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Editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

I was almost late getting my letter out this month.

(My excuse!) My water softener acted up and dumped many gallons of water into the middle of my house. My new hardwood floors that I just got installed before Christmas are now a washboard. Took a while to figure out what happened, and now I'm dealing with the insurance company. Too much for an old guy like me!

I've got my virus shots, both of them. I am so glad to have that out of the way, now I can think about other things. How about you? Have we collected all of the Coffeys in your line yet? Hope you are keeping up your research and since we have filled so many gaps in the Coffee/y lines, now might be a good time to check out the areas where it is "iffy". Find the flaws!! If the date or place was just someone's guess, see if you can find a record that verifies it. Be sure to share your new information with your cousins. Let us have it for the newsletter. Don't forget pictures....

Something else that you might want to know is that DAR is now accepting records from Ancestry. They will not take someone else's research but will accept records scanned to Ancestry as actual records like land records, marriage records or death records. That will make it much easier as you will not have to attempt to get records from County Courts or Recorder's offices. That means that we can do the same for our personal research. DAR is always a good place to look as well. The ladies have been trying to get all the documents they have on line to help researchers and perspective members. They are even indexing names in these records. They aren't finished but have quite a lot by now. If you have some old bible records that you would like to have added to their files, we no longer want your bible. They just copy or photograph the title page of the bible, with the publisher and date and then the family entries. It can all be done with your cell phone. I have photographed a couple that I have seen at an auction. Didn't even buy the book!

Diana is looking into a convention for us Coffeys for 2022. I so miss seeing all of you. I will try to hurry through '21 just for that reason. Everyone stay well and hope to see you then.

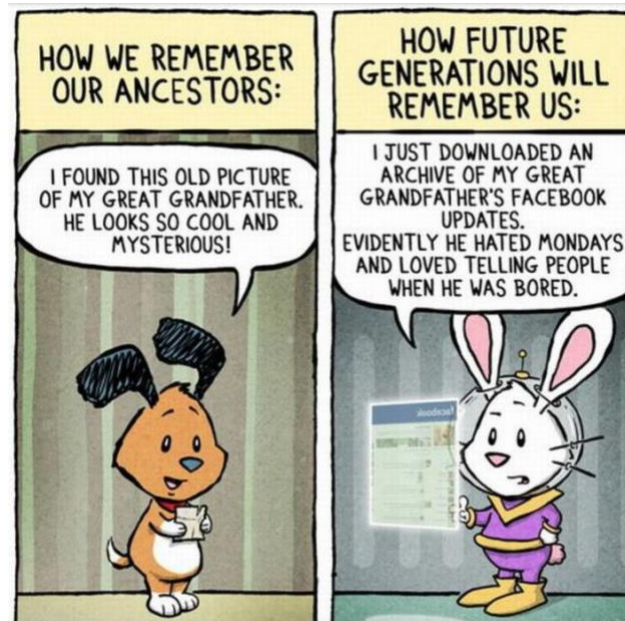
Oh, I just noticed: This is the 40-year anniversary for these newsletters!

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We Get Mail

HUGH COFFEY AND MARY JOLIFFE:

By Terri Stern

Recently I found my mother has a DNA match to a descendant of a Joliffe. Remembering that so many people have erroneously given Hugh Coffey and Mary Joliffe as the ancestor of both your Edward Coffey line and my Hugh Coffey line, I was wondering if **any Coffey researcher** has found **any actual records** for this Hugh and Mary Joliffe? All I have found has been an unsupported FindAGrave and many many trees claiming this couple existed.

Terri Stern Administrator, [Hugh Coffey Autosomal DNA Project](#)

HUGH COFFEY AND AGNES MONTGOMERY:

By Terri Stern

DNA matches to descendants of Hugh Coffey (1750-1827) and his wife Agnes Montgomery (1755-1836) are indicating that Agnes may be a sister or cousin of Neinon Montgomery Jr and possibly the daughter or niece of Neinon Montgomery Sr. Both are recognized by DAR. Neinon Sr is recognized for his patriotic service by furnishing provisions and foraging for the military in 1780. DAR credits his birthplace in Antrim, Ireland about 1735. He died in Lancaster County, South Carolina after 1810. Neinon Montgomery Jr was a private in the Revolutionary War and died in Lancaster in 1858. Numerous descendants of Agnes Montgomery and Hugh Coffey have DNA matches to descendants of Neinon Jr and his wife Jane Davis. Paper trail evidence supporting the conclusion that Agnes is related to this family comes from Annie Velma Urquhart Klayder's 1991 book on the Hugh Coffey line. It includes letters shared among her descendants describing "Uncle Alex" who served in the Revolutionary War and that Agnes had 4 brothers who served. Klayder describes a visit by Mary Jane Urquhart Hale Battle to her cousin Sarah Frances Coffey Downs Brock in 1928 when they went to the old family burying ground at Shiloh Church Cemetery in Lancaster County. They found the tomb of Alexander Montgomery, the Revolutionary War soldier who was the brother of her great grandmother Agnes Montgomery Coffey. Neinon Jr is also buried there.

