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## **Editor's Comments**

Dear Cousins,

I must apologize for doing nothing to help Fred Coffey with the Coffey newsletter this quarter. I hope all will forgive me. I lost my oldest daughter, Cathy (Catherine Lynn Culley Montgomery) on July 4 to cancer. I miss her terribly and if that wasn't enough, my second daughter Connie Ball had emergency surgery a month later for some intestinal thing that I can't pronounce or spell. She is doing all right now. Thank goodness.

I did have a few good days. My grandson, Sean Culley and wife Ghea came back from South Korea to visit for a couple of days. We haven't seen them for eight years so we did have a family reunion to visit. He has his own school over there where he and Ghea teach children the english language.

Friday I had a bad tooth ache. Did you know that Dentist don't work on Friday? Finely found one and he did a root canal. Glad to get rid of the tooth ache but now my pocket book is hurting. It cost \$1,100.00 and still will have to pay for a cap.

Back to our Coffey families... do you have a family story that has not been published in the newsletter before? Share it as some of your cousins may not have heard it. Also it will live on after you are gone.

I have to go to my great great grandmother to get to my Coffey ancestor so I really don't have any actual stories but I remember my great Aunt Rosie saying that when they talked about her grandmother Elizabeth (Coffey Hayes) the women would talk behind their hands. Aunt Rosie was the youngest of Hamilton Hayes children and sister to my grandmother Ida Hayes Willard. Seems that Elizabeth's oldest daughter had a couple of illegitimate children that was often the subject behind the hands and not for young Rosie's ears to hear.

Enough for now, hope to do better next quarter.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie Culley*

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**Co-editor's Comments**

Dear Cousins,

In the previous newsletter we noted that the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse would cease to try to organize "conventions" where Coffey researchers could meet to discuss their research. There just wasn't enough interest to continue.

But we hope to continue producing these newsletters indefinitely. We can use them exchange information and views electronically.

I hope that many of you will write articles or submit questions. Please help!

This Issue: Much of the material in this issue is related to new discoveries related to "Big-Y" DNA testing. I owe particular thanks to Tim Peterman and Terri Stern, who helped me learn how to analyze the results. And Tim has contributed much of the discussions herein.

*Fred Coffey*

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**A Geographic Perspective:**

By Fred Coffey

As I was developing articles for this newsletter, I found more and more material related to a specific area in Kentucky.

This map offers a geographic background. Kevin Coffey and I did a big study about the Coffeys living in and around Russell County, for the CCC Convention held there in 2009. There is a great deal of genealogical complexity and uncertainty related to the Coffey Cousins living in this area.

Newsletter readers may find it informative to at least read the introductory discussion of this review.

For your background, click on this hyperlink = [\*\*RussellCounty\*\*](#) :

*Coffey Country,  
Kentucky*



*An examination of the Coffey Families*

*living in and around*

*Russell County, Kentucky, in the 1800's*

## **MYSTERY: DEATH RECORD FOR REBECCA PETTIS GRANT COFFEY?**

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

Got this note from "Kay", a descendant of Rebecca Pettis Grant. Kay preferred we not publish her full name and email. She wrote:

*"My brother and I have exhausted our minds abt trying to locate our great grandma Rebecca Pettis Grant Coffey. She was here in WV in 1920 according to the census, but have checked state records in Charleston, Fayette County Court House, Fayetteville, WV abt her death, no records. Wondering if she came back into VA and passed away. She had a daughter Florence Coffey Ramsey who lived in Staunton, VA and family there. Her father was a Pyramius Grant. We are not even sure when she was born only in Buena Vista area. All we know, any help your way would be appreciated as to where to go from there, we are in WV and stumped. Any help helpful. Kay"*

**Fred:** I was stumped at first because I could not immediately find Rebecca in the 1920 census, but once I worked out that she was reported under the name "Coffee" I found her, as a widowed head of family with a 14-year-old grandson "Walter" in the household.

Rebecca Pettis Grant is identified in Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project). However Jack does NOT identify her death date and location. That probably means he was never able to find that information.

Are there any Coffey researchers out there that can help? Send us (Fred or Bonnie) a note and we'll pass your advice back to Kay.

