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President's Message

Greetings:

As this strange, unprecedented year called 2020 draws to a close, I want to wish all Cousins a bright and healthful 2021. We have much for which to be thankful, and even in the midst of this pandemic, let us meditate on our many blessings, which include being Americans, living in the greatest of all nations. Remember our ancestors who left the only lands they had ever known to come to this new, mysterious land to make a better life under the guidance of The Almighty. May we draw upon the strength, hope, determination, and character of our forbears as we transition into this new year.

Betsy Coffey Berry

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CONVENTION THOUGHTS:

by Betsy Berry, Bonnie Culley, Diana Holder, and Fred Coffey

The group of us had a very short conversation about possible planning for a CCC Convention in 2021. We decided no real planning could be done until the COVID vaccinations have progressed greatly. So for now, further discussion has been deferred.



Editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

Christmas is a real downer this year. The virus is bad enough, but we have lost a very good friend and supporter in Jack Coffee. The obituary appears later in this newsletter, but I want to say my goodbye to Jack as well.

From the first convention that Jack and Nelda showed up, Jack was helping other researchers. I could always count on them when we had any kind of problem. Jack was better than most of us on computer research and he almost immediately started helping others. Then when Jeff Coffey wasn't able to come to a convention, I twisted Jack's arm and persuaded him to take over as President of the Convention that year. He was elected as President served in this position for a number of years and would still be President if he hadn't decided that it was time for someone else to serve. He and Nelda hosted at least 5 conventions that I can think of. Nelda might want to correct me on this as I may have missed another one. Jack could set them up on the computer for us and they always were exceptional.

When my husband became incapacitated and I no longer had time for this newsletter, you can guess who I asked for help: Jack was there again to pick up the reins and edit the newsletter. When he was diagnosed with cancer, he asked me to take it back and of course I couldn't say no. I'm sure that you all know that Fred is actually doing the real work now, not me. Jack and Fred became good friends and worked together really well. We are so blessed to have these two.

Jack Coffee will definitely be sadly missed by me and all the Coffey Cousins. We wish to send our sympathy to Nelda and their children.

What can we do to honor Jack's work? He would love to see his project's use continue in his honor. Fred and Jack's son, Chris Coffee will be managing it. Jack was very proud of this Project and we are too. He made sure that it would continue to be able to be used.

Merry Christmas,

Bonnie Culley

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We Get Mail

(No new letters to address this quarter.)

JACK COFFEE OBITUARY:

(Memorial Services for Jack Kenneth Coffee were held on Thursday, October 29, 2020. Full Military Honors were bestowed by The United States Army. Burial was at Louisiana National Cemetery. See Find-a-Grave Memorial #217900398.)

Jack K Coffee, age 80, died on October 22, 2020, in Sunset, LA. He was born December 1, 1939, in Baton Rouge, LA to Velma I. Roe, daughter of Archie A. and Lillian Smith Roe, who raised him. He retired in 1995 as a Senior Inspector at ExxonMobil where he began civilian life in 1968. While employed by ExxonMobil he had assignments in Saudi Arabia and in Singapore.



Jack served his country for more than eight years of active duty in the US Army and more than two years in the US Army Reserve, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a school trained German linguist and served overseas in France and Germany. From 1966 to 1968 he was assigned to a unit along the East-West German border where he was responsible for interviewing East Germans who survived the crossing to the West.

He was married to his "Babe", Nelda Laurent Coffee in November 1959 shortly after entering the service. They were married for 60 years at their last anniversary. This union produced three children: Danel Coffee, Macaluso Brodie and her husband Tom Brodie of The Woodlands, TX and her three children, Mark (Mackey), Anthony and Sarah; Stephen A. and his wife Suzanne Keigley Coffee of Fairview, TN and their children Brandon and Haley (Haley Belle); and Christopher L. and Nicole Broussard Coffee of Fort Mill, SC and their children Christopher Cole and Andrew.

