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Editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

I must ask you to excuse me for being so inactive for the last several months. I'm having some health problems. First in late November, I developed a very large kidney stone and had to have it broken up with ultra sound. I had already seen the doctor about a knee replacement and it was scheduled for January. Then he had neck surgery and it was moved to Feb. 22. Now I am going to therapy twice a week. How did I do so much when I was young and now so wimpy? Anyway it is all done now and I am trying to graduate to the cane.

Can't say that I have found anything new, but I finally got my bars for my DAR ribbon with John Coffey and Colby Rucker. I could get 2 more bars, another for Colby and one for Thomas Hayes if I could just document a birth or death date for George Hayes who married Elizabeth Coffey.... Their tombstone has no dates on it and so far I have found nothing else. Guess it will just keep my mind busy for a while longer looking for more places to search.

What have you done on your genealogy this winter? Your new finds can often help your cousins or get them involved. Hope all of you have a good and productive winter.



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Hope Spring brings all of you some new kin folks!

Co-editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

I enjoy trying to research “mysteries” related to Coffey-connected families. I love the search! And you can see from the articles herein that I’ve found a lot to keep me busy! My name appears as the author or co-author for nearly every article in this newsletter.

I really don’t like to monopolize these newsletters. I really want to recruit other Coffey-connected people to do research and write articles. Come on, “Coffey Cousins”! Surely you have an insight, or even just a curious story, that you can share with our readers!

We now have produced 166 of these newsletters, containing nearly 2400 pages of discussion. All are accessible and searchable by anyone who cares to look. Help us keep them going. And help us expand their content.

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FAKE EMAIL RISK TO CCC NEWSLETTER READERS?

By Fred Coffey

This is just a reminder that we no longer include a “click here” link when we send out advice that a new newsletter is ready. There is a risk that such “clicking” could expose a reader to hacking. You will be told “Visit the Coffey Genealogy Information Roadmap to call up the new newsletter issue. Once there, you can click on ‘Newsletters’ and choose the latest issue. If you don’t know or remember how to find the Roadmap, just reply to this note and say “send me instructions to find the Roadmap”. I will send you a direct reply with instructions*.

*To find the Roadmap, visit www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html Click on **Newsletters** and the list of available issues will pop up! Recommend you post this link on your computer.

WILLIAM CLAYTON COFFEY & KEITH BLALOCK:

By Fred Coffey & Rachel Coffey

From: Rachel Coffey

To Fred: I am a direct descendant of Edward Coffey who came over in 1690 as an indentured servant, my 9th great grandfather, John Coffey is my 8th, Reuben Coffey is my 7th. Jesse Coffey is my 6th great grandfather. William Clayton (Billie) Coffey is my 5th great grandfather and was shot in the head by one of Keith Blalock's henchmen. 4th is John Carole Coffey, 3rd is Silas Milton Coffey, 2nd is Beeler Coffey, grandfather is Bealer (Wayne) Coffey, father is Westley Coffey.

- (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)
- (4) Jesse Coffey (ca 1775 - ca 1840) & Margaret Edmisten
- (5) William Clayton Coffey (ca 1808 - Feb 1865) & (5) Sarah Greene (ca 1809 -)
- (6) John Caroll Coffey (27 Feb 1850 - 5 Apr 1926) & Nancy Evelyn Hartley (1851 -)
- (7) Silas Milton Coffey (16 Jun 1886 - 4 Nov 1961) & Margaret Caroline Philyaw (1889 - 16 Sep 1976)
- (8) Bealer Coffey (17 Jul 1911 - 20 Mar 1968) & Lena Lou Greene (16 Jan 1915 - 3 Aug 2000)
- (9) Bealer Wayne Coffey (20 Jan 1943 - 5 Jul 2000) & Barbara Reese (ca 1940 -)
- (10) Westley Coffey
- (11) Rachel Coffey
- (4) Elizabeth B. Coffey (30 Jul 1776 - 5 Mar 1868) & John Greene (ca 1774 - 2 Jun 1853)
- (5) Sarah Greene (ca 1809 -) & (5) William Clayton Coffey (ca 1808 - Feb 1865)
- (6) John Caroll Coffey (27 Feb 1850 - 5 Apr 1926) & Nancy Evelyn Hartley (1851 -)
- (7) Silas Milton Coffey (16 Jun 1886 - 4 Nov 1961) & Margaret Caroline Philyaw (1889 - 16 Sep 1976)
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- (10) Westley Coffey
- (11) Rachel Coffey

I reside in Alexander County, one county away from where my grandparents lived. I still frequent the Globe Cemetery where my grandpaw and great grandpaw are buried. It is where a couple men shot by Keith and his henchmen are buried, a very old secluded cemetery with lots of family trauma written among their headstones. If you would like, the next visit I take I could write a little insight with some pictures. I am very passionate about the misunderstood relationship between Keith and the Coffey's. He was not a bad man at all, actually very noble. I am currently writing a book from Keith's perspective. Do you have any publishings on him or his life written by any members?

Thank you for your time!

-Rachel Coffey

Fred: Do any readers have publications to share with Rachel? (I will forward any comments I receive.)

Census Reports: A Geographic Perspective:

By Fred Coffey

If you are doing serious work involving census information for Russell County, KY, and surrounding counties, I have a powerful tool you might find helpful:

I have created an Excel spreadsheet that offers instant access to the “Coffey” census data for Russell County, KY, plus all of the surrounding counties shown in this image. It gives full access to every Coffey in every Federal census from 1810 through 1950. You get instant access to nearly 7000 detailed census records for these Coffey families.



