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President's Message

Hello Coffey-Coffee Cousins!

I hope each of you are making plans to travel to Indianapolis in April to attend our annual Coffey Cousins' Convention.

Donna has put in several hours of planning, as well as a few miles on her automobile to make this one of the best ever.

Our schedule will be really busy and I hope we have a great attendance.

Come join us to meet some new cousins and to renew friendships with others.

We wish you safe and healthy travels.

Danny and Glenda Coffey

Editor's Comments

Time is nearly upon us for the annual reunion. I really hope that all of you will turn out for the occasion. Donna has done a remarkable job for us! If you plan to go and haven't yet made your reservations, better get on your horse and beat it down to the telegraph office to "git 'er done." See Page 13 for the latest news!

Submission of items for publication in the June issue of the newsletter should reach me not later than May 20th.

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My Oncologists tells me that I am cancer free! I still have some health problems but nothing serious, hopefully. More testing!

Famous Quotes

The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life. Richard Bach

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Incoming Mail

Doug Land (wdforte@msn.com) writes “ If you are at all interested in the people that lived in and around Happy Valley and the Yadkin River Valley for the last 250 years, recommend each of you acquire: Reverend Robert L. Isbell’s book, The World of My Childhood – 1955. I think it is now available from the Caldwell County Heritage Museum. Write to Director, John Hawkins: CaldHeritMus@aol.com.”

Doug also forwarded a copy of the Jan., 2014 issue (Vol. 17, No. 3, Whole #670) of the New England Historic Genealogical Society newsletter. In addition to other items that may interest Coffey cousins searching for ancestors in that area of the country, the Society announced the dates of their annual benefit dinner. It will be held Apr. 25, 2014 at the Taj Hotel in Boston. The Society’s Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer Prize winning American Biographer and presidential historian. View the newsletter at <http://tinyurl.com/p38m4xe>.

Bob Oneill (bobandjulieoneill@gmail.com) wrote to Fred Coffey asking for advice on DNA testing. Bob wrote: “My GG Grandmother was a Coffey (Ann or Anna, estimated birth 1810/1811) who married John O’Neill (1800/1801) in the early 1830’s after which they immigrated to the US and settled in South East Wisconsin, arriving in Wisconsin in 1843. We have a diary from Ann’s brother, Cornelius (1820), showing his presence in Cork City in 1846 and 1847. Cornelius enlisted in the US Army in 1848 in Milwaukee, WI and served until 1852. We also have a hand written letter from Cornelius to ‘The O’Neill Family’ from May 1852, shortly before his discharge. At the time he was serving at Fort Chadbourne, TX fighting the Comanche Indians. The children of John and Ann were - John (1835), Dennis (1837), William (1840), Jeremiah (1843), Robert (1844), Mary Ellen (1846), Helen Ann (1848), Elizabeth (1850) and Michael (1853). Because of this we believe Ann’s father to be Dennis (Denis) Coffey. In all US government documents the family listed ‘Cork’ as their Irish home. John was a farmer in Wisconsin.” Because Bob is not a Coffey, DNA testing would not be helpful. Fred explained the autosomal DNA test but that is only good for about 5 generations. If anyone can help Bob, please write to him at the about e-mail address.

Lise Brosseau (lisebr@total.net) wrote asking for assistance finding descendants of an Edward Coffey and Verna Leona Currah, born Nov. 30, 1895 in Blandford Twp., Ontario Canada. She and Edward Coffey married Oct. 16, 1917 and had children: Edward Roger (born in Saskatchewan); Marjorie Elizabeth (born in Fergus Co., MT); Ronald James; Kathryn Claire (Fergus Co.); Vivian Marie (Fergus Co.); and John “Jack” Vernon (Fergus Co.). Verna later married Edward Lindsell Russell who adopted and gave his surname to all of the Coffey children. Lise discovered the photo seen on the next page and wishes to get it to the descendants of Edward and Leona. If anyone recognizes this family and wishes to have the original photo, please write to Lise.



