

# Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse

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## President's Message

Dear Cousins,

The holidays are past and the new year begun. It is now time to remember to make reservations to go to the Coffey Cousins' Reunion in Jefferson City, Missouri, hosted by Bonnie Culley. This is sure to be the grand event of the Spring season.

There are sure to be instructions in this newsletter.

Have a Happy New Year.  
Your President Larry Coffey

Dear Readers,

I have been the editor and publisher of this newsletter for awhile. Most of you who subscribe have names unfamiliar to me.

Although we may be strangers to you, my wife and I have been part of the mainstay of Coffey Cousins' since the 80's. Together, we have sponsored reunions in four states, held every office available and my wife is currently the secretary. We have missed attending only one convention over the entire span of our membership.

However, due to age and a recent health reversal, I, and Nelda are forced to retire and let new blood take over with a view toward revitalization with new ideas.

I want to thank Bonnie for all of her support over the years. It is being returned to capable hands.

Jack & Nelda Coffey

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*MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

## **THANK YOU JACK COFFEE**

I want to tell everyone just how much Jack and Nelda Coffee have done for the Coffee/ey Clan. We first met them in Boone, NC at the 1991 at the Coffey Cousins' Convention.

When Jeff Coffey's (our first president) health failed, I twisted Jack's arm and he reluctantly agreed to serve as president at the annual meeting. That was 2003 in Berea, KY. He was elected to continue in that position until 2012 when he suggested that someone else should take the position for a while.

That was only a little of what Jack has done for us. He and Nelda arranged four conventions. Their first was closer to home in Baton Rouge, LA, 1995, Vicksburg, LA, 2001, Chadron, NB, 2006 and Raphine, VA, 2008. All were well attended and fun.

Seems that when we had a problem we always called on Jack. When I was no longer able to edit the newsletter because of my husband's health, Jack Coffee gracefully took over and brought the newsletter into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He revised it and offered it in a digital form. This eliminated postage so it is now free.

Then last but not least he has created a huge database for the Edward Coffey line. It is a very valuable tool for the Coffey genealogist. I received a copy a few years ago and use it often.

Thank you Jack.

### **Editor's Letter**

Now guys, I know we will all miss Jack and we need to let him have some time to get better. Fred Coffey and I will do our best to help with your research. I know I can't hold a candle to what Jack has been doing for our researchers but we will try. I do need your help with the newsletter though.

Have you done any research lately? Have you found anything you can share with us?

Are you stuck on your line? Can we help you?,

Do you have any ideas of things we can do better?

Are you reading the newsletter? Let us hear from you.

I am headed for South Carolina State Archives. Hope to find lots of stuff for the next issue.

Happy New Year, Bonnie Culley, [bculey@embarqmail.com](mailto:bculey@embarqmail.com)

## **We Get Mail**

**Marilyn DeLine**, [deline.ml.2@charter.net](mailto:deline.ml.2@charter.net) wrote to Jack and he helped her with the following information. If you have more information on this line, she would like to hear from you.

Jack says; I do have a lot of Griders in the Edward Coffey Project. including John Elisha Grider. I have him as son of John Hunter and Emily Caroline Coffey, daughter of Elijah and Mariah Coffey. I have the Coffey family natives of Russell Co., KY. I have no parents for John Hunter.

Siblings of John Elisha, the youngest of 8 as I have them, was Joshua, Mary Jane, George Warren, Maria S., Mary, Robert C., Lucy E. and John Elisha.

Joshua also married a Coffey; Mary E., dau. of Joseph and Beth Ada Strunk Coffey. This family was out of Pulaski Co and died in Oneida, Scott Co., TN.

George Warren married Elizabeth Moore, (no parents) and had children Ethel L., Ziporah, Eddie and Knacy.

Robert C., married Flora Ann Bell, dau of Edmond Bell and Puss Fair. They had 12 children, Ollie L., Lena, Edna, Edmond, Joshua, George, Anna Pearl, Robert C., Emma E., Elisha, Jessie C., and Bertha.

