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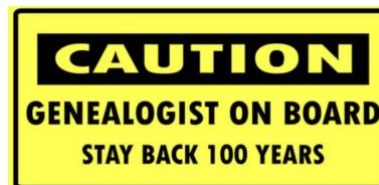
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Editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

Did your Christmas gathering give you an opportunity to talk genealogy? It seems that I always get “grandma, I ran into someone with the name (Coffey, Hayes or Willard). They think they may be related to us.” Now, I'm on another family trail... It's what makes life interesting.

Be sure to share your latest work with Fred to add to the Coffee/y collections, especially documents. You may be helping a cousin who has hit a brick wall like me... I need a will for Thomas Hayes, father of George Hayes husband of Elizabeth Coffey for my DAR records. Can you help me?

What can I help you with?

Happy New Year!

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Co-editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

The most amazing thing in this Newsletter is the fantastic study by Steve Schmidt, wrapping up a year of CCC research into the adoption mystery of Robert Hume. Steve says he is willing to help others who need assistance, so I hope we will see more of his work here in the future!

This newsletter leaves several "loose ends" on some of the stories, and those may be thought of as "work in progress". We'll be trying to explore and resolve some of the uncertainties in future months.

A last-minute surprise was an update on the "Shippensburg Coffeys". We can argue that we started working on this group back in June 1982, so the "Coffey Cousins" have been working on it for 41 years! And we still haven't pinned down their Irish origins!

I'm delighted with the number of people who have worked on solving various "mysteries" in this newsletter. I hope this will continue and hope the even more people will become involved in the future. A lot of what the Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse does involves people helping people.

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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.

THE ARCHIVESTICK:

By Fred Coffey

Readers may recall that in previous newsletters, I talked about seeking ways to preserve the many thousands of pages of Coffey genealogical information in our "Roadmap" application. We worked out that all our important data could all be contained on a 16-gb USB flash drive. Which could be offered to interested Coffey researchers. I call this the "ArchiveStick".

So far only a couple of people have asked for a copy of this USB drive. I would be happy to send out a few more free copies. If you are a serious Coffey researcher, and would like a copy to tuck away in a safe place, send me a note with your mailing address,

PARENTS OF JULIA ANN LODOSSIA BOWEN AND OTHER MYSTERIES:

By Fred Coffey and Pat Marks

Fred: This started out as a simple request from Pat Marks, asking for a copy of the “ArchiveStick” (see previous article). This started a broad ranging conversation. We both learned a lot, and our research efforts may be informative to Newsletter readers!

Pat: I received the Archive stick and thank you very much. I have a link to the Coffey Roadmap on my computer, and it never occurred to me it could all go away.

I have my family tree on Ancestry.com and started that many years ago. I later exchanged many notes with Jack Coffee, and learned he had a low opinion of Ancestry family trees. But I was too committed to change.

Fred: Jack felt that many Ancestry trees posted garbage without documenting supporting evidence. That was quite true because many people just copy ancestries, without checking documentation. But you showed me YOUR Ancestry tree, and I think it is the best documented one I have ever seen! Jack would agree. For readers who want to look, here is the link to your public tree:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/183247042/person/402384786814/facts>

You do have some “road blocks” in your genealogy and are looking for help. What should we look into?

Pat: I’ve been obsessed for years trying to find the parents of my 2nd great grandmother, Julian L (Julia Ann) Bowen. She married Thomas Cook, and they are the parents of Malinda who married Eli John Coffey, the parents of my grandfather, Nolan. From 1860 until her death in 1906 she and Thomas lived in Pickens, Georgia. Before that, she’s a ghost. I’m a novice with DNA and with census records before 1850 (Julian is not in the 1850 census). Her parents are not listed (correctly) on any tree I can find on Ancestry or Family Search. I’ve tried sessions with Family Search representatives, but no luck. I’ve been to Jasper, Georgia, to the graves. I’m “told” I’m searching the burned south, and looking for records that were not required. All true, but I’m 76 and running out of time.

Fred: I have particular expertise in DNA analysis. I wasn’t initially sure that would prove useful. But as you will see, I think it can be helpful.

