year after he bought Robert Galloway's property, Mary E. (Dickerman) Jamison, daughter of Micah Dickerman and Caroline Galloway, purchased 5.93 acres from Hoag and his wife. That same year the Jamisons sold property in Newburg and additional property there in 1858. When John Hoag died in December 1876, his administrators Morgan Shuitt and Elizabeth Hoag found that John's debts were greater than could be paid by mortgage or lease and agreed to the sale of his lands at public auction.

## **Mary E. Dickerman**

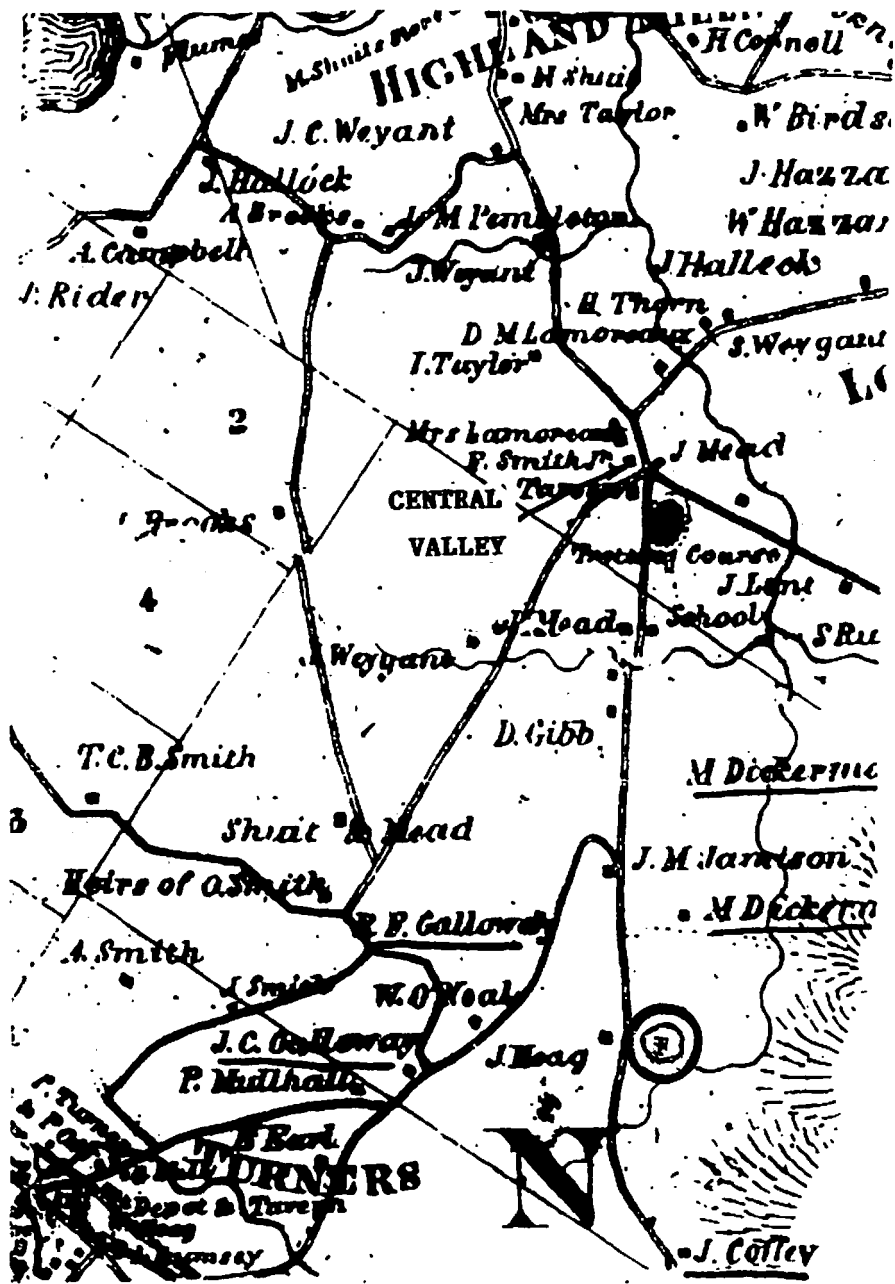
Mary was the highest bidder, at \$6,678, for 85 acres of Hoag's land. It was described as south of the land of John Coffey, east by Robert and Peter Parrott, north by John D. Strudum. Presumably Mary's husband was deceased. She signed the deed as "Mary E. Dickerman." The cemetery was back in the hands of Coffey-Galloway descendants. The name "Dickerman" became attached to the cemetery since it was on the Dickerman farm.

## **George T. Peckham**

The second husband of Mary Dickerman, George Peckham, whom she married in 1871, inherited the Dickerman property on the death of his wife in 1895 in accordance with her will and her father's will (1882). Parcels had been conveyed to the Newburg & New York Railway in 1868 by Micah and Caroline Dickerman and Mary. After Mary died, Peckham sold 201.61 acres to Phebe Taylor of Central Valley on March 13, 1896. The deed was filed in Goshen **with an accompanying map** which shows the location of the family cemetery. Since Peckham was the last owner, local residents often refer to the cemetery as "Peckham." He moved to Cornwall and remarried.

## **Phebe Taylor**

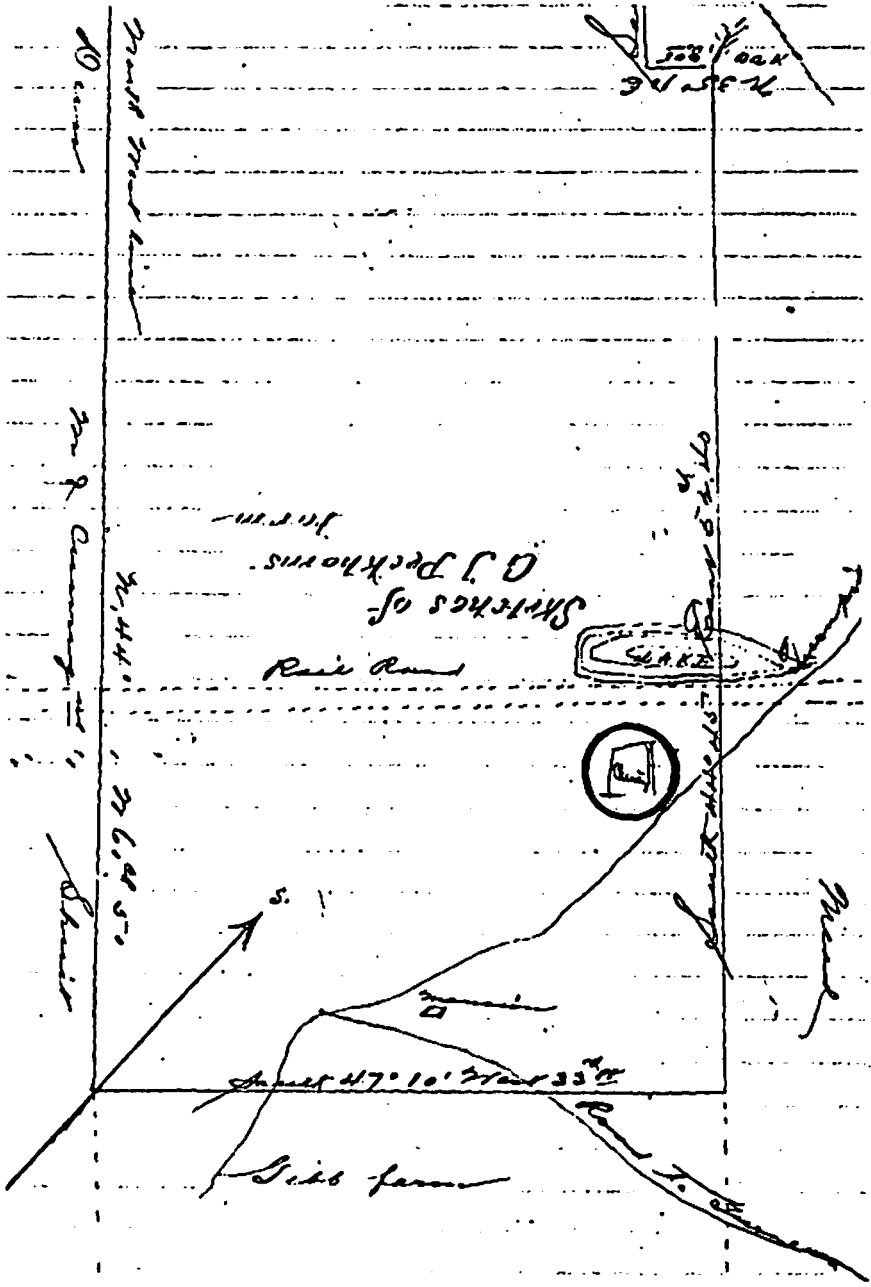
In 1905 she sold a parcel of 13.569 acres to James B. Stephens of Montclair (477-242) and in 1907 a parcel to the Erie Railroad. The remainder, 194.1 acres, which included the