The Coffey-Russell Family

Sylvia Camden Ray (sylviacamdenray@cox.net) wrote to tell us that she has found the parents of her Matilda Samantha Coffey who married Edmund J. Campbell. “In a suit brought in 1872 by Edmund J. Campbell on behalf of his wife Matilda; Moses Fitzgerald and wife Mary (nee Coffey); and Joseph Coffey [and] identifies these 3 [sic] children as the only children and heirs of Joseph C. Coffey and wife Elizabeth. It also identifies Joseph C. Coffey’s father as Edmund S. Coffey.” Sylvia found the documentation using the Library of Virginia website (<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/>) and their latest posting of Chancery Court Cases.

Archie Dalton (adalton478@hotmail.com) [**corrected address**] is searching for ancestors of Colby Rucker. He has lots of Rucker information but, no connections to Colby. I believe these Ruckers are from Grainger Co., TN but check with Archie to make certain. [Correction: Archie writes that Colby was born in Culpepper Co., VA]

Rob Cowhey (robcowhey@aol.com) wrote to Fred Coffey seeking advice on getting started with DNA testing. Rob believes he might be kin to the Coffeys. Fred responded with information and cost for the test. In the meantime, Fred provided the following item to the newsletter.

Should “Coffey Cousins” Be “Coffey-Cowhey Cousins?”

We have long speculated that the names Coffey and Cowhey (and variations) might all share a common origin in the ancient Irish “O’Cobthaigh” name. Now, Mr. Rob Cowhey has agreed to join the Coffey DNA Project and see if there is any match with any of the various Coffey groups. Watch this space for reporting of results, which may be available in March!

News you can use

Our Ollie-Oran-Woodson Coffee cousins over in Texas are planning their 78th family reunion. Kathy Coffee Simmons (kathysimmons@aol.com) wrote to tell me that the reunion will be held the weekend of August 1-3 somewhere in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Locations in the running are Lake Whitney, Lake Texhoma or possibly Grapevine Lake. The location finally chosen will have to include a meeting lodge, cabins, RV park and nearby hotels. They reunion planners hope to soon select one of those “beautiful rustic North Texas lakes” as their site. They ask for anyone with knowledge or experience at any of these lakes to contact Mila Senn at Milasenn@gmail.com.

For those unfamiliar with this family, Woodson Coffee was a son of Mansel Matthews Coffee who married Georgiana Frances Reynolds. Woodson, born 1862 in Gonzales Co., TX married Ollie Pickens Stribling in 1890 at Throckmorton Co., TX. She was a daughter of Cornelius Kinchelo and Nancy Carolina Stribling Stribling, and was born in Palo Pinto Co., TX in 1868. Woodson died in Amarillo in 1953; Ollie in San Antonio in 1930. This family is suspected of being descendants of the mythical Chesley Coffey.

I wrote a short bio and included a photo of Thomas Jackson “Stonewall” Coffey in Vol. 127. Prior to that, Kevin Coffey (kevinbcad@comcast.net) of Franklin, TN sent much info and several photographs of his family and I’m rather proud to share through the newsletter some of his family’s well preserved photos.

Thomas was a son of Stanton P. and Mary C. Saufley Coffey. Stanton was a son of Elias “Eli” and Mary “Polly” Coffey Coffey; Eli son of Salathiel and Elizabeth Gore Coffey; Mary a daughter of Nathan and Mary Saunders Coffey. Salathiel was Nathan’s older brother and said to be sons of the mythical Chesley.

Stonewall was a twin to Robert E. Lee Coffey who married Mary Jane “Mollie” Stone, daughter of William and Martha Stone. Mary Jane was born in MO and probably in DeKalb Co. Both Robert and Stonewall were born in Denmark, Russell Co., KY. Robert died in DeKalb Co.; Stonewall somewhere in KS.