The 1962 book by Forrest Reed which also addresses the Hugh Coffey line attributed Agnes Montgomery's parents as John Montgomery of Abbeville, SC who mentioned a daughter Agniss in his will. No DNA evidence has been found among the 39 descendants of Agnes that I have studied linking her to this family.

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Forrest F. Reed, A Reed Family in America: With special reference to the family and descendants of William Reed (1818-1895) whose ancestral home was in Itawamba County, Mississippi (Nashville: Tennessee Book Co, 1962), p 20-21, Hugh Coffee (1750-1827) and Agnes Montgomery (1755-1838).

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Agnes Montgomery Coffey at WikiTree www.wikitree.com/wiki/Montgomery-5560

Hugh Coffey at WikiTree www.wikitree.com/wiki/Coffey-2478

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AN OREGON PIONEER FAMILY:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com) with Roger Porter (porter.roger.a@gmail.com)

Fred: I had a lengthy series of email exchanges with Roger Porter, which raised some issues that may be of interest to other readers:

Roger: I heard you have a newsletter on the Coffey's. I was wondering if I could be added to the newsletter distribution?

And I ran into a stall in trying to trace out my family tree. The Coffeys, Porters, and Blackerby's, along with other close friends, came out to Oregon in 1848 and settled in the area where I live. I am excited to hear from you! Nebuzaradan Coffey is my 4th Great Grandfather but I don't have any information on who his Father and Mother are. It looks like you might have some verifiable information?

The following link offers information on the travels of the Coffey, Porter and Blackerby pioneers.

<http://www.oregonpioneers.com/1848.htm>

Fred: Hi Roger, I've put down your name to be advised when new Newsletter issues come out. You can read all of our historic newsletters, and much more, here:

www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html

Here is my assessment of some of your family connections, drawing from Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project) and from your tree on Ancestry:

(1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell (BET 1683 AND 1685 - BET OCT 1744 AND DEC 1744)

(2) Edward Coffey JR. (ca 1701 - aft 1774) & Unknown???

(3) Joel Coffey (ca 1730 - BET 27 APR 1789 AND 27 JUL 1789) & Martha Stepp (Sealey?)

(4) Nebuzaradan Coffey (29 Aug 1789 - 20 Jan 1867) & Elizabeth Easley (15 Aug 1790 - 21 Jan 1880)

(5) Cassandra Coffey (23 Aug 1811 - 18 Jan 1885) & Joseph Monroe **Blackerby** (17 Apr 1806 - 19 Jan 1878)

- (5) Sarah Coffey (1 May 1820 - 20 Nov 1848) & William **Porter** (14 Dec 1812 - 30 Mar 1899)
- (6) John Hancock **Porter** (7 Nov 1845 - 26 Apr 1924) & Mary Ada Van Nuys (5 Mar 1853 - 30 Jan 1906)
- (7) Elbert Leroy **Porter** (8 Dec 1886 - 9 Apr 1970) & Jessie Ava Read (14 Dec 1885 - 30 Jun 1970)
- (8) Kenneth Merle **Porter** (26 Dec 1907 - 23 Feb 1993) & Louise Susanne Etzel (13 Dec 1913 - 28 Dec 2010)
- (9) Robert Francis **Porter**
(10) Roger Porter
- (5) German J. Coffey (17 Nov 1827 - 1874) & Mary Margaret Smith (18 Feb 1838 - 3 May 1922)
- (6) John Crittenden Coffey (ca 1857 - 24 Jun 1929) & Martha Jane Johnson (Apr 1857 - Nov 1945)
- (7) Ernest Lloyd Coffey (Feb 1879 - 12 Apr 1940) & Effie Lillian Connett (21 Feb 1882 - 21 Apr 1955)
- (8) Ernest Lloyd Coffey** (25 Apr 1923 - 19 Dec 2011) & Rosemary Borene **HAS Y-DNA TEST**

There are MANY descendants of Edward who have the Blackerby and Porter names. I have included a Coffey line down to Ernest Lloyd Coffey, who also is part of your Oregon group. Ernest is of interest because he has a y-DNA test that proves this Oregon family group does indeed descend from Edward.

Roger: As you saw, my Ancestry tree did NOT show that the father of (4) Nebuzaradan was Joel Coffey. Can you give me supporting information?

Fred: Jack Coffee in his ECP showed that your ancestry was quite solid back as far as (4) Nebuzaradan. But from there things get very troublesome, and there are a lot of uncertain issues! You and I exchanged a large number of confusing notes about this. Much of what follows is a "reading list" for you to explore:

Jack wrote extensively about (3) Joel and (4) Neb in his ECP. I sent you a printout of his discussion pages for these two men. Those discussion pages include a lot of external supporting references, and you may eventually want to acquire a copy of the ECP to study Jack's supporting references.

Jack seems to have no doubt that Neb's father was named Joel. (An interesting side is that this Joel NEVER SAW his youngest son Nebuzaradan, because Joel died before Neb was born. Joel's will actually referenced the possibility that his wife Martha might be pregnant.)

As you can see from what I sent, Jack's writeup of Joel points out all sorts of complications and unresolved uncertainties. One of his interesting statements is "Researchers should be aware that much controversy exists... Family information contained here should be taken lightly, and independent research used to confirm or refute connections". Basically he is telling you to do your own independent research!