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Peckham Farm - 1896



cemetery, was sold to Reginald Saunders of New York City June 24, 1909 (509-172).

### **Reginald Saunders**

Soon after, on July 30, 1909, Saunders sold the property, known as the "Dickerman Place" to Edward H. Harriman (543-168).

"BEGINNING at the most northerly corner, at the northeasterly corner of the "Gibb" farm in the line of the Morgan Shuitt farm, also known as Evan's "North West Line," running along the easterly line of Gibb Farm (magnetic needle 1896) south 47 degrees & 10 minutes west 33 chains & 88 links to Josiah Mead's line thence across the "Short Cut" Railroad and up the side of the mountain south 44 degrees & 45 minutes east 52 chains & 40 links to a rock oak in E. H. Harriman's line, thence north 35 degrees & 10 minutes east 3 chains & 5 links to a chestnut tree and stone heap; thence up said mountain south 46 degrees & 30 minutes east 9 chains & 75 links to a stone heap in Wilke's line thence north 45 degrees east 30 chains to a stone heap at the corner of the Dunn farm in the North West Line; thence down the mountain side across the Railroad north 44 degrees west 60 chains and 50 links to the place of the beginning - containing 201 & 61/100th of an acre, more or less."

### **E.H. Harriman**

The property became part of Arden Farms. The area now occupied by Woodbury Common includes the original cemetery.

### **Amy Truex Strong Trust Fund**

After the sale to Harriman, nothing was heard about the cemetery until 1949 when the will of Amy Truex Strong of Warwick (1867-1949) was probated. Amy was the daughter of Julia Galloway and Richard Truex and the granddaughter of George Washington Galloway, who had owned the cemetery parcel briefly. Amy's will set up a Trust Fund of \$1000 with the County National Bank: "For the perpetual care and maintenance and up keep of my

private cemetery known as the Galloway-Dickerman Cemetery on the highway leading from Harriman to Central Valley."

In 1978 the bank noted that the Trust Fund, down to \$800, was unprofitable and repeatedly inquired whether Arden Farms would enter into an agreement to distribute the assets. Arden Farms disclaimed any interest in assuming responsibility for the Trust. In 1983 Arden Farms gave the area around the cemetery to the Town of Woodbury. In 1989 the Trust, managed by the Bank of New York, consisted of \$1,335.15. The Bank proposed to terminate the Trust, an action permitted by law when the expense of administration is uneconomical. The Town Board of Woodbury declined. Interest is paid annually to the Town of Woodbury, which credits it to general revenue.

### ***FOOTNOTES ON LAND EXCHANGES***

**Coffey lands changed ownership frequently** for over a hundred years - by inheritance, quit claims, sale and public auction. Surveyors' points of reference frequently include trees, stakes, stumps, heaps of stones, previous owners, etc., making it difficult to confirm exact boundaries. Before 1830, land exchanges were not always registered unless they involved a mortgage. Gaps in early ownership records are frequent.

1818. Rachel Coffey, sister of John, and her husband John C. Smith gave John Jr. a quit claim for \$700.

1828. Mary Coffey & George Galloway, Grace & James Youngs and Edward Coffey gave John Jr. a quit claim for \$1 (probably much more.)

1828. Mary Coffey inherited 46 (or 44) acres from her father (ten years after his death.) Probably a settlement of her claim to a share of the estate.

1837. George W. Galloway, son of Mary Coffey Galloway, and his wife Amy bought these 46 acres from his mother.

Sept. 6 1837. Micah Dickerman bought 153 acres from his brother-in-law George W. Galloway. George W. had inherited this



land from his father George, who had purchased it from Michael Hay in 1903. Dickerman also bought the rights that George W. had to 42 acres that his father had purchased from Michael Gough, his brother-in-law, and wife Elizabeth Coffey. Elizabeth claimed a share of the old Coffey farm.

May 1, 1835. Dickerman paid Alexander H. Galloway, another brother-in-law, to quit claim the above properties.

Jan. 2, 1842. Robert F. Galloway, brother of George W., paid \$300 to Miles Hughes and his wife Elizabeth Galloway to quit claim 135 acres - the same Michael Hay property George W. had inherited and sold to Micah Dickerman in 1837.

The same day Robert F. Galloway paid Albert Roe and Maria Galloway his sister, \$300 to quit claim the identical property.

Nov 15, 1842. Robert F. Galloway paid Micah Dickerman \$1 for 24 acres for part of the farm formerly owned by John Coffey, (dec.) and twice purchased by George Galloway, (dec.) of Michael Goff. It was the remainder of a lot, the first half of which had been sold by Micah Dickerman to George W. Galloway, who then sold it to his mother Mary Galloway (139-245). It was on the road leading from Obadiah Smith's to the Lamoreaux Tavern.

Nov. 18, 1842. Robert F. Galloway paid Micah Dickerman \$4000 for 100.87 acres, land owned by George, his father, at the time of his death. Dickerman retained right to "open and sufficient land to pass...along (the land of Dickerman) with cattle and teams to the creek on the northeast side of the land partitioned - and another to the mountains and along a stone fence" (82-117).

March 31, 1854. Robert F. Galloway and wife Ann sold 90 acres adjacent to Coffey and Dickerman lands to John Hoag for \$2970. Reserved access to "the space enclosed as burying ground for burial purposes." Dickerman and his heirs still retained rights as in the 1842 deed.

May 7, 1846. John C. Galloway purchased a parcel called "Donovan Farms" - 50 acres bounded by Elizabeth Goff and Obadiah Smith.

## Owner relationships:

John Coffey Sr. & Experience. Children:  
Mary Coffey & George Galloway  
Elizabeth Coffey & Michael Goff  
Rachel Coffey & (#2) John C. Smith  
Grace Coffey & (#2) James Youngs  
John Coffey Jr. & Rachel Bassett  
Edward & Ann Brown

George Galloway & Mary Coffey. Children:  
John Coffey Galloway  
Elizabeth Galloway & (#2) Miles Hughes  
Sophia Galloway (d child)  
Caroline Galloway & Micah Dickerman  
Alexander Hamilton Galloway  
George Washington Galloway  
Maria Galloway & Albert Roe  
Robert Fowler Galloway

## *STORIES IN STONES*

### **The Irishman**

John Coffey was typical of the prosperous farmers in the Lower Clove (Central Valley) in the early 19th century. He had come from Lee, MA where he was sworn in as assessor in 1781 and chosen as a surveyor in 1783 and 1874. A Lee centennial booklet of 1877 refers to John as "the Irishman" and lists him among the "Ancient Worthies of the Town."