In addition to his wife, children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, he is survived by a sister, Betty S. Talbert Faust and her children and grandchildren. Jack is also survived by several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1966 and maternal grandparents, Archie in 1990 and Lillian in 1993.

JACK COFFEE AND THE COFFEE/EY COUSINS:

By Fred Coffey

Jack Coffee has had a long history with the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse (CCC). He first appeared in the March 1988 newsletter as a "new cousin". By 1995 (the year Jack retired) he and Nelda were hosts for that year's CCC Convention in Baton Rouge, LA. In June 2003 he made his appearance as the new president of the CCC. In 2004 he began to work with Lorie Okel to promote DNA testing. By March 2008 he began discussing the availability of his Edward Coffey Project (ECP) via a CD. He was editor and publisher of this newsletter from 2012 to

2016. And he was actively contributing his expertise via direct consultations and newsletter articles throughout.

The last previous issue (#156) of this newsletter included an extensive discussion of Jack's fantastic ECP.

Jack was one of the earliest participants in the Coffey DNA Project, enrolling at about the same time as I (Fred) did. His family had long suspected that there might be a "Mills" family involved in his genealogy, and his y-DNA test did confirm that he indeed had Mills male-line genetics. Jack recruited his 3C1R Aaron Vahid Coffee for a test to verify the Mills connection.

Here's the profile that Jack finally worked out for his own line in the ECP. Jack's GGGrandfather Lilburn Jackson Coffee got his Coffey/Coffee name from his mother Sarah, but his biological father was Hardy Mills. (Owners of a copy of the ECP can dig in and read the details of Jack's analysis.)

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell (BET 1683 AND 1685 - BET OCT 1744 AND DEC 1744)
- (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) & Sarah Fields (ca 1750 - 21 Nov 1828)
- (4) Sarah Coffey (ca 1792 -) & Hardy Mills (ca 1763 - 6 Mar 1841) (**Sarah's descendants have MILLS y-DNA**)
- (5) Lilburn Jackson Coffee (BET 1822 AND 1824 - ca 1877) & Sarah Hannah Taylor (ca 1823 - Mar 1860)
- (6) John Fielding Coffee (Dec 1842 - 19 Apr 1911) & Fannie Thompson (2 Apr 1854 - 18 May 1888)
- (7) Robert Marvin Coffee (30 Sep 1879 - 14 Apr 1944) & M Alice Jones (abt 1881 - 11 Aug 1907)
- (8) Robert Donald Coffee (6 Nov 1906 - 20 Sep 1974)
- (9) Robert Donald Coffee Jr (8 Apr 1945 - 7 Oct 1984) & Linda Dianne Hay (14 Mar 1948 - 19 Nov 2008)
- (10) Aaron Vahid Coffee (1969 -) (**y-DNA Test + at-DNA Test**)
- (6) James M. Coffee (ca 1845 -) & Mary Elizabeth Bowman (5 Mar 1846 - ca Aug 1883)
- (7) Albert Lilburn Coffee (22 Jan 1873 - 26 Mar 1960) & Ora Elizabeth Braley (14 Jan 1884 - 7 Mar 1984)
- (8) Frank Hurley Coffee (8 Mar 1910 - 4 Sep 1976) & Velma Imogene Roe (29 Oct 1923 - 18 Mar 1966)
- (9) Jack Kenneth Coffee (1 Dec 1939 - 22 Oct 2020) & Nelda Laurent (11 Mar 1940 -) (**y-DNA Test**)
- (10) Danel Marie Coffee (29 May 1961 -)
- (10) Stephen Allen Coffee (12 May 1964 -)
- (10) Christopher Lee Coffee (21 Dec 1970 -)

THE EDWARD COFFEY PROJECT:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

Most of you are aware of the Edward Coffey Project (ECP) previously managed by the deceased Jack Coffee (see above articles). This is a VERY valuable resource, and we want to maintain availability. (If you're unclear on the ECP, see the last issue (#156) of this newsletter. It has extensive discussion of the ECP.)

