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President's Message

The following is from the first Coffey/Coffee Cousins Gathering in September 1984 in Boone, NC, written by my father, who presented the keynote address:

We are gathered here today in this very first convention of the Coffey family. We are here because we care about our cousins. We made history and we want to record and preserve our part in it. From Boone's Sierra Echoes, I quote, "Happy is he who remembers his forefathers with pride, who with pleasure relates the stories of their deeds, and then silently rejoicing, sees himself linked to the end of this good chain."

Everyone here would like to know just how we fit into this good chain. With names having dates and places, we are trying to find this answer. Cousin Len, the editor of our paper, 'Coffey Cousin Clearinghouse', is trying to help us find the end of our chain.

A look back first to the 1790 census might help us understand where to look for our people. At this time in all of America, there were just 44 families and 244 people named Coffee or Coffey. These families (by number) were located in these states: MA (2), NY (4), PA (7), MD (2), VA (4), NC (21), and SC (4). So 25 of these families, or 57% lived in the Carolinas.

Written by my father, Walker Jackson Coffey (1906-2000)

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Coffey Cousins Convention St. Louis, Missouri April 23 to 26 2020

Best Western, Kirkwood Inn

Hotel phone 314-821-3950

Thursday night:

\$92 + tax

Friday and Saturday nights:

\$100 + tax

We need 10 room reservations to get a free meeting room. Make your reservations now. (You can cancel if something changes and you can't attend.) Be sure to state that you are part of the Coffey Convention to get the discount.

Additional plans will be published in the December CCC Newsletter.



Editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

Fred has a whole lot of new genealogy research for us again. He is our Sherlock Holmes. Do you have a dead end in your line? Between Fred's DNA work and Jack's huge data base, he can find clues that most of us miss. Could he find yours?

Cousin Diana Holder is working on the convention with real enthusiasm. We will be meeting in the St. Louis, Missouri area on April 23 to 26th, 2020. Be sure to make your reservation early so we can get a free meeting room. We have missed this the last couple of years. We need space where we can get to gather to share files and research ideas. I think it is what has kept us connected for all these years. We help each other. We make friends. We are a proud group of cousins. If you have never been to St. Louis, you need to come to this convention.

I must admit that I haven't been working on my genealogy this quarter either. I had an opportunity to travel to Scotland for 8 days with a group of garden friends. I'm sure you all will say that I shouldn't do something like this at my age. I decided to go as I know almost all in the group of 22. I did not walk all the gardens but spent a lot of time sitting in a castle or in the shade of a beautiful garden. I did not see the name of "Coffee/ey anywhere in Scotland sorry to say. I would love to go back to Ireland and look for them there, but only if I can fly 1st. class!

We got some good news today. Jack Coffee is now cancer free. First time in several years now. Hurrah!! Jack has worked really hard for this. Possibly we will get to see him and Nelda in St. Louis in 2020.

Just a little reminder, this is the 100th year that we ladies have the right to vote. Take the responsibility seriously. Be sure to vote every opportunity. My grandmother couldn't vote and even when she could, legally, grandfather wouldn't let her....

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We Get Mail

(None this quarter.)

THE SHIPPENSBURG COFFEYS:

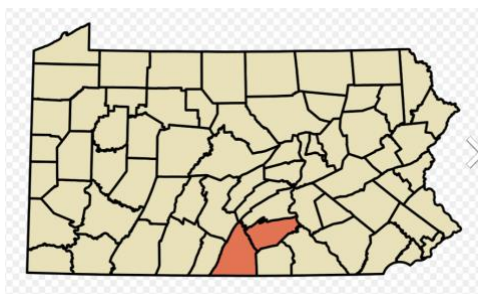
By Fred Coffey, with Karen Dhawan and Sandra Clippinger

Readers of these newsletters know that we are following many different Coffey groups, some of which are related to each other, and some of which are totally unrelated. Our biggest group we call the Edward Group. We also have the Peter Group, which DNA says is related to the Edward Group with connection back in Ireland. We have a Hugh Coffey group, which is quite unrelated

to Edward/Peter. All of these have histories within America that go back to the late 1600's or early 1700's. And we have several other groups with more recent immigration records, sometimes related to the timing of the Irish potato famine. The connections within each group are proven by y-DNA testing.