Following is what Jack wrote in his ECP (Edward Coffey Project):

*"4050. [Rebecca Pettis Grant](#)<sup>12902</sup> was born in April 1852 in Virginia. She lived with her son-in-law Elias Coffey in Fayetteville, Fayette Co., WV on 6 May 1910. She appeared in the census on 12 January 1920 in Fayetteville, Fayette Co., WV.<sup>12903</sup>*

*Rebecca Pettis Grant and Jordan Coffey were married on 3 January 1876 in Rockbridge Co., VA.<sup>12898,12899</sup> They<sup>12898,12899</sup> appeared in the census on 29 June 1880 in South River Dist., Augusta Co., VA.<sup>12900</sup> They<sup>12900</sup> appeared in the census on 2 June 1900 in Buena Vista, Independent City, VA.<sup>12901</sup> **Jordan Coffey**, son of Schuylar Coffey and Elizabeth Hamilton, was born in March 1841 in Amherst Co., VA.<sup>12896</sup> He lived with his parents in Amherst Co., VA on 15 September 1860. He lived with his nephew Edmund Coffey in Pedlar Dist., Amherst Co., VA on 28 January 1920. Jordan died in Staunton, Independent City., VA on 22 September 1925 and was buried at Timber Ridge ARP Church Cemetery in Lexington, VA on 23 September 1925.<sup>12897</sup>*

*Obituary, The Richmond Times Dispatch, Richmond, VA, Sep. 23, 1925*

*"Jordan Coffey. Staunton, VA., Sept. 22. - Jordan Coffey, a Confederate veteran, born in Amherst County in 1842, died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Ramsey, on Coalter Street, early this afternoon. The body will be taken to Timber Ridge Cemetery near Lexington, tomorrow morning. Mr. Coffey is survived by two daughters, Mr. F. M. Ramsey, of this city, and Mrs. Terry [sic] Coffey, of West Virginia, one son, Alvin Coffey, of West Virginia; and two brothers, Schyler Coffey, of Timber Ridge and John Coffey, of West Virginia."*

The ECP has considerably more information on ancestors and descendants. (The small blue numbers in the above text, and Rebecca's name, are hyperlinks to Jack's detailed sources. The amazing thing is that they seem to actually work, at least on MY computer! Fred

## **ORIGINS: COFFEY/KEOGH FAMILIES**

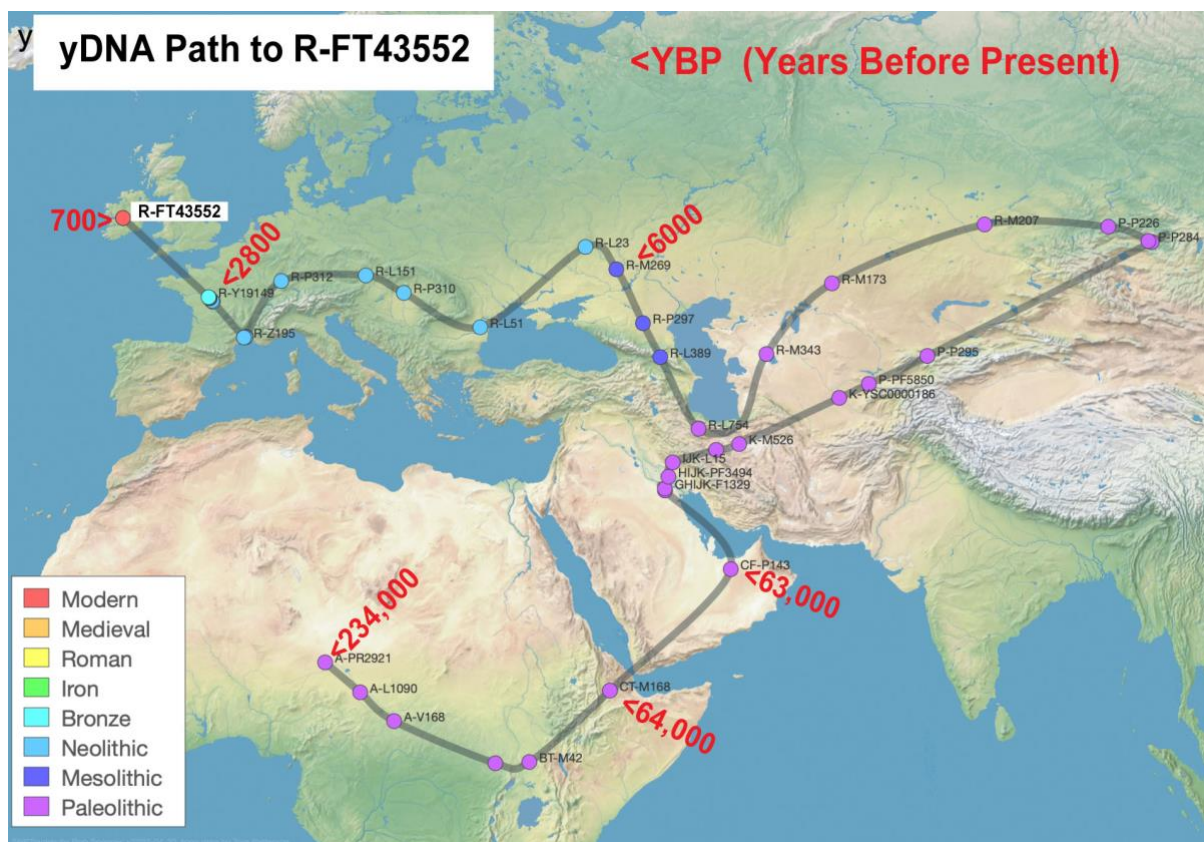
By Fred Coffey ([FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com))