John was probably born in Ireland. His birthdate and possible date of immigration are not known. Lee records show that his four daughters were baptized in the Lee Congregational church in 1783.

In that year he purchased properties in Lee and the neighboring community of Tyringham...sold them again in 1785. That may have been the year he moved to Orange Co., where he was listed as a resident in the 1790 Federal census.

A curious letter from one Galloway cousin to another, found in the files of the Orange Co. Genealogical Society, mentions a family "tradition." It recounts that "Patrick" had been educated for the priesthood, decided against taking orders and emigrated. ("Priesthood" might be either Roman Catholic or Anglican.) The letter continued that "Patrick" eloped with a young lady named Experience. Experience was the name of John Coffey's wife and the names of their children are correctly listed in the letter.

The name "Patrick" never occurs in the Orange Co. branch of Coffeys. Possibly the writer did a little research and was misled. A Patrick Coffey advertised his private school in lower Manhattan in 1746, noting that he was prepared to instruct young gentlemen in Greek and Latin. This skill suggests that he was educated at a theological seminary. In 1786 Patrick moved his school to Smith St., Manhattan. Since John was living in Lee at that time, obviously Patrick and John were not the same person. The letter-writer had heard that Patrick taught at Columbia College. Perhaps he did before he started his own school. Facts have been confused.

John's wife Experience was a native of Lee. She was born in 1756, married about 1777. (Their first child was born in 1778.) Her maiden name is not known. Lee was founded largely by settlers from Cape Cod, descendants of Pilgrims. Experience joined the Congregational Church in Lee in 1780. In 1827, nine years after her husband's death, she was dismissed from Lee and joined the Monroe Presbyterian Church by certificate.

John's name does not appear on the membership rolls of either the Lee or Monroe churches. John Coffey, a pew holder in 1815, was probably "Junior." It seems unlikely that John Sr. was a Roman Catholic. His son John Jr., for many years a pew-holder in the Monroe church, founded a Methodist Episcopal Church in Southfields in 1848. Edward, his other son, married a Quaker and brought up his children in that faith. Members of the Coffey and Galloway families were pew-holders in the Monroe Presbyterian Church and many were married there.

The Coffey homestead was probably on the west side of the old Albany Road, which ran further east than the present Route 32. It was approximately opposite the present Monroe-Woodbury High

School and near the Woodbury Toll Plaza on the New York Thruway.

### **John Coffey's Will**

In his will, probated in 1818 (F-224) John's occupation is noted as "gentleman" - i.e. a retired farmer of means. He divided his real property between his sons Edward and John - John to have the homestead portion and Edward land to the north along the Lamoreaux Road. John's movable goods and effects to be divided among his wife and three of his daughters. To his daughter Mary, the eldest, he left one dollar! To his wife, John left his best bed, best bedding and the best room in the house. While John Jr. inherited the house, his mother Experience continued to live there until her death. She and three of her daughters were to receive 100 pounds each, in cash, to be paid by John's sons. The estate was not settled until 1828. Mary retained 46 acres - a parcel which contained the family cemetery. In 1825 three unidentified young females under age 16 were living with Experience. She had a cow, a horse, four hogs and had in that year spun linen, cotton and wool.

### **John Jr. to Southfields**

Before his father's death, John Jr. had purchased 40 acres from his father in 1818 for \$550. The line began on the sandy hill leading from Galloway's to the Upper Clove till it intersected at Van Duzen's land, then west and south till it intersected Gough and Coffey's Corners. To obtain clear title to the property bequeathed him by his father, he was obliged to pay his three sisters for quit claims. Mary did not surrender her share of the estate. John Jr. continued to acquire additional property and moved to Southfields about 1830. There he established a homestead and built near by a summer boarding inn, widely patronized by travelers on the Erie Railroad.

In April 1828 George Galloway gave John Jr. the use of a spring on the east side of a meadow and southwest of the public road, running northerly. In Southfields, near the railroad and east of John Jr.'s home was a bubbling spring called "Coffey Spring" used by most of the local residents. It is in the vicinity of the present Spring Street in Southfields. This is probably not the Galloway spring, but may rise from the same underground source.

In 1829 John purchased 151 acres of Great Mountain Lot #5, Cheesecoke Patent, formerly owned by Adam Belcher, from William H. Townsend of New York City. The line went through the middle of Haverstraw Twp. He also received in 1838 a quit claim from Christopher Stalter for one third of the farm of Miles Hardy 160 acres (60-561) and in 1866 a quit claim from Alice Brownson for her rights to the estate of Alvin Coffey (John's son).

In 1835 he owned 150 acres, 30 cattle, 4 horses, 30 sheep and 10 hogs. His household included 8 males, 3 of military age and 4 females. Since his sons were young, the males may have been boarders or farm laborers. In 1850 his real estate was worth \$15,000. Before 1840 John had been a pew-holder in the Monroe Presbyterian church and contributed to the building fund for a new church. After moving to Southfields, he gave land in 1848 for a Methodist Church on the Albany Road (now east of Route 17) and a few years later land for a new District school on the northwest corner.

### **An Altered Will**

John married Rachel Bassett, a daughter of Cornelius and Remember Bassett and descendant of a Bassett who had fought in the Revolution. Like John's mother, Rachel was a native of Lee, MA. When John's will was probated, the Justice noted that section 9 was blurred and had been erased. Rachel admitted she had attempted to erase this section after her husband's death, although he had not given her instructions to do so. The section permitted their son Alvin to remain in the homestead as long as he was unmarried. His mother feared this would deprive Alvin of his inheritance. During a discussion of the will it was brought out that Alvin had been drinking heavily and "had fits." Alvin died six months after his father. The homestead property along the railroad was bequeathed to John's son John Henry, 160 acres to his sons Edward and Hudson. In 1863 John Henry and Edward leased timber mining rights for 350 acres for 15 years to H. Ford, an agent of Parrott. Their return was to be 50¢ per ton of ore removed. In 1866 their sister Alice, who had claimed a share of Alvin's rights, signed a quit claim to the Coffeys and others.

## **George Galloway**

When George died in 1832, he left a detailed will apportioning his property among his children and with protective provisions for his wife Mary Coffey. The will is privately owned and is not in file in Goshen. John C. Galloway, his eldest son, received the "Donovan farm." His sons Alexander, George W. and Robert F. received the remainder, except for the 46 acres which Mary had inherited from her father John Coffey. It was to remain hers, to be used for her benefit, and to be disposed of as she might think best. She also remained in possession of the rest of the land until April 1, 1836 or April 1 following his death. It then became the property of his three sons. His wife Mary was to educate their daughter Maria for one year, their son Robert for three. (Both were under 18). George and Robert were to live with their mother as long as they remained unmarried and agreed that their mother have full control of the premises. In 1837 George purchased the 46 acres Mary had inherited from her father - sold it back to her 1842. The Galloway homestead was 1/2 mile south of Lower Smith's Clove..

Other bequests were George's 8-day clock to his daughter Caroline Dickerman; a year-old colt to Alexander; a grey mare to George; and a blind mare (and colt if she had one) to Robert.

## **Innkeepers**

For several generations Coffey and Galloway men operated taverns or inns in the area. George Washington stayed at the home of James Galloway (Museum Village.) On the 1779 Erskine map another George Galloway, an uncle of George of the Lower Clove, operated a log cabin tavern at Southfields. Some say George Washington made it his headquarters for 3 days in July 1777. John Coffey Jr. operated an inn (a new building) on the same site. Foundations of this inn and John's home are hidden in a deep tangle of underbrush and trees back of the gas station on the west side of Route 17, along the old Albany Road.