It works through Ancestry.com, and you MUST have working access to Ancestry. As a test try clicking on this link. It should call up the Ancestry census link to Martin Coffey Junior in the 1850 census for Russell County:

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/15744333:8054>

You will see from this example that it gives you full access to everything you would get if you used Ancestry’s census search to find Martin’s family, including access to the actual census image. And if it recognizes the name, it may have suggestions for further searches within Ancestry. Here is a quick summary of the census reports available via this spreadsheet:

<u>Census Year</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1810	This census report is for ALL the counties in Kentucky. There are 189 persons including 28 slaves.
1820	Note that Russell County does not yet exist in 1820. There are 17 families with 150 people including 23 slaves.
1830	Russell County has now been added as a separate county. There are now 33 families with 202 people including 29 slaves.
1840	There are now 40 families with 289 people including 53 slaves.
1850	This is the first census that names every family member. There are 323 people named. It shows the estimated birth year for each person, and the location of his/her birth.
1860	Format is very similar to the 1850 census. There are 325 people named. It shows the estimated birth year for each person, and the location of his/her birth.
1870	The big improvement here is that the spreadsheet names the parents or spouse for each entry. That means that when you do a search for a name, that name may occur in more than one place, as the primary person or as a parent or spouse. There are 561 records, but much of the increase versus the 1860 census reflects repeated names.
1880	The big improvement for 1880 is that the spreadsheet now identifies the relationship of each person to the head of the household. There are now 700 records, with 77 persons identified as head of household.
1900	Similar format to 1880. There are now 686 records, with 91 persons identified as head of household.
1910	Similar format. There are now 869 records, with 139 persons identified as head of household.
1920	Similar format. There are now 824 records, with 113 persons identified as head of household.
1930	Similar format. There are now 802 records, with 115 persons identified as head of household.
1940	Similar format. There are now 836 records, with 127 persons identified as head of household.
1950	Similar format. There are now 967 records, with 134 persons identified as head of household.

If you are interested, let me know and I’ll send you the Microsoft Excel workbook.

AN ADOPTION MYSTERY:

By Fred Coffey

Birth: The story begins with an unmarried teenage girl in Portland, OR, who gave birth to a son on 22 Mar 1958. That son was placed with an adoption agency and was adopted by Russell & Anne Hume who lived in Portland. He was given the name Robert Eugene “**Bob**” Hume.

Mother: His teenage birth mother was **Sheila**.

Aunt: Sheila had a sister, **Anne** who is Bob’s aunt. She became the family genealogist and developed an excellent tree on Ancestry.com.

Searching: In later life **Bob** became interested in his family history, but his search failed. **Sheila** also became interested in trying to learn what happened to her son. She persuaded the adoption agency that there was a medical reason she needed to locate her son, and they relented. The family was reunited, and they found each other in early 2022 – when Bob was age 64.

Birth Father: Bob now became interested in trying to learn who was his biological father. Sheila was vague, recalling that they met on a ski trip to Mt. Hood when Sheila was age 17. She recalled that his first name was Ed or Edward but didn’t recall his surname. We’ll call him “**Ed (Unknown)**”!

First DNA Test: Bob learned that a y-DNA test could offer information on his paternal line, and he ordered a 37-marker y-DNA test from FTDNA (Family Tree DNA). The test was completed December 2022 and found dozens of excellent matches. FTDNA’s computer immediately notified each of those matching men that they were related to Bob. And it gave Bob a list of his matches, a huge number of whom were “Coffey”. It seems “Ed (Unknown)” is somehow Coffey related.

Coffey DNA Project: The co-administrators of this project are **Fred** Coffey and **Tim** Peterman. Their project presently has 379 members. Fred received notification from FTDNA that a large number of their members had a new match to someone named Robert E Hume. There were 75 matches to **Bob**, of which 43 had the “Coffey” name and 8 had “Coffee”. And I (Fred) recognized virtually all of those people based on previous contacts. Fred sent a note to Bob “your name may be ‘Hume’, but your DNA says you are almost certainly a ‘Coffey’. Can we talk?”

(His “match” was actually to an extended family that might appropriately be called “Coffey/Coffee/Coffia/Keogh/Keough/Kehoe/Keay/Kaho/Cahow/Kayhow/Kayhowe/Howe”. More on that later!)

Maternal “Coffey” Line: The family genealogist **Anne** reported “Hey, we already have Coffey ancestors and **Bob** would definitely already have “Coffey” on his **maternal** side!” **Fred** was able to connect them to the “Edward Coffey Project” database, and it became clear that Anne and Sheila were Fred’s 7C, and Bob was his 7C1R. Here’s the line back to Edward. Note that the line is through Edward’s son “John” – that will come up for further discussion later:

- (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) & (3) Elizabeth Cleveland (Feb 1727 - BET 1826 AND 1827)
- (4) Archelaus Coffey (ca 1755 - BET 1783 AND 1784) & Eleanor Wade (ca 1755 -)
- (5) James M. Coffey (20 Jul 1776 - 7 Jan 1849) & Frances Lane (22 Jun 1785 - 24 Oct 1859)
- (6) John Coffey (22 Apr 1810 - 8 Apr 1879) & Nancy Snyder (1 Dec 1815 - 28 Feb 1893)
- (7) Julia Ann Coffey (10 Oct 1841 - 25 Nov 1928) & Joseph A. Hughes
- (8) Richard Daniel Hughes (11 Nov 1882 - 15 Aug 1961) & Sarah Ann Pratt (24 Apr 1892 - 11 May 1972)
- (9) Norma Verline Hughes (21 Sep 1918 - 16 Feb 2013) & Charles William Farnum (9 Jan 1911 - 29 Nov 1970)
- (10) **Sheila** & **Ed** (Unknown)
- (11) **Robert** Eugene Hume Sr (22 Mar 1958 -)
- (10) **Anne**

A Prime Suspect: Fred corresponds with many of the people in his DNA Project, and the reference to “Portland” immediately brought to mind “**Meldon** Robert Coffey” who lived in Portland at the time Bob

was born. Could he be Bob's father? If that were true, a "Family Finder" autosomal test would instantly prove Meldon was indeed the father!

"Family Finder" Result: The Family Finder test was completed and reported it had found 8713 cousins of Bob. **Sheila** was a parent/child match. **Anne** was an aunt/nephew match. But the above **Meldon** was not there. **Bob** had 44 "Coffey related" matches, but those were mostly "4th cousin to remote", which was too distant to reveal anything useful. Those matches were likely related to Bob's maternal Coffey connections. There was nothing there that would help identify "**Ed (Unknown)**".

Looking to the "Big-y" Test: What could we do next? **Tim** and **Fred** have been doing studies involving what is known as the "Big-y 700" test, and we agreed that if **Bob** were to do this test it would at least allow us to rule out a very large number of the Coffey-related lines.