Readers may recall that over time I have written several newsletter articles talking about how we were part of extended family that might appropriately be called “Coffey, Coffee, Coffia, Keogh, Keough, Kehoe, Keay, Kaho, Cahow, Kayhow, Kayhowe, and Howe”. I have just completed a major update on the topic. You are invited to read my current report by clicking on this link:

[Origins:CoffeyKeoghFamilies](#)

Many of the readers of these newsletters descend from either Edward Coffey or Peter Coffee, who both had arrived in America by the late 1600's or early 1700's. DNA tests have long shown that Edward and Peter were definitely related to each other, and they are definitely part of this extended family. I'm calling this the "Coffey/Keogh" family. And the updated paper tries to show how they all may have fit together over time.

Where do we all come from? Just to add a little color to this newsletter, here's one of the charts from this update, that show our deep origins:



Yes, all human lines ultimately came from Africa from origins dating back maybe 235,000 years, give or take maybe 30,000 years. This chart takes us from Africa, and ultimately leads back to Ireland. That's where we find our extended "Coffey/Keogh" family. And they are all "Modern" on the time scale of this chart. Our big "family" have only been together over the last 700 years, give or take 200 years.

### **DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD THROUGH SON JOHN:**

By Fred Coffey and Tim Peterman

**Fred:** The above “Origins” paper says we have sent email invitations to descendants of Edward through his son Edward Junior, inviting them to think about additional Big-Y DNA testing. That was done because we perceive that there are significant uncertainties about the early generations in the Edward Junior group, and there is a chance that additional tests MIGHT eventually resolve some of those uncertainties. We are proposing to take small steps in that direction, and there are actually some tests that are currently pending.

But that “Origins” paper indicates that we have only done ONE “BigY” test on any descendant of Edward through his son John. That is in part because the quality of the paper trail for those descendants is quite good. And in my view, there is really nothing material to be learned about this group via further testing.

I don’t want to discourage anyone in the Edward/John group from ordering “BigY” if they’re curious about seeing additional detail on their y-DNA profile. And it is possible that such tests will discover new “SNP’s” that have occurred in those lines since Edward’s arrival in America. However, my view is that learning about new SNP mutations may be interesting but will not teach us anything that would change our view on the Edward/John genealogy.

**Tim:** The only thing that I would add is that testing another descendant of John Coffey & Jane Graves MIGHT break out, along with David, a new haplogroup/ clade, sibling to that of George and Glenn. If this were to happen, it would likely help refine or confirm the estimated dates for the origin of R-Y46776, and its parent clade.

The more Y-700 participants we have, the more accurate the dating will be for the upstream haplogroups/ clades.

### **FAMILY OF SALATHIAL COFFEY’S SON NEWTON:**

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

The “paper trail” for the descendants of Edward Coffey through his son John is quite good. But things get more complicated when you look at the descendants of Edward through his son Edward Jr. The above “Origins” paper points out the early generation uncertainties about the descendants of Edward Junior, and suggests additional y-DNA testing might be useful.