Stonewall married Mattie Payne, a daughter of William Pigg Payne and Mary Jane Tarter. She was born in Russell Co., KY in 1866 and died in Harper Co., KS in 1951. Before her marriage to Stonewall, she had been the wife of William Bruce Portwood. They were married in TX in 1890 and he died there in 1893. William was the father of Mattie’s two children, Ella May Portwood, born 1892 and Thomas Bruce Portwood, born 1893, both in TX.

In about 1897 Mattie Payne Portwood married Stonewall, apparently in Russell Co. because their first three children were born in that county. Their children were Wm. Jackson; Robert E. Lee; Reuben Payne; George Stanton and Charles Sofley Coffey.

The date of this photo is not known and, those younger people are not identified.

Please drop me or Kevin an e-mail if you can identify the younger people in the photograph. Let me know if a larger copy is needed.



Stonewall and Mattie with their children and grandchildren, and includes the Portwood children

Dave Tabler writes a blog entitled *Appalachian History – Stories, Quotes and Anecdotes*. He writes his tales “with emphasis on the depression era.” Such tales as *Me & Bessie went out hunting any old time*; *Tennessee Murder Tale*; and, *The Booger man’ll get you* will probably bring back similar memories from your childhood!

Find him on the web at <http://www.appalachianhistory.net/tag/appalachian-tales>

Dr. Ralph Ringo Coffey was a son of Dr. William Harrison and Virginia Rebecca “Jennie” Ringo Coffey. The younger Dr. Coffey was born on Jun. 19, 1899 in Parkville, Platte Co., MO and died in Kansas City,

Jackson Co., MO on Jan. 28, 1986.

He was married at least three times. His first wife was Esther Alida Robertson, born 1898 in Slater, Saline Co., MO, died 1982 in Kansas City. They were parents of at least one child, a daughter named Annette, born 1926, died 207 in Kansas City. Annette was the wife of Dr. Hugh Browning Walker, born 1918 in Vernon Co., MO, died 1985 in Palm Beach Co., FL. Her parents divorced in about 1936.

In about 1937 Dr. Coffey married his second wife, Ara Saunders. She was born in Grapevine, Tarrant Co., TX in 1908 and died in Olmsted Co., MN in 1969. I have found no children from this union.

In Dec., 1969, Dr. Coffey took a third wife, Lucia Benton in Hawaii. She was born in Norton Co., KS in 1915 and died in 2013 at Katy, TX in Harris Co. Apparently, there were no children from this union either.

Dr. Coffey is buried at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City. His obituary follows the news item.

The Columbia Evening Missourian, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1921, Page 5

DOC COFFEY

A REAL GUARD

Serves Three Years on Missouri's Most Successful Quintets

One of the predominating features of Missouri's success on the basketball court in the last four years has been a remarkable defense which the Missourians have presented almost every season. For three years Ralph ("Doc") Coffey has plugged up a hole in the Tiger defense. At times there have been custodians of the goal to show more spectacular play, and there have been others who were probably as versatile, but it is doubtful if any Missouri guard has shown such consistent guarding tactics as "Doc" Coffey.

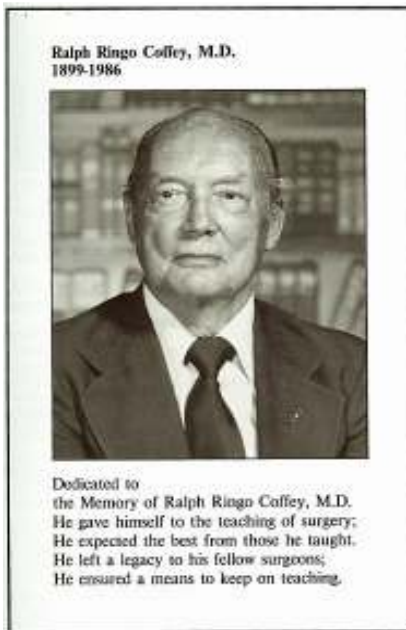
Like so many other men the Tigers have had in the last few years Coffey is from Kansas City where he received his first training in the indoor court game. Coming to Missouri he was almost immediately picked as a member of the freshman squad and the following year went to the Varsity five.