George Galloway, son-in-law of John Coffey Sr. was operating an inn at the Clove in 1815. Edward, son of John Coffey, was also an innkeeper at Southfields. Robert Fowler Galloway, son of George, became the inn keeper of the Mountain House near the Suffern station, Rockland Co. In 1866 Micah Dickerman and

Michael Gough, sons-in-law of John Coffey Sr., also had inns on the Lower Road which were patronized by stage coach travelers. Gough had a house of entertainment on the old Bloomingdale Road (NJ) before moving to Orange Co. In early records Michael signed his name "Gough." Since it was pronounced "Goff," the next generation adopted the simpler spelling. His son John Goff purchased the Sliver Fox, in Turners.

### **Micah Dickerman**

The census shows Micah was born in Connecticut. He married George Galloway's oldest daughter Caroline. He bought numerous pieces of property from Galloways, including Elizabeth and her husband Michael Gough and part of the original farm that included the family cemetery. The Dickerman Inn on the Turnpike was a stage coach stop where horses were changed. Micah's brother-in-law, Robert F. Galloway, sold most of the original Coffey land to John Hoag in 1854. Dickerman's daughter Elizabeth bought back five acres the next year and was highest bidder for eighty five acres sold at auction in 1867. The total Dickerman property was approximately 200 acres. Mary E. Dickerman, Micah's only child, was first married to James M. Jamison and may have lived for a time in Newburg. Some years later she married George T. Peckham, seven years her junior, who had lived on the Dickerman farm since age 12. Mary was the last of the Coffey-Galloway line to be buried in the family cemetery.

## **GRAVESTONES**

**Two inventories**, one in the files of the Orange County Genealogical Society, made in 1969, and another in the files of the Woodbury Historical Society, made in the early 1980s, differ in a few details. Weathered stones are often difficult to read. Today some stones previously recorded have disappeared, been broken, or completely eroded. Data from the two inventories have been combined. Following them are the epitaphs noted in 1969 and genealogies of the Coffey and Galloway families, descended from John and Experience Coffey.

**Mary Elizabeth (Goff) wife of George C. Lane**  
b 2/19/1809; d 5/23/1887

**Micah Dickerman and wife Caroline Galloway**  
b 3/12/1804                      b 1808  
d 1/7/1884                        d 10/24/1893, age 85

**M.E.P.** (foot stone)

**Mary E. Dickerman wife of George T. Peckham**  
b 1830; d 11/17/1895, age 65

**Experience, relict (widow) of John Coffey, Esq.**  
b 1756; d 7/10/1847, age 91

**Thomas Coffey**  
d 5/11/1868, age 72

**Elizabeth Goff (nee Coffey)**  
d 11/27/1866, age 87.6.18

**Michael Goff**  
d 11/16/1831, age 61

**George W. Goff**  
d 3/2/1876, age 69.6.13

**Jane W. Goff, wife**  
d 10/2/1846, age 28.0.14

**Walter W. Goff**  
d 5/19/1870, age 27.1.1



**William H. Goff**

d 6/20/1855, age 8.10.10

**Maria** dau of John & Rachel Coffey

d 1833, age 2

**Levi Alger**

d 9/11/1820, 39th yr.

**Grace Coffey Youngs**, relict (widow) of late Col. James

Youngs of Blooming Grove, first the wife of Levi Alger

d 3/24/1862, age 77

**Cyrus W. Pratt**

d 4/3/1866, age 48.1.

**Emily F. Alger**, wife of Cyrus W. Pratt

**John Coffey (Jr.)**

b 1785; d 1/19/1864, age 79.0.24

**Rachel (Coffey)**, wife (nee Bassett)

b 1805; d 9/5/1870

**Alvin M.** son of John & Rachel Coffey (stone broken)

d 6/10/1864, age 25.3.22

**Charles** son of John & Rachel Coffey

d 4/11/1855, age 26.6.28

**Mary** wife of Manning F. Teneyck & dau of John & Rachel

Coffey; d 2/3/1852, age 20.3.3

**Miles (Hughes)**

d 1/16/1841, age 2.1.13

**Frederick Evener**

d 2/28/1835, age 24.2.0

**Edmand** son of Job & Sarah Fletcher

d 8/20/1843, age 1.3.0

**Experience Smith** wife of Charles Sutherland

b 7/13/1815; d 10/30/1886, age 71.4.7

**Rachel Coffey** mother of **Experience** (Smith), first the wife of **George Evener**, then wife of **John C. Smith**  
d 6/18/1840, age 54.11.0

**Experience S. Ford**  
b 8/3/1874; d 1/4/1877

**Charles S. Ford**  
b 9/20/1871; d 1/6/1877  
Children of **Alex C. & Margaret B. Ford** (nee Suther-  
-land)

**Juliette** wife of **Hudson Coffey** (nee Rumsey)  
d 3/17/1855, age 26.9.0

**John Henry** oldest son of **John Henry & Anne (Downing) Coffey**  
b 10/2/1851; d 4/4/1966

**Annie Bassett** dau of **Edward & Mary A. (Jennings) Coffey**  
b 12/19/1865; d 6/29/1866

**Mary Ida** dau of **John & Annie Coffey**  
b 5/17/1859; d 4/12/1861

**Kate Ford** dau of **John & Annie Coffey**  
d 2/16/1865, age 10 mos

**Mary**, wife of **George Galloway**  
b 10/11/1778; d 1/7/1853, age 74.2.26

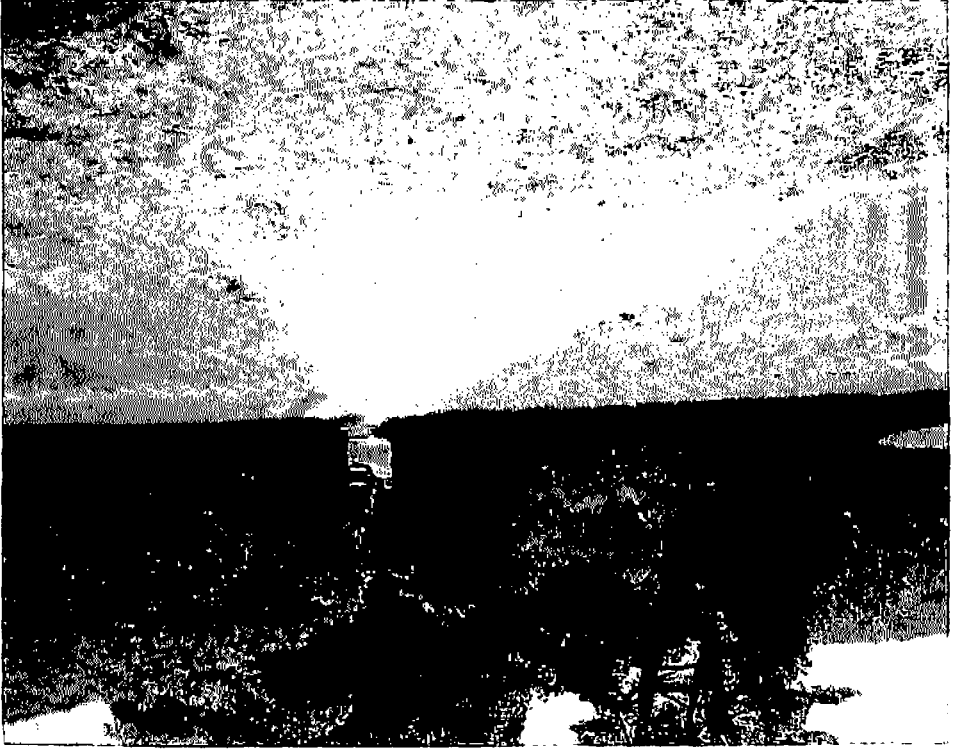
**George Galloway**  
b 1774; d 6/18/1832, 59th yr.