Today I want to focus on another group, with different DNA versus any other Coffey group. They have significant numbers of members, and some of their members are very competent genealogists. This is an introduction to the "Shippensburg" Coffey Group.

Their origin goes back to Ireland, as does every other Coffey group. But their American roots are in Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of Shippensburg. This is in the center of southern Pennsylvania, on the border between Cumberland and Franklin Counties.



These newsletters have covered many references to members of this group for a long time, trying in part to determine if there are connections of their people to other known Coffey lines. For example, an early writer was **Murl Black Jr.**, who joined CCC as a "new cousin" back in Issue #7, in June 1982.

Other past and recent correspondents have been **Patrick Coffey**, **Karen Spencer Dhawan**, and **Sandra Clippinger**. The following table indicates how they all MIGHT have fit into a common descendant report:

- (1) Thomas Coffey (1730 - 29 Jun 1796) & Mary Amnott (abt 1732 -)
 - (2) William Coffey & Elizabeth
 - (3) James Coffey (11 Apr 1795 - 2 Oct 1878) & Mary Highlands (abt 1812 - 1836)
 - (4) George Washington Coffey (22 Feb 1832 - 21 Apr 1918) & Catherine Anne Eckenrode (23 Sep 1837 - 9 Feb 1922)
 - (5) Eden Robert Coffey (28 Oct 1868 - 3 Apr 1958) & Alice Marie Lewis (20 Jul 1885 - 7 Nov 1962)
 - (6) Nina Pearl Coffey (4 Oct 1915 - 7 Nov 2000) & Murl Olen Black Sr. (5 Jul 1899 - 11 Jun 1975)
 - (7) **Murl Olen Black Jr.** (25 Jun 1937 - 20 Jan 2004)
 - (7) (Daughter) Black & ? Spencer (**actual: 4C1R to Sandra Clippinger**)
 - (8) **Karen Spencer & Dhawan**
 - (6) Ray W Coffey (14 Mar 1926 - 3 Apr 2007)
 - (7) Ray Coffey (**37-marker y-DNA test #592071**)
 - (3) Thomas Coffey (abt 1806 -) & Mary Bennett (abt 1811 -)
 - (4) John C Coffey (abt 1848 - 23 Jun 1887) & Sarah M Warren (28 Jun 1848 - 17 Feb 1913)
 - (5) Cora Mae Coffey (18 Apr 1875 - 20 Oct 1961) & David William Hancock (11 Jan 1869 - 11 Jan 1921)
 - (6) Esther Grace Hancock (18 Jul 1900 - 16 Dec 1972) & Guy William John Clippinger (22 Aug 1900 - 22 May 1976)
 - (7) Guy Leslie Clippinger (11 Jul 1925 - 15 Sep 2016) & (Private)
 - (8) **Sandra Clippinger** (**actual: 4C1R to Karen's mother**)
- (2) James E Coffey (17 Aug 1759 - 20 Dec 1836) & Mary Leeper (17 Aug 1769 - 20 Dec 1836)
 - (3) James Leeper Coffey (25 Dec 1791 - 22 Jun 1837) & Mary Ramsey (12 Oct 1804 - 2 Feb 1894)
 - (4) Samuel Robert Coffey (17 Jun 1829 - 17 May 1886) & Mary Jane Rankin (17 Jan 1826 - 2 Sep 1873)
 - (5) Thomas B.R. Coffey (16 Feb 1865 - 17 Jun 1926) & Alice Caroline Dorsett (22 Feb 1866 - 14 Mar 1954)
 - (6) Leroy Franklin Coffey (28 Jul 1888 - 24 Sep 1939) & Caldonia Mae "Donie" Moore (19 Feb 1901 - 24 Sep 1984)
 - (7) **Patrick Aca Coffey** (17 Mar 1940 -) (**12-marker y-DNA test #82799**)

For the remainder of this article, I will present it as a conversation between **Fred** (me), **Karen** and **Sandra**. (Memo: Karen previously contributed to a very extensive article about the part of her family that starts with her (3) James Coffey (1795-1878). This has far more detail about her line. See CCC Newsletter #142, pages 10-13.)

Fred: For this report, my goal is to discuss what we are learning about this family from DNA testing. I have no expertise about the genealogy shown above, and leave it to Karen and Sandra to advise if the above genealogy is plausible. It is my impression that there are significant uncertainties about the first couple of generations for each line.