Coffey has not been in every battle which the Tigers have enter [sic] in the last three years. But it has been a source of much comfort to coaches Miller, Meanwell and Ruby, who have led Tiger teams in the last three years, to know that with any sign of weakening in the defense, Coffey could be thrown into the break with new strength to the Missouri quintet. His chief asset as a defender is his aggressiveness. Aggie followers at Manhattan last week are authority for the statement that Coffey's work at guard was the best they had seen this season.

Craig Ruby is counting upon Coffey to star in the Kansas series at Laurence next week He will fill the place vacated by Wackher who was injured at St Louis two weeks ago.

Dr. Ralph Ringo Coffey, 86, of 5211 Wornall Road, a physician, died Tuesday at St. Luke's Hospital.

Dr. Coffey was on the staff of St. Joseph Hospital from 1926 until he retired in 1969 and had been chief of surgery and president of the staff there. He had also been attending physician at St. Luke's Hospital and chief of surgery at General Hospital.



Dr. Coffey was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a fellow and part [sic] chairman of the board of regents of the International College of Surgeons and was president of its U.S. section in 1965. He was past president of the Kansas City and Missouri State surgical societies. He was president of the Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society in 1962 and 1966.

He established the Ralph Ringo Coffey Educational Fund for Clinical Surgeons to stimulate post-graduate instruction of students, interns, residents and area physicians in general clinical surgical care. He was chairman of the American Red Cross blood program in the Kansas City area and was a member of the local Red Cross board for 30 years.

Dr. Coffey was a member of the Committee of One and was named its patriot of the year in 1985. He was a member and past president of the Mercury Club and a member of the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce. He was named to the 16th Circuit Judicial Commission by former Missouri Gov. John M. Dalton in 1963.

He was a 1921 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and was an M-Man at the college. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at MU and in 1967 was chosen Phi-of-the-Year by the group's Greater Kansas City Alumni Association. He received a medical degree in 1925 from the University of Colorado, Denver.

He was an Army veteran of World War I and was a major in the Army Medical Corps in World War II, during which he received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of the Military Order of the World Wars. He was a member of the Kansas City Club and the Indian Hills Country Club. Dr. Coffey was a lifelong area resident.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lucia Besson [sic] Coffey of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Annette Coffey Walker, North Palm Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Newcomer Brush Creek Chapel; cremation. The family requests no flowers and suggests contributions to the Ralph Ringo Coffey Education Fund for Clinical Surgery, in care of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, 1 Ward Parkway, Suite 145, Kansas City, Mo. 64112; or contributions for medical education and research to the St. Luke's Hospital Foundation, P. O. Box 1647, Kansas City, Mo 64141.

Old Newspaper Items

From **The Mexico Missouri Message**, May 5, 1904 – Illinois Woman Kills Assailant. Litchfield, Ill.: Fred Morris, 28 years, was shot Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Rolla Coffey, and instantly killed. Morris was tending bar for Rolla Coffey and was discharged. He afterwards came back and began to raise a disturbance in the absence of Mr. Coffey. Morris abused and beat Mrs. Coffey until she drew the revolver and shot him in self-defense. Mrs. Coffey was placed in jail to await the result of the inquest. Follow-up, same paper, same date: **Mrs. Coffey is Exonerated. Litchfield, Ill.:** The coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. H. J. Coffey, who shot and instantly killed Fred Morris at her home in this city Tuesday, returned a verdict of justifiable homicide Wednesday afternoon, and the woman was released.