Here’s my “quick review” for relevant information. You have clearly already found and studied all this, but at least this tabulation gives our readers a quick overview. Here’s your ancestry down to Nolan, taken from Jack Coffee’s ECP (Edward Coffey Project). I have added your descent from Nolan as taken from your Ancestry tree. This shows origins of Nolan and Malinda:

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

(2) John Coffey (BET 1699 AND 1700 - BET JAN 1775 AND FEB 1775) & Jane Graves (ca 1708 - 1792)

(3) Thomas Coffey (7 Mar 1742 - Apr 1825) & Sarah Fields (ca 1750 - 21 Nov 1828)

(4) Jesse S. Coffey (19 Jul 1799 - 8 Oct 1858) & (5) Winifred Crumpton (20 Nov 1801 - 11 Nov 1863) [\(2*1C1R\)](#)

(5) Martin Van Buren Coffey (9 Sep 1833 - 5 Nov 1905) & Frances Millicent Ann Pettit (7 Nov 1838 - 6 Sep 1922)

(6) Eli (Ely?) John Coffey (11 Jan 1860 - 6 Dec 1923) & [Malinda Elvira Cook \(2 Aug 1869 - 2 Jun 1922\)](#)

(7) [Nolan E Coffey](#) (13 Oct 1893 - 13 May 1972) & Muriel Amelia Mayfield (14 Nov 1896 - 12 Apr 1983)

(8) Doris Muriel “Pat” Coffey (2 Jun 1923 - 6 Oct 2004) & Joseph John Fisher (7 Jun 1921 - 7 Sep 2007)

(9) [Patricia Ann](#) Fisher (8 Aug 1947 -) & Donald Austin [Marks](#) (28 Nov 1946 -)

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- (3) Elizabeth Coffey (ca 1749 - aft 1807) & Thomas Fields Esq. (ca 1747 - 1807)
 (4) Jane Fields (ca 1770 - ca 1853) & Hezekiah Crumpton (FROM 1744 TO 1755 - ca 1821)
 (5) Winifred Crumpton (20 Nov 1801 - 11 Nov 1863) & (4) Jesse S. Coffey (19 Jul 1799 - 8 Oct 1858) ([2*1C1R](#))
 (5) Martin Van Buren Coffey (9 Sep 1833 - 5 Nov 1905) & Frances Millicent Ann Pettit (7 Nov 1838 - 6 Sep 1922)
 (6) Eli (Ely?) John Coffey (11 Jan 1860 - 6 Dec 1923) & [Malinda Elvira Cook \(2 Aug 1869 - 2 Jun 1922\)](#)
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 (9) [Patricia Ann](#) Fisher (8 Aug 1947 -) & Donald Austin [Marks](#) (28 Nov 1946 -)

And the following shows Malinda's parentage and the link to Nolan:

- 1) Samuel Cook (1791 - 20 Feb 1860) & Elizabeth Hatfield (1793 - aft 1870)
 (2) Thomas Hughes Cook (6 May 1831 - 11 Nov 1907) & [Julia Ann Lodossia Bowen \(19 Jun 1828 - 11 Jun 1906\)](#)
 (3) [Malinda Elvira Cook \(2 Aug 1869 - 2 Jun 1922\)](#) & Eli (Ely?) John Coffey (11 Jan 1860 - 6 Dec 1923)
 (4) [Nolan E Coffey](#) (13 Oct 1893 - 13 May 1972) & Muriel Amelia Mayfield (14 Nov 1896 - 12 Apr 1983)

Fred: Then I started trying to search for a "Bowen" family, that could be connected to Julia Ann. And I found a Jasper Bowen, born about 1825, who was an employee of a Richard V. Cook. I tried searching for more information on Jasper without much success. This is all I found so far as a possibility for a young male from Pickens, GA

U.S., Civil War Prisoner of War Records, 1861-1865

Name	Jaspar Bowen
Rank	Private
Imprisonment Date	6 Feb 1865
Imprisonment Place	Wayne W.VA
Side of War	Confederate
Company	H
Regiment	50 Va Inf
Release Date	13 Jun 1865

Pat: I've always felt Jasper had to be a brother of Julian but can't find him after 1860. The other big mystery is Richard V Cook (11 Nov 1829 – 1913). Richard and Thomas live in the same location, very close from 1860 until Thomas and Julian's deaths. They have to be related!