**Sandie (Coffey) Carroll**, [sandie368@gmail.com](mailto:sandie368@gmail.com), contacted Fred Coffey. She is working with him on the DNA project (see **EEE** on Page 13 below). She descends from Edward Coffey as follows:

- (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) James Coffey (~1772 - ) & Delilah Ferguson
- (5) Marvel Coffey (~1820 - <1880) & Nancy E. Pendley (~1818 - )
- (6) James Granville Coffey (1845 - 1915) & Lois Ann Dancy (1859 - 1938)
- (7) George Lee Coffey (1891 - 1961) & Elizabeth Mae Steele (1903 - 1968)
- (8) Charles Lee Coffey (1923 - )
- (9) Sandie Coffey **(atDNA test on FTDNA)**

This genealogy is mostly from a major study of Edward Coffey descendants done by Jack Coffee. She would like to hear from others working on any of this line.

**Tyler Coffey**, [tjcoffey.cccmc@gmail.com](mailto:tjcoffey.cccmc@gmail.com) wrote to Jack. "John Carroll Coffey is my 3rd great grandfather. I was working on my tree and found a picture. But

couldn't find a spouse for John. So I googled his name and found your page. On my tree I have Silas Milton, Thomas Hall, and Joel Partee Coffey. Which is the person my father was named after. But I can't seem to find anything about their mother, was Evelyn Hartley their paternal mother as well or did John have another wife maybe? I'm not exactly sure how the time line falls but I already had John and his sons on my tree for years and it's only in the last few days that I found the picture and learn of Ilar, Evelyn and ...Lilla? Maybe you could spread some light on the matter? Maybe because they are not directly in my line.”

Jack answered his letter as follows: [Well, Joel Partee Coffey, born 1 Jul 1886 in Watauga Co., NC, was a son of John Carroll and Nancy Evelyn Hartley Coffey.](#)

[Joel married Lettie Mamie Pearl Tolbert in Caldwell Co. on Sep 6 1905. She was born to Edward Alexander and Martha Mahalia Smith Tolbert on Aug. 2, 1890. Joel died Dec. 25, 1919 and Lettie on Aug. 2, 1924, 1924, both in the Globe Twp., Caldwell Co.](#)

[I have them buried at the Tolbert Cemetery in Mortimer but from previous contacts with folks who have ancestors buried in a Tolbert Cemetery, I understand there are about four family burial grounds with that name and they could actually be at one of the other three. My records show that Joel and Lettie had seven children.](#)

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## *[Alfred Alphonso and Julia Ann Dawkins Coffey](#)*

By his own hand, Alfred wrote that he and Julia were married in 1857. He would have been about 26 years old at the time, having been born in Wilkes Co., NC in 1831. and, according to his [autobiography](#), had lived a very adventurous life up to then.

[Julia was the daughter of John and Mary Wheeler Dawkins, born in GA in Feb., 1838 and was about 20 years old when she married Alfred. The Dawkins lived "in Habersham County \[GA\], 4 miles south of Tallulah Falls on Panther Creek."](#)

[The Coffey family appeared in the 1860 census at Rabun Co., GA with one child, a son, Newton Walter Coffey, born in July, 1858. He and Julia had another child, Mary Angie, born in Sep., 1860. By 1861 Alfred was off on another adventure, this time as a soldier in the 52d Georgia Infantry\[1\]. He survived the war and from about 1862 through 1882 they added another eight children to their family.](#)

The family moved around a bit during those years. In 1870 they were in Rock Spring, Walker Co., TN. In 1880 and 1900 they were in Hamilton Co., TN. Julia died in Mar., 1906 and by 1910 Alfred was an aged gentleman who sought shelter with his son Starlin [sic] in Marion Co., TN. Alfred died in Dec., 1915 and was buried near Julia at Forest Hills Cemetery in Chattanooga. All of their children were born in GA, and probably Rabun Co. specifically. Their son Newton died in Rabun Co. in 1860 but, his burial site is unknown.

Mary Angie or, Angie as she was known, married Judson Buchanan of Monroe Co., IN in 1883 in Hamilton Co., TN. He was a Coffey descendant as well. His father was John Hamilton Buchanan and his mother was Miriam Coffey, the daughter of [Rev. Reuben A. and Martha "Polly" Dowell Coffey](#).

Alfred A., probably Jr., was born c1862 but nothing else is known.

Starlin Pinkston was the fourth child, born in Apr., 1864. He married Emma Raulston, 1879-1945, daughter of Robert and Anne Beene Raulston in Hamilton Co., c1898. Children, all born in Marion Co., TN, were Earl Leonard, Vesta V., Stella, Ethel Mae (died at age 2), Willie May (died at age 11) and Charles. Starlin died in Marion Co. in 1941. Emma died in 1945 and both are buried at the Bean-Raulston graveyard in South Pittsburg, Marion Co.