Several people descend from Edward Junior through Salathial Coffey (born about 1753), via his son Eli. But we would really like to see DNA tests on descendants of Eli’s brother, Newton (born 1773). But we had no tests on any descendant of this Newton.

Jack Coffee’s big ECP (Edward Coffey Project) offered considerable information on descendants of Newton, but Jack never reported on living persons for privacy reasons. And we would need a living male descendant for DNA testing. So I made a big effort to start chasing down the ECP and trying to find one. And I succeeded! Descendant Murray Coffey has agreed to a y-DNA test, and here is his genealogy summary:

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- (2) Edward Coffey JR. (ca 1701 - aft 1774) & Unknown???
- (3) Salathiel Coffey (BET 1750 AND 1755 - 28 Jul 1784) & Elizabeth Gore
- (4) Newton Coffey (1773 - 16 Aug 1858) & Sarah Meridith (ca 1776 - 2 Nov 1845)
- (5) Thomas Luther Coffey (1809 - bef 1850) & Nancy Bradley (ca 1805 - )
- (6) Newton Henry Coffey (ca 1828 - ) & Frances Ann Traylor (ca 1829 - )
- (7) John Thomas Coffey (4 Dec 1855 - 22 Apr 1907) & Adie Leona Beanblossom (9 Apr 1868 - 10 Mar 1940)
- (8) Vernon Murray Coffey (12 May 1904 - 29 Aug 1973) & Florence Katherine Smeja (28 Jun 1914 - 28 Nov 1996)
- (9) Thomas W Coffey (4 May 1935 - 21 Dec 2013)
- (10) Murray Coffey**
- (10) Anna Marie Coffey

I worked with Murray and his sister Anna Marie to extend the ECP downward to cover the last few generations above. Anna had a tree on Ancestry.com which was very well documented between where Jack's ECP left off and where her family line picked up.

And out of this, I learned some interesting things!

One thing I often do when I look at someone else's tree is to see if we agree on the early generations. And then maybe I can offer advice if I see differences. Anna's tree did show Salathiel. But it showed Salathiel's father as "Chelsea", and Chelsea's father as "Austin (Austes)". And there was no Edward Junior!

I was puzzled at first, but soon realized Anna had taken information from old sources that were once considered highly reliable, but that more recent research had "corrected". The Coffey Cousins long thought that there was a "Chesley/Chelsea" in the descent, but now we believe Chesley never existed!

And a highly respected researcher, Dr. Marvin Coffey, in his 1994 book about his ancestor, James Bluford Coffey, concluded that Edward's will named a son "Austin (Austes)" in his will, and that Austin married Ann Chennault and fathered some children, one of whom may have been Salathiel.

In later work, we and the Chennault family concluded that the "Austes" named in Edward's will was almost certainly female, and we never learned what happened to her. There WAS a Chennault marriage, but that was the marriage of Stephen Chenault II to Edward's daughter Annister. So Anna Marie Coffey used information that was widely believed reliable 20+ years ago, but missed out on the debates between Coffey Cousins during the last 20 years!

And I also learned an interesting connection between Anna's line and my own. I have long known that my ancestor Newton Eli Coffey, and his brother, were abolitionists and moved to Illinois before the Civil War. They then began to work toward the election of Abraham Lincoln. I looked at Google maps and saw that Anna's Coffeys also moved to the same area in Illinois, perhaps even a bit earlier. Maybe this is a clue that they also became abolitionists?

The Coffey families were highly divided by the Civil War, and many of those remaining in Kentucky were strong supporters of the Confederacy.

**WERE EDWARD, PETER AND HUGH “CLOSE COFFEY COUSINS”?**

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

Coffey researchers has long been aware there were many Coffey groups in America. The above articles confirmed that Edward and Peter were related back in Ireland. And Terri Stern is working on her “Hugh Coffee” Project. Is Hugh related to Edward and Peter? They all came from Ireland within the last few hundred years!

These family lines have all been pursuing “Big-Y” testing, and the SNP tests can look way back in time. So when were the all related? Here’s a table that will tell us!