The Big-Y Result: When the test result was posted, it did indeed rule out lots of names, and the relevant extended family was reduced to one name. This was no longer the "Coffey/Coffee//Coffia/Keogh/Keough/Kehoe/Keay/Kaho/Cahow/Kayhow/Kayhowe/Howe" family. All that was left was **COFFEY**.

Our "**Ed (Unknown)**" could now be called "**Ed Coffey**". (Actually there could be a few other names, because there were other "adoptions" in the Coffey family, plus cases where the Coffey DNA went astray. But these are much less likely.)

There was another striking discovery per the Big-Y test. Much of the BigY is looking for a type of DNA mutation, called a SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism). Any time a SNP mutation occurs in an individual, it permanently marks every descendant of that individual.

And **Bob** has a SNP called "R-FTC91195". And the test also found Mr. **David** Randall Coffey who has the same SNP. Bob and David clearly have a common ancestor. We already knew about David, who descends from patriarch Edward Coffey through Edward's son John. Bob must also descend through John. And so must Bob's biological father "**Ed Coffey**".

And R-FTC91195 does **NOT**, repeat **NOT**, occur in descendants of Edward Coffey through his other son Edward Junior. That rules out any possibility that Bob and David descend from Edward Junior. We have now ruled out another substantial part of our Coffey family.

I (Fred) descend from Edward Junior, so my family line is ruled out for a Big-Y match. Similarly, our earlier "suspect" **Meldon** also descends from Ed Jr, and he is ruled out. (Bob, Meldon, and I are still absolutely "cousins", but we would have to look back to patriarch Edward to calculate our actual relationship.)

Tim and **Fred** were prepared to pursue more BigY testing to discover information on **Ed Coffey's** origins. But my thoughts went off on another tangent:

It finally dawned on me that if Ed Coffey had a relationship with Sheila in 1957, he ought to be old enough to appear in the 1950 census. I couldn't find any "Ed Coffey" name in that census. Then, assuming that Sheila and Ed were both teenagers, I tried searching for every "Coffey" in Oregon of about age 10. I found one, with a middle name of Edward. This looked extremely promising!

We spent a long time looking at this "middle name Edward" man and learned a lot about him. But finally found solid evidence that completely ruled him out.

We are still searching and have a couple of leads to chase. For example, we found a city directory for Salem, Oregon that named an "Edward T Coffey", identified as a "student", living with a family of 5 people. If he were the father of Bob, he would likely be age 32 or older when he met Sheila. But I can't (yet) track the family, and they may have been transients. We're not ready to give up.

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER “R-FTC91195” SNP:

By Fred Coffey

Tim and **Fred** started looking at SNP R-FTC91195 as part of the search for the origins of Bob Hume, per the previous article in this newsletter. That got put aside when we began to explore 1950 census connections.

We have an interest in exploring Big-Y connections as part of a broader Coffey genealogy. The previous article discusses what we have worked out about the origins of **Bob** Hume’s ancestral connection to **David** Randall Coffey. Can we do better?

Let’s start to look at the details of David’s ancestry, to speculate how we might better understand our big Coffey family. Here’s how David descends from Edward/John:

- (1) **Edward** Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell **COULD NOT HAVE R-FTC91195**
- (2) **John** Coffey (BET 1699 AND 1700 - BET JAN 1775 AND FEB 1775) & Jane Graves
- (3) Edmond S. Coffey (ca 1735 - 25 Jul 1808) & Nancy Barnett
- (4) Edmond Stewart Coffey Jr. (ca 1773 - 18 Mar 1855) & Matilda Fitzgerald
- (5) Joseph Clinton Coffey (ca 1802 - 29 May 1889) & Elizabeth Phillips
- (6) Joseph Clinton Coffey Jr. (18 Jun 1843 - 16 Mar 1912) & (6) Nancy Jane Coffey
- (7) Henry Joseph Coffey (Oct 1871 - 24 Jun 1945) & Mildred Jane Dodd
- (8) Watson Commodore Coffey (18 Oct 1899 - 3 Apr 1995) & Mary Lena Fitzgerald
- (9) Kenneth Augustine Coffey (6 May 1923 - 2 Jul 1966) & Norma Jean Downs
- (10) **David** Randall Coffey (**KNOWN TO HAVE R-FTC91195**)

We do have another important piece of information. Bob and David both have Family Finder tests, and they do NOT match. Family Finder is a relatively short-range test, and if their mutual ancestor was in the range of the blue text above, they would surely match. Bob and David are therefore more distant than “third cousins”. So the SNP mutation must have been farther back.

What Tim and I would really like is to find at least one more living male-line descendant of the above John Coffey. And we would want to persuade him to do the “BigY” test. John had several sons, in addition to the “(3) Edmond” in the above. Here is a list of candidates:

- (3) Rev. James Coffey (4 Jul 1729 - 1786) & Elizabeth Cleveland
- (3) William Coffey (ca 1731 - bef 28 Mar 1828) & Elizabeth Osborne
- (3) John Coffey (ca 1733 -) & Dorcas Carter & Nancy Richardson
- (3) Thomas Coffey (7 Mar 1742 - Apr 1825) & Elizabeth Smith & Sarah Fields
- (3) Reuben Coffey (7 Mar 1742 - 1825) & Sarah Scott
- (3) Benjamin Coffey (ca 1747 - 4 Jan 1834) & Mary Hayes

If any “male-Coffey” reader of this newsletter descends from one of the above, we encourage him to consider upgrading to a “BigY” DNA test. If the test is POSITIVE then we will know the mutation came from John. If that test is NEGATIVE for R-FTC91195, then we will know the SNP cannot have occurred in John himself and we would have to look more closely on down to line, probably for a descendant of (4) Edmond Stewart.

Most of the descendants of Edward’s son John already have excellent paper trails, and they may well conclude there is nothing more to be learned about their ancestry. And it is a fairly expensive test. But it may teach us more about general Coffey genealogy. Perhaps a reader would be willing to do it in the interest of overall Coffey understanding?

