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President's Message

Greetings Coffey Cousins:

It is with great sadness that I had the displeasure of calling for the vote to disband the Coffey/Coffee Cousins Organization. The Organization had its day and time. There will be many fond memories of all the past conventions and the friendships made there. The last few conventions were more like family reunions as the attending members became fewer and fewer. However, they were always fun and entertaining. These conventions were successes due to the hosts. The last one in St. Louis hosted by Diana and Bill Holder was as good as it gets. Thank you Diana and Bill. They did an outstanding job tending to what became the final convention. It is fitting that the last convention was in St. Louis as the city is the gateway to the west, let it be a gateway to our future endeavors. Thank you all for the opportunity to be associated with a special group of people. May we all cross paths in the future. A special thanks to Bonnie for all her service to the organization. Thanks y'all.

Larry Coffey

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THE FINAL CONVENTION PICTURE:



Left to right. Bill Holder, Jean (Coffey) Mower, Larry Coffey, Joe Culley, David Smith, Bonnie Culley, Timothy Peterman, Terri Stern, Barbara Smith, Diane (Coffey) Holder, Wayne Mower (**Memo:** The photographer was Diane's niece, Jessica Wattler, the daughter of Diane's sister, Susan Coffey Wattler.)

Editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

Sad news, we will no longer have an annual convention and we did not elect officers. We only had 14 people in attendance.

Vice President Larry Coffey called the meeting to order. He asked for new business and I, Bonnie Culley made the motion that we dissolve the Coffey Cousins' Conventions. Discussions: Not enough interest to make it feasible to continue. Motion passed.

(I hope that Leonard Coffey and Betty Coffey forgive me for this. Leonard started the Newsletter and he ask Betty to set up the first convention almost 40 years ago. It was held in the heart of Coffey territory at Grandfather Mountain near Boone, North Carolina.)

Treasurer, Wayne Mower, asked what to do with the money in our bank account. It was decided that we would pay the bills for the current convention and then move the remainder to Fred Coffey to use with the DNA Project or any needs of the newsletter.

Those who signed the registration sheet are: Larry Coffey, Wayne and Jean (Coffee) Mower, David and Barbara Smith, Timothy Peterman, Terri Stern, Bill and Diana Holder, Jessica Water, Joe Culley and Bonnie Culley.

It was very hard to leave for the last time. I think I am the only one left of the people who attended the first convention and at 89, that is most likely. I was the youngest one at the first convention. It was always such a joy to see friends again and meet new ones every year. I met some of the best and nicest people at these gathering that I have ever known. Coffee/ys are definitely a good race of people. (It's got to be in the blood.)

I am so thankful that Leonard Coffey did not let the Newsletter be controlled by the Convention organization. Some were not pleased with that at one time but Leonard said, "the paper is mine." Because of that we have always kept the Newsletter separate in ownership from the Convention organization. You will still get your newsletter. Of course it would help if you would send stories and queries to Fred to share with the rest of us.....

Bonnie Culley

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Co-editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

As you are all likely aware, I have been assisting with distribution and publishing of these newsletters for several years. I had originally planned to attend the St. Louis convention but had to cancel for family reasons.

Throughout this current edition of this newsletter I have included discussion about the people who did attend. I greatly appreciate the people who made the effort, and hope that each of them will continue to contribute information and stories about their Coffey/Coffee families.

There is a lot to be learned about “Coffey Connections” by studying how these people and their families fit together.

Wayne’s note below explains how they wrapped up the finances of the CCC, and dedicated their financial surplus to helping me fund future DNA research. I promise to make good use of the funds.

Fred Coffey

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FROM WAYNE:

Wayne D Mower (wdmower@verizon.net)

Hi Fred, hope that this email finds you well. Missed you at the Convention, but we all understand your situation and wish you well. Jean and I are well and still very active, researching and working with our various organizations.

We returned home yesterday from the Convention. It was not well attended as you know. There were 11 in attendance. We discussed the rapid drop in attendance and came to a decision to put the convention to bed. It was a hard but unanimous decision. We decided that we will try to stay in touch and meet once in a while. I hope we can do that but ...

We also decided to pay down and close the checking account. We paid for the Room and the dinner from the account. There is \$366.54 left over, which we voted to send to you to help you with the newsletter, DNA and “Road Map”.