In Feb., 1915, *The Holt County Sentinel* in Oregon, MO carried the trial news of Richard B. Coffey. As best and I can determine, Mr. Coffey was Richard Bell Coffey, a son of Lawson Howard and Eliza Ann Campbell Coffey. He was born in Alanthus Grove, Gentry Co., MO in 1860 and died there in 1930. He was the husband of Ella Ross, a daughter of John A. and Martha R. Howell Ross. She was born in MO in 1873 and died in Gentry Co. in 1935.

Richard B. Coffey was charged with the murder of Mrs. Myrtle Fancher on Aug. 12, 1914. Evidence against Coffey consisted of three witnesses who testified they observed "a tall, slender man carry what seemed to be a heavy bundle through the Rancher potato patch and deposit it on the spot where Mrs. Fancher's body was bound the morning of August 13." The witnesses, Mr. J. M. Gregory, his son Wade Gregory and his son-in-law, Emmett Faulkner were certain that the tall man they saw was Richard B. Coffey. However, a number of wealthy and prominent men in the area, believing in Coffey's innocence posted the \$10,000 bond required by the court to allow Coffey to be released from jail during the trial.

In a subsequent news item in the same publication, the husband of the victim testified that he had returned home about 7:30pm on the evening of the murder and had gone to bed before 9pm. He was later awakened when the two sisters of Mrs. Fancher returned from the movies. It was around 11am the next morning when he awoke to the news that his wife was not at home. Her sisters told him that his wife had gone to St. Joseph. He then walked to a window, looked out and saw his wife's body on the ground whereby he said, "There she is out there, asleep, drunk or dead."

Coffey was eventually found "not guilty" and released. I have not found a later edition announcing the arrest or trial of any other person connected to this murder. But, from testimony by any number of witnesses as to the character of Mr. Gregory, he was not known to have a reputation for telling the truth. There were other statements made that gave me the idea that Mr. Fancher himself was the murderer.

From *The University Missourian*, Columbia, MO., Dec. 21, 1915, Page 1

Lived Here 32 Years; Leaves

M. W. Coffey Has been Street Commissioner and World's Fair Official.

M. W. Coffey, who has lived in Columbia for the last thirty-two years, left today for Brookfield, where he will make his future home with his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, at 809 Mead street.

Mr. Coffey came to Columbia in 1887. At first his work was that of contractor and builder, and today the result of his labors may be seen in some of Columbia's fine homes. In April, 1892, he was chosen street commissioner of Columbia, a position he held for five years and helped to construct Columbia's sewer system.

In 1902, Mr. Coffey had charge of a line of construction work for a railroad company in Arkansas. On completing this work, he went to St. Louis, where he was put in charge of the roadways in the World's Fair grounds. Mrs. Coffey died in March, 1901.

For the past five years, Mr. Coffey has been engaged as weigher for the Whittle & Hockaday Coal Company.

From *The St. Louis Republic*, Dec. 20, 1903, Page 12

Fined for "Mashing."

Mrs. Fendler Preferred Charge Against W. H. Coffey.

W. H. Coffey, a railroad man, was fined \$3 and costs by Justice of the Peace Boyne of East St. Louis yesterday on a technical charge of disturbing the peace. Mrs. Genevieve Fendler of St. Louis was the prosecuting witness, and she charged him with "mashing."

The alleged "mashing" occurred in an East St. Louis restaurant while Mrs. Fendler, her mother and baby girl were at dinner. Coffey sat at another table, and he says that he thought he had met Mrs. Fendler at dances. Mrs. Fendler complained to a relative, who took Coffey to task. During the argument a policeman appeared and Coffey was arrested.

Miscellaneous "Stuff"

The Edward Coffey Project Blog is now closed to the public and access is by invitation only. If you would like to be invited to read the 1000+ blog entries from the past 11 or so years, drop an e-mail to me at jack.coffee@gmail.com.

Except for correction of factual errors and updated information provided by descendants, I am no longer actively updating **The Edward Coffey Project DVD**. If anyone would like a copy, write to me at the above address for more info.

Interested in searching old newspapers for articles similar to those above? Point your browser to the following URL: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> This is the start page for the **Library of Congress** and I find it rather easy to navigate.