Jackson Lafayette, born in 1865, married Ella Mahle "Ellie" Horton, daughter of W. A. and Annie Gibson Horton, c1886 in probably TN. They raised at least 10 children: Clara, Charles Clifton, George Clinton, Lillie Mae, Nellie G., William Dewey, Julia Ann, Robert Lee, James Cornelius and DeWitt Clifton [sic]. Jackson and his family were in Marion Co., TN in 1900 and by 1910 they were farming in Navarro Co., TX. They remained in that county until 1920 when they were in Henderson Co., TX but back in Navarro by 1930. Jackson died there in 1946; Ellie lived until 1956. They are both buried at the Hamilton-Beeman cemetery in Retreat, Navarro Co. It appears that most of their children lived and died in Navarro Co. and are buried there. Son ~~George Clinton "Clint"~~ Charles Clifton "Cliff" died in Chattanooga and was buried there in 1974.

Elizabeth Adeline "Addie" was born in 1867 and died in Chattanooga in Jan., 1941. She married William Henry Waldron in TN in 1887. He was a native of Virginia, born there in 1858. He died just a few days before Addie, in Jan., 1941. Both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Chattanooga. I know of two children: Mae Virginia, born c1890 in AL, married Conrad Fred Stier of GA in 1908, Jefferson Co., AL; and a son, Carroll, born Oct., 1892.

Sylvester A., born 1870, married Minerva "Minnie" Richards c1892 in GA. Minerva was born in GA in 1874. They had at least 10 children: Charles, Mary J. (Eunice?), William Armstrong; Aldred A., Ross, Cathleen, Donald, James and an infant that was born in Feb., 1917 and died in June of that year. Sylvester died in 1930 and is buried at Chattanooga Memorial Park. I have not found Minnie's death record.

Talullah Virginia "Lula," born 1874, married William Norval Taggart on Hamilton Co., in 1899. William was a native of Missouri, born there in about 1874. They had at least two children, Julia, born c1895 and Norvell, a son, born c1897. William died in 1958, Lula in 1958. Both are buried at Greenwood in Chattanooga.

David Lee, born 1876, married Martha Hyatt, date unknown but probably close to 1900. She was a native of NC, born there in 1883. They had at least one child, Robert Lee, born 1903, died 1977. All are buried at Greenwood.

Last but not least is Effie Thelma, born 1882. She married George Thomas Ogburn c1902 in TN. They had at least two children, a daughter Merita, born c1904 and a son, Junior, born c1907. Nothing more is known.

More detailed information is available on the CD and DVD.  
Corrections and additions welcomed!

*Jack*

## DOCUMENTS GALORE

### HISTORICAL REGISTER OF VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION Soldiers, Sailors and Marines 1775-1783

By John H. Gwathmey, Published 1938 by The Ditz Press, Richmond, VA

Coffee, Ambrose, 1P

Coffee, Ashborne, E

Coffee, Francis, "Dec. 23, 1778 for pay of his company." mss. WD

Coffee, John, "March 5, 1776 signs receipt for pay of Mason's Compay."

Coffee, Osborn (Coffey) Fifer, 6 CL

Coffee, Reuben, Inf., nbll.

Coffee, Robert, 3 CL.

Coffee, Samuel, Clark's Illinois Reg.

Coffee, William, Sgt., 6 CL

Coffey, Osborne, Inf. nbil.

Coffey, Osburn, Daniel Morgan's Riflemen..

**You are invited to the**  
**33<sup>rd</sup>. COFFEY COUSINS CONVENTION April 27 -30, 2017**  
**Jefferson City, Missouri**

Baymont Inn and Suites  
319 Miller Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
Phone: 573-636-5231 [Baymont-jeffcity.dos@pmihotels.com](mailto:Baymont-jeffcity.dos@pmihotels.com)

Double or King rooms: \$65 plus tax  
This includes continental breakfast and wi-fi

Make your own reservations with the hotel and  
Send \$26.50 for each person attending to  
Bonnie Culley, 4012 Cambridge Circle,  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

(This could be your last chance to attend a convention and meet some of your cousins. If we don't have a good attendance we may have to discontinue the conventions. It really helps to meet the people who have done the research and have actually records. )

I, Bonnie Culley, want you to spend a few days with me here in Jefferson City, Missouri to meet and visit with some of your Coffee/y cousins. Of course Central Missouri is loaded with things to see and do as well. We are half way between St. Louis and Kansas City and on the Missouri River. That's why it is the capitol of the state. Actually there are more here to see than I am sure you want me to drag you around too but it's home for me and I can show you as much as you want to stay for. I have created a tour of the things I think are most interesting in the area. I will make sure to make a list of other things to do in the area for you to see on your own or can even go with you after the convention ends.