It is a sad time for CCC, but it has not looked good for some time. The pandemic probably made it worse. Many organizations are in trouble because of this. Who knows maybe some time in the future someone will pick up the pieces and get it started again. The younger generations do not seem to be very interested. Wayne Mower, Treasurer

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IN THE LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN, PONDERING COFFEY GENEALOGY:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

I have just found myself in an awkward situation. My wife and I embarked on a long-planned vacation, to visit Norway, going to “Land of the Ice Bears” at Svalbard. That is a territory of Norway above the arctic circle. We had a good first two days, searching for polar bears and visiting a huddle of walruses. Then I wasn’t feeling well, and the ship doctor tested me and said:

“You have Covid. You must go into quarantine. You will move to a private cabin, and you can’t come out and nobody can come in. We’ll deliver a tray of food 3x per day.”

My wife Jane tested negative, so she stayed in our original cabin and could go to the dining room. But what was I to do? I decided to sit and ponder highlights about where we had been over the history of our Coffey genealogy.

Much of this current newsletter is about ending the annual “Coffey Cousins Convention”, and about our plans to continue publishing a newsletter. Have our genealogy studies taught us anything?

The first newsletter was published by Leonard Coffey in January 1981, and had 3 pages. Since then there have been 162 issues with 2319 pages spread over 41 years! You’re now reading issue #163! What have we learned about our Coffey families over that time?

And how about those people discussed elsewhere this newsletter – how long have they been part of our newsletters? Tim Peterman’s writings made issue #2. Bonnie was welcomed as a new cousin in Issue #10 March 1983.

Jack Coffee was a new cousin in Issue #30, in 1988, and he reported in Issue #102 in March 2006 that he had been “...working feverishly on the Edward Coffey /Ann Powell Descendants project” for two years. He offered a CD with his files. Ultimately this “CD” grew to where “*The current edition of The Edward Coffey Project on USB contains 49882 people, 17564 families, 118458 events, 8072 places, 2561 sources, 62091 citations and 14534 multimedia items. It also contains over 20000 other documents and photographs.*” Wow!

The first convention was in May 1984 near Boone, NC, see Newsletter Issue #15 for details!

In 1993 we began to discover the power of DNA testing. Tim Peterman was a major encourager for some of us to get started (not being a “Coffey”, Tim’s own y-DNA was useless for tracking the male-line Coffey y-DNA!) Lorie Okel became the initial DNA coordinator, and I (Fred) soon started helping Lorie publish the data and results. Mostly we started with 12-marker tests, but a couple of participants were wealthy enough to upgrade to 25-markers. Fairly early we figured out that descendants of Edward, and descendants of Peter were actually related! And Jack Coffee discovered his y-DNA was “Mills”.

Tim Peterman and I became co-administrators of the Coffey DNA Project. Tim concentrated on autosomal DNA, and I concentrated on y-DNA. Our overall DNA Project continued to grow, and we now have 366 members.

Over time we kept adding new members and some of us kept upgrading to more complete STR tests, with a few eventually getting up to 111-marker tests. Among the fascinating discoveries, we soon learned that DNA often “goes astray”. We now have a group of people who have the Coffey name they got from Edward but have y-DNA from other family lines. And we have a group who have solid y-DNA inherited from Edward but have different surnames. Lots of interesting stories!

And we found a lot of people who were NOT related to EITHER Edward or Peter, but who had a “Coffey/Coffee” name. The early “genealogists” (see the earlier newsletters) were aware of some of these. And we began to use DNA to explore those family connections.

We began to see a lot of people with “Keogh/Keough/Keoh” names that appeared to be clearly related to our Edward and Peter groups. I had a theory that perhaps our “Coffey” had evolved from “Keogh” in the ancient Keogh homeland in Ireland?

But then we started using a new type of test that focused on SNP analysis. This involved “Big-Y” tests that addressed up to 700 markers. Some of that is addressed elsewhere in this paper.

That showed us that “Coffey” did NOT evolve from “Keogh”, nor vice-versa. The Coffey/Keogh do have a common ancestor back there somewhere, but it would have been somewhat farther back in time. (Hey, ultimately every human male line goes back to a single common ancestor in Africa!)

And it now dawned on me that I had access to thousands and thousands of pages of information on very diverse “Coffey” families, and I worked to pull it all together in the “Coffey Roadmap”. (See the link at the end of this newsletter.)