SNP	Years Bef Present	95% CL	BCE/CE	Tested Descendants
A-PR2921	234000	+/-31000	232000	228815
A-V168	131000	+/-17000	129000	228746
CF-P143	63000	+/-9000	61000	207748
R-M269	6000	+/- 800	3900 BCE	83132

**THE EDWARD AND PETER COFFEY GROUPS**

<b>R-L151</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>+/-700 yrs</b>	<b>2950 BCE</b>	<b>73275</b>
<i>(11 HAPLOGROUPS HIDDEN)</i>				
R-Y19149	2800	+/- 750 yrs	800 BCE	15
R-FT43552	700	+/-200 yrs	1300 CE	14 (The Block Tree)
<b>R-Y19967</b>	500	+/-300 yrs	1500 CE	6 (Edward+Peter Groups)
R-Y46776	200	+/-150 yrs	1800 CE	5 (Edward Group)
R-Y52526	150	+/-150 yrs	*	2+1 (Fred, Billy, +Meldon)

**THE HUGH COFFEY GROUP**

<b>R-L151</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>+/-700 yrs</b>	<b>2950 BCE</b>	<b>73275</b>
<i>(5 HAPLOGROUPS HIDDEN)</i>				
R-FGC72125	4000	+/-850 yrs	1950 BCE	25
R-FTB71717	750	+/-300 yrs	1300 CE	7 (The Block Tree)
<b>R-FTB75177</b>	450	+/-200 yrs	1600 CE	6 (Hugh Coffey Group)
R-FTC70715	200	+/-200 yrs	1800 CE	2
R-FTB71880	200	+/-200 yrs	1800 CE	3

Based on the previous discussion, The Edward/Peter combined group is in haplogroup R-Y19967, and their MRCA was in Ireland by about 500 years ago, give or take 300 years. And

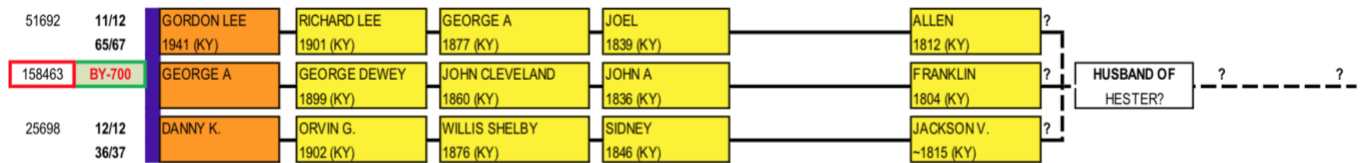
the Hugh Group is R-FTB75177, and they were in Ireland by about 450 years ago, give or take 200 years. Where does the Big-Y say they ultimately come together?

The above table shows their overall MRCA was R-L151, who lived 5000 years ago. Wow!

**MORE COFFEY FAMILIES FROM RUSSELL COUNTY, KY:**

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

The “Origins” paper above made a passing reference to Mr. George A Coffey. George had a Big-Y700 test that was helpful for our analysis. DNA tells us that George absolutely descends from Edward Coffey, but we DO NOT know HOW he connects. Here’s an image extracted from that paper:



George is flagged on the left as having the “Big-Y”. He and two of his cousins trace back to three brothers who lived in Russell County, KY in the early 1800’s. We know the MOTHER of the three brothers was named “Hester”. But we have never learned WHO was Hester’s husband! If readers call up CCC Newsletter #126, from June 2013, they can read on Page 8 how we figured this out!

You readers will all be aware of Jack Coffee’s ECP (Edward Coffey Project). Jack started with what we knew about “Edward”, and over time created a fantastic database of many thousands of Edward’s descendants. But he never was able to find a descendant with a wife named Hester. Jack was aware of the above people and spent time working directly with George’s cousin “Danny K”. But they were never able to make the connection. So “Hester’s Husband” never made it to the ECP, and none of the above people are to be found in the ECP.

I have recently started conversations with Ms. Grace Flanagan, who has been chasing her own connections to Russell County, KY, including some Coffey ancestors. She has encountered her own “brick wall”, involving a Coffey line going back to a mysterious “Jackson Coffey”. After a long, tedious and confusing discussion, we finally concluded that her “Jackson” was the one on the bottom line above. We knocked down her “Jackson” brick wall, but we now SHARE the “Husband of Hester” brick wall!

Our conversations actually got very complicated and confusing. Let me postulate how our conversation MIGHT have gone, if we left out the most confusing stuff:

**Fred:** Hi Grace, I see you’re working on a tree that goes back to an Ida Coffey (29 Nov 1878) who lived in Russell County and married William Mark Brown. Our ECP does have an Ida Jane Coffey (14 Sep 1877) from Russell County, but we know she married Asa Sampson Hopper. We know THAT “Ida” is a quite different person.