FYI, much of the surrounding uncertainty also impacts my (Fred) own family line. You need to go to the "Roadmap" and scroll down to the section on "Early Family Issues". Be particularly aware that this talks about a "Chesley Coffey", who was once thought to be a father of your Joel, but that we now believe never existed.

I have an ancestor Salathiel Coffey who was killed in what is described as a "riot", and your ancestor Joel was somehow indicted in the connection. Go to the Roadmap, call up Newsletter issue #111, and read the article starting on page 6.

It appears that your Joel was regarded by his Coffey relatives as some sort of a hero. There was a generation of Coffeys that all felt they should name one of their sons "Joel" in his memory. This created tremendous confusion about any Coffey named Joel. Have a look at this link:

<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo/JoelPuzzle.pdf>

In one of our note exchanges, you asked if I knew about a statement that your ancestor Nebuzaraden might have had a bastard child. The answer is "yes", and the explanation is part of

a big research effort Kevin Coffey and I did for the 2009 Coffey Cousins Convention in Russell County, Kentucky. Have a look at this:

<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/RussellCo>

There are assorted references to Joel and Nebuzaraden scattered throughout this volume, and you may want to spend a bit of time poking around. Your Neb is Person #1063 in the "genealogy". There is a section on Russell County Abstracts. The court record about the bastard child is at Line #213 in the Abstracts.

A VERY COMPLICATED FAMILY:

By Fred Coffey with Bruce Coffey

FROM BRUCE: My name is Bruce Malcolm Coffey, and my y-DNA test was just completed. I live in Bent Mountain, VA. I grew up in Augusta County, VA with my roots tracing back to Nelson, Albemarle and Essex counties.

From my research and records, my ancestry should look like this:

- Edward Joshua
- John Bluford
- Edmund Steward
- William F
- Edmond F
- George Washington (great-great grandfather)
- Peter Hilman (great grandfather)
- Alvin Reynolds (grandfather)
- DeWitt Malcolm (father)

FRED: I was able to access your y-DNA results, and as you have probably already discovered you have a great multitude of y-DNA matches to your "Coffey Cousins", including myself. You are absolutely a direct descendant of the patriarch Edward Coffey. (By the way, you called him "Edward Joshua", but he DID NOT have a middle name. I made the same mistake in my early genealogy work and Bonnie Culley quickly straightened me out! Likewise his son John did not have a middle name "Bluford".)

There is a vast amount of information to be found in this "Roadmap" about all Coffey families, including yours. You can study if you like:

www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html

You will find I have already incorporated your y-DNA result, and Coffey male-line descent, on Page 1 of the "Genealogy Summary" under the topic "The Coffey Y-DNA Project".

You have an extremely complicated and fascinating family, because of several marriages of cousins. I've never seen one with this complexity before, and I couldn't resist writing it up for insertion in this newsletter!

If you look at the genealogy in the DNA page above, you will see your closest y-DNA Coffey on the male line is "Kenneth Cyrus Coffey" (now deceased). Here are the paths for y-DNA you each inherited from Edward, going down to the two of you:

- (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) Edmond S. Coffey (ca 1735 - 25 Jul 1808) & Nancy Barnett
 - (4) William Coffey (ca 1775 -) & Elizabeth Giles (MRCA for Bruce and Kenneth)
 - (5) Edmund Coffey* (ca 1812 -) & Martha Snead (ca 1815 -)
 - (6) George Washington Coffey (ca 1836 -) & Mary Catherine Demasters (ca 1839 -)
 - (7) Peter Hilman Coffey (Aug 1870 - 20 Jul 1942) & Mary Susan Tyree (Humphrey?) (Aug 1873 - 6 Sep 1949)
 - (8) Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956) & Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952)
 - (9) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)
 - (10) Bruce Malcolm Coffey y-DNA Test
- (5) Wyatt Wesley Coffey (ca 1820 - 1 Oct 1859) & Nancy J. Coffey (ca 1827 - 1 Jun 1894)
 - (6) Cyrus E. Coffey (6 May 1860 - 23 Jan 1930) & Eliza Miller Coffey (22 Oct 1870 - 4 Jul 1955)
 - (7) Hobert Lyle Coffey (7 Dec 1904 - 28 Oct 1962) & Marie Englier Fitzgerald (7 Feb 1911 - 13 Nov 1980)
 - (8) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013) y-DNA Test

If you study this you will see that your Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) is (4) William Coffey, and that Bruce and Kenneth are Third Cousins Twice Removed (3C2R). And, since it is following y-DNA, there are no females in this direct line.

But this is missing a LOT of the shared ancestry of Bruce and Kenneth. As is common with many Coffey families, there are marriages of cousins in their full tree. And therefore there are paths back to Edward that go through female descendants of Edward. And those female lines definitely contribute to their full, autosomal DNA picture.