UPDATE RUSSELL MYSTERIES:

By Fred Coffey

This is an update of a study done for Issue #126 of these CCC Newsletters. I have been citing that issue in the last couple of newsletters, and now believe it is time to tie things together in a different way. There are some complexities related to Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project) that I would like to discuss.

The following review is based on a cluster of houses in Russell County in the 1850 census:

House # 211 was occupied by George A Coffey's Ancestral Family. George descends from Franklin Coffey and his wife Martha, through their son John. George's ancestors are marked in red:

House #211	Age	Born
Franklin Coffey	47	1803
Martha Coffey	36	1814
Eliza J Coffey	20	1830
Willis Coffey	18	1832
John Coffey	15	1835
Cleaviland Coffey	13	1837
Lucy A Coffey	10	1840
Banaparte Coffey	6	1844
Perneta Coffey	5	1845
Margaret J Coffey	0	1850

House # 209 was occupied by Danny K Coffey's Family. He descends from Jackson Coffey and his wife Sarah, through their son Sidney:

House #209	Age	Born
Jackson Coffey	31	1819
Sarah C Coffey	35	1815
Willis A Coffey	9	1841
Mary H Coffey	9	1841
Sheley Coffey	7	1843
Jane Coffey	6	1844
Sidney Coffey	4	1846

House # 205 was occupied by Gordon Lee Coffey's Family. He descends from Allen Coffey, through his son Joel. (Notice that we don't know the name of Allen's wife, but he named his first daughter "Hester".)

House #205	Age	Born
Allen Coffey	38	1812
Hester Coffey	18	1832
William J Coffey	16	1834
John A Coffey	14	1836
Henry C Coffey	13	1837
Joel Coffey	11	1839
Frances J Coffey	9	1841
Franklin Coffey	7	1843
Martain Coffey	5	1845

House # 210 was occupied by Hester Coffey. And we concluded that Hester was almost certainly the mother of the 3 men above.

House #210	Age	Born
Hester Coffey	74	1776
Mary A Nelson	36	1814
Martha A Coffey	13	1837

The big puzzle about the above is that we have yet to determine WHO was the husband of Hester!

Be aware that Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project) does NOT recognize ANY of the above families. Jack's view was that he was researching the descendants of Edward, starting with Edward and working down. If he could not prove, to his standards, that a person was a descendant of Edward, then that person would not be part of his ECP.

I know Jack had a lengthy discussion with Danny Coffey, when the Coffey Cousins' Convention was held in Russell County, KY, in 2010. Jack understood the information Danny had, and agreed there was probably some connection to Edward, but unless he could PROVE a connection the above people would not be part of the ECP.

Jack did find provable information about Martin Coffey Sr. and Jr. Jack's ECP recognized Martin Coffey Jr in house #204:

House # 204 was occupied by Martin Coffey Jr. In this 1850 census "Darius" was reported as being a male. Jack suspected this might be a female, and we eventually worked out that this was Martin's second wife. And we concluded that the three youngest children were by this second wife.

House #204	Age	Born
Martain Coffey	46	1804
Darius Coffey	30	1820
Benjamin Coffey	18	1832
Lucy A Coffey	17	1833
John W Coffey	15	1835
Sarah A Coffey	13	1837
Christian Coffey	12	1838
Mary J Coffey	10	1840
Martha Coffey	5	1845
Mandy O Coffey	3	1847
James S Coffey	0	1850

1860 Census House #942: We now know that Darcus was indeed Martin Jr's second wife. Martin Jr died before the 1860 census, and Darcus was now head of the family. (Be aware that "Patsey" is a common nickname for Martha, and "Mandy" would be a nickname for Amanda.) There are two new children, Louissa and William, who would have been born before Martin Jr died.

House #942, (1860)	Age	Born
Darcus Coffey	40	1820
John W Coffey	22	1838
Mary J Coffey	17	1843
Patsey Coffey	13	1847
Amanda Coffey	12	1848
James A Coffey	10	1850
Louissa Coffey	7	1853
William M Coffey	5	1855

There were two more houses in this Russell County "cluster", and they were also left out of Jack's ECP, again for the reason that Jack could not prove their connection to Edward.

House # 202 in 1850 was occupied by Joel Coffey. His line is generally well known among Coffey researchers. (Note Mary Sharp is Joel's mother.)

Keep your eye on daughters Pruda, Julia and Nancy, marked in blue. Their names will pop up again in connection with the next house in this cluster.

House #202	Age	Born
<u>Joel Coffey</u>	53	1797
Ann Coffey	39	1811
Allen Coffey	21	1829
Isam Coffey	14	1836
Joel Coffey	13	1837
John W Coffey	11	1839
<u>Pruda Coffey</u>	9	1841
<u>Julia A Coffey</u>	9	1841
<u>Nancy Coffey</u>	6	1844
Stewart Coffey	4	1846
Mary Sharp	84	1766

In 1850, house # 206 was occupied by Willis A Coffey. However once again, it will be useful to look ahead to later census reports to fill out this family:

House #206	Age	Born
<u>Willis A Coffey</u>	23	1827
Mary A Coffey	22	1828
William M Coffey	0	1850

1860 Census House #164: This is a continuation of the same family. There are 4 new children.

House #164, (1860)	Age	Born
<u>Willis A Coffey</u>	33	1827
Mary Ann Coffey	28	1832
William M Coffey	9	1851
Mary E Coffey	7	1853
Bernetta Coffey	5	1855
Rebecca Coffey	4	1856
John W Coffey	2	1858

1870 Census House #169: This is also a continuation of the same family.

But there's something new here. Willis' has a new wife, Julia A Coffey. And this is the same Julia we see above in the 1850 census for House #202.

House #169, (1870)	Age	Born
<u>Willis A Coffey</u>	42	1828
<u>Julia A Coffey</u>	24	1846
William M Coffey	21	1849
Mary E Coffey	19	1851
Bernetta Coffey	17	1853
Beckey G Coffey	15	1855
John W Coffey	13	1857
James W Coffey	11	1859
Stuart Coffey	9	1861
Pinetney Coffey	7	1863

1880 Census House #189: This is again a continuation of the same family. There are 5 new children, by Willis' second wife Julia.