**Grace:** Yes, my Ida was the daughter of Shelby Coffey (1843), Shelby’s father was Jackson Coffey. I haven’t yet figured out the genealogy of Jackson.

**Fred:** Yes, I see Ida in the in the 1880 census for Russell County, but she is in the household of Sidney Coffey, who is the brother of Shelby. So, Ida MUST be the daughter of Sidney, not Shelby! I think you made a mistake!



I can also see Shelby in the 1880 census, but he is a widower with a daughter Mary age 8, living in a household cluster with Jackson Coffey. Shelby had been previously married, but his wife died before the 1880 census.

**Grace:** I did *not* make a mistake. However, that particular line has always been a struggle for me. I initially had it as Sidney based on the 1880 census, but the deeper I dug the evidence pointed to Shelby. I did finally determine that Ida was born out of wedlock as a biological daughter of Shelby, and Sidney simply had custody of Ida in the 1880 census.

**Fred:** I accept the “out of wedlock” theory. Let’s digress a moment and look at the person you sponsored for y-DNA testing and see how that tested person relates to Ida.

**Grace:** The tested person was Gary Lee Flanagan. Here’s how he descended from Ida:

[Ida Coffey](#) married William Mark Brown

[William Brown](#) had a daughter Mary Jane Brown

[Mary Jane Brown](#) married Ray Bernard, and they had a daughter Ima Bernard

[Ima Bernard](#) married Roy Lee Flanagan

[Gary Flanagan](#) is Ima & Roy’s son

**Fred:** There’s something else of importance in the 1880 census report on Sidney’s family. It shows Sydney (born about 1846), his wife Frances (1859), and children Mary C (1874) and Willis S (1877). Plus of course Ida. Now look at the genealogy for “Danny K” shown above. Danny’s great grandfather is Sidney, and his grandfather is Willis Shelby – these are two of the people in that 1880 census.

If Ida were the daughter of Sidney, then Gary Flanagan and Danny Coffey would be 2C1R.

But since Ida is apparently the biological daughter of Sidney’s brother Shelby, then Gary Flanagan and Danny Coffey would be 3C1R.

FTDNA’s autosomal “Family Finder” test should easily distinguish between a 2C1R and a 3C1R. Gary Flanagan has done that autosomal test, but Danny has not. I’ll encourage Danny to upgrade his tests, just to get a confirmation of your studies.

**Grace:** Yes, I see that Gary has 11,398 Family Finder matches. And if I tell FTDNA to look for “Coffey” matches, it finds several.

**Fred:** Two of those Coffey matches are to George A Coffey and to Richard Lee Coffey. You will see both of those names in the above “Origins” chart, on the top two lines. They are flagged as “third to fifth cousin” relationships, and that is quite right. I recognize some of the other Coffey names that pop up, but their actual connection is not obvious. (The Coffeys often married their biological cousins, and that doubled up on y-DNA retention!)

**Grace:** Gary has also done “Big-Y” testing, as you have done for your Coffey Project. However, his y-DNA is “Flanagan”, and there can of course be no Coffey matches with that surname. Gary has also done y-DNA STR tests, which of course would also be a Flanagan focus. I am Administrator of several y-DNA Projects, with a biggest interest in “Flanagan”.

**Fred:** Since Gary has joined my Coffey Project, I can see how long you have been involved in DNA testing. Gary’s test was submitted 5/12/03. Mine was submitted 11/4/03. You got a six-month head start!

As you are aware, I manage a “Coffey Information” database, with thousands of pages of Coffey information. Over the next couple of months, I’ll go back and add more information about YOUR Coffey ancestors and cousins to my database.

One more “trivia” comment. On Page 7 above I showed that the Edward Coffey and Hugh Coffey male descent lines were separated by 5000 years. I did the same exercise and showed that the Edward Coffey male line was separated from your Flanagan male line by 4800 years!

### **WHO WAS JOSEPH COFFEY, FROM RUSSELL COUNTY, KY?**

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

In the previous article, I referenced the “Husband of Hester” mystery, detected in the 1850 census. It occurred to me that “Hester’s Husband” was probably in the 1840 census, but we couldn’t tie him to Hester because the 1940 and each earlier census only named the “head of household”. So Hester’s name would not appear. She would just be a “head count” number under her husband’s name.