Sandra: I just recently found out that my Great-Great-Great Grandfather John Coffey (1848-1887) died in a sawmill accident in 1887. I checked to see that through census records John Coffey's father was Thomas Coffey. Born 1806. Death date unknown. Another Thomas Coffey, who died in 1796 had 2 wills made. One in 1787 & another in 1796. I have no idea where William falls in the family. I did see that Thomas, who died in 1796 had another brother, Robert, who fought in American Revolution Besides Thomas.

Karen: (Responding to Sandra's concern about William:) Yes, I have my Great, Great, Great Grandfather James Coffey (born 1795) as the brother of Sandra's Thomas Coffey (born 1806). I also have their father as William Coffey (see *Biographical annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania : containing biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens and of many of the early settled families.* Chicago: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1905, where a section was written on James Coffey's son, John Coffey, and says that John's parents were James and Mary Highlands Coffey and that his grandfather was William Coffey, a native of Pennsylvania. This is the only record I have of the relationship of my Great, Great, Great Grandfather James Coffey and William Coffey. There is also a will of a William Coffey from 1828 that mentions James and Thomas as well as other children.

It is difficult to discern where all the Thomas, William, James, George, and Robert Coffeys fit in the family tree as these names were used in each generation in each family unit. I have found some valuable information in detailed land disputes and other court cases that list names and family relationships and have done my best with information in wills, land records, and military records.

Fred: Karen reported that on Ancestry.com autosomal DNA tests, Sandra is reported as a "5th-8th cousin" of Karen's mother. IF, repeat IF, the above genealogy is accurate, then they are ACTUALLY 4C1R (fourth cousin, once removed). This test is showing a plausible connection, given that the at-DNA test is not really reliable at that range, and given that there could be other non-Coffey connections within their family.

Karen: Also, It is possible that AncestryDNA is showing a relationship between my mother and another son of Thomas Coffey (who died in 1796), John Coffey. While there are a few DNA matches to people who show John Coffey (born 1772 and who married Ruth Mitchell born 1768 and moved to Highland County, Ohio) as their ancestor and as the son of Thomas Coffey (died 1796), I am not sure if there is a missing father of John Coffey who is the actual son of Thomas or if Thomas could have been married a second time and this John has a different mother. My confusion is that there was also a John Coffey serving in the Revolutionary War in the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania area who I though was probably a son of Thomas Coffey (died 1796).

Fred: The y-DNA test, which is “male line only”, is better for longer range comparisons. Patrick was an early testee back in 2007, when he got the 12-marker test (which was the test available at that time). While I would love to see an upgraded test for Patrick, I have not been able to re-establish communications with him. However he does have a perfect 12-marker match to Ray Coffey, and given other information, that is sufficient to convince that they are related.

Ray Coffey, Karen’s 1C1R, has a broader 37-marker test. He has NO matches to anyone in our “Coffey/Coffee” database, confirming that this family is not connected to any of our known Coffey groups.

Ray does have matches to men with surnames Brady, Preimesberger, and Hiscock. Of these, only “Brady” is a common Irish name. The genetic distance for all of them is “4”, which is not very close, suggesting less than a 50% probability the connection is within 8 generations. Note the Shippensburg Coffey Group has been present in the USA for only about 7 generations.

A caution: There are very many trees on Ancestry that include the James E Coffey (1759 – 1836) who married Mary Leeper, and there are many references to this couple in these historic newsletters. The above tree suggests this James is the son of the Thomas Coffey who married Mary Amcott. I’ll leave research/proof on that to Karen and Sandra.

But there are quite a few trees that say the James who married Mary Leeper is the son of the Reverend James Coffey (1729) who married Elizabeth Cleveland. DNA says that is ABSOLUTELY NOT POSSIBLE! This Rev. James Coffey is well known to be a descendant of the Edward Coffey line, and the DNA would not match. (Rev. James Coffey did have a son James Jr., but his wife was Mary Moore, not Mary Leeper.)

(James Coffey / Mary Leeper are discussed in many old editions of these newsletters, going back to at least 1984. Back then, before DNA, people likely assumed there probably WAS a connection to the Edward Group -- they just had to find it. The confusion may go back to Newsletter Issue 72, pages 10-11, dated September 1998, which vaguely implies a DAR reference had been found that made that connection.)