Previously, Jack offered links to his online "Blog" page, where you could order a copy of the ECP. Upon request Jack would send the Project out on a USB "Thumb Drive" and charge a shipping and handling fee of \$35.

His son, Chris Coffee (chriscoffee70@gmail.com) hopes to ultimately pick up work on the ECP, but for the time being he needs time to get his mind wrapped around how to best proceed. On an interim basis, until Chris decides how he wants to manage things in the future, I will assist Chris, and we will keep the ECP available to anyone who needs it. I can prepare and send the USB drives. If anyone wishes a copy of the ECP in the near term, send email messages to BOTH Chris and to me (FredCoffey@aol.com). If Chris agrees, I will send. Before Chris gives me permission to send out the ECP to anyone, he will tell you if/how he wants a fee.

Jack was always prepared to answer any questions related to his vast knowledge about known or possible descendants of Edward Coffey. I invite any readers for now to submit such questions to me (Fred). In addition to having access to most of Jack's work, I also take questions about Coffey/Coffee lines that are quite unrelated to Edward. (See the "CoffeyRoadmap" link at the end of this newsletter, to get an idea of the thousands of pages of resources that are available.)

If you have a question to ask, make sure you give me some details about your ancestry that I can work with. Give me names and dates for what you know about your Coffey connections. Make sure your data at least goes back to someone born before 1940. (If I can find someone in the 1940 census or earlier, that may open to door to learning a lot more!)

I have no idea how many requests for the ECP were handled by Jack. While the direct costs are small, it still consumes some significant time on my part to prepare each submission, and I want to avoid being overwhelmed.

If you already have an older version of the ECP, please continue to use that for now. I'll try to answer specific questions if you are wondering if there is anything new in the latest ECP. I will also expect each request for a NEW copy to come with an explanation of who is asking, and what is his expected Edward Coffey connection.

I have no previous involvement with Jack's "Blog", previously reached at the following link. (There is an example of a Blog search investigating Boone/Coffey connections, explained in Newsletter #152, starting on Page 9.) This link can still be used to search, but I think Chris may be inclined to not support the Blog in the future, and not to make any future entries. We are discussing possibly moving the current contents to an archive, where the contents can be searched as part of my "Coffey Roadmap" project. For now, it can still be searched here:

<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com>

ECP: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

If you acquire a copy of the ECP, you will discover there are a HUGE number of optional files that are included in the package and which contain Jack's collection of background materials. This is a treasure of documents and photographs, and certainly worth looking through to see if any of your ancestors made the list:

<i>Ed Coffey Descendant Photos</i>	<i>3,651 items</i>	<i>1149 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Birth Certificates</i>	<i>260 items</i>	<i>253 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Books</i>	<i>205 items</i>	<i>645 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related CW Pension Apps</i>	<i>29 items</i>	<i>23 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Death Certificates</i>	<i>4,620 items</i>	<i>2710 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Divorce Records</i>	<i>153 items</i>	<i>176 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Draft Cards</i>	<i>794 items</i>	<i>260 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Headstones</i>	<i>2,107 items</i>	<i>430 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Headstones (more)</i>	<i>2,056 items</i>	<i>372 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Marriage Licenses*</i>	<i>10,754 items</i>	<i>6797 MB</i>
<i>Ed Coffey Related Other Documents</i>	<i>1,561 items</i>	<i>482 MB</i>

**Includes also some "miscellaneous" folders in addition to marriage licenses.*

But there are 22,000 files and records here. The sheer size makes searching for all the information on a specific ancestor pretty much impossible. Imagine walking into a file room containing 11 really huge file cabinets containing a total of 22,000 file folders. And then trying to flip through all the folders looking for a specific name!

But I have created an application that will make it possible to do a COMPUTERIZED search through this entire “file room”, to find ANY name that is referenced in the 22,000 file folder labels! Click on the following link to this “file room” [CATALOG](#). It will explain how to do the search.

But be aware this only tells you WHERE a specific name is located. You will have to actually buy the ECP package if you want to read the CONTENTS of the “file folder”.