Fred: Adjacent is a table based on the 1900 census. The two families are remarkably similar, I agree they have to be related in some way!

<u>Head of House</u>	<u>Thomas H Cook</u>	<u>Richard V Cook</u>
Age	69	70
Birth Date	May 1831	Nov 1829
Birthplace	South Carolina	North Carolina
	Persimmon,	Persimmon,
Home in 1900	Pickens, Georgia	Pickens, Georgia
Race	White	White
Father's Birthplace	South Carolina	South Carolina
Mother's Birthplace	South Carolina	South Carolina
Occupation	Farmer	Farmer
Can Read	N	N
Can Write	N	N
Can Speak English	Y	Y
House Owned?	Own	Own
Free or Mortgaged?	F	F
Farm or House?	F	F

<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Julia A Cook</u>	<u>Sarah Cook</u>
Birth	Mar 1830	Jul 1831
Birth Place	South Carolina	North Carolina
Marriage Year	1851	1844
Father's Birthplace	South Carolina	North Carolina
Mother's Birthplace	South Carolina	North Carolina
No. of Living Children	7	6
How Many Children?	8	7
Can Read	Y	Y
Can Write	Y	Y
Can Speak English	Y	Y

Pat: Richard claimed to be the son of a well-known Cherokee Indian scout, known as John Conseene Tucker. You can read about him at Find-a-Grave Memorial #13532791. Richard went

to court to try to get recognized as the son of John Conseene, claiming John had a relationship with his mother, Martha Cook.

Fred: Here's some background info: Why would Richard go to court to get recognized as the son of a Cherokee? In 1902, Congress authorized the U.S. Court of Claims to hear claims arising from Cherokee treaties. Three claims were filed under this act by the Eastern Cherokee and their descendants, alleging that the U.S. government had violated the Cherokee treaties of 1835 and 1846. The Court consolidated the cases and ultimately ruled in favor of the Eastern Cherokee on May 18, 1905. This resulted in the appropriation of more than \$1 million for the Tribe's eligible individuals and families. Because there was a cash award, many people applied regardless of their true eligibility.

Pat: If you read the discussion from the FAG Memorial, Richard's claim was disputed by the family of John, with this note:

From Pat Tucker: "Through DNA, it was proven that Martha Cook's son, Richard V. Cook, who claimed to be the son of John Conseene Tucker on the Guion Miller Roll is completely 'false'. John only had one wife, Ruby Holloway, who died in the West, Indian Territory, grave unknown."

Fred: Ah, DNA! I know something about that! Somebody from Richard Cook's male-line descendants must have done a y-DNA test on FTDNA. I know how to search for that, and I found two tested men on the Cook DNA Project who claimed male-line descent from Richard. They were FTDNA Kits #107144 and #88332. And they were in Haplogroup "E-M2".

The y-DNA test strictly follows the male line. And "E-M2" Haplogroup is NOT found in Native Americans. That rules out the possibility that Richard's father was John Conseene Tucker!

I am working through the Cook DNA Project administrators to try to make contact with the tested descendants, in the hope of opening discussion. But their existence offers an opportunity for further analysis of relationships even if they don't respond.

Pat ordered an autosomal test for herself on FTDNA. The thought was that if these men had also ordered the same test, there was a distinct possibility that Pat's test would determine whether they are "cousins" at a defined level. The test did identify 4798 cousins, but there were no matches to a Cook family. Perhaps because they only did the y-DNA test, or perhaps because their relationship was too distant to be detected by this test.

In addition, Pat is trying to find a living male "Cook" who descends in an unbroken line from her ancestor Thomas Cook. She will try to persuade that male to do a y-DNA test. That test has a much greater time range than the autosomal test and would prove a solid connection. And maybe locate other interesting matches. Pat's fantastic Ancestry tree shows there are large numbers of suitable candidates out there. We just need to corner one!

Pat: This is all fascinating. I can't tell you how much fun this is. I haven't enjoyed my email this much in years! Are you (Fred) and I cousins at some level?

Fred: Absolutely, we both trace our ancestry back to Edward Coffey. However, you descend from Edward's son John, and I descend from Edward's son Edward Jr. And because the Coffey's sometimes married their cousins, we each have two paths back to Edward. Given that, you and I have quadruple relationships. We are "double 7C plus double 7C1R". (I sent the detailed genealogy to Pat, but it's too lengthy to repeat here.)