I will bring this conversation to the attention of Terri Stern, who manages the "Hugh Coffey Project", which is another relatively small group that is quite separate from other larger Coffey groups. She has far more expertise in the analysis of autosomal DNA tests than I do. Also she may have suggestions about how you might organize your studies of the Shippensburg Coffeys.

Karen: I would agree that exact relationships in these much older generations are not proven. I would love to work with someone who has an excellent handle on DNA and is an experienced genealogist on this. While I have worked with this family for a few years now and have gathered much information as well as have taken a genealogy course from Boston University, I still find it hard to feel very certain about this portion of my family tree.

THE "BOONE" PUZZLE:

By Fred Coffey

We have long known that there is a Boone family line with Coffey DNA, but have never worked out the exact connection. Charles Kenneth “Ken” Boone, one of the tested men, recently obtained a y-DNA upgrade to 111-markers, and the results are now available. I decided to review ALL the information I had, trying to see if that test changed my perception of where Ken Boone’s connection to the Coffey line might have occurred.

The short answer: I don't see anything that offers significant new conclusions. But I'll ramble on a bit anyway:

The y-DNA comparison-standard used previously was Luther Coffey, who we firmly believe had 67-marker results that were a perfect match to the family patriarch "Edward Coffey" (who arrived in America prior to 1699). Ken matched Luther on 64/67 markers. Unfortunately, we could not get a 111-marker test on Luther (he is now deceased), so we cannot upgrade that comparison.

Ken's best match at 111-markers is actually to me (Fred), where we have a genetic distance of "5" (i.e., we match on 106 of the 111 markers). I matched Luther on 66/67, so in that respect I am very similar to Luther.

FTDNA does have a probabilistic "Time Predictor" analysis for differences in y-DNA between two people. However it provides only a relatively broad range of times. And fundamentally, the difference between a 67-marker analysis at a distance of 4, and a 111-marker analysis at a distance of 5, is quite minor. It doesn't really give us any new information to help pin down timing.

Sometimes a connection can be identified by looking at individual markers. For example, Ken had a known tested 2nd cousin, Ron Boone, and they each have a value of "12" on marker #1, and a value of "29" on marker #12. Those values seem unique to the two of them, and are almost certainly mutations after the Boone line became separate from Coffey. There are no Coffeys matching those markers. And I can't see any marker matches out to 67-markers that would seem to tie "Boone" to any of the dozens of Coffey lines.

The problem with looking for unique markers on out to 111-markers, is that there are VERY few people who are tested to 111-markers! It's a stretch, but Ken does have a value of "26" on Marker #73 (DYS714) that seems unusual. Will come back to that later.

As previously observed, Ken does have autosomal DNA matches to a few Coffey people. In particular, it reports he is "3rd Cousin to 5th Cousin" versus Dorothy Coffey Smith and versus David Randall Coffey. However we do not know if that match is Coffey related, or related to some other common non-Coffey ancestor. And also both Dorothy and David have marriages of cousins in their ancestry, which gives them more "Coffey" DNA than usual, and EVEN if the match is "Coffey" it may be more distant than 3rd – 5th cousins. I don't think this test gives us ANY useful information. (Also, Dorothy and David have lines that don't connect to each other until you get all the way back to Edward, and they do not show a match to each other.)

What else can we consider? In some earlier work, we had reached the conclusion that there were three ancestors of Ken Boone that might have had a "Coffey" biological father. Ken's early ancestry was as follows:

- (1) Israel Boone (1726)
- (2) Jonathan Boone (1750)
- (3) **Thomas Boone (1774)** Mother: Elizabeth Wilson?
- (4) **Jonathan Boone (1812)** Mother: Sarah Wilson
- (5) **Thomas Boone (1846)** Mother: Sarah Ann Thomason

In earlier examination, the three marked in red were thought to be the most likely to have had an unknown "Coffey" biological father. Could we identify areas where the Coffey and Boone families were likely to be hanging out together, and could we identify possible Coffey "suspects" who might have had a relationship with one of the mothers? We know there were several

Coffey/Boone marriages, and the location where they lived might be most promising for finding Coffey/Boone people interacting?