We will gather on Thursday evening and go out to eat together at Arris Bistro where we get a discount for staying at the Baymont Inn. You can check in on Friday morning and then we will car pool to the area of the old Missouri State Penitentiary. We will tour the museum that cost \$2. We can pay at the door. The prison has tours but I think it would be too much walking for many of us. There is also a ghost tour at night but I have been in this prison several times and you are not going to get me in there after dark. If you want to do this, email me and I will set you up with the Jefferson City Tourism office. They will make you an appointment and sell you a ticket. Reservations have to be made in advance for



this as the tours are usually full well in advance.

We can have lunch at the Prison Brews. After a leisurely lunch, we will tour the Missouri Capitol building if you are interested. It is free of course...

Saturday morning is the highlight of our tours. We will car pool to Fulton, Missouri, just a short drive north of Jefferson City. We will leave at 9a.m. This is where, at a small local college called Westminster, Winston Churchill gave his "Iron Curtain" speech as a commencement address. Of course it was heard around the world, putting Westminster and Fulton on the national map. In commemoration of the speech, the college went to England and purchased a chapel built in the 1500s that had been bombed in WWII and brought it here, putting it back together like a jig saw puzzle. It is beautiful and there is a museum in the lower level. This is the biggest memorial to Winston Churchill anywhere. Cost of this tour is \$6.50. You will need to send me a check for this tour in advance.

The banquet and annual meeting is not set in stone yet. If we have a good turnout (and we didn't last year) we will eat at the hotel banquet room and the price will be \$20 each. If we don't have more than 20 people, we will go to a local restaurant. Jefferson City has lots of them. I am looking forward to seeing you again.

Bonnie Culley

## PAST CONVENTIONS

(I have often been asked where we met in the past and have put together a list with as much information as I can remember.)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Host</u>
1984 Boone, NC	Betty Coffey
1985 Nashville, TN	James V. Coffey
1986 Tulsa, OK	Mary Reeves
1987 Raleigh, NC	Betty Coffey
1988 Nashville, IN	Leonard Coffey
1989 Jefferson City, MO	Bonnie Culley
1990 Woodbridge VA	Ed Coffey
1991 Boone, NC	Betty Coffey
1992 San Antonio, TX	Jeff Coffey
1993 Oklahoma City, OK	Gene Brewington
1994 Richmond, VA	John Taylor
1995 Baton Rouge, LA	Jack Coffey
1996 Baltimore, MD	Gail Bachman



1997 Calgary, Canada	Donna McDonald
1998 Springfield, OR	Ruth Lanning
1999 Des Moines, IA	Darlene Clark
2000 Sanford, FL	Gail Bachman
2001 Vicksburg, MS	Jack Coffee
2002 Dallas, TX	Jo Langwell
2003 Berea, KY	Benny Loftin
2004 Ft. Smith, AR	Benny Loftin
2005 Nashville, TN	Patsy Burns
2006 Chadron, NB	Jack Coffee
2007 Dubuque, IA	Darlene Clark
2008 Raphine, VA	Jack Coffee
2009 Cumberland Lake, KY	Danny Coffey
2010 Claymont, DE	Jean Mower
2011 Independence, MO	Bonnie Culley
2012 Cumberland Lake, KY	Danny Coffey
2013 Eureka, IL	Kathy Whitson
2014 Brownsburg, IN	Donna Hoy
2015 Thorn Hill, TN	Kathy Whitson
2016 Cumberland Lake, KY	Danny Coffey

### NEWS FLASH

I received an email from Todd Coffey, son of Marvin Coffey. Just in case a few of you have not been a Coffey researcher forever--- Dr. Marvin Coffey is the author of James B. Coffey, Ancestors. This is my “go to” first when I need help. We lost Marvin about 10 years ago so there has been a “lot of water under the bridge” since it was published but it was so dependable. But lets go to Todd’s reason for contacting us.