I may have reported on this old newspaper site (***The Ancestor Hunt***) before. But, it's good enough to repeat in case anyone missed it. There are tutorials and other links to help you find whatever you are looking for. <http://tinyurl.com/oflagou>

A recent on-line version of the ***Mississippi Clarion Ledger***, published in Jackson, MS, reports that construction on the University of Mississippi Medical Center parking lot has been halted by the discovery of the remains of about 1,000 people.

Apparently, some confusion exists over what period of time the remains might have been placed there and to whom they belong. The State Lunatic Asylum was on the site in 1855 and during the Civil War, the Union's 46th Indiana Infantry was bivouacked there. After the war was over, the news item continues, the asylum was enlarged to hold about 300 patients. A neighborhood, school and a church for former slaves grew up around "Asylum Hill," as it became known.

Speculation is that the graves belong to many of those who were patients, some CW burials and perhaps member of the former slave owned Cade Chapel M. B. Church.

Read more of the article at <http://tinyurl.com/oodb3je>

Roger Waters, one of the founders of the British band "Pink Floyd," wrote much of the music made popular by the group before they officially disbanded in 1994. For years, Walters attempted to find the place where his father was killed in Italy in WW2. He was just 5 months old when his dad died. Just recently, as ***Italy Magazine*** reports, a British intelligence report was found that gives the exact battlefield coordinates where Lt. Waters died. Interested readers can find more at <http://tinyurl.com/nhkqred>

Coffey DNA Project – And a New Coffey Mystery

By Fred Coffey

Lorie Okel and I (co-administrators of the Coffey Surname y-DNA Project) got a curious notice that a **Wayne Earl Crank** had ordered a DNA test and joined our surname project. Following is a (highly edited) reflection of the email conversations this started:

Fred:

“Hello Wayne: ‘Crank’ doesn’t sound like a usual variation on the ‘Coffey’ name -- what is your connection to ‘Coffey’?”

Wayne:

“My biological father was a Coffey. I was adopted into the Crank family. I am copying my sis on this email. She has a better understanding of our ancestry tree than I do.”

Teresa:

“Hiddy Fred, Wayne Earl Crank, he is my brother. As children we came from a broken home and were given to the state for adoption. Wayne Earl was adopted to a family by the name Crank.

“I’ve kinda hit a brick wall but from what I have read I think we may come through Edward Coffey line. Our ancestors came from North Carolina and settled, some in Tn. some in Fla. This is some of what I know so far, leading down to our father Wayne Earl Coffey:

“Joseph Archie Coffey b: 1845/46 d: 1875/1880 North Carolina.

“Roba Patterson Coffey (Joseph) b: 25 July 1866 North Carolina d: 19 October 1938.

“Edward Hoyt Coffey (Roba, Joseph) b: 17 Sept. 1902 Tn. d: 12 Sept. 1992 McMinn Co.

“Wayne Earl Coffey (Edward, Roba, Joseph) b: 1941 McMinn Co. Tn d: 2004 Calhoun Tn.

Jack Coffee:

“All of these names are familiar. Variations appear in the descendants of John, son of Edward. Roby [sic] and Patterson are both prominent Coffey given names from Caldwell and/or Watauga counties in NC but, not together; e.g., Roba Patterson Coffey. I also find a few Coffeys named Archie in Caldwell and Watauga but no Joseph Archie. More details, if available for Joseph Archie would be helpful.