Thanks to information in Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project) we do have genealogical analyses of extensive Coffey lines. Upon examination for known marriages, we find that three daughters of Jesse Boone (1748) had married three Coffey brothers! (Jesse was the brother of Ken's ancestor Jonathan, and Jesse and Jonathan both lived in nearby locations in North Carolina.) Here are Jesse Boone's children, with Hannah, Anna, and Rachel Boone married to Smith, William and Marvel Coffey:

- (1) Jesse Boone (ca 1748 - 11 Dec 1829) & Sarah McMahan (ca 1750 - 1830)
- (2) Jonathan Boone (ca 1774 -)
- (2) Daniel Boone (ca 1777 -)
- (2) Israel Boone (7 Feb 1780 - 13 Oct 1829) & Elizabeth Moore (23 Sep 1787 - 13 Oct 1839)
- (2) Sarah Boone & Jonathan Wilson
- (2) **Hannah Boone (ca 1783 - 22 Nov 1886) & Smith Coffey (ca 1776 - 1839)**
- (2) **Anna Boone (26 Jul 1785 - 16 Jan 1876) & William Coffey (29 Nov 1782 - 15 May 1839)**
- (2) Celia Caroline Boone (ca 1790 - 29 Oct 1874) & William Buchanan Gragg (ca 1788 - 1856)
- (2) **Rachel Boone (ca 1793 -) & Marvel Coffey (ca 1790 - bef 17 Aug 1840)**

What do things look like on the Coffey side? Smith, William and Marvel Coffey are ALL sons of Thomas Coffey (1742 – 1825). Were there OTHER descendants of this Thomas, in the same area, who might have had a relationship with one of the mothers of the three ancestors of Ken identified above? Well, this Thomas Coffey had 16 children (12 sons) by two wives. And many of Thomas' grandsons would also be of appropriate ages at the right time. Eliminating all the female lines, here is our list of possible "suspects", starting with descent from Edward Coffey who married Ann Powell: (Will explain the "green" extensions shortly.)

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell
- (2) John Coffey (BET 1699 AND 1700 - BET JAN 1775 AND FEB 1775) & Jane Graves (ca 1708 - 1792)
- (3) **Thomas Coffey* (7 Mar 1742 - Apr 1825) & Elizabeth Smith (- BET 1775 AND 1780)**
 - (4) John Franklin Coffey (ca 1765 - ca 1812) & Hannah Wilson (1769 - 13 Sep 1862)
 - (5) James Wilson Coffey (15 Dec 1805 - 30 Nov 1863) & Malena Coffey (19 Feb 1816 - 12 Mar 1892)
 - (4) Thomas Coffey Jr.* (ca 1767 -) & Margaret Coffey (ca 1798 - ca 1825)
 - (5) Joshua T. Coffey (1821 - 1891) & Rebecca Shepherd (7 Mar 1824 - 11 Mar 1879)
 - (4) Thomas Coffey Jr.* (ca 1767 -) & Nancy Pendley (ca 1800 -)
 - (5) Perry Coffey (ca 1825 - bef 1900) & Manerva (ca 1827 - Apr 1860)
 - (6) **Gabriel Russell Coffey (ca 1845 -) & Margaret Caroline Rodgers (1851 - 20 Oct 1919)**
 - (7) **John Coffey (1874 -)**
 - (8) **Claude Allen Coffey (21 Mar 1894 - 21 Feb 1949)**
 - (9) **Raymond Allen Coffey (16 Jun 1931 -) (37-marker y-DNA Kit #25118)**
- (5) James Asbury Coffey (Dec 1831 - ca 1866) & Chainey Gragg (6 Feb 1834 - 14 Feb 1923)
- (4) James Coffey (ca 1772 -) & Delilah Ferguson
 - (5) Thomas Coffey (ca 1804 -) & Nancy Barlow (ca 1804 -)
 - (5) James Coffey Jr. (ca 1800 -) & Mary Keller (ca 1816 -)
 - (5) Eli Coffey (ca 1813 -) & Louisa Caroline Storie (Apr 1831 -)
 - (5) Marvel Coffey (1822 - bef 1880) & Nancy E. Pendley (ca 1818 -)
- (4) **Smith Coffey (ca 1776 - 1839) & Hannah Boone (ca 1783 - 22 Nov 1886)**
 - (5) Squire Coffey (ca 1803 - bef 1846) & Nancy Moore (13 Jun 1806 - 1826)
 - (5) John Morgan Coffey (ca 1802 - aft Jun 1880) & Elizabeth Day (ca 1817 -)
 - (5) Leland Coffey (ca 1806 - 22 Dec 1895) & Myra Day (29 Jan 1812 - 11 Oct 1879)
 - (5) Isaac Coffey (5 Jan 1813 - 18 Sep 1893) & Sarah Estes (Mar 1820 -)
 - (5) Athan Coffey (27 Jan 1820 - Jun 1881) & Mary McGuire (15 Sep 1821 -)
- (3) **Thomas Coffey* (7 Mar 1742 - Apr 1825) & Sarah Fields (ca 1750 - 21 Nov 1828)**
 - (4) **William Coffey (29 Nov 1782 - 15 May 1839) & Anna Boone (26 Jul 1785 - 16 Jan 1876)**