**Sophia** dau of **George & Mary Galloway**  
d 3/18/1818, age 11 yrs.

**George Galloway**  
b 1793; d 1873, age 74

**George Coffey** son of **John & Rachel Coffey**  
b 1828; d 1854, age 26

Coffey/Galloway Cemetery - 1994



## EPITAPHS

Our mother dear lies cold in death  
Buried beneath the sod  
Her voice will cheer our hearts no more  
Her soul is with its god  
*(Broken stone) - died 1853*

Death is a debt to nature due  
which I have paid and so must you  
*George Galloway - died 1832*

I loved my wife and she loved me  
*Experience Smith, wife of*  
*Charles Sutherland - died 1886*

Thou are gone, but not forgotten  
*Cyrus W. Pratt - died 1866*

Be still and know that I am God  
*Thomas Coffey - died 1868*

Death's but a path that must be trod  
If man would ever pass to God  
*Alvin M. Coffey - died 1864*

(same as above)  
*John Coffey (Jr.) - died 1864*

Gone but not forgotten  
*Children of Alex C. & Margaret*  
*B. Ford - 1877*

The cemetery was once on the road to Greenwood (Arden), known as Albany Tpk. (now closed). Recorded by Meta Bush and Westcott Turner, Oct. 16, 1969.

## ***THE COFFEY FAMILY***

**Here is a story of royal blood almost every genealogist would love to uncover!**

The name COFFEY is derived from an ancient Celtic Sept (Irish clan) recorded in Ireland as early as the 12th century. They were descended from Ith, the royal family of Spain, and through the female line, from the royal family of Gaul. The original Sept Cobhthaigh, meaning "victorious," included a number of Irish kings and lords with castles in southern Ireland, especially County Cork. Genealogical and historical records were collected by H.A.Coffey and printed for private distribution in Dublin in 1836. The Sept included princes, poet and sages - even a druid. Through the centuries, the name was modified as O'Cowhig, then anglicized as Coffey. The Irish-English dictionary, published in Paris in 1768, noted that no Coffey then living could be considered a "gentleman" - having long since been deprived of the families' large properties.

(Contributed by Bonnie Culley, Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse, Jefferson City, MO.)

Branches spread to other counties in Ireland and some embraced other forms of religion. Today the name Coffey is no assurance of being a "blueblood." Peasants in the area often adopted the name of the lord of the manor which they lived.

Early in the 18th century, Irish indentured servants named Coffey were in Virginia. The name became widespread in the southeast and midwest. A Coffey family association meets annually and issues a quarterly newsletter "COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE" from Jefferson City, MO.

The 1790 Federal census shows three Coffeys other than John in New York state: Benjamin, Anthony and Paul. In the 1850 census, Michael Coffey, born in Ireland, lived in Newburg, Orange County. George Coffey, born in NYS ca 1760, was living in Deer Park, Orange Co. in 1850. So far, no connection has been established between John Coffey of Woodbury Township and any of the others.

This genealogy, beginning with John Coffey, is based on census records, deeds, wills, baptisms, David Smith's Coffin Book, the Belcher family history, Whig Press, Monroe Gazette, Monroe Presbyterian Church, Southfields Methodist Church, the Quaker Cemetery at Cornwall, town records of Lee, MA and monuments in the Coffey/Galloway Cemetery at Woodbury Common, Central Valley, NY.

\* Denotes gravestone in the Coffey/Galloway Cemetery.

- \* **JOHN COFFEY (Sr.)** d 1818, gentleman; m **Experience** of Lee, MA b 1756, d 1847, age 91; br C/G Cemetery. In 1781 he was an Assessor and surveyor in Lee, MA, purchased property there in 1783, sold it in 1785. Living Orange Co. 1790 census; Chosen Supervisor Town of Monroe Nov. 11, 1805. His holdings totaled 135 acres along old Orange Tpk. His will made Jan. 12, 1812 named six children (7 in 1790 census).

**Children: (Coffey)**

- \* **I Mary** b 10/11/1778 bp Lee, MA d 1/7/1853 age 74.2.26; m **George Galloway** s/o Alexander Galloway and Mary Shildrin; b 1774 d 6/8/1832, 59th yr. Both br C/G Cemetery.

**Children: (Galloway)**

See Galloway Family

- \* **II Elizabeth (Betsy)** b ca 1779 bp Lee, MA: d 11/27/1866 age 87.6.18; m **Michael Goff (Gough** in census) b ca 1770 d 11/16/1831, age 61. He was a school commissioner at one time. He had an hotel on the old Bloomingdale road (NJ) before moving to Central Valley.

**Children: (Goff)**

1. **John** b ca 1800, innkeeper; named in grandfather's will; m **Phebe Turner**, sister of

Peter Turner; b ca 1801. John purchased the Silver Fox, a hotel in Turners. No children.

**Nieces living with him (1850 census):**

- i. **Phebe Alger** b ca 1821
- ii. **Elizabeth Alger** b ca 1836
- \* 2. **Mary Elizabeth** b 2/19/1809 d 5/23/1887; m **George C. Lane** of Canterbury (Cornwall) Oct 14, 1845, Monroe Presb Ch; br C/G Cem.
- \* 3. **George W.** b ca 1816 d 3/2/1876 age 60.6.13; m **Jane W.** b 1818 d 10/2/1846 age 28.0.14. Lived Port Henry; associated with cousin Charles Alger in the mining business. Both br C/G Cem.

**Children: (Goff)**

- \* i. **Walter W.** b ca 1843 d 5/19/1870 age 27.1.1; br C/G Cemetery.
- \* ii. **William H.** b ca 1846 d 6/20/1855 age 8.10; br C/G Cemetery.
- iii. **George**
4. **Edward**
5. **Robert** m #1 --- **Shuitt** sister of **Morgan Shuitt** m #2 **Hannah Titus** 1844 Monroe Presb. Ch.
6. **Theron**
7. **Elizabeth** m **Gerret Roe**
8. **Sophia** m **Silas Witherbee (Weatherby)** June 23, 1842 Monroe Presb Ch. He developed mines and furnaces in the Lake Chaplain area. Lived Pitt, NY

- \* **III. Rachel** bp Lee, MA 1783 d 6/18/1840 age 54.11 (?); m #1 **George Evener**; m #2 **John Caspar Smith**; br C/G Cem.

**Children: (Evener)**

- \* 1. **Frederick** b 1811 d 2/28/1835 age 24.2; br C/G Cem.
2. **George Jr.** moved to Rock Island, IL; had contract for building RR

**(Smith)**

- \* 3. **Experience** b 7/13/1815 d 10/30/1886 age 71.4.7; br C/G Cem.; m **Charles Sutherland**

**Children: (Sutherland)**

- i. **Margaret B.** m **Alexander C. Ford**

**Children: (Ford)**

- \* a. **Experience S.** b Aug 3, 1874 d Jan 4, 1877; br C/G Cem.
- \* b. **Charles S.** b 1871 d 1877; br C/G Cem.

- \* **IV. Grace** bp Lee, MA bp July 27 1783 d 3/24/1862 77th yr. (?) br C/G Cem.; m #1 **Levi Alger** b ca 1781 d 9/1/1820 age 39th yr. br C/G Cem.; mar #2 **Col. James Youngs** of Blooming Grove July 2, 1823. He died before wife.

**Children: (Alger)**

1. **Charles** lived Port Henry, NY; owned iron mines
- \* 2. **Emily F.** b ca 1819 d 8/22/1845 age 25.10.14; m **Cyrus W. Pratt** b ca 1819 d 4/3/1866 age 48.1.1. Both br C/G Cem.