So far, our discussions have not led us to solve your original objective to "...find the parents of my 2nd great grandmother, Julian L (Julia Ann) Bowen who married Thomas Cook." But if we (you?) keep digging, we may find more clues!

Background: Tree for Richard V Cook, by Martha Davis

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/20199748/person/912584614/facts>

FROM JEFF COFFEY: DO YOU KNOW AMY COFFEY'S FAMILY?

By Fred Coffey

Jeff: I have a question, and perhaps you could help me out. I have a guest here from Martha's Vinyard. Her name is Amy Coffey. I told her all about your DNA project and told her that my dad told me about you years ago. You were able to take my great grandfathers name and tell me the lineage. I was hoping you could do the same for Amy. Here's what she knows:

Dads Name:	Edward Lyman Coffey Jr.
Grandfathers name:	Edward Lyman Coffey
Great Grand Father:	Hiriam Coffey

Fred: Hi Jeff, I didn't find anything about this family in our "Coffey Roadmap". So, I searched public member trees, and found an excellent and well documented tree on Ancestry.com that covers Amy's family quite well. If you are a subscriber to Ancestry you should be able to just click on this link:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/105574735/person/190047535119/facts>

This link will enter the tree at Amy's father:

Edward Lyman Coffey Jr.
BIRTH 31 JUL 1934 • Brooklyn, New York
DEATH 19 JUN 1990 • Manhasset, Nassau, New York, USA

Your note above shows Hiram Coffey as her Great Grand Father. That is not correct. Hiram Myers Coffey (17 Oct 1897 - 6 Dec 1976) is her Grand Uncle. He is the brother of her Grandfather Edward Lyman Coffey Sr.

This tree tracks all the way back to an Irish immigrant patriarch:

Richard Franklin Coffey
BIRTH ABT. 1799 • Fermanagh, Northern Ireland
DEATH 05 DEC 1872 • Queens Run, Woodward Twp.,
Clinton Co., PA



This family is not presently one that I have been tracking in my "Coffey Roadmap", but I would be interested in recruiting an unbroken Coffey male-line descendant for my Coffey DNA Project. That's because I have not seen any Coffey families in Fermanagh County (highlighted in red in this image) and would be interested in adding this

family to my DNA Project. I will be contacting the owner of this tree to see if she can assist with recruiting someone.

Jeff: Thank you so much Fred. Amy is so happy. She has been studying all of this all morning. Thanks again, you're the best.

NEBUZARADEN COFFEY FAMILY; WHO IS BYRON COFFEY?

By Fred Coffey and Roger Porter

Fred: Let me introduce this topic. Back in newsletter 158-3 I worked with Roger on an article "An Oregon Pioneer Family", about the trek to Oregon in 1848 by the Coffey and Porter families. Roger descends from Nebuzaraden Coffey (1789 – 1867) who married Elizabeth Easley (1790 – 1880). We made use of Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project) to better define Roger's genealogy. Roger later decided to undertake some DNA testing to see what else he could learn.

Roger: I ordered a BigY700 DNA test and a Family Finder DNA test from FTDNA, and also ordered a DNA test from Ancestry.com.

Fred: Your "BigY" test may be valuable for your "Porter" ancestry, but I'm only involved with Coffey results. But FTDNA's "Family Finder" and the Ancestry test are both testing "autosomal" DNA which looks at the mix of all of your DNA. They are doing exactly the same test, but they each compare results against their own database. FTDNA has more "Coffey" participants, but Ancestry has a much bigger overall database. Both can be valuable.

Roger: The Ancestry test showed I had an excellent match to Susan J. Edenfield, Susan sent me a note describing the match, explaining it seemed to relate to her ancestor "Byron J Coffey". I managed to find Byron on Find-a-Grave (see FAG Memorial 52055621). That gave me some dates and showed his burial in the "Kalama 100F Cemetery" in Cowlitz County, WA. His wife was Emma J Reed, and they had two daughters, Daisie Maude and Olive May. His wife Emma is buried next to him (Emma is FAG 52055622.)