And the 3C2R y-DNA line isn't even their closest relationship. We will see that both Bruce and Kenneth descend from the marriage of George Washington Coffey to Mary Catherine Demasters, like this:

- (6) George Washington Coffey (ca 1836 -) & Mary Catherine Demasters (ca 1839 -)
 - (7) Peter Hilman Coffey (Aug 1870 - 20 Jul 1942) & Mary Susan Tyree (Humphrey?) (Aug 1873 - 6 Sep 1949)
 - (8) Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956) & Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952)
 - (9) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)
 - (10) Bruce Malcolm Coffey y-DNA Test
- (7) Eliza Miller Coffey (22 Oct 1870 - 4 Jul 1955) & Cyrus E. Coffey (6 May 1860 - 23 Jan 1930)
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 - (9) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013)

In this path comparison, Kenneth has a female "Eliza" in his line, so he is not getting any y-DNA by this path. But they are still related: HERE Bruce and Kenneth are 2C1R, a much closer family connection than 3C2R!

My computer says that Bruce Malcolm Coffey and Kenneth Cyrus Coffey have EIGHT paths of relationship. But as I will explain later, the computer is WRONG! There are actually NINE paths!. Bruce and Kenneth are:

- 2C1R (second cousins once removed)
- plus 3C1R (third cousins once removed)
- plus 3C2R (third cousins twice removed)
- plus double-6C (sixth cousins)
- plus quadruple-6C1R (sixth cousins once removed)

A fascinating relationship!

Here's the BIG picture:

- (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) William Coffey (ca 1731 - bef 28 Mar 1828) & Elizabeth Osborne
- (4) Edmund F. Coffey (ca 1773 -) & Elizabeth Burger (ca 1775 -)
- (5) Mary Ann Coffey (ca 1806 -) & John Demasters (15 Dec 1796 - 22 Mar 1870)
- (6) Elizabeth Demasters (ca 1836 -) & Jesse Demasters (ca 1834 -)
- (7) Lucas Demasters (1 Jul 1860 - 17 May 1929) & Anna Bell Coffey (15 Jul 1870 - 12 Oct 1901)
- (8) Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952) & Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956)
- (9) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)
- (10) Bruce Malcolm Coffey**
- (6) Mary Catherine Demasters (ca 1839 -) & George Washington Coffey (ca 1836 -)
- (7) Peter Hilman Coffey (Aug 1870 - 20 Jul 1942) & Mary Susan Tyree (Humphrey?) (Aug 1873 - 6 Sep 1949)
- (8) Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956) & Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952)
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- (8) Hobert Lyle Coffey (7 Dec 1904 - 28 Oct 1962) & Marie Englier Fitzgerald (7 Feb 1911 - 13 Nov 1980)
- (9) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey** (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013)
- (4) Margaret Elizabeth Coffey (ca 1782 - ca 1838) & George Monroe (ca 1783 - ca 1834)
- (5) Mary Monroe (Apr 1832 -) & Edmund Coffey (ca 1812 -)
- (6) Anna Bell Coffey (15 Jul 1870 - 12 Oct 1901) & Lucas Demasters (1 Jul 1860 - 17 May 1929)
- (7) Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952) & Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956)
- (8) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)
- (9) Bruce Malcolm Coffey**
- (3) Edmond S. Coffey (ca 1735 - 25 Jul 1808) & Nancy Barnett**
- (4) Edmond Stewart Coffey Jr. (ca 1773 - 18 Mar 1855) & Matilda Fitzgerald (ca 1782 -)
- (5) John W. Coffey (ca 1805 - Mar 1864) & Margaret Susanna Coffey (ca 1810 - ca 1877)
- (6) Nancy J. Coffey (ca 1827 - 1 Jun 1894) & Wyatt Wesley Coffey (ca 1820 - 1 Oct 1859)
- (7) Cyrus E. Coffey (6 May 1860 - 23 Jan 1930) & Eliza Miller Coffey (22 Oct 1870 - 4 Jul 1955)
- (8) Hobert Lyle Coffey (7 Dec 1904 - 28 Oct 1962) & Marie Englier Fitzgerald (7 Feb 1911 - 13 Nov 1980)
- (9) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey** (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013)
- (4) William Coffey (ca 1775 -) & Elizabeth Giles**
- (5) Edmund Coffey* (ca 1812 -) & Martha Snead (ca 1815 -) NOTE: Martha is Edmund's FIRST wife.**
- (6) George Washington Coffey (ca 1836 -) & Mary Catherine Demasters (ca 1839 -)**
- (7) Peter Hilman Coffey (Aug 1870 - 20 Jul 1942) & Mary Susan Tyree (Humphrey?) (Aug 1873 - 6 Sep 1949)**
- (8) Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956) & Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952)**
- (9) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)**
- (10) Bruce Malcolm Coffey y-DNA Test**
- (7) Eliza Miller Coffey (22 Oct 1870 - 4 Jul 1955) & Cyrus E. Coffey (6 May 1860 - 23 Jan 1930)
- (8) Hobert Lyle Coffey (7 Dec 1904 - 28 Oct 1962) & Marie Englier Fitzgerald (7 Feb 1911 - 13 Nov 1980)
- (9) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey** (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013)
- (5) Edmund Coffey* (ca 1812 -) & Mary Monroe (Apr 1832 -) **NOTE: Mary is Edmund's SECOND wife.**
- (6) Anna Bell Coffey (15 Jul 1870 - 12 Oct 1901) & Lucas Demasters (1 Jul 1860 - 17 May 1929)
- (7) Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952) & Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956)
- (8) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)
- (9) Bruce Malcolm Coffey**
- (5) Wyatt Wesley Coffey (ca 1820 - 1 Oct 1859) & Nancy J. Coffey (ca 1827 - 1 Jun 1894)**
- (6) Cyrus E. Coffey (6 May 1860 - 23 Jan 1930) & Eliza Miller Coffey (22 Oct 1870 - 4 Jul 1955)**
- (7) Hobert Lyle Coffey (7 Dec 1904 - 28 Oct 1962) & Marie Englier Fitzgerald (7 Feb 1911 - 13 Nov 1980)**
- (8) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013) y-DNA Test**
- (4) Reuben G. Coffey (ca 1777 - 24 Nov 1845) & Nancy Giles
- (5) Margaret Susanna Coffey (ca 1810 - ca 1877) & John W. Coffey (ca 1805 - Mar 1864)