(Oh dear. I just learned that my “quarantine” will go three days beyond the planned end of our Norway vacation. They won’t let me go home yet and I’m stranded in a hotel on Svalbard! The nurse told me the ship had 7 guests, plus 4 crew, who were placed in quarantine.)

(June 20: Allowed to start flights home. Substantial airline delays & missed flights. Arrived in Boston airport 3:00 am June 21. Our checked luggage didn’t make it. June 22: Jane tested POSITIVE for Covid, probably got it from me. June 25: Our lost luggage is found and now we can unpack! Worst vacation we’ve ever had!)

NOTE FROM Randy COFFEY:

Dated April 1, 2022

Randy Coffee (randy.coffee@verizon.net)

Hi Fred,

I just read the latest CCC newsletter and the section about digitizing documents got me thinking about the “Francis Graves” genealogy document I mentioned (to you) awhile back... I’ve been half-heartedly attempting to condense it, by filtering out all of the Graves descendants who probably wouldn’t be a focus for Coffey/ee researchers. My plan was to submit it to you or Bonnie as a story for the newsletter, but it is proving to be a daunting task (especially, with work and life getting in the way!). Also, I keep over thinking how to best accomplish the task and present something useful... I’ve started it 2 or 3 times, but then get stuck and start over...

Anyway, I looked through the list of documents in Bonnie’s library and didn’t see it there. I’m not sure if it’s in Jack’s ECP stuff (still haven’t looked at the thumb drive I got before he passed) so, I thought it would be a good idea to, at least, submit the link to the webpage.

Marvin Coffey is mentioned in it as a reference, and I believe he listed the Graves Genealogy organization as one of his references for Edward Coffey and Jane Graves' info in his book. So, it's been around for a while. It seems to do a pretty good job following the Coffey line down a few generations... possibly even providing clues for Larkin and Collins! I think I have figured out a few of the missing pieces, but don’t want to make assumptions (without concurrence)... I’d like to discuss my findings after you’ve seen the original information, or maybe include it in the newsletter as food for thought...

Here’s the link: Francis Graves of Gloucester Co. & Essex Co., VA (gravesfa.org)

(<https://gravesfa.org/gen220.htm>)

OBSERVATIONS BY FRED:

All readers who descend from Edward Coffey through his son John absolutely HAVE Graves ancestors, because John’s wife was Jane Graves. So, if you descend from Edward through his

son John, you have Graves family ancestors and Graves DNA. And you have many thousands of cousins with the Graves name.

The above link has 781 "Coffey" references. But that's only a very tiny fraction of the known descendants of Jane Graves via her marriage to John. I can name 23,744 descendants of John and Jane, mostly based on Jack Coffee's "Edward Coffey Project" (ECP).

THE LAST CONVENTION – WHO'S WHO IN THE CCC:

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

Following is tabulation of the genealogy of the people who attended the St. Louis convention -- their names **Highlighted in Bold Red**. Also, for comparison and **highlighted in purple**, are three other people who have also been highly involved with the Coffey Cousins. I've included **Leonard Coffey**, the creator of these Newsletters. I have shown **Jack Coffee**, who was creator of the massive ECP (Edward Coffey Project). I've included myself **Fred Coffey**, organizer of the "Road Map" to Coffey information. Study this data carefully, and there's a lot to be learned:

The Edward Coffey Group:

These are the Edward Coffey descendants. Note that some of these people have multiple paths back to Edward because of marriages of cousins. **The cousin marriages are highlighted in yellow.**