But there are two more names here, identified as "Sister-in-Law" and "Daughter". These are Julia's sister Nancy, and Nancy's daughter Etha.

We now believe that Nancy's daughter Etha was born out of wedlock, and Nancy was using her birth name of "Coffey" for herself and her daughter.

House #189, (1880)	Age	Born
Willis A Coffey	52	1828
Julia A Coffey	37	1843
Mary E Coffey	25	1855
Pinkney Coffey	13	1867
Sewart Coffey	10	1870
Josiah Coffey	8	1872
Polly A Coffey	6	1874
William Coffey	4	1876
Florence B Coffey	1	1879
Nancy Coffey Sis-in-law	32	1848
Etha C Coffey Daughter	4	1876

Nancy's daughter was Etha Cordelia Coffey (15 Oct 1876 – 24 Jun 1928). Etha was born and died in Russell, KY, and she used the Coffey name until she married William Meeks in 1899.

A little search of "public member trees" revealed that descendants believe Etha's biological father was Hector Owens Johnson (28 Feb 1842 – 19 May 1936). And it appears that Hector Owen Johnson was married to Prudence Jane Coffey (13 Aug 1841 – 13 Aug 1914). Prudence was Nancy and Julia's sister. So it seems that Hector had a "relationship" with Nancy while he was married to Prudence. Nancy later married Joel Dudley Stephens, and they had a son Benjamin Harrison Stephens born in 1889.

What a complicated family!

None of this was recognized by Jack Coffee, and no details appear in Jack's Edward Coffey Project.

SEARCHING FOR RACHEL COFFEY/EE:

By Fred Coffey & Sandy Griffet

Sandy: I am a descendant of Martin Coffey Senior through his daughter Rachel born 1800-1801 in Kentucky. She is not listed in the Coffey Surname list of Wayne Co marriages. She is under the Christian name Rachel Coffee. She married John G. Christian 1821 Wayne Co, Ky. He is a son of Benjamin Christian who died in Wayne Co, Ky.

Fred: Hi Sandy, at the moment I can't put my hands on any evidence Martin Coffey Sr had a daughter Rachel. But I do have information on many of his other children. I'll look again if you can give me something more solid to look for.

Can you point me to a marriage record? Or even to a census record for 1850 or later that shows a John Christian with a wife Rachel? Or any solid record associating them with Wayne Co., KY?

Sandy: Here is my opinion about where Rachel fits into the Martin Coffey Sr. line:

- Mary Polly Coffey (b:16 Sep 1799) married Henry Meadows
- Rachel Coffey/ee (b: abt 1800) married John G. Christian**
- Martin Coffey Jr (see discussion on Page 9 of this newsletter)
- Elizabeth A Coffey (b: 11 Mar 1805) married Elisha Mitchell
- Nancy Ellen Coffey (b: abt 1813) married William Perry Meadows
- Artemesia Coonis Coffey (b: abt 1817) married William Kelsey

John G. Christian and Rachel married in Wayne Co, Ky 27 Sep 1821. They moved from Wayne Co, Ky after the birth of their second daughter Nancy Jane born 1824-1825, moving to Monroe Co, Indiana. They are in the Monroe Co census 1830, 1840 and 1850. John died 29 Mar 1856. I have his probate record -- his wife Rachel was taking care of his estate - they were poor. After his death she and those children still at home moved to Marshall County, Illinois.

I descend from Rachel's daughter Nancy Jane, who had married Jesse Weaver in Monroe Co Indiana on 11 Nov 1840. Nancy Jane and Jesse Weaver then moved to Marshall County, IL.

John G. Christian and Rachel's children were:

Sarah born 1822 Ky married John Weaver in Monroe Co, Ind
Nancy Jane 1824-1825 Ky married Jesse Weaver in Monroe Co, Ind
Elizabeth 1828 (born in Indiana, no other info)
Rachel 20 May 1832-33 Ind married John Harris in Marshall Co, ILL
Cathern "Kate" 11-4-1836 Ind married William Harris in Marshall Co, ILL
Clarissa A. "Clara" 1843-44 Ind married Samuel Bickel his 1st wife
John Braezeale 10 Nov 1845-1847 Ind

Fred: I was curious about census information and looked Rachel up in the 1860 and 1870 census in Illinois. In 1860 Rachel was in Marshall County in the household of William Harris who married her daughter Kate. In 1870 Rachel was in McLean County in the household of John Harris who married her daughter Rachel. *(A bit of trivia: In both of these censuses, Rachel Christian was reported as "male". Census takers often screw up, but twice in two separate counties with different census takers?)*

Anyway, with that much detail information on Rachel Coffee/ey who married John G. Christian, I am now convinced that your Rachel was quite real. And there is about a 4-year gap between Martin's daughter Mary (b:16 Sep 1799) and his son Martin Jr (b: abt 1804). I am prepared to agree Rachel probably belongs in that gap. I think that Jack Coffee, in his ECP, relied quite a lot on where he could find people in the 1850 census, because that was the first census that named all the people in every family. But by the time of the 1850 census Rachel could only be found by the name Rachel Christian in the household of John G Christian.

So, by publication of this Newsletter, with posting to the Newsletter archives, Rachel Coffee/ey is on record as a "nearly certain" daughter of Martin Coffey Sr.

Sandy: Thanks for believing me!

Fred: By the way, in your initial notes to me you pointed out that it was, in your view, likely that Martin Coffey Sr. was the ancestor of quite a few other people who were NOT recognized in the ECP. That inspired me to look more closely at some of the "information gaps". And that led to the previous article on "Update Russell Mysteries". Thank you for stirring things up!

Oh, if anyone wants further discussion with Sandy, send me a note and I will forward to Sandy.

GRAN(D)VILLE COFFEY: WITH A 'D' OR WITHOUT?

By Jennifer Chen and Fred Coffey

Fred: (I got a note from Jennifer, saying "Bonnie Culley suggested I contact you about my Coffey branch. I think we descend from Annister's son, but the last living male my mother knows of refuses to be tested. I may never know, unless we find a connection to cousins of some degree who could verify.")

I've turned our long exchange of notes into the following "conversation" to review what each of us understood.