- (6) Nancy J. Coffey (ca 1827 - 1 Jun 1894) & Wyatt Wesley Coffey (ca 1820 - 1 Oct 1859)
- (7) Cyrus E. Coffey (6 May 1860 - 23 Jan 1930) & Eliza Miller Coffey (22 Oct 1870 - 4 Jul 1955)
- (8) Hobert Lyle Coffey (7 Dec 1904 - 28 Oct 1962) & Marie Englier Fitzgerald (7 Feb 1911 - 13 Nov 1980)
- (9) Kenneth Cyrus Coffey** (8 Jun 1933 - 22 Jul 2013)
- (3) Winifred Coffey (ca 1739 -) & Nicholas Moran (1732 - 1805)
- (4) Martha Moran (17 Jul 1760 - ca 1850) & John Demasters (14 Oct 1754 - Mar 1831)
- (5) John Demasters (15 Dec 1796 - 22 Mar 1870) & Mary Ann Coffey (ca 1806 -)
- (7) Lucas Demasters (1 Jul 1860 - 17 May 1929) & Anna Bell Coffey (15 Jul 1870 - 12 Oct 1901)
- (8) Fannie Demasters (19 Aug 1900 - 19 May 1952) & Alvin Reynolds Coffey (24 May 1894 - 2 Sep 1956)
- (9) DeWitt Malcolm Coffey (21 Feb 1927 - 30 Oct 2014) & Helen Marie Maupin (9 Aug 1930 - 9 Aug 2006)
- (10) Bruce Malcolm Coffey**
- (6) Mary Catherine Demasters (ca 1839 -) & George Washington Coffey (ca 1836 -)
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Now, let me explain why my computer said they had eight relationships, but I see nine. Here are the MRCA's that go with each of their nine relationships:

- 2C1R MRCA= (6) [George Washington Coffey \(ca 1836 - \)](#) & [Mary Catherine Demasters \(ca 1839 - \)](#)
- 3C2R MRCA= (4) [William Coffey \(ca 1775 - \)](#) & [Elizabeth Giles \(Note A\)](#)
- 3C1R MRCA= (4) [William Coffey \(ca 1775 - \)](#) & [Elizabeth Giles \(Note B\)](#)
- 2X 6C MRCA= (2) [John Coffey \(BET 1699 AND 1700 - BET JAN 1775 AND FEB 1775\)](#) & [Jane Graves \(ca 1708 - 1792\)](#)
- 4X 6C1R MRCA= (2) [John Coffey \(BET 1699 AND 1700 - BET JAN 1775 AND FEB 1775\)](#) & [Jane Graves \(ca 1708 - 1792\)](#)