- (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) Reuben Coffey (7 Mar 1742 - 1825) & Sarah Scott (ca 1750 - Oct 1837)
- (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) **Memo: From here down the v-DNA for this line is "Mills", not "Coffey"**
- (5) Lilburn Jackson Coffee (BET 1822 AND 1824 - ca 1877) & Sarah Hannah Taylor (ca 1823 - Mar 1860)
- (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 -) & Nelda Magdalen Laurent (11 Mar 1940 -)
- (10) Christopher Lee Coffee (21 Dec 1970 -)
- (3) Benjamin Coffey (ca 1747 - 4 Jan 1834) & Mary Hayes (ca 1760 -)
- (4) **Jane Coffey (ca 1774 -) & Joel Coffey (1774 - 1822)**
- (5) **James Coffey (1800 - BET MAR 2 AND 20 MAR 1857) & Mahala Coffey (ca 1803 -)**
- (6) Anderson H. (Hayes of Hardin?) Coffey (1829 -) & Mary Ann Wheat (ca 1835 - 29 Jun 1891)
- (7) Cyrus Christopher Coffey (27 May 1854 - 10 Mar 1928) & Parthenia Emiline Wheat (ca 1857 -)
- (8) Arthur Reed Coffey (17 Jul 1888 - 1 Jun 1972) & Edna Anastatia Dailey (17 Jul 1907 - 25 Sep 1993)
- (9) Arthur Robert Coffey (17 Jul 1939 -) & Elicen Aldridge (16 Jul 1942 -)
- (10) **Diana Coffey & Bill Holder**
- (4) John Coffey (15 Oct 1776 - 15 Mar 1845) & Elizabeth Rucker (6 Jan 1787 - 22 Mar 1855)
- (5) Elizabeth Coffey (14 Oct 1810 - 30 Aug 1883) & George W. Hayes (ca 1817 - 1898)
- (6) Hamilton Hayes (15 Dec 1854 - 1906) & Elvira Register (4 Mar 1861 - 14 Nov 1936)
- (7) Ida May Hayes (16 Sep 1883 - 27 May 1973) & John Henry Willard (17 Aug 1882 - 18 Feb 1935)
- (8) Stella Lucille Willard (13 Aug 1912 - Oct 1985) & Virgil James Flanigan (29 Dec 1902 - 7 Jan 1979)
- (9) **Bonnie** Rae Flanigan (17 May 1933 -) & James Dudley **Culley** (6 Oct 1930 - 15 Aug 2015)
- (10) **Joe Culley**
- (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) **Celia Coffey (ca 1777 -) & Fielding M. Coffey (ca 1777 - BET NOV 1833 AND JAN 1834)**
- (5) **Mahala Coffey (ca 1803 -) & James Coffey (1800 - BET MAR 2 AND 20 MAR 1857)**
- (6) Anderson H. (Hayes of Hardin?) Coffey (1829 -) & Mary Ann Wheat (ca 1835 - 29 Jun 1891)
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- (10) **Diana Coffey & Bill Holder**
- (3) Salathiel Coffey (BET 1750 AND 1755 - 28 Jul 1784) & Elizabeth Gore
- (4) **Elias Coffey (8 May 1775 - 18 Jul 1833) & Mary Coffey (7 Dec 1782 -)**
- (5) Newton Eli Coffey (2 May 1827 - 14 Jan 1890) & Martha Louise Vermillion (4 May 1827 - 27 Mar 1904)
- (6) Benjamin Coe Coffey (24 Nov 1845 - 16 May 1927) & Lucy Barbre (5 May 1846 - 30 Dec 1887)
- (7) Lena Leota Coffey (1 May 1877 - 2 Aug 1928) & Perry A. Robinson (1874 - 1945)
- (8) Roy Ronald Robinson (6 Nov 1899 - 8 Jan 2000) & Elvessa Lena Ellis
- (9) Ella Louise Robinson (28 May 1927 - 23 Mar 1999) & Raymond W Peterman (24 Jun 1918 -)