Fred:

“OK, I have a theory how this all fits together. Here is a selection of possible descendants of Edward Coffey:

- (1) Edward Coffey (~1670 - ~1716) & Anne Powell (~1683 - ~1744)
- (2) John Coffey (~1699 - ~1775) & Jane Graves (~1708 - 1792)
- (3) Thomas Coffey (1742 - 1825) & Elizabeth Smith (- ~1775)
- (4) Thomas Coffey Jr. (~1767 -) & Nancy Pendley (~1800 -)
- (5) Perry Coffey (~1825 - <1900) & Manerva (~1827 - 1860)
- (6) Gabriel Russell Coffey (~1845 -) & Margaret Caroline Rogers (1851 - 1919)
- (7) John Coffey (~1874 -)
- (8) **Claude Allen Coffey**
- (9) **Ray Allen Coffey (DNA TEST, EDWARD DESCENDANT)**
- (3) Reuben Coffey (~1744 - 1818) & Sarah Scott (~1750 - 1837)
- (4) Jesse Coffey (~1775 - ~1840) & Margaret Edmisten

- (5) Reuben Coffey (1805 - 1892) & Rachel Hayes (1807 - 1895)
- (6) James Camron Coffey (1838 - 1915) & Sarah E. Coffey (~1843 -)
- (7) Harley Coffey (~1877 -)
- (8) Joe Blake Coffey**
- (9) Max Terry Coffey (DNA TEST, EDWARD DESCENDANT)**
- (4) Joseph Coffey (~1785 - ~1835) & Isabella Lindsay
- (5) Enoch Coffey (~1809 - 1893) & Martha Calloway (~1818 -)
- (6) Lucinda Coffey (FEMALE)!**
- (7) Jasper P Coffey (WITH ESTES DNA!)**
- (6) Joseph **Archie?** Coffey (~1843 -)
- (7) Roba Patterson Coffey**
- (8) Edward Hoyt Coffey**
- (9) Wayne Earl Coffey**
- (10) Wayne Earl (Coffey) Crank (PENDING DNA TEST)**
- (5) Jacob Zachariah Coffey (1814 - ~1870) & Margaret C. Coffey (1816 - ~1906)
- (6) Jesse **Patterson** Coffey (~1843 - 1892) & Polly Allison
- (7) Augustus F. Coffey (1874 - 1936) & Betty Beard (1875 - 1958)
- (8) Dillard Blaine Coffey (1915 - 1990) & Maude Dillinger
- (9) Brent Dustin Coffey (DNA TEST, EDWARD DESCENDANT)**

“All the light text above is taken straight from Jack Coffee’s “Edward Project”. To that, I have appended in **Bold Text** the ancestry of some of the y-DNA tests we have, including my opinion where Wayne Crank is going to fit into this tree.

“So I suspect that Wayne’s “Joseph Archie Coffey” is the Joseph that was found in the 1850 census in the family of Enoch and Martha Coffey. He may have been named after his grandfather, Joseph, father of Enoch. Further, there are two cases above of near relatives using the middle name “Patterson” (Roba Patterson and Jesse Patterson Coffey).

Also, Lorie Okel’s family may fit in here, but that’s not proven yet.

Lorie:

“Hi Teresa & Wayne, I sure hope my cousin's DNA match's Wayne's DNA. It could solve over 30 years of research. Welcome to the Coffee/ Coffey family. Cheerio, Lorie”

Fred:

“Lorie arranged for testing her cousin Lawrence Ronald Coffey (1938 – MO). His father was Hubert Coffey (1891 MO), then Wm. Taylor Coffey (~1848 – TN), then Collins Coffey (~1809 – NC). And that’s as far as she has gotten.”

Her cousin “L Ron” is definitely a general DNA match to the Edward Coffey group, so we know he somehow descends from Edward. Now, it’s very common that there are individual marker differences versus our “Edward Reference” – such occasional mutations are common. But if you see TWO people who have the SAME mutation, you begin to think that might signify membership in the SAME BRANCH of the Coffey family.

And there are in fact a few marker differences in the family lines discussed here. If Wayne matches any of those differences, we will be looking hard to see if that offers a connection clue. And Lorie’s cousin has two such differences, and Lorie will be looking especially hard to see if Wayne matches either of those.