Note A: Through William's son Edmund and Edmund's FIRST wife Martha Snead

Note B: Through William's son Edmund and Edmund's SECOND wife Mary Monroe

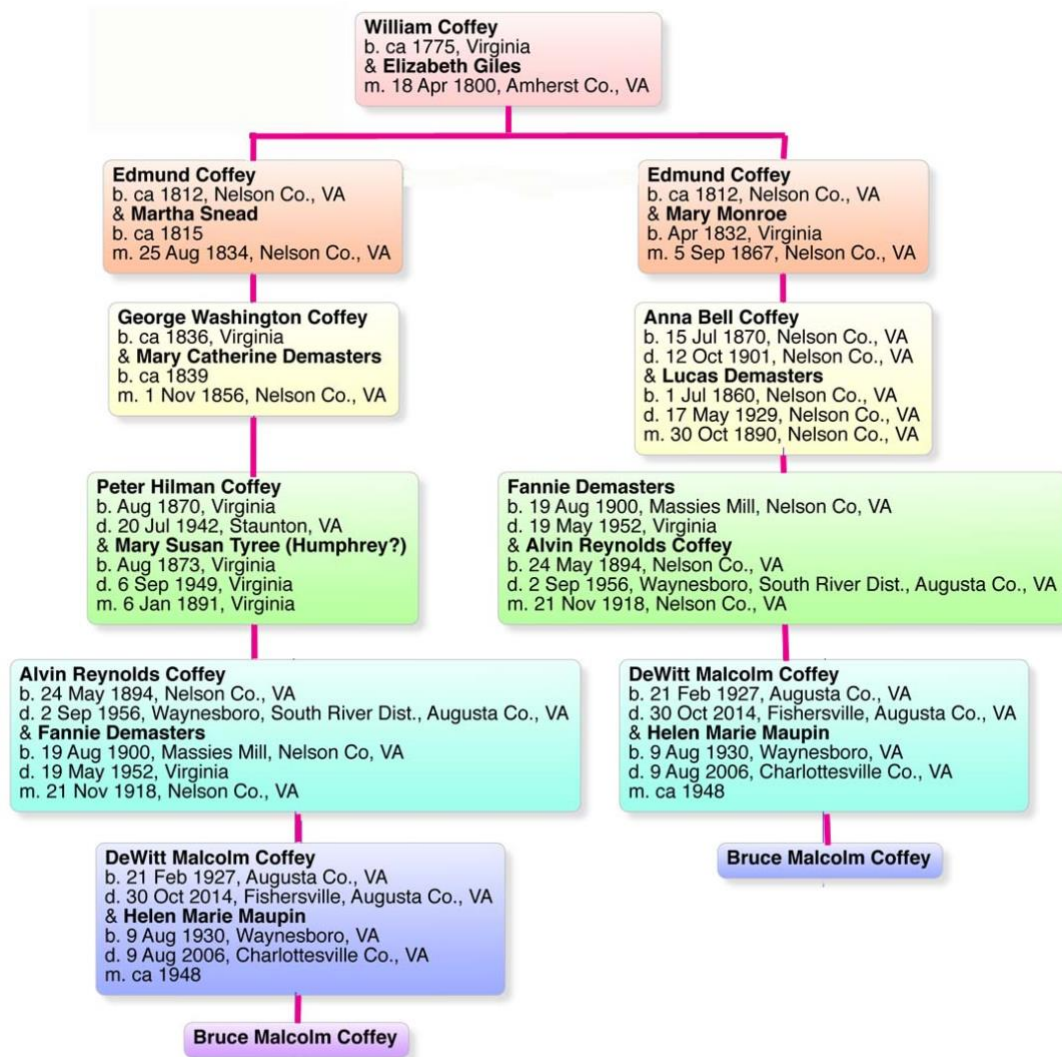
The computer, in figuring out the closest relationship back to William, focused on Bruce's relationship through "Note B", and missed that "Note A" got there through one longer generation. And the line it missed was the one the y-DNA took! My computer's logic apparently focused on the SHORTEST path back from Bruce to William.

The following sketch may give you a better idea of what is going on. This starts with William, and the left column goes through Edmund and his first wife Martha Snead. That is the path the y-DNA took. The right column goes through Edmund and his second wife Mary Monroe. And both end with Bruce Malcolm.

The left column includes a **blue** box, with Alvin Reynolds Coffey married to Fannie Demasters. The right column includes a **green** box, with Fannie Demasters married to Alvin Reynolds Coffey. They are obviously the same couple.

My computer says Alvin and Fannie have a DOUBLE relationship. They are combined "Half 1C1R" plus "2C" (Second Cousins).

William is Bruce's GGGG Grandfather through Edmund and his first wife Martha. And William is Bruce's GGG Grandfather through Edmund and his second wife Mary.



There you are. Doesn't that make everything crystal clear? Bruce is obviously a half-third-cousin of his father. And a half-second-cousin-twice-removed of his mother. Right? ;-)

EDWARD COFFEY PROJECT (ECP) UPDATE:

By: Fred Coffey

Bruce's "extremely complicated" family, discussed above, is an opportunity to talk about Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project). EVERY ancestor of both Bruce Malcom Coffey and of Kenneth Cyrus Coffey has a biographical page in the ECP. There is a vast amount of material that Bruce can study.

If you want to order a copy of the ECP, here's how:

Jack Coffee's 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.

WELDON IOWA UPDATE:

By: Fred Coffey (fredcoffey@aol.com)

Back in Newsletter Issue 149-10,11 I wrote about a Coffey family living in Weldon, Iowa. Weldon was just a stone's throw from where I grew up, and I was interested in whether there was a family connection. There turned out to be NO connection to MY Coffey family, but it made an interesting story.

I just got a note from Holly Nelson-Becker, who discovered that article, and recognized that this was HER ancestral family! She wrote:

From Holly "I just wanted to say hello and hope you are well. Our father, David N. Nelson, died this past May at age 99 in Mesa, AZ. His mother was Katherine Coffey from Weldon Iowa. My brother Blaine found a certificate that said she was valedictorian of her high school class in Weldon in 1902 so I did a quick hunt to see if I could find anything more from her high school. I came across your newsletter when I did the search online. Katherine married Sam J. Nelson and they lived most of their lives in or near Roland Iowa. They had 5 children, Josephine, Samuel, David, Daniel, and William (who is still living). It was lovely to read about the family of Joseph Coffey of Weldon.

"My grandmother was a twin, an identical twin. Her sister Mary was also noted as age 14 in the information you had, as was Katherine of course. You are absolutely correct about the connection with Killbeggan in County Westmeath, Ireland connection and the names. There was a store with the family name of Coffey across the front of it, but I believe it is a family home of one of the descendants now. My daughter, Alexa, visited with my dad there in 2012, I think. I visited the Coffey family in 1976 when I was a student in France.

"Thank you for all of the effort you have put into linking people together. You are good researcher and story teller. I thought the way you followed the track of our family back to Ireland was magnificent!