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- (10) **Tim Peterman**
- (6) William Coffey (27 Oct 1848 - 16 Mar 1896) & Malcena Barbre (28 Mar 1855 - 12 May 1920)
(7) Newton Coffey (23 Sep 1875 - 26 May 1969) & Adelia Gertrude Robinson (12 Sep 1878 - 16 Jan 1973)
(8) Leo Newton Coffey (22 Jul 1901 - 26 Oct 1998) & Elsie Maureen Walker (20 Nov 1903 - 12 Mar 1983)
(9) Leo **Frederick Coffey**
- (8) Dorothy Irene Coffey (28 Feb 1918 -) & Floyd A Smith (19 Jul 1906 - 1 Aug 1997)
- (9) **David Arthur Smith & Barbara Taylor**
- (3) Nebuzaraden Coffey (1757 - 1797) & Elizabeth Hayes (1760 - 1830)
- (4) **Fielding M. Coffey (ca 1777 - BET NOV 1833 AND JAN 1834) & Celia Coffey (ca 1777 -)**
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(9) Arthur Robert Coffey (17 Jul 1939 -) & Elieen Aldridge (16 Jul 1942 -)
- (10) **Diana Coffey & Bill Holder**
- (3) Nathan Coffey (1760 - 1823) & Mary Saunders
- (4) **Mary Coffey (7 Dec 1782 -) & Elias Coffey (8 May 1775 - 18 Jul 1833)**
- (5) Newton Eli Coffey (2 May 1827 - 14 Jan 1890) & Martha Louise Vermillion (4 May 1827 - 27 Mar 1904)
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- (8) Dorothy Irene Coffey (28 Feb 1918 -) & Floyd A Smith (19 Jul 1906 - 1 Aug 1997)
- (9) **David Arthur Smith & Barbara Taylor**
- (2) Annister Coffey (ca 1708 -) & James Samuel (14 Jun 1690 - 16 May 1759) **Memo: From here down the y-DNA for this line is "Samuel", not "Coffey"**
- (3) James Coffey (BET 1735 AND 1736 -)
- (4) James Coffey Jr (abt 1774 - bef 1840) & Nancy (12 Jun 1785 - 7 Jun 1848)
- (5) Lewis Moses Coffey (1798 - 18 Jun 1844) & Delilah B. Turpin (27 Jun 1802 - 1873)
(6) Moses Turpin Coffey (24 May 1831 - 10 Apr 1912) & Lucinda Renner (ca 1834 - 1910)
(7) John B. D. Coffey (1859 - 1912) & Kizzie Belle Gibbs (1864 - 1943)
(8) John L Coffey (12 May 1904 - 14 Oct 1952) & Mildred E. Leonard (24 Jul 1905 - 6 Jan 2000)
(9) **Leonard N Coffey** (21 Mar 1930 - 21 Jan 1989) & Donna Floann Smith (4 Nov 1930 - 12 Jun 2004)

The Peter Coffee Group:

These are the Peter Coffee descendants. We have long known that Peter was related to the above Edward Coffey, but the connection has to be back in Ireland. We are using Big-y testing to try to refine the timing:

- (1) Peter Coffee (abt 1716 - 1771) & Susannah
(2) William Coffee (abt 1740 - 1798) & Mary McAllister
(3) Joshua McAllister Coffee (29 Sep 1789 - 3 Oct 1842) & Jane Trousdale
(4) John Trousdale Coffee (14 Dec 1818 - 23 May 1890) & Harriet Weir
(5) William T Coffee (28 Jul 1857 - 10 Oct 1942) & Beatrice Webb
(6) Samuel DeAlma Coffee (9 Nov 1882 - 7 Mar 1968) & Mary Bannan
(7) William C Coffee (29 Aug 1915 - 24 Dec 2002) & Ramona Hanson
(8) **Jean Ramona Coffee & Wayne D Mower**

Larry Coffey Group:

Larry has long been active, working as president and vice president of the Coffey Cousins. He descends from a line of Coffee/ey who came from Ireland and settled in New Jersey: (At the moment this is a "group" of one. So far we have found no other Coffey lines with DNA match!)

- (1) John Coffee (3 May 1815 - 8 Jul 1895) & Mary Brennan (Aug 1826 - 13 May 1894)
(2) Thomas Coffey (Oct 1857 - 12 Jan 1913) & Ida Soden (26 Apr 1863 - 1931)
(3) John E Coffey (24 Jan 1880 - 22 Apr 1954) & Annabella Pickering (12 May 1884 - May 1971)
(4) Edward Thomas Coffey (3 Nov 1916 - 16 Dec 1992) & Helen Rose Boldizar (19 Jul 1918 - 24 May 2008)

(5) **Larry Coffey** (1947 -) & Carole Jean Moore (24 Oct 1948 - 17 Jan 2012)

Hugh Coffey Group:

Terri Stern is administrator of the Hugh Coffey Project:

- (1) Hugh Coffey (abt 1700 - abt 1766) & Mary Ramsey??
- (2) John Coffey (abt 1730 - abt 1800) & Susannah Watson
- (3) Hugh Coffey Sr. (13 May 1750 - 26 Apr 1827) & Agnes Montgomery
- (4) Hugh Coffey (9 Apr 1784 - 7 May 1861) & Margaret Walker
- (5) Andrew Boyd Coffey (2 Jun 1818 - 19 May 1884) & Harriet Malinda Barry (28 Apr 1835 - 13 Nov 1915)
- (6) Maude Bee Coffey (17 Jan 1861 - 10 Sep 1926) & George Henry Collins (30 Oct 1853 - 2 Apr 1913)
- (7) Ida Collins & Louis Emery
- (8) Sylvia Emery & William Paul Lewis Jr. (18 Sep 1930 - 18 Jul 2003)
- (9) **Terri** Lewis & **Stern**

COMPLICATED EDWARD GROUP RELATIONSHIPS!