Teresa:

Thanks so much Fred and Jack! I agree with your theory Fred. I hope with your help we can finally make a connection. I have been trying to make a connection for a long while now. I haven't been able to find very many records for Joseph Archie Coffey. I want to be able to prove my lineage and not guess. This is what I have on Joseph Archie Coffey:

He was born sometime around 1843-1846 Caldwell Co, N.C. I haven't found a birth record yet. My grandfather called him Archie. He married Nancy Adalade Norwood, daughter of Thomas Franklin and Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Ward. They married in Caldwell Co. N.C. on 24 Oct. 1866. The marriage license list them like this: J. A. Coffey and Adalaid Norwood, Caldwell Co. N.C.

In the 1870 census record they are living in Cherokee Co. Murphy Township, N.C. This is how they are listed: Coffey: Joseph 24, Adalade 23, Roba 3, Martha 1 -All born in North Carolina. In the 1880 census record they lived in Brasstown, Clay Co, N.C. This is how they are listed: Coffey" Adalade 32 widow, Roba 13, Martha 11, Lillie 8, John 5.

This is why I think he died sometime between 1875-1880. I haven't been able to find a death record. Nancy Adalade Coffey lived in Ga with her daughter Ann in the 1900 census record, she lived with son Roba back in Clay Co, N.C. IN 1910 census record. The marriage record of Roba Patterson had his parents name listed as Arch and Adaline Coffey.

Joseph Archie Coffey's daughter Lillie married Andrew P Langham. Lillie Coffey Langham's death certificate has her father listed as Arche Coffey born in Caldwell Co. N.C. Lillie's birth place was Clay Co. N.C. So it does appear that Joseph Arche Coffey lived in Caldwell Co, Clay Co, and Cherokee Co. that I know of so far. Roba Patterson Coffey...the census records from 1880 - 1910 shows he lived in Clay Co. N.C. 1920 he lived in Loudon Co. Tn. He moved to Lake Co, Fla. in the mid 20's where he stayed until he died.

OK, Coffey Cousins. The DNA test is pending. Meanwhile, can any of you shed any light on Teresa and Wayne's search? You can contact them at wcrank55@yahoo.com and tdb1158@aol.com.

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2014 Coffey Cousins' Reunion to be "Back Home Again in Indiana"

Let's make this a big one! Please notify all of your Indiana Coffey Cousins.



The 2014 reunion will be hosted by Donna Wolfe Hoy at the Comfort Suites hotel in Brownsburg, IN, from April 24-26th, 2014. Brownsburg is just a bit west of Indianapolis.

Donna has reserved a block of 15 rooms for us at the Comfort Suites hotel. They will be held open until March 15th, 2014. A special rate for Coffey Cousins' is \$79/night. After March 15th, the rate jumps to \$109 to \$120/night. Do not procrastinate if you plan to attend.

Hendricks County sits between Marion (Indy) to the east and Putnam (Greencastle) to the west. The county seat of Hendricks is Danville. Putnam is known for its covered bridges while Hendricks is famous for handcrafts, and art galleries. Check the numerous internet sites for more information on tours, day trips, etc. in these areas.

Contact the hotel at [317-852-2000](tel:317-852-2000) to make reservations. Don't forget to mention Coffey Cousins' to receive the special rate. For other reunion questions write to Donna at djwhprisms@aol.com. Feel free to contact me at jack.coffee@gmail.com for information about Coffeys in Indiana.

Update:

Donna has made arrangements for us to have the reunion dinner at the MCL Cafeteria in Speedway, IN. We need at least 20 people for a family style buffet. Otherwise, everyone will have to go through the regular serving line. Address for the restaurant is 6002 Crawfordsville Rd., Indianapolis. Donna tells me the restaurant is "straight down Hwy. 136 from Brownsburg about 6 miles, on the left."

Cost is \$20 per person. Please send dinner reservation and payment to Donna Wolfe Hoy at 1310 Holiday LN W, Brownsburg, IN 46112-2011 [Note that last newsletter omitted correct address]

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