Fred: I looked around for any other "Coffey" buried in that same cemetery, who might tie to Roger's Nebuzaraden Coffey ancestors. One of much interest was Mary Eleanor Coffey (FAG 51941974). Her father was Thomas C Coffey (1815 – 1959). And the ECP knew Thomas was a son of Nebuzaraden. Surely, Byron Coffey must somehow related!

Our path to a conclusion was very convoluted. To simplify this article, I'm going to jump straight into the final "proof":

The above "Mary Eleanor Coffey" was well known to the ECP. And the ECP said that Mary was first married to Thomas Simpson Poindexter. And in the 1860 and 1870 census, Thomas and Mary were together with their family. And in each of these years, their family included a "Byron Poindexter". A name like "Byron" is uncommon, and that could not be a coincidence! I conclude that it is the same person, who was going by the name "Byron Poindexter" in 1860 and 1870 and known as Byron Coffey in later years.

There is additional information in the Find-a-grave Memorial #28005184 for Thomas Simpson Poindexter, which reads:

*"He was the fourth son & child of Thomas & Maxy (Wood) Poindexter of Greene Co., Ill.
In 1852, he traveled with his brothers, Doc & Ben, from Missouri to the rich soil of the Willamette River*

*Valley of Oregon, settling on a 159 acre Donation Land Claim in Lane Co. OR. He married (1) Mary E. Baker on Sept. 21, 1854. A daughter was born to them and Mary was soon gone from the home leaving him with a baby. **He married (2) Mary Eleanor Coffey in 1860** and they were the parents of three daughters and a son, Thomas, Jr. **Thomas & Mary (Coffey) were divorced in 1874 in Polk Co., OR. Thomas took his son and they disappeared for many years**, reappearing in Idaho in 1884. Thomas & his son are buried in this cemetery. The children of Thomas Simpson Poindexter: Ella (1857) by his first wife; Elvira Annie (1860), Mary Rowena (1862), Thomas S, Jr. (1863-1919, Henrietta "Etta" (1866). Ref. Greene County, IL Pioneers, A History of Thomas H. Poindexter & Family"*

Byron was born 12 Jul 1859, and his mother married Thomas Poindexter in 1860. That would not necessarily rule out Thomas as Byron's biological father. However, it might be more likely that Byron was the child of Mary Eleanor Coffey, by an UNKNOWN biological father, BEFORE she married Thomas. Once Byron was living in the Poindexter household, the census recorded him as Byron Poindexter. After the divorce, he went (back?) to using his mother's maiden name, Coffey.

It would be interesting if we could do a y-DNA test on an unbroken male line descendant of Byron. But Byron had only daughters, so we can never quite be sure whether or not Byron was genetically a Poindexter! All we know is that his mother was a Coffey.

Recall Roger's DNA match to Susan J. Edenfield. Susan gave Roger some rough details on her descent from Byron Coffey, and we were able to refine that by looking at other well-documented trees.

And I put all of the above into a genealogy that covers everyone named:

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell (BET 1683 AND 1685 - BET OCT 1744 AND DEC 1744)
- (2) Edward Coffey JR. (ca 1701 - aft 1774) & Unknown???
- (3) Joel Coffey (ca 1730 - BET 27 APR 1789 AND 27 JUL 1789) & Martha Stepp (Sealey?)
- (4) **Nebuzaradan Coffey** (29 Aug 1789 - 20 Jan 1867) & Elizabeth Easley (15 Aug 1790 - 21 Jan 1880)
- (5) Thomas C. Coffey (27 Oct 1815 - 1 Jul 1859) & Luciller Jane Baker (10 Dec 1823 - 17 Apr 1865)
- (6) Mary Eleanor Coffey* (17 Feb 1842 - 5 Nov 1909) & **Unknown Unknown**
- (7) **Byron Coffey** (12 Jul 1859 - 23 Feb 1931) & Emma J. Reed (1861 - 5 Jun 1896)
- (8) Daisy Maude Coffey (1883 - 1946) & George Link Harris
- (9) Byron G Harris (1904 - 1947) & Marion Grace Vaughen (1906 - 1975)
- (10) Byron Vaughn Harris (16 May 1925 - 27 Jul 1996) & Anna W Gudyka (1926 - 1992)
- (11) **Susan J. Harris & Edenfield** **DNA MATCH TO ROGER PORTER**
- (8) Olive May Coffey (1890 - 1976) & Koons
- (6) Mary Eleanor Coffey* (17 Feb 1842 - 5 Nov 1909) & Thomas Simpson Poindexter (16 Jun 1820 - 6 Nov 1888)
- (7) Mary Rowena Poindexter (1862 -)
- (7) Thomas Simpson Poindexter Jr. (1863 - 1919)
- (7) Henrietta Poindexter (1866 -)
- (5) Sarah Coffey (1 May 1820 - 20 Nov 1848) & William Porter (14 Dec 1812 - 30 Mar 1899)
- (6) John Hancock Porter (7 Nov 1845 - 26 Apr 1924) & Mary Ada Van Nuys (5 Mar 1853 - 30 Jan 1906)
- (7) Elbert Leroy Porter (8 Dec 1886 - 9 Apr 1970) & Jessie Ava Read (14 Dec 1885 - 30 Jun 1970)
- (8) Kenneth Merle Porter (26 Dec 1907 - 23 Feb 1993) & Louise Susanne Etzel (13 Dec 1913 - 28 Dec 2010)
- (9) Robert Francis Porter
- (10) **Roger Porter**