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

There are interesting and complicated relationships in the "Edward Group" part of the above article, that may not be obvious on first reading:

- (1) Jack Coffee got his Coffee name from Edward, but his y-DNA is "Mills".
- (2) Diana (Coffey) Holder, because of cousin marriages, has four paths back to Edward. One is through Edward's son John, and three are through Edward's son Edward Jr.
 - a. John+Ben+Jane+James
 - b. EdJr+Joel+Celia+Mahala
 - c. EdJr+Neb+Fielding+Mahala
 - d. EdJr+Neb+Joel+James,
- (3) Leonard Coffey got his Coffey name from Edward, but his y-DNA is "Samuel".
- (4) Tim Peterman and Fred Coffey have "quadruple cousin" ancestors. Tim and Fred are "quadruple 3C1R". How does that happen?
 - a. Brothers Ben and William Coffey married sisters Lucy and Malcena Barbre, so their children are "double first cousins" with the Coffey surname.
 - b. Over in a non-Coffey family, brothers Moody and John Robinson married sisters Ellen and Martha Aten, producing another set of "double first cousins", with the Robinson surname.
 - c. Then "double first cousins Coffey" from (a) married "double first cousins Robinson" from (b). Their offspring are now "quadruple second cousins"!

Got all that? Tim's analytical specialty is "autosomal DNA", and his complex joint ancestry with Fred gives him lots of data to work with!

MORE "BIG-Y 700" TESTING PLANNED!

By Fred Coffey (FredCoffey@aol.com)

We are in the process of organizing some additional "Big-Y" 700-marker testing on the Peter and Edward lines. Our interest is in maximizing our data to analyze connections within each of these groups.

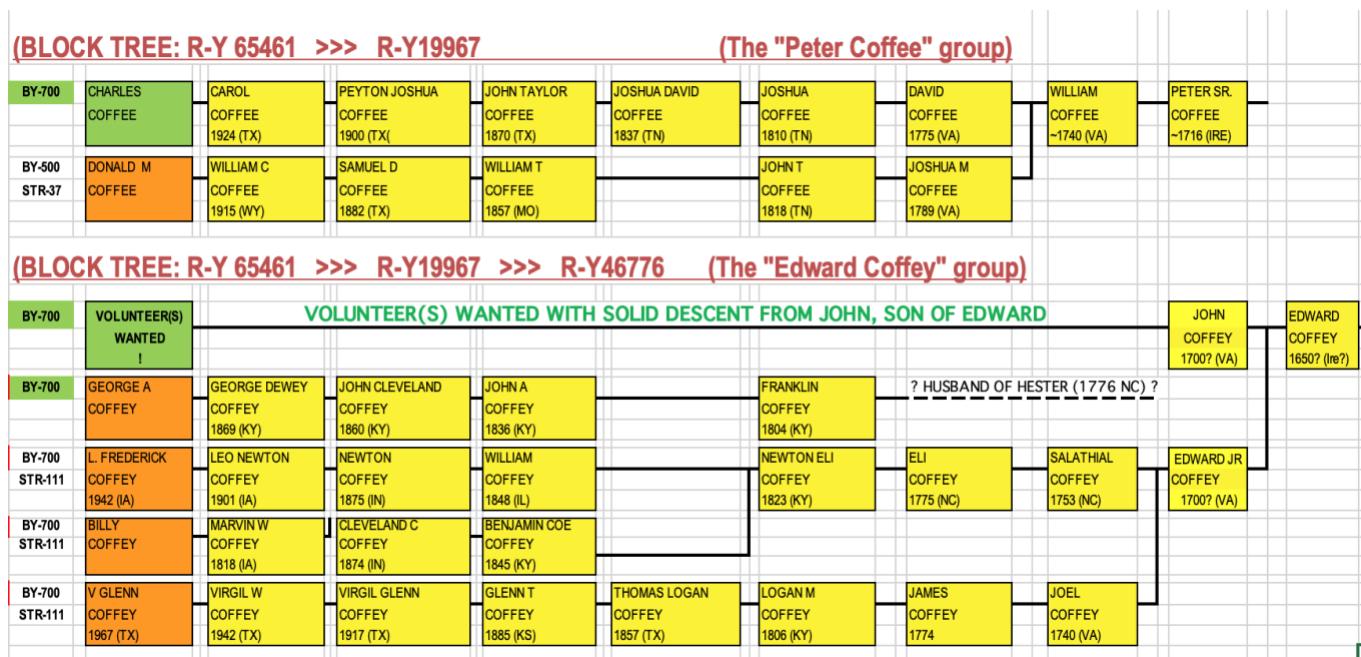
First, on the Peter line, we have until now only had a Big-y on Donald M Coffee, who is a brother of Jean (Coffee) Mower, who attended the St. Louis Convention.