Jennifer: My problem is that there are two men named Granville (or Grandville?) Coffey on Ancestry, and everyone kept flinging a Granville Coffey born in Monroe County (Bean Blossom Twp.) Indiana in 1832 into family trees for the Granville Coffey born in 1842 in Franklin County, Indiana. My mother's first question when I was talking to her about this a few years ago was "Gran(d)ville with a 'd' or without?" She had long known they coexisted and recognized the confusion. Her impression was that one of the lines preferred to put a "D" in the name.

Jennifer: I will introduce myself now. My mother is Julia Coffey. Her parents were Lois Miles and Harry Vanness Coffey. He was the son of Lucy Jane Vanness and Albert Omer Coffey. Albert was the son of Mary Jordan and Granville Spencer Coffey (the one born in 1842 in Franklin County, Indiana.) Granville's parents were Mary Prewitt and Spencer Coffey, born in 1797 in North Carolina, and married in 1820 in Campbell County, Ky. Spencer was the son of Sarah and James Coffey, born in Virginia in 1773.

Fred: I was quite unaware of your family line (the one with a "Granville" born in 1842), but I did immediately recognize the "other" Granville (the one born in 1832). I'm going to jump ahead and introduce some details on each.

Here's the "1832 Granville" line. This one was very carefully researched by Jack Coffee in his "Edward Coffey Project" (ECP). Jack was very meticulous in his research, and all the details on this "1832 Granville" are fully documented with solid references. Here's a summary:

- (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)
- (4) Reuben Coffey Jr. (1772 - 30 Nov 1851) & Naomi Hayes (abt 1778 - 8 Nov 1857)
- (5) Hiram Spencer Coffey (30 May 1802 - 9 Nov 1880) & Charlotte Stansbury (12 May 1810 - 12 Jun 1877)
- (6) **Granville Spencer Coffey (Jan 1832)** - 1 Oct 1902) & Mary Elizabeth Stansbury (20 Oct 1839 - 14 May 1921)

And I jumped ahead and worked to dig up some details on the known part of YOUR Granville. I'll talk more about this shortly:

- (1) (Unknown) Coffey & Sarah (Unknown) (abt 1773 -)
- (2) Spencer Coffey (abt 1797 -) & Mary Hensley Pruitt (abt 1806 -)
- (3) **Granville Spencer Coffey (12 Mar 1842)** - 28 May 1905) & Mary E Jordan (23 Sep 1843 - 9 May 1923)
- (4) Albert Omer Coffey (15 Mar 1876 - 18 May 1964) & Lucy Jane Vanness (24 Sep 1869 - 26 Oct 1955)
- (5) Harry Vanness Coffey (10 Jan 1906 - 9 May 1975) & Lois Corabelle Miles (8 Jul 1906 - 6 Aug 1988)
- (6) Julia Coffey (12 Aug 1935 -) & Burneson
- (7) Jennifer & Chen

Jennifer: As mentioned, I have speculated that my line may descend from Annister Coffey's son, James Coffey. James was born out of wedlock.

Fred: If that is true, and if you can find a male with the Coffey surname in YOUR known family and get a y-DNA test, that test would instantly prove whether or not you descend from James. That's because James' father was James Samuel, and all male line descendants of this James Coffey have **Samuel DNA**.

Jennifer: Yes, I know. As of now, there is only one male descendant we know of, and he won't get tested. My Granville had several sons, so I will look for them online and also ask my mother what she knows about them. I'll see if there are any male descendants willing to be tested.

Fred: You report your annoyance that trees on Ancestry often mix up the two Granville's. I agree. Many of the trees on Ancestry are copied from unreliable sources and that are simply copying each other. But SOMETIMES you can find an Ancestry page that is carefully documented. Perhaps you already have one of those yourself? Anyway, here's a link to one that seems VERY well documented and that covers your family:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/13262364/person/26886557865/facts>

I used this to produce my version of your ancestry above. (Being a public-tree they did not publish your mother's name and dates, but there were enough clues for me to research and fill that in.) This tree might be a good place to search, to try to find a Coffey-male to approach for a DNA test.

If you haven't already done so, you might ALSO consider doing an autosomal "Family Finder" test on yourself. Or even better, on your mother since she is an older generation. That test won't be able to "see" all the way back to your Spencer Coffey. But you might discover another relative who can connect you to a male-Coffey?

Jennifer: I have not been tested but am willing. My mother had a DNA test several years ago through My Heritage. I don't know if that had autosomal DNA.

Fred: I'm pretty sure My Heritage was doing autosomal DNA. There are lots of companies that do exactly the same test, but each puts their own spin on the results. That makes it difficult to compare across all the options. It's not an expensive test, and I would recommend you simply do a new test on Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). There are lots of Coffeys doing autosomal and y-DNA tests there, and chances of a hit are better.

Fred: I initially was somewhat negative about your thought that you descended from Annister's son James. But I went back to the paper I wrote several years ago about James. See this link for the full discussion:

<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/FamilyNotes/JamesCoffee.html>

From this, I extracted these paragraphs about census reports:

1784-87 STATE CENSUS OF NORTH CAROLINA

James Coffey is found with one white male age 21-60 (James would be 49-52), two white males under age 21 (Micajah and James Jr.), four white females, and no blacks. He is in the "List of Inhabitants of Blackburn's District. Taken by Chas. McAnally." The list of inhabitants includes many of those found on the above "Townfork Settlement" records.

1790 STOKES COUNTY NC CENSUS:

The only "Coffey" in the index for Stokes County is James Coffey. He is listed with 3 males age 16 and above, no males under 16, and 4 free white females, no slaves. (The males are partially consistent with Judy Cardwell's notes, claiming there was a James Sr. born about 1736, with sons Micajah born about 1768 and a James Jr. born about 1776. However, "James Jr. born about 1776" is NOT consistent with "no males under 16" in the census, since if born in 1776 James Jr. would be age 14. So I think James Jr. must have been born no later than 1774.)

1795 STOKES COUNTY LAND TRANSACTION WITNESS:

"1795 07 Sep (Stokes NC DB 2/217) John BAILEY and David SMITH his attorney... [sell to] Daniel SMITH...each of Stokes Co... 40 pounds... land on waters of Camp Creek...100 acres. Signed David X (his mark) SMITH for John BAILEY; wit. Jas. COFFEY & Sarah COFFEY; proved by James COFFEY Sennr." (Now we know James' wife was Sarah – but it's not obvious if she's the wife of James Sr. or James Jr.?)