I went back to old studies (see the article on Page 2), to look for Coffey males with names that I couldn’t link to other people or to later census. And I spotted what seemed like a GREAT candidate. There was a “Joseph Coffey” name that appeared in every census from 1810 to 1870. And I had never been able to connect that name to any specific family. Looked promising!

Unfortunately, the “Joseph review” did **NOT** tell us anything about “Husband of Hester”, but it did tell us about a “Joseph Coffey Subgroup” not previously investigated in these newsletters!

We always look to Jack Coffee’s ECP (Edward Coffey Project) for well-researched information. Does the ECP have a “Joseph” candidate? I did find one, but with very weak information. You can read Jack’s discussion at this link:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/ECP2020Lite/b1656.htm#P1660>

This is a complicated discussion about a Joel Coffey born circa 1730 (or maybe it was 1748?) who died 1789. Joel married Martha Stepp (Stapp).

This Joel supposedly had a son Joseph born circa 1766. But they’re not sure about Joseph, because he wasn’t named in Joel’s will.

Jack would concede there was a whole lot of uncertainty here!

Now, I can find quite a few trees on Ancestry.com, that show a SOLID connection to a Joseph Coffey born 1784. But this can’t be the Joseph born 1766 above, because of an 18-year time difference. But most of them try to claim this is somehow the SAME Joseph. Here’s an example:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75908532/person/400127949566/facts>

The Joseph Coffey born 1784 is definitely real, but I think he is more likely a GRANDSON of the Joel who married Martha in 1753, through Joel & Martha’s son Joseph (1766). And I can solidly tie this Joseph (1784) and his descendants to census records in Russell County.

Here’s what I see as the descent, assuming “Joseph 1784” was a son of “Joseph 1766”. Keep in mind that may not yet be solidly proven!

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- (4) **Joseph** Coffey (ca 1766 - ) & Unknown
- (5) **Joseph** Coffey Jr. (1784 - Mar 1834) & Virginia Jane Graves (1790 - Jun 1861)
  - (6) James Madison Coffey (5 Jul 1809 - 12 Nov 1839) & Catherine Quisenberry (7 Jul 1809 - 9 Mar 1887)
  - (7) Elizabeth Jane Coffey (abt 1834 - ) & John C Thomson (abt 1831 - )
  - (7) William Wallace Coffey (5 Oct 1835 - 26 Nov 1913) & Elizabeth Yancey Ball (1 Nov 1835 - 13 Jun 1875)
  - (8) James W Coffey (1858 - )
  - (8) Susan Catherine Coffey (10 Feb 1860 - ) & Watson Eddy Furgeson (29 May 1859 - 20 May 1927)
  - (8) Lula Coffey (1863 - )
  - (8) Mary Jane Coffey & William Henry Watts (11 May 1853 - 24 Sep 1911)
  - (8) Madison C Coffey (29 Oct 1867 - ) & Caroline Henning (1873 - )
  - (8) Wallace Walker Coffey (16 Feb 1871 - 11 Jan 1940)
  - (7) James M Coffey (1 Jan 1837 - ) & Nancy C Bradshaw (1 May 1843 - )
  - (8) William M Coffey (1861 - )
  - (7) Martha Ann Coffey (abt 1839 - ) & Benjamn M Boulware (abt 1835 - )
- (6) Jane Coffey (1811 - )
- (6) Elzey Coffey (13 Mar 1813 - 5 Jul 1861)
- (6) Cleveland Coffey (1814 - )
- (6) Robert T Coffey (28 Dec 1816 - 1882)
- (6) Asa C Coffey (abt 1822 - bef 1870)
- (6) Julia Coffey (1825 - )
- (6) Lucy Pettus Coffey (20 May 1826 - 12 Dec 1904) & Robert Dulin (10 May 1815 - 18 Sep 1893)
- (6) Barilla Coffey (1828 - 1876)
- (6) **Joseph** Coffey\* (6 Jan 1833 - 23 Sep 1911) & Mary E. Warden (9 Aug 1844 - 23 Nov 1861)
  - (7) James E Coffey (9 May 1861 - 15 May 1861)
- (6) **Joseph** Coffey\* (6 Jan 1833 - 23 Sep 1911) & Virginia R Page (16 Jun 1843 - 11 Jan 1923)
  - (7) Henry R Coffey (1865 - )
  - (7) William Allen Coffey (10 Jan 1868 - 31 Jan 1939) & Rachel Adaline Polston (30 Aug 1861 - 22 Nov 1913)
  - (8) Mary Coffey (1894 - )
  - (8) Loren Coffey (Jun 1897 - )
  - (8) Willie E Coffey (1901 - )
- (7) John B (abt 1869)