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- (5) Daniel Boone Coffey (12 Nov 1805 - 21 Jan 1862) & Clarissa Estes (18 Jul 1817 - 17 Jul 1884)
- (5) Welborn Coffey (14 May 1807 - 27 Nov 1897) & Sarah Cottrell (1 May 1812 - 25 Mar 1894)
- (5) Gilliam Coffey (21 May 1810 - 8 Jan 1910) & Mary Moore (ca 1820 - 26 May 1871)
- (5) Calvin Coffey (30 Sep 1819 - 2 Apr 1847) & Mary Greene (2 Feb 1820 - 23 Jun 1871)
- (4) Rev. Reuben A. Coffey (15 Sep 1785 - 11 Feb 1854) & Martha Dowell (21 Sep 1788 - 11 Feb 1867)
- (5) Alfred Martin Coffey (14 Jan 1807 - 5 Jun 1836) & Jane Graves Coffey (8 Mar 1811 - 24 Jun 1855)
- (5) Albert Coffey (22 Feb 1810 - 5 Jan 1837) & Sarah Goodnight (ca 1803 - ca 1880)
- (5) Rev. Cornelius Coffey (1 Mar 1812 - 18 Sep 1852) & Margaret Smith (abt 1818 -)
- (5) Luther Coffey (ca 1818 - Apr 1850) & Myra Crisp
- (5) Rufus Coffey (20 May 1820 - 26 Jan 1886) & Charlotta Allen (25 Mar 1821 - 10 Sep 1882)
- (5) Shelton Coffey (1 Feb 1826 - 24 Mar 1907) & Dicy Sanders (25 Dec 1824 - 6 Apr 1900)
- (5) Adoniram (Adnoviam?) Judson Coffey (6 Jan 1830 - 7 Apr 1882) & Emily Caroline Rhone ()
- (4) Elijah Coffey (1788 - 1864) & Mary Hull (ca 1790 -)
- (5) Louis Anderson Coffee (1819 - 6 Jun 1902) & Cynthia Crow (Sep 1834 -)
- (5) Newton H. Coffey (ca 1824 -)
- (5) Milton Coffey (ca 1826 -)
- (5) Starling Timothy Coffee (23 Jul 1829 - 27 Nov 1909) & Nancy Tyler Cannon (ca 1831 -)
- (5) Alfred Alphonso Coffey (10 May 1831 - 10 Dec 1915) & Julia Ann Dawkins (17 Feb 1838 - 14 Mar 1906)
- (4) **Marvel Coffey (ca 1790 - bef 17 Aug 1840) & Rachel Boone (ca 1793 -)**
- (5) Irvin S. Coffey (ca 1822 -) & Nancy Hughes (7 Feb 1826 -)
- (5) Squire Coffey (6 May 1828 - 8 Sep 1912) & Drucilla Parker (18 Dec 1833 - 20 Aug 1901)
- (5) William Brazeal Coffey (1824 -)
- (5) Campbell Coffey (ca 1831 - 8 May 1892) & Elizabeth Caroline Eads (1 Mar 1834 - 11 Sep 1900)
- (4) Lewis Coffey (25 May 1796 - 23 Feb 1854) & Harriet E. Powell (17 Mar 1811 - 12 May 1877)
- (5) Judge Richard L. Coffey (7 May 1835 - 1 May 1901) & Margaret Litton (4 Mar 1833 - 5 Jan 1857)
- (5) Rev. Jasper Hill Coffey (6 Aug 1838 - 28 Aug 1921) & China Frances Culp (20 Jan 1846 - 12 Mar 1903)
- (4) Jesse S. Coffey (19 Jul 1799 - 8 Oct 1858) & Winifred Crumpton (20 Nov 1801 - 11 Nov 1863)***
- (5) Thomas Walton Coffey (1823 - bef 1850) & Elizabeth Roper
- (6) **John Lewis Coffey (16 May 1844 - 28 Nov 1927) & Celia Angeline Jones (3 Apr 1851 - 6 Jan 1932)**
- (7) **William Stone Coffey (27 Sep 1884 - 7 Sep 1972) & Nannie B. (8 Jan 1879 - 25 Sep 1948)**
- (8) **Fred Braxton Coffey (18 Apr 1910 - 27 Jul 1998) & Hazel Edith Perry (20 Sep 1915 - 26 Mar 1998)**
- (9) **Johnny Perry Coffey (13 Sep 1943 -) (67-marker y-DNA + Family Finder, Kit #868331)**
- (5) Thomas Walton Coffey (1823 - bef 1850) & Elizabeth Roper
- (5) Larkin D. Coffey (18 Oct 1824 - 10 Oct 1887) & Temperence Elaine Gravitt (2 Jun 1827 - 17 Oct 1887)
- (5) Lewis Elbert Coffey (ca 1827 -) & Hester Gravitt (1832 -)
- (3) **Elizabeth Coffey (ca 1749 - aft 1807) & Thomas Fields Esq. (ca 1747 - 1807)**
- (4) **Jane Fields (ca 1770 - ca 1853) & Hezekiah Crumpton (FROM 1744 TO 1755 - ca 1821)**
- (5) **Winifred Crumpton (20 Nov 1801 - 11 Nov 1863) & Jesse S. Coffey (19 Jul 1799 - 8 Oct 1858)*****
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***MEMO: Jesse S Coffey and Winifred Crumpton are 1C1R, both with Coffey ancestry.