ECP: INTERPRETING A DISPUTED RESEARCH EXAMPLE:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

I got a note from Mr. Greg Coffey, indicating an interest in acquiring a copy of the ECP. Greg pointed out that the Donald R Coffey discussed in the article on Newsletter 156-6,7,8 was his second cousin. Greg wanted to become involved with the CCC, and he wanted to order the ECP to learn about his ancestry. The following shows how Donald and Greg would fit together in the genealogy from that Issue #156 article:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell (BET 1683 AND 1685 - BET OCT 1744 AND DEC 1744)
- (2) John Coffey (BET 1699 AND 1700 - BET JAN 1775 AND FEB 1775) & Jane Graves (ca 1708 - 1792)
- (3) Rev. James Coffey (4 Jul 1729 - 1786) & Elizabeth Cleveland (Feb 1727 - BET 1826 AND 1827)
- (4) Eli Coffey (1 Mar 1764 - 5 Sep 1847) & Hannah Allen (ca 1762 - Aug 1849)
- (5) Benjamin? Coffey (1793 -) & Unknown
- (6) James Andrew Coffey (1821 -) & Elizabeth Jane Merrick
- (7) James J Coffey (Jul 1844 - aft 1910) & Sarah Jane Hughey
- (8) Jesse Elias Coffey (15 Sep 1876 - 1 May 1952) & Tabitha Ellen Manning (Jul 1874 - 12 Sep 1962)
- (9) Simoun Coffey (6 Nov 1896 - 11 Nov 1966) & Catherine Flippo
- (10) Roy Ransom Coffey (23 Feb 1922 - 29 Jul 1978) & Elizabeth Ruth Brown
- (11) **Donald R Coffey** (1943 -) & Marnicia McCarty
- (9) Joe Wheeler Coffey (1893 - 1969)
- (10) Jesse Lonzo Coffey Sr. (1916 - 1999)
- (11) **Greg Coffey**

There are some interesting pitfalls in expecting to research this above genealogy using the ECP. First, the Issue 156 article pointed out that the ECP ONLY covered the first 4 generations above. I (Fred) argued that the rest of the above genealogy was quite PLAUSIBLE, and I spent 3 pages explaining why. But Jack argued that it was not PROVEN, therefore he would NOT include it in his ECP.

Second, there was an unexplained controversy about the Elizabeth Cleveland who married (3) Rev. James Coffey. Some researchers believe that this Elizabeth was a granddaughter of Edward, through a relationship involving Edward’s son Edward Junior. In his ECP notes, Jack explained:

*“**Rev. James Coffey** and **Elizabeth Cleveland** were married circa 1750 in Orange or Albemarle Co., VA. Cleveland researchers believe that **Edward Coffey Jr.** was the father of Elizabeth because Elizabeth’s mother Grace eventually married Edward Jr. There is not really a good basis for believing*

that. If birth years are close to accurate, Grace would have been about 10 years old when she became pregnant with Elizabeth.”

Jack and I generally ignore this controversy and tend to NOT show that there is a second path back to Edward Senior, for people like Donald and Greg. But some researchers believe in it.

Anyway, if Greg wants the ECP, he will need to understand that it will ONLY support the first four generations in his above genealogy. He will need to coordinate with Chris Coffee if he wants to order.

ECP: FUTURE DIRECTION:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

Jack Coffee was not planning to do any future work on the ECP. While Jack was planning to continue family research indefinitely, he did not anticipate doing any more updates of the ECP. He had turned his focus to genealogy for living persons, and the ECP could not report on living persons for privacy reasons.

There could, of course, be corrections or additions to the ECP data in the future. Jack was using “RootsMagic” as his software tool, and in theory someone like his son Chris COULD pick up maintenance and could pursue new sources and directions. However this Project is a truly monumental work, and it would be difficult for anyone but Jack to continue it.

If anyone has something to add or change to the ECP, consider writing about it for the CCC Newsletters. These newsletters remain as a searchable resource, that will be maintained into the indefinite future.