Below is my thought about the profile for the "Poindexter" line BEFORE Mary Eleanor Coffey married into the family. Note that I have shown daughter Elvira Annie as belonging to his first

wife – I see Ancestry trees that suggest this is more likely. I think Elvira's birth on 12 Jan 1859 may have led to the death of her mother on 3 Mar 1859 via childbirth problems? When the mother died, Thomas was left with a tiny infant that he could not manage alone. He needed to find someone like Mary Eleanor Coffey to help him manage his new baby. And Mary Eleanor was then also dealing with the impending birth of her own son Byron, who was born 12 July 1859. Thomas and Mary were married in 1860.

(1) Thomas Simpson Poindexter (16 Jun 1820 - 6 Nov 1888) & Mary Elvira Baker (1804 - 3 Mar 1859)

(2) Ella Poindexter (1857 -)

(2) Elvira Annie Poindexter (12 Jan 1859 - 30 Aug 1890)

Roger: This summer, I spent quite a bit of time cleaning up the Aumsville Cemetery in Aumsville, Marion County, Oregon. This is the cemetery where many of the Coffey's and Porter's are buried. Unfortunately, there are quite a few headstones that are damaged, it's very sad. I mowed the grass around some of the cemetery and ran into a beehive in the ground and got stung quite a few times. I called Susan Edenfield for a chat the day after that.

I invited several of my relatives to come to the cemetery and I did a tombstone talk on each person. We had a good time and then we went out to eat and then we went to the Aumsville Museum, which has a lot of history about the Porters and Coffey's.

Fred: Nebuzaradan Coffey (29 Aug 1790 – 20 Jan 1867) has a Find-a-grave Memorial at Aumsville. You can get to it if you click on this next link. You can then explore other Coffey and Porter family members via their links to Neb. And this includes a link to his son "Houston R Ballew" who will be discussed in the next article.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/7085651/nebuzaradan-coffey>

NEBUZARADEN COFFEY FAMILY – HIS EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIR:

By Fred Coffey

The following court reference has long been known to the Coffey Cousins:

Adair County, KY, Court Order dated 4 Nov 1811:

"Nebuzaraden Coffey appears here to answer the Complaint of Dicy Bellew, single woman, against him for being the Father of her bastard child. The Counsel of said Coffey moved the Court to Order a Jury to be impannelled. Motion overruled by the Court. Said defendant moved the Prosecution be quashed because the same was not commenced within 12 months from the birth of the child. Motion overruled by the Court. Court finds the said Nebuzaraden Coffey the Father of such Bastard Child and that he pay for the support thereof. George Bellew be appointed Guardian to the said Child."

In our process to figure out the Coffey origins in the previous article, we wondered if this child of Nebuzaraden might actually be the "Byron Coffey" named in the previous article. This proved to not be correct, but the story looked interesting. Given the names "Dicy" and "George" Bellew, it was easy enough to investigate via public trees on Ancestry.

“George Bellew” was George Ballew (1768 – 1861) who married Elizabeth Connelly (1756 – 1810), They had 9 children.