Best wishes and stay well, Holly Nelson-Becker (Ruislip, Middlesex, UK)

From Fred to Holly: If you have no objection, I will possibly do a brief update in the next newsletter coming out at the end of March. OK? And if you or others in your family have any update material to add, I would be most interested! And do you think you could find a living male from your family line in Ireland with the Coffey surname, and that you could persuade him to do a y-DNA test? I am very interested in connecting Coffey families that are still living in Ireland to other families in America and Ireland.

From Holly: *"We'd be happy to provide information. Regarding DNA, my daughter thinks Lawrence may have passed away, but his son David Coffey might be willing. Things are quite hectic at work at the moment and I am working weekends. I may not get much sent for the March issue, but can try for the next one. Best wishes, Holly"*

SARAH SUMPTER, WIFE OF JAMES COFFEY:

From: Miriam Miller note to Bonnie Culley

From Miriam: We had talked several months ago about my writing an article for the newsletter regarding the Sumter/Coffey connection. Here is my attempt at an article. Its been years since I have used my academic abilities as I retired from teaching many years ago. Use as you will.

Bonnie's article on the Daughters of the American Revolution in our recent newsletter regarding the positive aspects of membership inspired me. I have enjoyed the social atmosphere of the group, as well as the civic and patriotic work we as members participate in, for many years. Examples of programs my chapter has participated in over the past year includes packaging boxes for the local food pantry, participating in the citizenship ceremonies, hearing a presentation regarding Jefferson's farm Poplar Forest, and an Antiques Road Show associate's assessment of members antiques. I encourage anyone interested in membership to contact a local chapter. I will be more than happy to assist and answer any questions you may have. I have not asked Bonnie but I am sure she will be more than happy to assist you as well!

The other aspect of DAR is the efficient way I can keep my genealogy in the Genealogical Research System. No need to fumble through books, papers, or documents on the computer. Lineage is linked on the DAR GRS for all the family to view.

Of interest to Coffey Cousins is the new link just proven between the Sumter (Sumpter) and Coffey family. For years there has been speculation as to the father of Sarah (Sally) Sumpter wife of James Coffey.

Here is what has been previously proven and can be found in GRS in DAR.

Private Reuben Coffey father of
James Lewis Coffey born 1790 Wilkes County NC
Died a 1880 Pulaski County Ky
Sarah Sumter born c 1790 NC
Died c 1870 Pulaski Co Ky

Newly proven

1. Sarah Sumter (Coffey) daughter of
James Sumter born ante 1757 died post 1820 Wayne County KY
2. James Sumter Son of
William Sumter born 1741 VA died 1828 Burke County NC
married Judith Randall

BACKGROUND MEMO FROM FRED: This, per the ECP, is the Sarah Sumpter she is talking about.
Jack Coffey's Edward Coffey Project has no genealogical information about Sarah:

- (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) Reuben Coffey (16 Sep 1759 - 9 Jun 1842) & Mildred Morris
- (5) James Coffey (27 Aug 1790 - 4 Jun 1892) & **Sarah Emerline Sumpter (7 Jul 1792 - 1869)**

A NEW DNA TEST SUBJECT:

By: Fred Coffey (fredcoffey@aol.com)

As co-administrator of the Coffey DNA Project, I regularly get "new member" messages from our testing service, FTDNA. This often prompts comments and questions on my part, and this often leads to new information about a Coffey family. Here's a recent exchange:

Subject: Family Tree DNA New Coffey Project Member - Kit Number
The following person joined the Coffey Project:
Charles Coffey
E-mail: cscoffey@gmail.com
Products: Family Finder
Thank you for testing at Family Tree DNA

FROM FRED: Hello Charles, my name is Fred Coffey, I am co-administrator of the Coffey Surname DNA Project, and I just received the notice above that you have joined our project. Welcome!

I was able to look at the tree information you posted on FTDNA and was quickly able to connect your genealogy to our ECP (Edward Coffey Project). And I see that you have now also ordered the 37-marker y-DNA test. The following identifies the two y-DNA tested men who are the most closely related to you. However they are still likely at too great a distance to be detected by the Family Finder DNA test that you have already done.

The following compares your genealogy to these two tested men:

- (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)
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- (5) James Coffey (27 Aug 1790 - 4 Jun 1892) & Sarah Emerline Sumpter (7 Jul 1792 - 1869)
- (6) Lewis Coffey (ca 1813 -) & Elizabeth Watters (ca 1814 -)
- (7) Harden Coffey (3 Feb 1848 - 8 Jul 1930) & Martha Ann Keith (25 Dec 1853 - 11 May 1898)
- (8) Charles S. Coffey (May 1888 -) & Ninnie Rachel Abbott (ca 1893 -)
- (9) Ernie Everett Coffey (23 Apr 1913 - 11 Jul 1995) & Ethel Foster (18 Feb 1915 - 8 Aug 2009)
- (10) Foster Howard Coffey (1939 -)
- (11) Christopher R Coffey (1967 -) **5C of Charles (HAS Y-DNA TEST)**
- (7) Lewis Coffey Jr. (23 Aug 1850 - 25 Jul 1928) & Permelia Ann Tucker (8 Mar 1851 - 6 Nov 1932)
- (8) Mitt/Milton Coffey (16 Mar 1887 - 22 Sep 1970) & Flossie Linnie Taylor (17 Nov 1894 - 1971)
- (9) James Edward Coffey (ca 1938 -) **3C2R of Charles (HAS Y-DNA TEST)**
- (6) James Coffey Jr. (1823 - 16 Nov 1862) & Sophia Giebear (22 May 1834 - 8 Aug 1880)
- (7) William Austin Coffey (18 Mar 1855 - 7 Dec 1923) & Margaret Adaline Fowler (14 Feb 1862 - 4 Feb 1935)
- (8) Jesse Clarton Coffey (29 Feb 1892 - 10 Sep 1983) & Anna Odelia Modde (13 May 1892 - 11 Oct 1959)
- (9) Stanley J Coffey (22 Dec 1925 - 11 Sep 2012) & Rosella Meyer
- (10) Kevin Michael Coffey (21 Apr 1956 -) & Jacqueline Joan (27 Jul 1958 -)
- (11) **Charles Coffey**

Can I answer any questions, or point you to sources that will tell you more about your family tree? You will find a huge database of Coffey-related information at this link: (Perhaps you have already been there?)

www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html

FROM CHARLES: Thank you so much for your e-mail! I can't tell you how excited I am to begin this genealogy journey. Is the information sent me above based on DNA or my family tree? I had a bit of an interesting result I feel... my "Origins" said I had 0% Irish heritage but 23% England, Scotland, and Wales (which includes Northern Ireland on the map on the Family Tree DNA site). Does this make sense, or is there a break in the Coffey line somewhere that I have not been told about?

FROM FRED: There is probably NOT a break in your Coffey line, although that does sometimes happen and there is a small chance your y-DNA test might show that. The genealogical information I sent you has nothing to do with your DNA. It comes from your "paper trail" going back to Edward, based on the work done by Jack Coffee in his "Edward Coffey Project".

Regarding your "Origins" map, be aware that your autosomal DNA ("Family Finder") test is showing the weighted average of ALL your DNA sources. And the DNA you got from Edward is a very TINY percentage of that. You are the 11th generation down from Edward.

Edward absolutely came from Ireland. Edward's son John got 50% of his DNA from Edward. John's son James got 50% of that, or 25% from Edward. If you work that math all the way down to your generation, you'll see that only "1 part in 1024" of your DNA came from Edward. That rounds to the "0%" you see.

Put another way, if you work backward from yourself you will see you have 1024 ancestors (assuming no marriages of cousins) at the same distance as Edward. Your atDNA test is seeing the DNA mix of all 1024 ancestors.

The y-DNA test, however, is precisely following just your paternal "Coffey" line. That DNA is passed down from father to son, just like the Coffey surname.

For more background, go to the "Roadmap" link above, scroll down to DNA, and read the article "CCCREVIEW2017".

FROM CHARLES: Thank you so much for that link - I've poked around a bit and am excited to dig deeper!

FROM FRED: (a few weeks later) I see that your y-DNA test is now completed, and that you have a HUGE number of matches to descendants of Edward Coffey. There is clearly NO BREAK in your Coffey line. And the genealogy I proposed above is apparently correct. If you go to the above "Roadmap" and scroll down to the DNA Project page, and click on GENEALOGY, you will find your line summarized on Page 2.

Also I may include a short article in the next Coffey Cousins newsletter, due out at the end of March, if you take no exception.

FROM CHARLES Thanks Fred! I was quite excited to get my results! I'd love it if you would include a short article in the next newsletter-how do I sign up to get those?

FROM FRED: We don't mail out the newsletters, we just send out a notice saying a new newsletter is out. And you are now on the list to be notified the next time one is published.

Meanwhile, for your reading pleasure, you can go to the above "Roadmap" link, read the discussion page about newsletters, and then click on the list. You can then click on any of the previous 157 editions and start reading. There are 2260 pages of previous newsletters:

Welcome to the "Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse". Best, Fred

LEONARD AND MICHAEL COFFEY:

Newsletter masthead says: Founded and Published by Leonard Coffey 1981-1989

Bonnie and I (Fred) have just had several note exchanges with Michael Coffey, a first cousin of Leonard. Bonnie wrote to Mike:

"I did know your cousin, Leonard Coffey. He was a great guy and very interested in the Coffey genealogy. He and several of the Coffeys had been working together on the Coffey line before he started the newsletter and had been writing letters to each other. I met him the first time at the first Coffey Convention in Boone, NC, in May of 1984. Very few of us knew each other so it was a real get to know you party. Everyone wanted to know more about Leonard. I think Bennie Loftin and I were the youngest ones there and I think that I am probably the only one still alive from that meeting. I will be 88 in May."

"We are now on Newsletter Issue #158. Leonard's last was Issue #33 Dec. 1988."

"Be sure to go back in the old issues on our web site and read some of what Leonard did. Everyone loved him. This has always been a great group of caring people. I wish he could have lived to see the results of what he started. I hope you will be a part of our Coffey Cousins."

(Memo: Mike has ordered several DNA tests. We will report here on interesting results.)

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" was updated in early January 2021, to incorporate some of the changes discussed in the previous newsletter.)