AUTOSOMAL DNA UPDATE:

By Tim Peterman (Tepeter100@aol.com)

(Note: Tim wrote about his complicated autosomal DNA Project in newsletters 153-10 and 155-10.)

Very good issue. Nice memories of Jack. In my autosomal project, I have identified a number of segments that are Powell-Coffey (derived from Edward or Ann), as well as some that are Cleveland-Coffey (derived from Edward, jr. or Grace). I had some interesting email exchanges with Fred & Jack a few months ago, where I would ask about matches in either of these segments that showed Coffey as a surname of interest. In several cases, Fred & Jack were able to use the ECP to identify their descent from Edward.

There are many hundreds of matches that belong to either of these groups that I didn't ask Fred or Jack about; matter of fact, I'm still finding them.

I did a download of matches for all participants that connect through my grandfather, Roy Ronald Robinson last June. It took several months, but I worked my way from chromosome 1 to chromosome 22 for all of the participating descendants of Perry Robinson & Lena Coffey (Roy's parents). I am now working my way through the participants that are nephews or nieces to Perry & Lena. After that, I will work my way through the participants descended from uncles & aunts of Perry & Lena (this will include Dorothy & Fred & others).

A rule of thumb that I have developed for this analysis: cousins pull & siblings push.

Let's say that I have a match that is shared with my maternal first cousin; that pulls the match to my mother's side, if in the same segment. Now let's say that one of my brothers & I share a different set of maternal matches in one segment. We know this because either the match is shared with my maternal uncle or maternal aunt; or because our paternal side involves different grandparents, making that inconsistent. Let's say that one of my brothers shares his set with my mother's maternal first cousin, confirming Wilson-Ellis. Let's say I don't share my set with anyone beyond my maternal uncle. My brother's confirmed Wilson-Ellis status PUSHES my set of matches to Coffey-Robinson, even though I don't share them with anyone other than my uncle.

This actually happened quite a bit with my aunt & uncle & brothers, with Coffey-Robinson segments being pulled to Aten-Robinson & the other set pushed to Barbre-Coffey. A generation back, we find Vermillion-Coffey segments pushing opposing Barbre-Coffey segments to Weeks-Barbre & visa versa. I have to model this on paper to get these properly identified. As I'm sure you can see, this is a long drawn out process.

Tim

A NEW COFFEE/EY LINE FROM MARYLAND:

By Fred Coffey

DNA testing has now confirmed the existence of a previously unidentified Coffee/ey family line, dating back to the early 1700's. I am presently calling them the "Maryland Coffee/ey Group", since they first appeared in Maryland by the early 1700's.

We now have FOUR Coffey groups that were very early arrivals to America. The Maryland Group joins the "Edward Coffey Group", the "Peter Coffey Group", and the "Hugh Coffey Group", each of which also go back to the early 1700's. Edward and Peter were distantly related, but their connection has to be back in Ireland before either came to America. And Hugh is quite unrelated to Edward or Peter.

We have actually talked about this Maryland group in previous newsletters, but at that time thought they might be distantly related to the Edward Group. But new y-DNA tests define the Maryland Group as being quite unrelated to Edward. A summary of the major branches of the group tree follows. **Three men of particular interest are highlighted in red below.** They are quite distant cousins of each other, and give a broad perspective on the family:

The first two generations of this tree are based on the following index, from the FHL (Mormon) library. There are two brothers, James and Phillip, reported:

Maryland, Births and Christenings Index, 1662-1911

Name:	James Coffee	Phillip Coffee
Gender:	Male	Male
Birth Date:	18 Nov 1727	14 Apr 1730
Birth Place:	Frederick, Maryland	Frederick, Maryland
Father's name:	John Coffee	John Coffee
Mother's name:	Rebecca	Rebecca
FHL Film #:	14081	14081

The following focuses on MALE-LINE Coffee(y) descent, because we were focusing on y-DNA which follows the male line. There were of course many female descendants.