1800 STOKES COUNTY NC CENSUS:

There are only two Coffey's listed in Stokes County. "James Coffee" has two males under age 10, one male 10-15, one male 45+, one female 10-15, one female 45+, no slaves. "Micajah Coffey" family consists only of one male age 26-44, and one female age 26-44.

(Memo: The "one male 45+" is only consistent with James Sr. (age ~65), since James Jr. would seem to be only about age 26? However, "two males under age 10" are then a real stretch to be James Sr.'s sons, because that James (and his wife) would be over age 55 when they were born. The "DNA Tested men" claim descent from Lewis M. Coffey, born 1 Nov 1798 in Stokes County, so Lewis should be in this census. I wonder if James Senior and his wife were caring for grandchildren, and if Lewis M. was one of the

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two males "under age 10"? If so, what happened to James Jr.? Also, this census should rule out Micajah as father of Lewis, since Micajah has no children in 1800 census.)

I know the descendants of Lewis M Coffey firmly believe they descend from James Junior, and that Junior's wife was named "Nancy". Since these men claim James Junior, the James we want **MUST** be James Senior!?

You offered census evidence that your Spencer Coffey (1797) was living with his widowed mother Sarah (born abt 1773). Given that, can we fit all the involved people into a single genealogy? Try this:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell (BET 1683 AND 1685 - BET OCT 1744 AND DEC 1744)
- (2) Annister Coffey (ca 1708 -) & James Samuel (14 Jun 1690 - 16 May 1759) **DESCENDENTS HAVE SAMUEL Y-DNA!**
- (3) James Coffey (BET 1735 AND 1736 -) & Sarah ? (abt 1773 -)
- (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) James Wilson Coffey (10 May 1822 - 15 Jul 1889) & Louisa Tennessee Norman (23 Jun 1826 - 24 Dec 1912)
- (7) Joseph Lane Coffey (19 May 1856 - 21 Aug 1927) & Susanah Wellman (13 May 1850 - 14 Apr 1919)
- (8) Elmer Ivan Coffey (12 Aug 1880 - 5 Jun 1948) & Lola Edna Oldaker (26 Jun 1880 -)
- (9) Max Arthur Coffey (27 Nov 1902 - 6 Mar 1973) & Dora Ann Heath (9 Aug 1906 - 29 Jan 2005)
- (10) Robert Edwin Coffey (7 Apr 1932 -) **Y-DNA TEST**
- (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)
- (9) Joseph D Coffey (1938 -) **Y-DNA TEST**
- (9) Gentry J. Coffey (12 Dec 1906 - 7 Nov 1993) & Olive Hanson (16 Jul 1915 - 14 Jul 2007)
- (9) **Michael Coffey** **Y-DNA TEST (ALSO DID AN AUTOSOMAL DNA TEST)**
- (5) James Sylvester Coffey (8 Apr 1813 - 13 Oct 1876) & Sarah "Sally" Carter (23 Dec 1817 - 16 May 1892)
- (6) Franklin Pierce Coffey (6 Sep 1852 - 24 Jun 1922) & Nancy Ellen Sills (14 Feb 1857 - 29 Sep 1936)
- (7) John Milan Coffey (5 Oct 1880 - 21 Jan 1949) & Nancy Clapper (1888 - 1955)
- (8) Henry Franklin Coffey (28 Nov 1912 -)
- (9) Tom Coffey **Y-DNA TEST**
- (4) Spencer Coffey (abt 1797 -) & Mary Hensley Pruitt (abt 1806 -)
- (5) Granville Spencer Coffey (12 Mar 1842 - 28 May 1905) & Mary E Jordan (23 Sep 1843 - 9 May 1923)
- (6) Albert Omer Coffey (15 Mar 1876 - 18 May 1964) & Lucy Jane Vanness (24 Sep 1869 - 26 Oct 1955)
- (7) Harry Vanness Coffey (10 Jan 1906 - 9 May 1975) & Lois Corabelle Miles (8 Jul 1906 - 6 Aug 1988)
- (8) **Julia Coffey** (12 Aug 1935 -) & Burneson
- (9) **Jennifer Burneson** & Chen

NOTE that the above table highlights **LEONARD COFFEY**. He was the first publisher of these CCC Newsletters! CCC interest in Annister's descendants goes way back. I think the above genealogy is plausible. A DNA test to prove it would be wonderful!

Further to our discussions, you have ordered an autosomal DNA test for yourself. Consider also ordering one for your mother. This may stir up useful connections. Just as one example, see the blue name **Michael Coffey** above, who is a known descendant of Annister and who would have "Samuel" DNA. Michael would be Jennifer's 5C, and Julia's 4C1R. That might be close enough to be detected as a "remote" match on Family Finder. It may also possibly hit on "remote" matches to Samuel men.

Spencer Coffey line solved – part 2 the autosomal DNA evidence:

By Terri Stern

In the last newsletter edition (165 page 10) I described the DNA evidence that provides confirmation of Spencer Coffey's patrilineal line going from his brick wall and connecting to Henry Coffee, son of John Coffey and Susannah Watson.

We always want more than Y-DNA evidence supported by records to give us an answer on a brick wall. Let's review the supporting autosomal DNA evidence and records. In the CCC issue 59 (Jun 1995) p 12, Spencer posed this Brain Teaser asking whether the Henry Coffey that received a military warrant for a 640 acre tract in Williamson Co TN might be the same Revolutionary War Captain Henry Coffey b 1748 who was the son of John Coffey and Susannah Watson in the Waxhaw area on the squishy border between North and South Carolina? The Henry Coffey with land in Williamson Co TN had a son John and daughters Mary who married Alexander Hamilton, Ellender, ?, and Elizabeth.