- \* V. **John (Jr.)** b ca 1785 d 1/19/64 age 79.0.24, farmer & carpenter; m **Rachel Bassett** of Lee, MA 1800 d/o Cornelius and Remember Bassett, Mayflower descendants at Congreg. Ch, Canaan, Columbia Co., NY 1820. She was b 1800 d 9/5/1870 (Smith's Coffin Book). Both br C/G Cem. He was a school commissioner in 1813 & 1843. Moved to Southfields about 1830. Gave land for the Southfields ME Church in 1848 and land at the V.W. corner of the church for School District #7 in 1851. One of the incorporators of the New Windsor-Cornwall Tpk from Newburg to intersect with Orange Tpk in Monroe. In 1835 he owned 150 acres; property valued as \$5000 in 1850. Lived north side of the Tpk, Southfields. Operated an adjacent summer boarding house. His will made Dec 1861, probated 1864 (28-222). Held Pew #7 old Monroe Presb Ch; from 1815 to 1823; purchased #26 for \$20 1840; subscribed \$10 for a new parsonage 1844. John & Rachel sold 145 acres to Peter Lorillard of NY for \$2000 in 1852.

**Children: (Coffey)**

1. **Harriet** b ca 1821 m **Cyrus W. Pratt** (2nd wife) May 24, 1847 Monroe Presb Ch; he was of Scoharie, b ca 1819. Lived Gregg, Lewis Co.
2. **Catherine** b ca 1823 m **Henry T. Ford** Jan. 7, 1847 Monroe Presb Ch; b ca 1823
3. **John Henry** b ca 1825, farmer & sawyer; m **Anne Downing** of NYC 12/24/1849 b ca 1829 in MA (ca 1860 census). He was a Pathmaster in the Town of Highlands when towns were united for a 3-year period (dissolved in 1865). He had a blacksmith shop at Turners; carriage maker. Lived Turners (Harriman). Two servants 1865.

**Children: (Coffey)**

- \* i. **John Henry (Johnny)** b Oct. 2, 1851; d Apr 4, 1866; br C/G Cem.

- ii. **Harriet P. (Hattie)** b ca 1853 (1860 census)
- \* iii. **Kate Ford** b ca 1855 d 2/16/1856 age 10 mos.; br C/G Cem.
- iv. **Eugenia F.** b ca 1857 (1870 census)
- \* v. **Mary Ida** b May 17, 1859 d Apr. 12, 1861; br C/G Cem.
- vi. **George E.** b ca 1862
- \* 4. **Hudson McFarland** b 1/14/1826 d 10/14/1889 age 63; m #1 **Juliette Rumsey** of Monroe b ca 1828-9, d/o Samuel Rumsey & Rebecca Lent; d 3/17/1855 age 26.9; br C/G Cem. Lived Deer Park 1850; also lived beyond the Dickerman Inn on the Newburg Tpk; Farmer, ran cider press in season. Married #2 **Mary Jane Green** of Southfields in Southfields ME Ch July 21, 1861; b 1843 d 10/22/1916. In 1851 subscribed \$5 towards bldg fund of the new church. Sold land on the Bakertown Rd. to the Village of Monroe for School District #1 for \$50 in 1857. Leased mining and timber rights to Parrott 1863. Buried Southfields "near the Coffey yard."

**Children: (Coffey); (by Juliette)**

- \* i. **Rachel M.** b 4/3/1849 d 1930; m **G. Jones**. Child: **Louise Irene Jones** d 2/12/1874 age 2.2 br C/G Cem.
- ii. **Catherine R.** b 1852 d 1898; m **George Wilkes** b 1852 d 1899
- iii. **Mary Alice** b ca 1853; m **John Peterkin**  
(by Mary Jane)

- iv. **Agnes E.** b 3/1/1862 d 3/18/1892; m **Joseph McClingham** b 1859 d 1956
- v. **Carolina (Cassie)** b 1863 d 1951; m **James H. Barnes** b 1862 d 1939
- vi. **Katherine Ford (Kate)** b 1866 d 1934; m **Theodore Demarest** of NJ b 1843 d 1932; m at Southfields ME Ch Sep. 26, 1892; wit mother & bro Daniel.
- vii. **Daniel G.** b 1868 d 10/26/1893 age 25.
- viii. **Bertha** b 1870 d 1922; m **William Rake** b 1868 d 1919; m Sep. 11, 1889, Southfields ME Ch. Children: (**Rake**) **Joseph**; **Margaret** b 1893.
- \* 5. **George** b ca 1828 killed 4/19/1854 age 26, engineer on the Erie RR. Probably a blacksmith on the old road to Central Valley. Worked for Theodore Weygant, then had a shop of his own. Br C/G Cem.
- \* 6. **Charles** b ca 1829 d 1/21/1855 age 26.6.28; br C/G Cem.; Garrison Co. A Engineers (1850 census).
- \* 7. **Maria** b ca 1831 d 1833 age 2; br C/G Cem.
- \* 8. **Mary** b ca 1832 d 2/3/1852 age 20.3.3; m **Manning F. Teneyck**; br C/G Cem. He lived with Coffey family 1850; m #2 **Orpha Jenkins** Dec. 12, 1855, Monroe Presb Ch.

**Child: (Teneyck)**

- i. **Mary Ida** shared in her grandfather's will
- 9. **Edward** b ca 1835 (1870 census); m **Mary Alfaretta Jennings** of Ringwood b Feb. 9, 1842 d 1907 Philadelphia, d/o **Margaret Belcher** &

Samuel Jennings; Farmer & innkeeper Southfields. His mother Rachel lived with them 1865 census. Edward & mother sold 362 acres for \$2500 to Henry Ford (agent for Parrott; had 78 acres improved, 100 acres unimproved \$5800 Value).

**Children: (Coffey)**

- i. **Samuel** b ca 1859 d May 25, 1871, age 12 (Smith's Coffin Book).
- ii. **Grace Alger** b 4/11/1861; m 1/4/1881 **Samuel Tudor**. Div.; m #2 **Daniel G. Steelman** 11/14/1900; he d 12/6/1922; m #3 **Charles W. Sommers** 12/24/1930.

**Children: (Tudor)**

- a. **Grace Edna** b. Dec. 2, 1881; m **Archibald V. Carrodus** Dec. 2, 1899.
- b. **S. Percival** b Aug 8, 1885; d Apr. 1902.

**(Steelman)**

- c. **Harlan** b Nov. 14, 1901; d 1901
  - d. **Somers R.** b may 3, 1904; m **Roxanna King** June 9, 1930.
  - e. **Charles Townsend** b. Sept 37, 1905.
- iii. **Charles W.** b 2/12/1863 d 4/6/1914; m 1912 **Isabelle Raymond**; d 1916. No ch.
  - iv. **Edward** b ca 1864 d July 1, 1866, age 2.
  - v. **Fred Morton** b Apr. 2, 1865 d 1906; m **Mary Bender**.

**Children: (Coffey)**

- a. **Le Roy**
- b. **Edward**
- c. **Edith Marion**
- d. **Morton**

\* vi. **Annie Bassett** b Dec. 19, 1865 d 4/4/1866; br C/G Cem.

vii. **May Marguerite** b 8/14/1868; m 9/22/1892 **William Charles Macpherson** who d 1/14/1922.