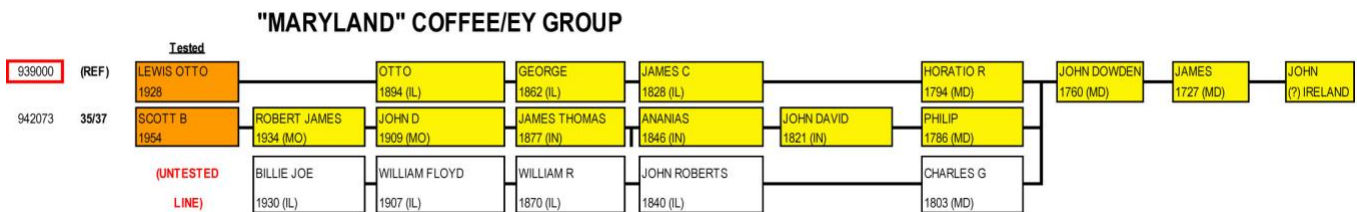
- (1) John Coffee & Rebecca
- (2) James Coffee (18 Nov 1727 - 1760) & Ann Dowden (1742 - 1808)
- (3) John Dowden Coffee (10 Nov 1760 - 23 Aug 1822) & Dorcas Roberts (7 Feb 1769 - 29 May 1842)
- (4) Philip Coffee (20 Oct 1786 - 1839) & Elizabeth Ashby (abt 1795 - aft 1840)
- (5) James Coffee (1816 - abt 1847) & Mary Gentry (1825 - 24 Dec 1900)
- (5) John David Coffee (16 Sep 1821 - 1860) & Martha Gray (1819 - 1880)
- (6) Ananias Coffee (29 Jan 1846 - 28 Aug 1897) & Mary Polly A Skelton (17 Sep 1844 - 7 Nov 1924)
- (7) John L Coffee (1866 - 1938) & Minnie Ola Chandler (28 Mar 1872 -)
- (8) Cecil Coffee (15 Aug 1903 - 6 Nov 1980) & Mary Ethel Potter (26 May 1901 - 22 May 1981)
- (9) Donald Damon Coffee (10 Jul 1924 - 15 Mar 2008) & Margaret Ann Lott (10 Sep 1925 - 25 Sep 2004)
- (9) Curtis Lee Coffee (21 Oct 1926 - 13 Jun 1947)
- (8) Damon Coffee (1909 -) & June Kathryn Hilt (18 Jun 1920 - 27 Nov 2003)
- (9) Sharon June Coffee (25 Feb 1939 -)
- (7) Elijah Wilbern Coffey (17 May 1874 - 1962) & Arrie B Royer (16 Oct 1884 - 7 Sep 1920)
- (8) James Ralph Coffey (26 Jun 1913 - 20 Jun 1993)
- (8) Russell Alvin Coffey (13 Aug 1915 - 28 Jun 1995) & Helene Belle (10 Oct 1905 - 26 Apr 1997)
- (7) James Thomas Coffey (7 Oct 1877 - 11 Jul 1942) & Karen "Carrie" Leota Fleener (7 Oct 1884 - 1978)
- (8) John D Coffey (9 Aug 1909 - 20 Mar 1988) & Jewell S Scoville (17 Dec 1909 - Mar 1973)
- (9) John David Coffey (8 Oct 1932 - 26 Feb 1949)
- (9) Robert James Coffey (14 Apr 1934 - 22 Mar 2003) & Geraldine Brawley (23 Oct 1937 - 6 Feb 2009)
- (10) Scott Blair Coffey (12 Apr 1965 -) (Test: y-DNA)**
- (10) Robert Adrian Coffey
- (9) Alfred Earl Coffey (abt 1936 -)
- (9) Charles Ray Coffey (13 Nov 1937 - 2 Jan 1965)
- (9) Richard Lall Coffey (abt 1939 -)
- (6) Louis Coffee (24 Nov 1851 - 21 Jan 1887) & Elizabeth Blackford (abt 1854 - 23 Oct 1910)
- (7) Romey L Coffee (abt 1877 -)
- (6) Elijah Coffee
- (5) George Coffee (1833 -)
- (4) James A Coffee (3 Oct 1788 -)
- (4) John A Coffee (3 Jun 1790 -)
- (4) Horatio Roberts Coffee (Oct 1794 - 24 Oct 1877) & Juliet Mary Burnett (6 Nov 1804 - 1 Jul 1883)
- (5) James C Coffee (14 Feb 1828 -) & Matilda Hamilton (1830 - 1895)
- (6) George Coffey (1862 - 10 May 1898) & Amanda Jane Abney (19 Apr 1858 - 25 Nov 1938)
- (7) Everett Coffey (10 Oct 1885 - 12 Jul 1959)
- (7) Lawrence Coffey (20 Jun 1886 - 20 Dec 1961) & Nora Bell Warren (19 Dec 1884 - 23 Nov 1976)
- (8) James Orville Coffey (15 Jul 1906 - 21 Aug 2001) & Opal Marie Worley (5 Feb 1909 - 16 May 2001)
- (9) Bobbie L Coffey (abt 1931 -)
- (8) Russel William Coffey (13 Mar 1912 - 7 Sep 1992) & Ruth Marie Brown (4 Apr 1918 - 20 Nov 2007)
- (9) Kenneth Coffey (abt 1935 -)
- (8) Loren Coffey (23 Nov 1915 - 14 Jun 2004) & Opal Irene LaRue (21 Jan 1918 - 16 Sep 2014)
- (9) Norma Joyce Coffey (14 Feb 1935 -) & Richard Dwight Hodder (13 Jul 1931 - 16 Feb 2017)
- (7) Otto Coffey (31 Mar 1894 - 14 Oct 1960) & Edna Ruth Zile (8 Jan 1898 - 9 Nov 1997)
- (8) Lewis Otto "Bud" Coffey (29 Aug 1928 -) (Tests: y-DNA, at-DNA)**
- (9) Karen Coffey & Doyle
- (8) Jean Coffey & Bob Isbell
- (4) Convention Coffee (15 Oct 1800 -)
- (4) Charles Grandison Coffee (26 Aug 1803 - 1 Jan 1847) & Lucy Ann Young Baker
- (5) James Hiram Coffee (1837 -)
- (5) Perry Charles Coffee (Apr 1838 - Jan 1907)
- (5) John Roberts Coffee (Feb 1840 - 25 Jul 1904) & Nancy C Rhine (1844 - 29 Aug 1878)