First and sadly, Wanda Coffey, mother of Todd and widow of Marvin Coffey needs assisted living. Todd is closing her home and wanted some help with disposing of some of Dr. Coffey’s papers. Possibly we can help with the following.

### SUPPLEMENTS to JAMES B COFFEY – VOL.2

About 50 copies of the Supplement to James B. Coffey-- vol. 2 ancestors / by Marvin D. Coffey (67 pages) are still available. If any want a hard copy, please contact his son, Todd Coffey, at [coffey.todd@gmail.com](mailto:coffey.todd@gmail.com). The supplement cost is shipping and handling only.

Thank you, Todd

## **COFFEY DNA PROJECT: Recruiting Autosomal DNA Participants**

By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )

DNA Project Web Page: <http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/dna/>

You've all been reading about our y-DNA Project on these pages for some time. That test is on the Y-chromosome, which is handed down from father to son, just like the Coffey surname. Recall from high school biology class that males have an X chromosome from their mother and a Y chromosome from their father. Females have an X from each parent. That's what determines whether we are a male or female. And a YDNA match between two men shows that both descend from a common male Coffey Ancestor in a direct male line. Only males can take a YDNA test since females don't have a Y-chromosome.

There's another type of test, which looks at autosomal DNA (atDNA). Autosomal DNA is the other 22 pairs of chromosomes each of us gets from his or her parents. Several companies offer the test: 23andMe, Ancestry, and FTDNA. We usually use FTDNA, who calls the test "Family Finder." You got half of your atDNA from your father, and half from your mother. Your siblings (unless you are an identical twin) got different halves from each parent, accounting for the differences in eye color and features. You and your siblings share the same ancestors and parents, but don't carry atDNA from all of those ancestors since each generation only gets half of the atDNA of their parents. Your aunts and uncles on each side got different atDNA halves from each of your grandparents.

Autosomal DNA is quite good at matching up any two people and identifying their relationship out to at least the third-cousin level. About half the time it can also spot a pair of fourth-cousins. As we will discuss, it can often spot connections out even farther.

Want a quick preview of what info you can get with this test? Looking at my (Fred) own case, it identifies 2353 people who are my "cousins"! And it reports my ethnic makeup is 99% European and 1% Central/South Asia. And the European part is 60% British Isles, 24% Scandinavia, 10% Southern Europe, and 5% Finland and Northern Siberia.

Focusing on our "Coffey" families, atDNA can complement the y-DNA test. Let me offer you some stories about how the two tests have already worked together: (Be aware that our Project follows several UNRELATED Coffey male lines, and the reader should not assume the following are necessarily talking about YOUR family.)

**(AAA):** There is a group of 3 related Coffey's that descend from Hugh Coffey (~1700 – 1767). And a fourth y-DNA match to them is Edward Preston Wilson II, whose grandfather's paper trail is uncertain. Because of the y-DNA match we

know that Mr. Wilson comes from the Hugh Coffey line, but yDNA gave us no idea of WHEN he had a Coffey ancestor. Mr. Wilson and his sisters had taken atDNA tests and were all close matches in the 2nd to 3rd cousin range with one of the tested Coffeys who descends from Hugh. **Terri Stern**, another descendant of Hugh, started the Hugh Coffey Autosomal DNA Project. The project is open to all descendants of Hugh who have taken an atDNA test and combines DNA and paper evidence. The project is creating a fully documented tree of all of the descendants of Hugh, down to the present day, supported by DNA and paper evidence. The project now has 17 members with a Coffey ancestor who matches at least one other member of the Group. Some of the members do not know their path back to Hugh, and some do. As the project progresses and each shared DNA segment among the members is solved, the path will emerge. Terri is looking for more Hugh descendants to join the project. She can be reached at [HughCoffeyProject@gmail.com](mailto:HughCoffeyProject@gmail.com) .

**(BBB):** We have another case involving Coffey families who were relatively recent immigrants from Ireland, and/or who still lived in Ireland. And with a combination of y-DNA and atDNA testing, we showed that THREE entirely unrelated Coffey-male lines were related to each other! How could that be? A male Coffey from Group A married a female Coffey from unrelated Group B. And an atDNA test showed that the Coffey in Group B had a non-Coffey ancestor shared with a Coffey from unrelated Group C. Trying to explain that here would consume the rest of this newsletter, but you're welcome to read the full story at this Coffey Project Web Page: <http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA/P1F2D.htm>.