**Children: (Macpherson)**

a. **Ada Elizabeth** b Mar 9, 1894; d Dec. 16, 1925; m **Russell M. Ergood Jr.**

b. **Grace Alger** b Apr 5, 1896; m **Robert H. Farlow** Sept. 19, 1920.

c. **John** b. June 2, 1898: d Mar 24, 1899

d. **Mary Rankin** b Mar 24, 1901: m **Harry D. Ambrose** June 19, 1928.

viii. **Samuel Jennings** b 5/6/1870 d 5/16/1870

ix. **Townsend Laverne** b 10/13/1872; m 4/1896 **Charlotte Gillespie Patch.**

**Children: (Coffey)**

a. **Charles Laverne** b Jan. 9, 1897; m **Flora J. Nauman.**

b. **Albert Theodore** b. Apr. 14, 1898;  
d July 27, 1898

c. **Gertrude Clair** b. Sept. 5, 1899; m  
**Henry H. Dent.**

d. **Mary Margaret** b Oct. 23, 1909 m  
**John H. Holmes.**

e. **Alice Antoinette** b. Mar 16, 1911

10. **Alice** b ca 1837; m **Walter G. Brownson** Feb  
10, 1858 Monroe Presb Ch; lived Elmira,  
Chemung Co. In 1866 gave a quit claim to John  
Coffey of Monroe Twp, Parrotts, heirs of John  
Hoag and others - her right to estate of Alvin  
Coffey dec.

\* 11. **Alvin M.** b ca 1839 d 6/10/1864 age 25.3.22  
(Smith's Coffin Book); br C/G Cem.

VI. **Edward** b ca 1786 d 1/14/1849 age 63 intestate; wid  
appt administrator (LA H 154) Mar. 15, 1849; br  
Friends Cem. Cornwall; m **Anne Brown**, d/o William  
S. Brown, a Quaker, b ca 1784 NY d Aug. 12, 1861,  
age 77; br Friends Cem. Cornwall. Lived Cornwall.  
Son Thomas appt administrator Anne's estate July 12,  
1862 (LA - J287). Edward's estate sold at public  
auction. In 1825 census he had 5 sons and 3 daughters.

**Children: (Coffey)**

1. **Ferdinand** b ca 1815, ship carpenter; m  
**Deborah** -- b ca 1816. Lived Cornwall 1840.  
Bought 20 acres in 1855, sold to his brother  
Charles 1856.

**Children: (Coffey)**

i. **Annbea** b ca 1838

**ii. Theodore b ca 1840**

- 2. Thomas b ca 1821 m Emeline Davis; L of A - friend Henry Van Duzer (Q-435). Wife was b Orange Co. July 18, 1818 d Apr. 6, 1887; br Friends Cem. Cornwall. Thomas bought 10 acres woodland in Cornwall one mi from Canterbury (Cornwall) for \$142. Lived Newburg 1850.**

**Children: (Coffey)**

**i. Edward b ca 1850 d Oct. 8, 1889 age 9.2.4 br Friends Cem.**

**ii. George W. b ca 1848 d Feb. 7, 1852 age 3.7.27; br Friends Cem.**

**3. Amelia b ca 1826 m John E. Rider**

**4. Nelson b ca 1832 m Ann --**

**5. Charles b ca 1833; lived Port Jervis**

**6. Maria m Alexander Douglass**

**7. Caroline m Herman Ketchum**

**8. Elvira m Joseph Douglass**

**UNPLACED**

**\* Edmand Fletcher s/o Job and Sarah Fletcher b 1842 d 8/20 age 1 yr. 3 mo. Job was b ca 1802, Sarah b 1813 (Smith's Coffin Book) br C/G Cem.**

**\* Thomas Coffey b Ireland ca 1796 d 5/11/1868 (Smith's Coffin Book). Lived Monroe Twp 1840; br C/G Cem.**

**Edward Coffey m Maria N. Alger. Monroe Presb. Ch. 5/6/1843.**

## THE GALLOWAY FAMILY

The GALLOWAYS of Orange, Sullivan and Wayne Counties share a common ancestor - John Galloway, who was born in 1700, probably in southwestern Scotland, where the old province of Galloway was located. In 1727 John married Hannah Lamb in New York City. She was born in 1709, daughter of Scottish - born Alexander Lamb and Elizabeth Konig, of Dutch parents, who had emigrated to New Netherlands.

At least five of John and Hannah's ten children came to Orange County during the 1750s and 60s: John Jr., who bought a farm in New Windsor; Elizabeth, who married Henry Deyer and lived in Cornwall; Alexander, James and George, who settled in Cheesecocks (Monroe). The latter three all served as lieutenants in Washington's army (Orange County's Woodhull Regiment) during the Revolutionary War. A number of Galloways owned taverns.

John Galloway's grandson George, one of eight children of Alexander Galloway, lived north of Centreville (Harriman) "near the Dickerman Place on the Turnpike." The Galloway and the Coffey families lived on neighboring farms in the 19th century.

\* Denotes gravestone in the Coffey/Galloway Cemetery

\* **GEORGE GALLOWAY** b 10 June 1774 d June 18, 1832, 59th yr.; son of Alexander Galloway and Mary Shildrin; m **Mary Coffey** b 10/11/1778 d 1/17/1853, age 75 d/o John Coffey Sr. and his wife Experience. In 1815 he owned a tavern slightly south of Lower Smith's Clove (1851 map). He and his brothers inherited cash from the sale of his father's property. He owned approximately 200 acres. Both br C/G Cemetery.

### Children: (Galloway)

- I. **John Coffey** b 1800 NYC d 21 Apr. 1869 intestate; m **Caroline Matilda Crissey** b 12/31/1800 - in Monroe Presb. Ch. Jan. 8, 1823. She joined St. Johns - Greenwood Ch., bp 1/29/1869. His widow and a friend Joseph Struthers appt administrators (LA L-300). He



owned a hotel, possibly his father's in Central Valley. Lived 3/4 miles from Centreville; br Highland Mills.

**Children: (Galloway)**

1. **Charlotte** b 1833 m **William F. Evers** of NYC b 1834. Two children.
2. **Mary Coffey** bp June 25 1836; m **Charles Ford** 13 Feb. 1861 Monroe Presb. Ch.; d Jan. 29, 1869.
3. **Helen A.** b 1839 d 1900; m **Isaac Clark** Feb. 15, 1860, Monroe Presb. Ch.; br Highland Mills.

**Child: (Clark)**

- i. **Helen Amelia** b 5/16/1859 bp St. Johns Greenwood 1/29/1869

**II. Elizabeth** b 1800 d 1865; m #1 **Robert Fowler** (widower) before 1830; m #2 **Miles Hughes** b 1803 d 1834 - at Monroe Presb. Ch. Feb. 8, 1837. He purchased Pew # 28 for \$20 in 1840. She m #3 **William V. Mapes** (wid) Oct 12, 1850 at Monroe Presb. Ch. He purchased Pew #5 (with C.B. Davis) in 1840 for \$20. Br. family vault. (St. Johns-Greenwood reg.)

**Children: (Hughes)**

1. **Miles** b ca 1839 d 1/16/1841 age 2.1.13
2. **Robert** b ca 1840
3. **Elizabeth** b 1843 d 10 Apr. 1914; m **Dr. John Francis (Frank) Gignoux** b 1841 d 1883 at Monroe Presb. Ch. Sept. 7, 1865; br Highland Mills.

**Children: (Gignoux)**

- i. **Robert** b 1868; lived CA
  - ii. **Claude** b 1872
  - iii. **Elizabeth** b 1874; m **Dr. W.L. Bauer** of NYC
  - iv. **Adele** b 1876; m **Frederick Hulse** of Monroe
- \* **III. Sophia** b 1807 d 3/18/1818 age 11; br C/G Cemetery
- \* **IV. Caroline** b 1808 NYC d 10/24/1893 age 85; m before 1830 **Micah Dickerman** b CT 1804 d 1884; lived 1 mi. from Harriman in 1837. Purchased land which George W. Galloway had inherited from his father. Will made 1882 left real and personal estate to wife, then daughter, then son-in-law. Owned inn where stage coaches changed horses. Purchased Pew #52 for \$12 in 1874. Both br C/G Cemetery.