- (6) William R Coffee (15 Sep 1870 - 24 Jul 1917) & Josephine Brown (2 Feb 1871 - 9 May 1962)
- (7) George Ewell Coffee (21 Jun 1901 - 5 Apr 1989) & Florence Thomas Parks (10 Oct 1909 - 3 Feb 1998)
- (8) Charles Eugene Coffee (28 Feb 1928 - 12 May 2000) & Helen Olive Couture (2 Oct 1931 -)
- (7) William Floyd Coffee (27 Nov 1907 - 14 Feb 1977) & Eva Jane Calvert (23 Dec 1909 - 5 Nov 2005)
- (8) Billie Joe Coffee (3 Sep 1930 - 5 Dec 2004) & Marilyn VanderBush (No DNA Test)**
- (9) Jo Lynn Coffee (31 Jul 1956 - 30 Jan 1957)
- (9) William Joseph Coffee (18 Jul 1958 -) & Kathy Grant Phillips (17 Mar 1959 -)
- (10) Grant Allen Coffee (8 Sep 1986 -)
- (10) Gill Joseph Coffee (13 Mar 1989 -)
- (9) Michele Louise Coffee (22 Nov 1959 -) & Daniel Wiles Bagley
- (9) Eve Coffee & Wayne Bagley
- (9) Charon Coffee & Don Price
- (8) Betty Joan Coffee (10 Jan 1934 - 10 Jun 2007)
- (7) John Clifford Coffee (7 Feb 1911 - 1 May 1999) & Frances Margaret Deitz (8 Oct 1915 - 30 Nov 2004)
- (7) James Raphael Coffee (6 Jul 1915 - 1 Mar 1985) & Mary Ellen Parsons (24 Apr 1921 - 11 Jun 1997)
- (6) Edward Coffee (1867 -)
- (6) Silas Coffee (5 Dec 1872 - bef 1900) & Pruella P Hicks (20 Dec 1872 - 28 Oct 1958)
- (2) Phillip Coffee (14 Apr 1730 -) & Esther Dowden (1743 -)