Some of you may recall that a lot of research on the Peter line was done by Carol Coffee (23 Dec 1924 – 1 Jan 2020), and over the years Carol did many y-DNA tests. But never a Big-Y. Carol's son Charles has agreed to do the Big-Y, so now we will have two descendants of Peter who are separated back to the 5C1R level.

And we have previously had three lines from the Edward group, but two of those were older 500-marker tests. Two of those are now upgrading to Big-Y 700. We'll see if the new information changes any of our conclusions – will report in the next newsletter.

We also now have a new Big-Y order placed by George A Coffey. George is part of a big mystery, reported in Newsletter #126 pages 8 thru 10. He descends from one of three brothers who were part of a very large cluster of "Coffey" found in the 1850 census for Russell County, KY. The problem is we only know the MOTHER of these brothers – "Hester" born 1776 in NC. Who was Hester's husband? Will George's Big-Y help solve the mystery?

The planned test additions and upgrades are shown in green below:



VOLUNTEER(S) WANTED: DESCENDENT(S) OF EDWARD THROUGH HIS SON JOHN!

By Fred Coffey and Tim Peterman

Note in the genealogy above, that the three Big-Y tested descendants of Edward are believed to descend from Edward's son, Edward Junior. There are considerable uncertainties about the exact descent through Ed Jr.

Descendants of Edward through his son John have a much more solid genealogy than the Ed Jr line. We would really like to recruit someone who has a solid line back to Edward's son John to volunteer for a Big-Y 700 test. Send Fred a note if you might be suitable, willing and interested.

EDWARD COFFEY (D-1716) AND THE BIG Y – WHAT NEXT (?)

By Tim Peterman

As most readers know, Family Tree DNA has offered a test called the Big Y or Y-700 now for a number of years. The Y chromosome contains over 57 million base pairs. The Big Y test looks at a large proportion of the Y-chromosome, searches for hundreds of thousands of known SNPs and also searches for private SNP variants, which have never been seen before. A private SNP becomes public when it is found in two or more people, after which a new subclade is identified. These SNPs occur on average about once every 75 to 100 years. Within any line of descent, after about 3 or 4 generations, a new SNP will appear. If enough people participate in this, an unprecedented genealogical structure will be revealed, a list of descendants containing SNPs rather than names, with each SNP representing 3 or 4 patrilineal generations. Patrilineal lines can be constructed in deep time, leading thousands of years into our prehistoric past.

If you think about it, every patrilineal great-great grandson of Edward should have acquired a novel SNP that Edward didn't have. If Edward was born say in 1670, we can say that his patrilineal descendants born in say 1770 should have acquired a new SNP, and those born in say 1870 should have acquired a second SNP, and those born in say 1970 should have acquired a third SNP.

The following chart shows the Coffey descent from one clade/ haplogroup to the next from R-M269:

Haplogroup	Formed YBP	SNPs to MRCA	MRCA YBP
R-M269	13,300 (11,800 to 14,900)	97 SNPs	6,400
R-L23	6,400 (5,700 to 7,100)	3 SNPs	6,100
R-L51	6,100 (5,500 to 6,800)	4 SNPs	5,700
R-P310		6 SNPs	
R-L151		3 SNPs	4,800
R-P312	4,800 (4,300 to 5,300)	2 SNPs	4,500
R-Z46516		1 SNP	
R-ZZ11		1 SNP	4,500
R-DF27	4,500 (3,700 to 5,300)	1 SNP	4,500
R-Z195	4,500 (3,700 to 5,300)	2 SNPs	4,500
R-Z198	4,500 (3,700 to 5,300)	2 SNPs	4,500
R-ZS312	4,500 (3,700 to 5,300)	2 SNPs	4,500
R-Y19152	4,500 (3,700 to 5,300)	1 SNP	3,900
R-BY3272	3,900 (3,100 to 4,800)	7 SNPs	3,100
R-BY3255		1 SNP	
R-BY27944		5 SNPs	
R-Y19149	3,100 (1,900 to 4,400)	31 SNPs	450
R-Y19967	450 (175 to 750)	2 SNPs	450
R-Y46776		5 SNPs	