We do have some DNA tests on two descendants of this Thomas Coffey's family, and their relevant descendant paths are extended in green above. Note that the tested person Johnny P Coffey has two paths back, through a son of Thomas Coffey, and through Thomas' sister Elizabeth. And yes, there are y-DNA matches of the male lines to Ken Boone. But that y-DNA test is not specific enough detail ancestry, it just proves they are all descendants of Edward.

And these possible connections are simply too distant to show Family Finder matches.

There is one remote possibility of a meaningful y-DNA match. Ken has an unusual value of "26" on Marker #73 (DYS714). That is likely a mutation that occurred in the Boone line after

separation from Coffey. However if one of these two previously-tested Thomas Coffey descendants were to upgrade to 111-markers, and if it showed they had the value of “26”, that would support the probability of the connection to Thomas Coffey. But it wouldn't really narrow down the list of “suspects” within Thomas' family.

(Memo: I have had recent communication with Johnny Perry Coffey's contact, and could approach him seeking the upgrade. The cost would be about \$99. It's not clear that Johnny himself would see any benefit for the upgrade, but we could open the discussion. One option is that Ken might offer to pay for it?)

Discussion?

Followup: from Ken Boone (ancestor@bellsouth.net): Thank you for your interest and help in finding my Boones among your Coffeys. Print all of it. I enjoyed reading it and hope to learn more about the Coffey/Boone connection. You can use my email for I would like to hear from anyone who wishes to contact me.

BOONE CONNECTIONS: DIGGING DEEPER:

By Fred Coffey, with Jack Coffee

I sent an early draft of the above article to Jack Coffee, including a protest that we were not finding enough articles for this current newsletter edition. Jack responded that he had no comments about the Boone article, but he added “Fred, feel free to use any of the 1.4k+ Edward Blogs as 'filler' for the newsletter when other contributions are light.”

Fourteen hundred blogs! There has to be a vast source of information! I accepted his challenge, and turned to

<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com>

And I put one of the subjects from the previous article, “Rachel Boone” into the search box. Several references popped up, and scrolling down I found the following discussion:

“August 31, 2009

[Marvel Coffey](#)

“As long as I've been researching Coffee/Coffey families I've read that other researchers who are interested in the Marvel Coffey who married Rachel Boone, have concluded that he was named Asbury Marvel Coffey. As one who has taken those researchers to be accurate (for the most part), I continued the search for Marvel's father without any success.