I wanted to see if I could solidly tie the above family to all the various census reports. Following is my effort to show the connections, with links to the above genealogy highlighted in red:

**1810 Census, Cumberland, KY**

Name: Joseph Coffey, 6 Aug 1810, Burksville, Cumberland, Kentucky, USA  
Free White Male 0 to 9: 1 (6) James Madison Coffey (5 Jul 1809)  
Free White Male 16 to 25: 1 (5) Joseph Coffey Jr. (1784)  
Free White Female 16 to 25: 1 Virginia Jane Graves (1790)  
Number of Enslaved Persons: 3

**1820 Census, Cumberland, KY**

- (5) **Joseph** Coffey Jr. (1784) & Virginia **Jane** Graves (1790 - Jun 1861)
- (6) **James Madison** Coffey (5 Jul 1809 - )
- (6) **Jane** Coffey (1811 - )
- (6) **Elzey** Coffey (13 Mar 1813 - 5 Jul 1861)
- (6) **Robert T** Coffey (28 Dec 1816 - 1882)

**1830 Census, Russell, KY**

Name: Joseph Coffey, Home in 1830, Russell, Kentucky

Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9:	1	(6) Asa C Coffey (abt 1822
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14:	1	(6) Robert T Coffey (28 Dec 1816
Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19:	1	(6) Elzey Coffey (13 Mar 1813
Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29:	1	(6) James Madison Coffey (5 Jul 1809
Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49:	1	(5) Joseph Coffey Jr. (1784
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	2	6) Lucy Coffey (1826 & (6) Barilla Coffey (1828
Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9:	1	(6) Julia Coffey (1825 - )
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	1	?
Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39:	1	Virginia Jane Graves (1790
Slaves - Males - 24 thru 35:	1	
Slaves - Females - 10 thru 23:	1	
Slaves - Females - 36 thru 54:	1	

**1840 Census, Russell Co. KY**

**MEMO:** We have been chasing two "Joseph Coffey" men, as follows:

(5) Joseph Coffey (1784 - Mar 1834) & Virginia Jane Graves (1790 - Jun 1861)

(6) Joseph Coffey (6 Jan 1833 - 23 Sep 1911)

**WE CAN'T MATCH EITHER OF THESE TO THE HEADCOUNT FROM THE FOLLOWING 1840 CENSUS REPORT!**

**A CENSUS SCREWUP? WE WILL IGNORE THIS CENSUS REPORT!**

Name: Joseph Coffey, Home in 1840, Russell, Kentucky

Free White Persons - Males - Under 5:	2	
Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9:	1	
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14:	1	
Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39:	1	Born between 1801 and 1810 <u>and still alive!</u>
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	1	
Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39:	1	

**1850 Census, Adair/D1 (Joseph is there in household of Willis Wheat)**

(6) Joseph Coffey (6 Jan 1833

**1860 Census, Adair (Jane is there, with Barilla, & Joseph)**

Virginia Jane Graves (1790 - Jun 1861

(6) Barilla Coffey (1828 - 1876)

(6) Joseph Coffey (6 Jan 1833

**1870 Census, Adair (Joseph with his new family)**

Memo: Joseph's first wife Mary died in 1861. He remarried. Here is his new family as of 1870.

(6) Joseph Coffey\* (6 Jan 1833 - 23 Sep 1911) & Virginia R Page (16 Jun 1843 - 11 Jan 1923)

(7) Henry R Coffey (1865 - )

(7) William Allen Coffey (10 Jan 1868 - 31 Jan 1939) & Rachel Adaline Polston

(7) John B (abt 1869

**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](mailto:Bculey@embarqmail.com), or send it to **Fred Coffey** at [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html)

(The "Roadmap" now offers full access to Jack Coffee's "Edward Coffey Project" (ECP). Scroll down to the section on "Edward Coffey Descendants".)