Notice how there were 97 SNPs that developed between the time when R-M269 originated some 13,300 years ago and the time when the R-L23 SNP occurred some 6,400 years ago. There are 21,819 downstream branches at present from R-M269. The above are just the Coffey patriline. Family Tree DNA organizes the branches in Block Trees where shared SNPs are identified. Chances are, 6,400 years ago, R-M269 would have had several thousand downstream branches and many of the 97 SNPs would signal the start of a new branch. It has probably been a decade since any SNP between R-M269 & R-L23 has been broken out into a new clade, even though testing of people all over Central Asia and nearby has increased a lot

during this time. Chances are, all of these other branches have gone extinct or “daughters out” as British genealogists use to say.

The population of descendants of R-M269 began to really grow as they settled in Europe some 4,500 years ago. We see a number of clades/ haplogroups appear defined by just one or two SNPs. This goes to show how detailed an expanding Block Tree can get.

Now, look at R-Y19149. There are 31 SNPs that came along between its origin some 3,100 years ago & the MRCA some 450 years ago. Chances are, as more of the Irish get tested with Big Y, we will see these 31 SNPs get teased apart, revealing clade after clade that will define the kinship of patrilineal within Ireland, adding a lot of structure to Irish genealogy. And we, those who have been tested, have to do nothing but just sit back and enjoy the show.

So what does the Edward Coffey terminal SNP look like? R-Y46776 has been much discussed as the final SNP for Edward. But who does it really represent? Looking at the Block Tree, the clade contains only 3 participants, LFC, BWC and Glenn G. Coffee, II. LFC & BWC share all of the same private variants. There are no mismatches. This isn't that surprising when one considers that the MRCA for LFC & BWC is their great-great grandfather, Newton Eli Coffey. But what about Glenn G. Coffee? What is he doing in this clade? I understand that he is descended from Joel Coffey (d 1789). The terminal SNP represented here is actually that of Edward Coffey, Jr., rather than Edward Coffey.

What to do next? Get another descendant of Joel Coffey (d 1789), where the MRCA is Joel Coffey, to Big Y test. When his results come in, that participant & Joel Coffey will be moved to a new subclade nested under R-Y46776, leaving only LFC & BWC in the original subclade.

I suggest then that two patrilineal descendants of John Coffey & Jane Graves take the Big Y test, where John & Jane are the MRCA.

The next step would be for 2 patrilineal descendants each of Chesley Coffey (1755-1818), Nebuzaraden Coffey (1757-1797), and Nathan Coffey (bef 1760-aft 1828) to test. We could also do this for Jesse Cleveland Coffey. We could also do this for Newton Coffey (b 1773). I say 2 descendants because this gives each of them the opportunity to form a new subclade if in fact they incurred a private variant SNP at their generation.

At this point, we should assess how we are doing. Are we really creating new structure? Or, are we just adding more participants to the R-Y46776 bucket? If we are creating new structure, my proposal is that little by little, we try to get one patrilineal descendant of all of Edward Coffey's patrilineal descendants tested who were born before 1900.

If we discover that Chesley (b 1755), Nebuzaradan (1757-1797), and Nathan (b bef 1760) are all more closely related to Glenn G. Coffee and each other by several SNPs, than they are to the Newton Eli Coffey descendants, this might call into question our placement of Salathiel within the family of Edward Coffey.

Over the past two centuries, as the discipline of genealogy was developing and modernizing, many conjectures were made, not just in the Coffey family, but in all families. The Big Y offers us a means of testing the validity of the earlier conjectures, and I strongly encourage contemporary genealogists to embrace this technology and all it has to offer.

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[THE COFFEY/COFFEE SURNAME: GENEALOGY INFORMATION ROADMAP](http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html)

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