**(CCC):** A large percentage of the readers of this newsletter descend from Edward Coffey and his wife Ann Powell, either through their son Edward Jr., or their son John. I (Fred) descend from the Edward Jr side, as does **Tim Peterman**, a contributor to these newsletters since 1981. Tim and I descend from four pairs of shared ancestors (Coffey/Vermillion, Barbre/Weeks, Robinson/Kivet, and Aten/Glass). These families intermarried, and as a result Tim and I are quadruple cousins!

And Tim undertook a major atDNA testing project on descendants from this combination, to explore the ancestry of all four shared family pairs. From the "Coffey" perspective, he has tests on more than a dozen descendants of **Eli Coffey** (1775 – 1833) who married his **first cousin Mary Coffey** (1785 – 1872). Tim would love to find MORE descendants of this pair! Contact [TEPeter100@aol.com](mailto:TEPeter100@aol.com).

**(DDD):** There are a number of instances where various branches of the descendants of Edward involved marriages of cousins. One such marriage is noted in the previous paragraph. Descendants of such marriages have an extra

“dose” of Coffey DNA. As a result, the atDNA tests often show matches at a greater distance that would otherwise be expected. Following is a big table will help explain some of this: (But don't panic, I'm going to explain it all a little bit at a time!)

First, look at the far right columns, under Descendants of Edward Junior. You will see here married cousins Eli and Mary Coffey highlighted in yellow. This is Tim Peterman's focus, as mentioned in (CCC). He is studying a LOT of Eli and Mary's descendants, and two of them are named at the top – Dorothy (Coffey) Smith and Glenys Mitchell.

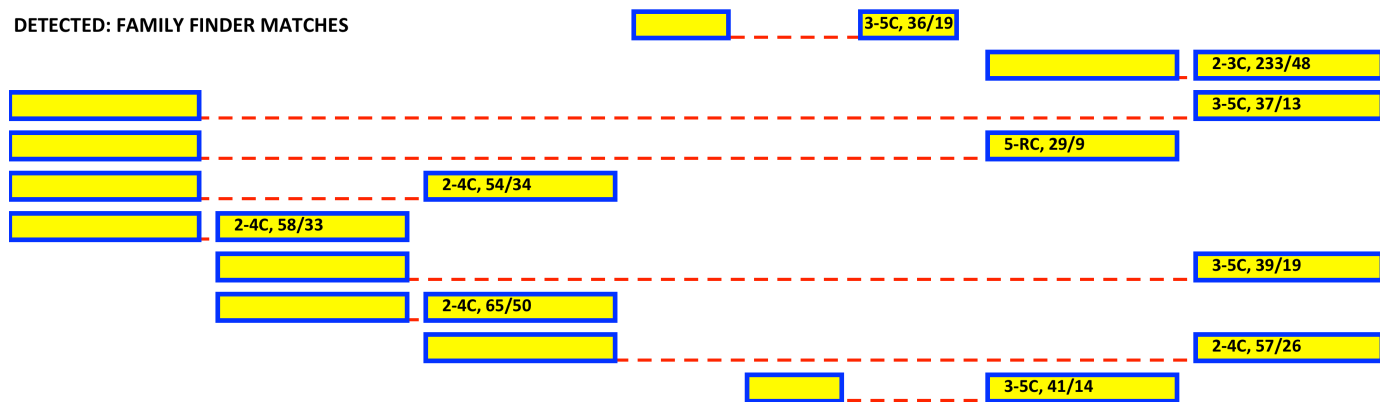
DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD'S SON JOHN						DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD'S SON EDWARD JR.						
PERSON #1		(2)		(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	
Ronald Wheeler		Steven Coffey-Schmidt		Martha Kirby		Sandie Coffey	James E Coffey	Lorie Okel	Dorothy (Coffey) Smith		Glenys Mitchell	
Path 1	Path 2	Path 1	Path 2	Path 1	Path 2				Path 1	Path 2	Path 1	Path 2
John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	John Coffey ~1699	Edward Jr Coffey ~1700	Edward Jr Coffey ~1700	Edward Jr Coffey ~1700	Edward Jr Coffey ~1700
Reuben Coffey 1744	Reuben Coffey 1744	Reuben Coffey 1744	Reuben Coffey 1744	Thomas Coffey 1742	Thomas Coffey 1742	Thomas Coffey 1742	James Coffey 1729	Reuben Coffey 1744	Salathial Coffey 1753	Nathan Coffey 1760	Salathial Coffey 1753	Nathan Coffey 1760
Jesse Coffey 1775	Elizabeth Coffey 1776	Jesse Coffey 1775	Joseph Coffey 1785	William Coffey 1782	McCaleb Coffey 1803	James Coffey ~1772	Reuben B Coffey 1759	?				
Reuben Coffey 1805	Amos Greene 1804	Margaret Coffey 1816	Jacob Coffey 1814	Daniel B Coffey 1805	Charles L Coffey 1830	Marvel Coffey ~1820	James Coffey 1790	?	Eli Coffey 1775	Mary Coffey 1785	Eli Coffey 1775	Mary Coffey 1785
Jesse Coffey 1821	Loama Greene 1836	Joseph Coffey 1849	Joseph Coffey 1849	Emily Coffey 1835	(skip)	James G Coffey 1845	Lewis Coffey 1813	Collins Coffee 1809	Newton Eli Coffey 1823	Newton Eli Coffey 1823	Newton Eli Coffey 1823	Newton Eli Coffey 1823
Eliza J Coffey 1854	Coma Henley 1862	Reuben Coffey 1870	Reuben Coffey 1870	Julia Ann Coffey 1855	Julia Ann Coffey 1855	George L Coffey 1891	Lewis Coffey 1850	William T Coffey 1847	William Coffey 1848	William Coffey 1848	Nancy Coffey 1859	Nancy Coffey 1859
Julia Harrison 1882	Genia M Gragg 1883	Wiley Coffey 1902	Wiley Coffey 1902	Charles L Hartley 1877	Charles L Hartley 1877	Charles L Coffey 1923	Milton Coffey 1887	Nora N Coffey 1879	Newton Coffey 1875	Newton Coffey 1875	Alva Williams 1896	Alva Williams 1896
Hardin Wheeler 1920	Ruby White 1918	Wiley Coffey 1928	Wiley Coffey 1928	Martha's Father	Martha's Father			Marjorie M West 1911				
Ronald Wheeler	Ronald Wheeler	Steven Coffey-Schmidt	Steven Coffey-Schmidt	Martha Kirby	Martha Kirby	Sandie (Coffey) Carroll	James Edward Coffey	Loretta J Hector 1938	Dorothy (Coffey) Smith	Dorothy (Coffey) Smith	Glenys (Williams) Mitchell	Glenys (Williams) Mitchell