**Child: (Dickerman)**

- \* 1. **Mary Elizabeth** b 1830 d 1895 age 65; m #1 **John M. Jamison** on Sept. 14, 1853 Presb. Ch. Monroe; m #2 **George T. Peckham** June 14, 1871 Monroe Presb. Ch. On the 1859 map "Jamison" on the west side of the Tpk opposite the Dickerman farm. Signed her maiden name to deed after marriage #1. Willed property (1872) to Peckham. In 1884 Peckham was a trustee of the Turner Farm Creamery. He sold the farm in 1896 after his wife's death, moved to Cornwall.. No children. Remarried.
- V. Alexander Hamilton** b 1810 d 23 Oct. 1883; m **Hannah Louisa Dater** b 1816 Rockland Co; lived Monroe 1838, Warwick 1850, 1880; officer of Presb./Reformed Dutch Ch. of Warwick 1880. Trustee of Farmers' Milk Assoc. 1871-1881. Will made 1875.

**Children: (Galloway)**

1. **Sarah** b 1837
2. **Louisa** b 1842 m **Edward Maidment** of Warwick; lived Hackensack, NJ 1883.

**Children: (Maidment)**

- i. **Alexander**
- ii. **Edward**

**VI. George Washington** b 23 Oct 1812 d Feb. 20, 1887; m **Amy Rundel Smith** Blooming Grove 8 June 1831. She was b 5 May 1813 d 2 May 1895 d/o James Smith (1772-1832) and Abigail Clark (1786-1862); inherited her father's 166-acre farm in 1834, one mi nw of Monroe in Blooming Grove (inc present Museum Village). She was bp and joined Monroe Presb. Ch. May 24, 1890, both br Monroe Cem. (Smith-Galloway house extant 1993). In 1850 he was worth \$5000.

**Children: (Galloway)**

1. **James S.** b 1832 d Aug. 2, 1850 age 18.2.22; br Monroe Cem.
2. **George Washington Jr.** b Sept. 10, 1837 d 7 Feb. 1907; m #1 **Emilie Holbert** of Sugar Loaf, Orange Co., Dec. 18, 1862; b 1845 d 12 Oct. 1867; m #2 **Ella (Ellen) Holbert** in 1870; b Jan. 11, 1850 d 1883; m #3 **Mary Emma Ferris** b 1834 d Jan. 16, 1919. He was a livestock broker; lived 94-acre farm Mount Hope 1865; Walkill 1875. Died NYC; br Monroe Cem.

**Child: (Galloway)**

- i. **John Holbert** b Feb. 10, 1864 d 4 Aug. 1942; m **Mary Davidson Smith** b July 1865 d 20 Mar. 1944 - on 8 Aug. 1889, Jersey City. Hardware merchant (Ayes & Galloway), bank director Middletown;

Mason. He d Middletown, she d St. Petersburg, Fl; both br Seamanville Cem. Monroe.

**Children: (Galloway)**

a. **Catherine Eugenia** b 28 Sept. 1899 d 25 Sept. 1975; m **Harold Stockton Close** b 1895 - in May 1918. Lived Middletown. Two children (Close): **Charles M.; David.**

b. **Margaret G.** m #1 **Harold Bancroft**; m #2 **Cyril Behrenfeld** lived St. Peterburg, Fl. One Child: **John (Bancroft).**

3. **Mary Caroline** b Feb. 1, 1840 d Feb. 7, 1898; m **Benjamin Frank Montanye** April 10, 1872; br Monroe Cem.; b 1832 d 1909 (2nd wife) s/o Benjamin Montanye and Theodosia Clark.

4. **Julia Annett** b Feb. 15, 1843 d Aug. 9, 1883; m **Richard A. Truex** Nov. 28, 1866 Monroe Presb. Ch. b 1845 d Feb. 25, 1889 age 44.5.16. Both br Monroe Cem.

**Child: (Truex)**

i. **Amy M.** b 1867 d 1947; m #1 **Edward Dubois Woodhull** Dec. 23, 1885, Monroe Presb. Ch. He was b 1863 d 1908. She m #2 **George H. Strong** b 1867 d 1943; member firm of Conklin & Strong. Lived Warwick. Set up Trust Fund for perpetual care of the Coffey/Galloway/Dickerman Cem. DAR; No Children.

5. **Albert Roe** b Mar. 27, 1844 b old Galloway farm, d July 2, 1917. Lived Monroe, Blooming Grove 1875; m **Mary Adeline Price** of

Hamptonburgh on Oct. 21, 1868. She was b Apr. 23, 1846 d Mar. 7, 1921. He was a cattle and horse dealer with his brother George, Middletown, NY. Both br first on Galloway family farm cemetery, transferred to Monroe Cem. Purchased Pew #17 for \$18 Presb. Ch. 1874 - retained until 1908.

**Children: (Galloway)**

- i. **Byron S.** b 31 Jan. 1870 Monroe d 27 Apr. 1945; m #1 **Ida Sophia Eager** b 13 Nov. 1869 on 21 Oct. 1891; bp 12/30/1892 joined Monroe Presb. Ch. 1892; m #2 **Mary Ann Crowell** b 1875. Grain merchant, president Walkill National Bank; d Walkill.

**Children: (Galloway)**

- a. **Margaret** b 19 Aug. 1893; m **Harold Webster Goewey** b 1893 on 25 Dec. 1915 in Walkill; lived Bloomington, IL.
- b. **Albert**
- c. **E. Pierson** Lived Canton, Ohio.
- ii. **Julia A.** b Feb. 11, 1874 d June 6, 1950; m **Calvin Anderson**. Lived Stage Rd., Monroe.
- iii. **Ezra P.** b June 27, 1877 d Oct 25, 1902; br Monroe Cem.
- iv. **Carolyn (Carrie)** b 1883; m **Fred Terwilliger**. Lived Kansas City, MO then Cleveland, OH.

**VII. Maria** b Mar. 27, 1816 d Cornwall; m **Albert Roe** Dec. 19, 1837 Monroe Presb. Ch.; b 1815, s/o Lewis

Roe. She joined Monroe Presb. Ch. 1890. Lived Chester, d Cornwall.

**Children: (Roe)**

1. **Miles H. m Emily Pitts** 25 Feb. 1869, Monroe Presb. Ch.
2. **Emily m -- Seaman**
3. **Albert**

**VIII. Robert Fowler** b 1823 m **Ann G. Brinkerhoff**, b 1820 1st Presb. Ch. New Hamburg, Dutchess Co. in 1843. Owned 111 acre farm 3/4 mi ne of Harriman in 1855. Associated with George Evener in building RR while wife lived in old home. Hotel keeper Ramapo Twp., Rockland Co. 1866. Charter member and treasurer Ramapo Lodge, F. & A.M. 1869.

**Children: (Galloway)**

1. **Sophia** b 1845 m **John C. Suydam** Mar. 15, 1876 Monroe Presb. Ch.
2. **Mary E.** b 1848 m **J.R. Maltbie** Dec. 11, 1866 Monroe Presb. Church.

**UNPLACED**

- \* **George Galloway** b 1793 d 1873 age 74 (?); br C/G Cemetery
- \* **Napoleon** a footstone not noted in previous inventories.

**DAR**

Descendants of **Mary Coffey** and **George Galloway** may be eligible for membership in the **DAR** through George's father Alexander, second Lieutenant in the fifth Company of Col. Jesse Woodhull's New York Regiment, American Revolution. **Rachel Bassett Coffey w/o John Jr.** had a Bassett ancestor who served in the Revolution.

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