“Dicy” was “Diana “Dicey” Ballew (9 Jan 1790 – 13 Sep 1869), and she was George’s oldest daughter. After her affair with Nebuzeraden, she married James McKinley and they had 8 additional children.

Nebuzeraden’s child was raised as Houston R Ballew (1808 – 16 Jan 1853), born and died in Russell County, KY. He married Mary Ann McFarland (1822 – 1900), and they had 6 children.

Ancestry.com identifies 165 public trees involving Houston R Ballew, and many of those identify his father as Nebuzeraden Coffey. His ancestry was no secret. See the sub-link under the Find-a-grave link to Neb in the previous article.

All living male line descendants of Houston Ballew will have Coffey y-DNA. The Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse already identifies several lines of men who have Edward Coffey y-DNA, but who have surnames other than Coffey. I will now add “Ballew” to that list. And we invite any living descendants of Houston with the Ballew surname to join our Coffey DNA project. And if they want “proof” of their Coffey y-DNA, a basic 37-marker test should do it!

This is from public trees. These are people who may have male-line descendants with Coffey y-DNA:

- (1) Houston R Ballew (1808 - 16 Jan 1853) & Mary Ann McFarland (11 Jun 1822 - 15 Dec 1900)
- (2) Sidney Ballew (10 Apr 1839 - 24 Jul 1865)
- (2) John Houston Ballew (25 Jul 1853 - 8 Jul 1908)
- (3) Clarence Ballew (1883 -)
- (3) John Albus Ballew (13 Jul 1885 - 8 Sep 1971)
- (4) Eugene Ballew (abt 1912 -)
- (3) Elzar Talmadge Ballew (1 Apr 1893 - 7 Feb 1965)
- (4) Malcolm Dow Ballew (30 Nov 1930 - 30 Jul 2013)
- (4) Jack Talmadge Ballew (1924 - 2008)
- (3) Roy Ballew (19 Sep 1895 - 21 May 1970)
- (3) Lester Everett Ballew Sr (3 Feb 1899 - 6 May 1985)
- (4) Lester Everett Ballew Jr. (23 Mar 1924 - 24 May 2015)

I have reserved space on the following Cousins Summary page for a possible future “Ballew” group under my **“Edward Connections: Coffey y-DNA with Non-Coffey Surname”** category. See Page 4 of the following document:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/dna/CousinsSummary.pdf>

LIBRARY DISCUSSION:

By Fred Coffey

Readers may recall that we send notices about the availability of our quarterly newsletters to a couple of libraries. I got a request for an email update for Wanda Hearne, acquisitions library technician, at the State Library of North Carolina:

Wanda: I need to update my email address. Thanks for allowing us access to the Coffey Cousins’ Clearinghouse. Our patrons love using it for their research.

Fred: How do your library patrons view our Coffey Cousins newsletters? Do you print the newsletters, and then let them look at a paper copy? Or upload to your own electronic files and tell them to look there? Or tell them to go to our "Roadmap" and look it up there?

Wanda: We print out the newsletters. We have all of the newsletters from the beginning in print.

Fred: Wow. That's 2417 pages! I'm impressed. Do you do that for a lot of family trees?

Wanda: We do print out some other family history newsletters. I didn't print out all of the Coffey Cousins' some of them we received in the mail. (**Memo:** Bonnie used to send out paper copies in the earlier years.)

ROBERT HUME BACKGROUND:

By **Fred Coffey**

We have been reporting our research on the ancestry of Bob Hume throughout year 2023. Readers may want to refresh their memory with some background reading. You can use the "Roadmap" to call up the relevant issues:

Issue 166-5,6,7 introduces "An Adoption Mystery" with his family background. Bob did a 37-marker y-DNA test that proved he had a "Coffey related" paternal ancestor. We considered some early "suspects", and persuaded Bob to also do a "Family Finder" test that found 8713 biological cousins, but all were too distant to be his father. We arranged for a "Big-y700" test which showed that Bob was in a newly identified haplogroup R-FTC91195. This matched a known Edward descendant David Randall Coffey, who was known to descend from Edward Coffey through his son John. That ruled out all Coffey's who descended from Edward's son Edward Jr. We asked for another volunteer to come forward, who descended from Edward, as a confirmation.