Marriage of 5th Cousins	Marriage of 1st Cousins	Marriage of 1C1R		Marriage of 1st Cousins	Marriage 1st Cousins
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RELATIONSHIPS TO SANDIE (COFFEY) CARROLL												
6C1R	6C1R	6C1R	6C1R	5C1R	5C	(Self)	6C	~6C?	6C1R	6C1R	6C1R	6C1R



The left part of this table, under the green bar at the top for descendants of John, also shows several people who have done the atDNA test. The first three names all descend from cousin marriages, and thus each has TWO paths back to Edward. And the atDNA test does show the three tested people are related to each other. The “extra dose” of Coffey DNA each got as a result of cousin marriages made the detection of a match significantly more likely.

BUT WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL as to what we claim. This test does not just measure Coffey DNA, it looks at ALL of the DNA from ALL of the ancestors! And these Coffeys were often living in the same general area, and were marrying into many of the same families living nearby. The atDNA test may ACTUALLY be spotting non-Coffey connections with other families that are even closer than the Coffey matches! It can get very complicated! Tim and Terri are pursuing a very sophisticated and complicated analysis of their areas of focus, and in the end they expect to be able to deal with the “complications”. Everything I have to say here is just “rough observations”.

Let’s start to look at what the Family Finder test says about some of these “cousins”: See the boxes at the bottom, connected with dotted red lines, that show what the test perceives as the relationship between any pair. Look first under the two far right persons, and find the connected box for Dorothy and Glenys. For that pair of boxes, it shows the cryptic code “**2-3C, 233/48**”. This says Dorothy and Glenys appear to be “second to third cousins” (they are actually second cousins). They have DNA matches scattered over 233 cM, and the longest strand of matching DNA is 48 cM long. This is an excellent match, as would be expected for second cousins. (Oh, “cM” stands for “centiMorgan”, and it’s a measure of the length of DNA strands.)