“Just recently, with thanks to Janet de la Peña and Bonnie Culley, I received a copy of the Jesse Boone will. Jesse was the father of Rachel. In his will Jesse divided his estate between Daniel Boon [sic], Israel Boon, Jonithan Boon, Marvel Coffey, Jonithan [sic] Wilson, Smith Coffey, William Gregg [sic] [Gragg], and William Coffey. The will was written on Nov. 23, 1829 and recorded in McMinn Co., TN.

“Jonathan, Daniel and Israel were his sons. Smith Coffey was his son-in-law, husband of Hannah, Jesse's daughter. William Coffey was also a son-in-law, husband of Anna Boone. William "Buck" Gragg was a son-in-law, husband of Celia Boone and Marvel Coffey, a son-in-law, husband of Rachel.

“Jonithan Wilson may be the John Wilson who married Rebecca Coffey. Rebecca was the daughter of John Franklin Coffey, another son of Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith.

“Jesse appointed Asbury M. Coffey and his son Israel as executors of his will.

"It is likely that many people reading this will believe that Asbury M. Coffey was the son-in-law, Marvel. However, Asbury M. was really Asbury Madison Coffey, an attorney in McMinn county at that time and believed to be the son of Eli and Hannah Allen Coffey. Asbury Madison later achieved fame in Kansas and Missouri."

(The discussion goes on to discuss his logic.)

Readers will recognize many of the names from the previous article. If you have a person of interest, you might turn to Jack's "blogs" and see what you can find. You can, of course, also acquire Jack's Edward Coffey Project (ECP) by following this link:

<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/p/edward-coffey-project-explained.htm>

UPDATES ON HUGH COFFEY DNA PROJECT:

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DNA Evidence now Public at WikiTree: A number of the Hugh Coffey Project members are now using [WikiTree](#), the free collaborative family tree website that combines source links and DNA. Since [Betsy Coffey Berry](#), [Richard Lee Coffey](#), and [Richard William Coffey](#) are at WikiTree, I was able to publicly confirm their common ancestors, [Hugh Coffey b 1784](#) and [Margaret Walker](#). This was done by confirming that their DNA kits share a common triangulated DNA segment of 22.3 cMs using the One-to-One Autosomal DNA Comparison Tool at the free site [GEDmatch](#). The next step is to get more descendants of [Hugh Coffey b 1750](#) and [Agnes Montgomery](#) to join WikiTree. Hugh and Agnes are also the parents of: [John Coffey b 1775](#) who married [Esther Givens](#), [Henry Coffey b 1787](#) who married [Rebecca Kirk](#).

Descendants of Hugh Coffey b 1770: Three descendants of Hugh Coffey and Margaret Moore through their daughter Jincy Coffey have now joined the Hugh Coffey Project: Shannon Birdwell, his mother Mary Birdwell and his maternal uncle Delton Stephens. Their autosomal DNA tests are showing they match descendants of [Rebecca Coffey](#) and [William Gault](#), giving an indication that Hugh born 1770 may be descended from one of Rebecca's brothers, which include [John Coffey b 1730](#) who married [Susannah Watson](#). Analysis is ongoing to triangulate the segments and validate there are other descendants of Rebecca and William or John and Susannah on the same segment.

Links to WikiTree now on Hugh Coffey Project: The [Hugh Coffey Project](#) now has links to the WikiTree profiles for Hugh's descendants. This will make it easier for members and prospective members to see the sources and biographies of his descendants along with any DNA descendants registered at WikiTree.

INFORMATION RESOURCE LINKS: We're going to continue using this last page to show where you can find some good sources of information:

NEWSLETTER QUERIES:

If you wish to pose a query to the newsletter, or offer an article or a suggestion, send to **Bonnie Culley** at Beuley@embarqmail.com. Unless it's a question primarily about DNA, in which case send it to FredCoffey@aol.com. (Fred also maintains the newsletter distribution list, and can be contacted if you wish to receive notification when new newsletters are published.)

OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES:

The "Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse" has access to a very substantial database of information about families with the Coffey or Coffee surname, or those connected to such a family. We are trying to consolidate access to all of these sources in a single location. If you are looking for ANY Coffey-related information, click on the following:

[THE COFFEY/COFFEE SURNAME: GENEALOGY INFORMATION ROADMAP](#)

www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html

You can find information on Jack Coffee's Edward Coffey Project here:

<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/p/edward-coffey-project-explained.htm>

Memo: You can also use Jack's Blog for research, see discussion article on Page 10.

<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com>