BRAIN TEASER

Spencer T. Coffey sends us a question that will make us all get our books out and take another look at those records. It is as follows:

In Williamson Co. TN in 1802, John Coffey and Alexander Hamilton of Montgomery Co. sold part of a 640-acre tract, a military warrant previously granted to Henry Coffey by the state of NC. Henry had left this tract to "...John Coffey his son & his 4 sisters Ellender, (?), Mary & Elizabeth Coffey". Who was this Henry Coffey? A military warrant of 640 acres would seem to indicate officer status. "Reed Family in America" says Rev. War Capt. Henry, of Sumpter's Brigade, a son of John and Susannah, did move to TN, Davidson Co., but names only one child, daughter Margaret. Were there two Henry Coffeys, officers in the Revolutionary War?? or were these one and the same? Whom did the son John and his 4 sisters marry?

Spencer's address is 8220 Russell J Rd., Oak Grove, MO 64075.



In CCC issue 73 (Dec 1998) p 6) a letter from James Manee thanked the Clearinghouse for helping him understand his ancestor Ellender Coffey who married John Menees was the daughter of Captain Henry Coffey b 1748 of the Waxhaws. He finds that Henry 1748 had a son John who married Elizabeth Cocke; daughter Jane who married Henry Anderson, Jr; daughter Mary who married Alexander Hamilton; daughter Elizabeth who married Richard Cocke; and daughter Margaret who married McMean who Spencer identified in the earlier Brain Teaser.

I would imagine after seeing this, Spencer assumed that his John Coffey b 1773 whose wife was a Baskin could not be the son of Captain Henry of the Waxhaws b 1748.

(Letter continued on next page.)

* James Manees is researching the family of Henry Coffey, sent the following letter:

"I want to thank you profusely for your input dealing with my hypothesis on the lineage of my Gr. Gr. Gr. Grandfather Henry Coffey. Ms. Joyce Evetts of Ft. Worth, TX, whose address you sent me, was kind enough to send back a short family history put together by Annie V. Urquhart Klayder in 1991 entitled Urquhart, Parker, Coffey, etc., Genealogy and Family History which, for all practical purposes, proves your equation of the Henry Coffey born in 1748 and mine in Nashville, TN, vicinity in the 1790s. There seemed to be a rather strong Separate Baptist connections between my ancestor James Menees and the family of the Rev. James Coffey in Amherst Co., VA. This, plus several other associations, lacking primary

(Letter Continuation >>>)

If we look back to the CCC Issue 15 (Jun 1984) p 5 we find that M.C. Forister of Austin TX is descended from "Jane Coffey b. 1776 NC m. Henry Anderson, jr. and d. Bedford Co TN 1810.

That brings us to looking at whether there is autosomal DNA evidence linking descendants of John Coffey 1773 and his wife Margaret Baskin to descendants of other children of Henry b 1748. There are three descendants of John Coffey and Margaret Baskin in the Hugh Coffey Project: Spencer Coffey, Norm Coffey and Mary Hubert. They all match each other and Norm and Spencer share the same Y-DNA mutation. Easy to confirm with DNA they are descended from John Coffey and Margaret Baskin.

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evidence, led me to an erroneous conclusion, and I am indebted to you and Ms. Evetts for your kindness in bringing unknown extant information to light. It appears that Hugh Coffey (1700?-1767) of Ireland who married one Mary, possibly with the Scottish surname of Ramsey, who would be the daughter of John Ramsey of Augusta Co., VA (though this is yet to be proven). Hugh had three known sons, John, William and Benjamin. John m. Susannah Watson of Augusta Co and their children are delineated as Henry (1748-1798), Hugh (1750-1827), John Jr. (b. 1752), Nathaniel (b. 1754), Elizabeth, Mary, Jonathan, and possibly a Rebecca. Henry seems to have married one Mary Hutchinson, the sister of Elizabeth Hutchinson, the mother of future Pres. Andrew Jackson. In addition to Henry and Mary having a son John who m. Elizabeth Cocke, he had daughters Ellender, who m. John Menees, Jane, who m. Henry Anderson, Mary, who m. Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth, who m. Richard Cocke. A gravestone in Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery in South Carolina also identifies a daughter Margaret (1771-1795) as his daughter. She m. One (?) McMean. These children were first cousins of Andrew Jackson, if the Hutchinson connection is correct.

Henry fought hard in the Revolutionary War as a private, lieutenant and captain. He is said to have been present defending Charleston at its bloody bombardment and fall to the English in Bobby Gilmore's Moss' Roster of SC Patriots in the American Revolution. (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1983). If you have any additions or corrections contact James at <jmanees@aol.com> or write him at 5418 SW 38th Ave., Miami, FL 33175



REJOICE

Do they have autosomal DNA matches confirmed to be on their Coffey side to any of these:

1. Mary Coffey who married Alexander Hamilton
2. Jane Coffey b 1776 NC who married Henry Anderson, Jr
3. Ellender Coffey who married John Menees
4. Elizabeth Coffey who married Richard Cocke
5. Margaret Coffey b 1771 married McMeans. She died in 1795. Her only child died in 1792.

Katy Ansardi, co-Admin for the Hugh Coffey DNA Project, is a descendant of Jane Coffey and Henry Anderson, Jr. She matches as a 4th to remote cousin Spencer Coffey (they are 4C2R) and descendants of Henry's brother Hugh and Henry's brother John. Among those she matches are Joye Evetts (descendant of Henry's brother Hugh Coffey), who helped James Maness. She also matches descendents of John Coffey and Susannah Watson on the same segment with descendants of John's sister Rebecca Coffey and her husband William Gault. That confirms with DNA that Jane Coffey who married Henry Anderson, Jr is a descendant of John Coffey & Susannah Watson and his father Hugh Coffey b abt 1700 and

his wife Mary, who is probably a Ramsey. All the shared DNA is the right size to be in agreement with the paper trail evidence.

We are looking for descendants of Mary Coffey who married Alexander Hamilton and Ellender Coffey who married John Manees to test and join the project. If you're out there, please contact me at hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com or call 410-798-4784.

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 **Email Address Pending**, or send it to **Fred Coffey** at 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

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

HUGH COFFEY PROJECT BY TERRI STERN:

Any questions? Contact me at hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com or call 410-798-4784. And here is the weblink to my [Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse Facebook Group](#) (140 members).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/160379567933944/>