Of interest was whether the atDNA test could measure connections leading all the way back to Edward Senior, and tie the two descendant groups together. A match based on Edward Sr. DNA would of course have to be a “Remote” relationship. And there’s only one that might apply. Find the boxes connecting Person 1 (Ron Wheeler) to Person 7 (Dorothy Coffey Smith). That shows a code of “**5-RC, 29/9**”. They are “fifth to remote” cousins, have matches over 29 cM, with the longest segment of 9 cM. That COULD be linking back to Edward, but it would take a lot more samples and more analysis to PROVE it.

None of the other matches are conclusive, and it’s risky to try to draw conclusions.

**(EEE):** Many of you readers will recall **Lorie Okel**, who is recently deceased. Lorie spent 30 years working on Coffey ancestry, often writing articles for these newsletters. And she was the original coordinator of the Coffey DNA Project. Lorie descended from Collins Coffee, but was never able to make a solid connection

from him back to Edward. She suspected Collins descended from Reuben Coffey, son of John, son of Edward.

Lorie was also one of the earliest people to do the atDNA test, but it revealed nothing about her Coffey ancestry – UNTIL NOW! A very recent atDNA test on **Sandie (Coffey) Carroll** was a MATCH. The above table indicates they are “**3-5C, 36/19**” which suggested that Sandie and Lorie are “Third to Fifth Cousins”, with “Fourth Cousin” most likely. Lorie and Sandie are outlined in red in the table above.

If Lorie was right about her guess that she descended from Reuben, she and Sandie would be more like sixth cousins! Perhaps Lorie didn't descend from Reuben, but from his brother Thomas, and maybe through Thomas' son James, as did Sandie? This might be something Lorie's family genealogists would want to investigate more closely?

**(FFF):** We have one more unrelated Coffey Group, with individuals that have done atDNA testing. The “Munster Group” has 13 related members, and of these 5 have done atDNA testing. However looking at the atDNA test results, there are NO matches reported between ANY of the 5 tested men.

This is not surprising, because this is a very ancient Coffey line, which likely goes back many, many generations. And most of the tested members are relatively recent immigrants to America, who don't know their ancestry back more than a very few generations. Most of their connections are likely TOO FAR BACK to be reliably detected by atDNA. However if more members do the atDNA test, there is still a reasonable chance that one or two will show a viable connection?

### **CONCLUSION:**

We invite men who have already done a Coffey y-DNA test to consider an upgrade to include Family Finder. No new sample is required. And we also invite people with a female-line Coffey ancestor to consider signing up for the atDNA test. We don't guarantee you will discover anything new about your own ancestry, but you may add to our database and help others. And as a minimum, you will learn something about your ethnic origin mix. (Hey, haven't you wondered if there was a Native American ancestor back there somewhere?)

The cost is \$59 (holiday sale price), and is the same for upgrades or for new tests.

### **NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION & ACCESS:**

**By Fred Coffey (Contact: [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com) )**

Some observations about publishing these newsletters, and miscellaneous topics:

I (Fred) generally focus on the Coffey DNA Project, and I will address any questions related to that topic. For other input to the newsletters, and most



questions, please direct to Bonnie Culley.

I also manage the distribution list for these newsletters. However we don't really "distribute" it, we just notify interested (hopefully) persons when it is available to be read on the Internet. The newsletters are free and open to anyone who cares to look.

Presently we have 208 persons who receive our notifications. I'm sure most of the readers of this current letter received one of my notices. If you don't want to be on my list, just reply to that notice and say "delete me!". Anyone who wants to join, just send me a note "add my name for newsletters!"

I also manage our "library" of historic newsletters, which you can find at:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CCCNewslettersOnline/>

This includes a fantastic index to all past issues, which is maintained by **R Reams Goodloe, Sr.** Presently his index covers the first 140 newsletters, and has over 50,000 references to newsletter entries!

Want to read about important people in this newsletter archive? Reams' index says that **Bonnie Culley** has 330 references spread over 115 newsletters. **Jack Coffee** has 278 references spread over 94 newsletters. And our first president **Jeff Coffey** has 123 references spread over 70 newsletters.

Speaking of past president **Jeff Coffey** (he's officially known in the index as Thomas Jefferson Coffey Jr.), I had occasion to speak to him via telephone as part of helping Terri Stern with her Hugh Coffey Project (see **AAA** above). Jeff is a descendant of Hugh. He was CCC president from June 1992 through March 2003, and is now 95 years old. He and his wife are doing well, in an assisted living facility.