The two men we have tested, Lewis Otto Coffey and Scott Coffey, are per the above genealogy actually 4C2R (Fourth cousins, twice removed) relatives of each other. They have the following y-DNA profiles. (Many of you have seen this way of displaying y-DNA data matches.) They match each other on 35 out of 37 y-DNA markers, which is solidly consistent with their known genealogy.

"MARYLAND" COFFEE/EY GROUP		REFERENCE
939000	Lewis Otto "Bud" Coffey	13 25 14 11 11-14 12 12 12 13 13 29 16 9-10 11 11 25 16 18 29 15-15-17-17 11 11 19-23 17 15 17 17 34-37 12 12
942073	Scott Blair Coffey	R-M269 13 25 14 11 11-14 12 12 13 13 29 16 9-10 11 11 25 16 18 29 15-15-15-17 11 11 19-23 17 15 17 17 34-37 12 12

Many of you will have also seen the following way of displaying the male line genealogy. Surnames are now shown, since everybody is either "Coffey" or "Coffee". (If you look at the above genealogy, you will see that some branches changed their spelling from Coffee to Coffey over the generations.)



We weren't able to obtain a y-DNA test on anyone from the family of Billie Joe Coffee, and his genealogy is shown with white coloring. But for reasons to be discussed in a following article, comparing his genealogy has been of substantial interest. The fact that his genealogy is closely connected to that for Lewis Otto and Scott assures us that his y-DNA will be similar. Billie Joe is a 4C2R versus Scott, and a 4C versus Lewis.

Lewis and Scott are 4C2R to each other.

MARYLAND GROUP CONNECTION: THE COMPLICATED “KERMON” STORY:

This “story” got its start in Newsletter Issue 154-6 (Issue #154, Page 6, for March 2020), where Pam Kermon was trying to help her husband Samuel David Kermon work out his biological ancestry. David was born at Wheelus Air Base in what is now Libya, in 1957. His y-DNA test is not showing “Kermon” it suggests descent from Edward Coffey. And there were Kermon family stories that his father might be a James Coffey(y).

The story continued in Issue 155-7. Pam found there was a Jo Lynn Coffee born in Libya, who died at age 6 months and was buried at Wheelus Air Base. Her body was repatriated to the USA many years later. With that information, we were able to work out the genealogy of her family – her father was Billie Joe Coffee, who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery along with his daughter Jo Lynn. We thought it possible that Billie Joe MIGHT be the biological father of David Kermon. **“BILLIE JOE” IS FLAGGED IN RED IN THE GENEALOGY FOR THE PREVIOUS ARTICLE.**

The previous article shows the genealogy of Billie Joe Coffee’s family, and it led back to the early 1700’s in Maryland. That timing made it impossible that Billie Joe might be a descendant of Edward, so we thought that perhaps the connection was back in Ireland before Edward left for America. Because of the long range of the y-DNA test, it seemed possible that this could still explain the apparent Edward DNA connection.

But the y-DNA tests discussed in the preceding article PROVED that Billie Joe’s biological line could NOT be related to the Edward line. And that leads us to conclude that David Kermon is NOT a biological child of Billie Joe Coffee, he actually DOES descend from Edward. That leads us back toward the original family story that there was an unidentified “James Coffey” at Wheelus who was the father of David. Billie Joe Coffee is NOT David’s father.

Thus we fail to resolve David Kermon’s parentage, and Pam will have to keep searching.

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 BCuley@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

(Memo: This “Roadmap” will be updated in early January 2021, to incorporate some of the changes discussed in this newsletter.)