Issue 168-15 found a new BigY descendant of Edward through John, Mr. Stephen Keith Coffey-Schmidt, who was confirmed as R-FTC91195. And we confirmed by autosomal tests that Bob could NOT be closer than a third cousin to David or Steve. But more importantly, Steve Schmidt had experienced finding missing family members, and offered to help Bob Hume research his ancestry. Steve started "*Further Research on Ancestry of Bob Hume.*" Steve was making good progress, but we ran against the deadline for finishing that newsletter and released that issue as a "work in progress".

Steve has now finished his massive research effort, and the result is this next article:

ROBERT HUME COFFEY ANCESTRY SOLVED:

By **Steve Schmidt** (steveschmidt52@yahoo.com)

Hi Fred, I am attaching my update for solving the Bob Hume paternal Coffey line for the December newsletter. I sent it to Bob to proofread and he was good with it. I don't know if you want to use the photos I attached. I know it takes up a lot of space. I added the photos mainly for Bob's benefit.

It was challenging to solve due to the adoptions of Bob and his Coffey grandfather. Bob's Coffey great grandfather had three children. His only son was given up for adoption and used the Wills surname instead of Coffey. All of the descendants from Bob's Coffey grandfather have the Wills surname.

The other two children of Bob's Coffey great grandfather were daughters who married and did not pass on the Coffey surname. That was part of the reason Bob didn't have any close Coffey matches on his autosomal DNA tests.

Bob's closest Coffey match on Ancestry was a 3rd cousin and she used her married surname Heikkila instead of her Coffey maiden name. I only discovered she was a Coffey by looking at her family tree. Bob and she share the same set of Coffey 2X great grandparents. Her Coffey great grandfather was an older brother of Bob's Coffey great grandfather.

In the end it was the shared amount of DNA between Bob and his cousin matches that helped determine their relationships to each other, allowing me to fill in the blanks of Bob's paternal family tree. Unfortunately, there are many people who take the DNA tests and then never add a family tree or never respond to inquiries. Fortunately, there were enough family trees added and enough matches who did respond that led to the records and paper trail to solve this mystery.

I am willing to help anyone else who needs assistance. Regards, Steve

Robert Hume Coffey ancestry solved

After several months of research, the paternal ancestry of Robert (Bob) Hume has finally been solved. We now know his Coffey direct paternal line back to our earliest Coffey ancestor Edward Coffey. The lineage is listed below.

1. Edward Coffey and Ann Powell
2. John Coffey and Jean/Jane Graves
3. Thomas Coffey and Elizabeth Smith
4. Smith W. Coffey and Hannah Boone
5. Athan Coffey and Mary McGuire
6. Athan Napoleon Coffey and Louvenia Patton
7. Gordon William Coffey and Jesse Belle Walton (not married)
8. Edward Allen Wills Sr (adopted by Elwood and Hattie Wills) and May Ione Ryan
9. Edward Allen Wills Jr and Sheila Farnum (not married)
10. **Robert Hume (adopted)**

What is the proof?

When I first offered to help Bob discover his paternal side, all he knew about his birth father at time of conception was that his name was Ed, he was a little older than his birth mother, he was living in an apartment in Portland Oregon, he had a friend named Billy King, and he was working as a painter. We didn't know Ed's surname or anything about his birth or family. What we did know was that Bob was a Coffey and that was his direct paternal-line surname based on the results from his Y-DNA test from Family Tree DNA.

The Y-DNA matches Bob had on Family Tree DNA were too distantly related to help figure out his more recent Coffey ancestry. We could only figure it out by researching the autosomal matches Bob had from the Family Finder/Family Tree DNA test and the Ancestry DNA test that

Bob had taken. Bob only had one paternal close cousin match from his Family Finder test and that match was an adoptee like Bob and knew nothing about her birth parents. Bob had far more paternal matches who were more closely related from his Ancestry DNA test. As I pointed out in my previous report, Ancestry will mark your matches as either from your paternal or maternal side. This was very helpful since I only wanted to research matches from his paternal side.

If Bob was a Coffey, then his father Ed had to be a Coffey. I started searching records for Ed/Edward Coffey from the Portland Oregon area and found nothing. I was also surprised that Bob did not have any close paternal matches on Ancestry who had the Coffey surname. I was able to figure out who Bob's paternal grandparents were after researching Bob's closest paternal matches from Ancestry. We discovered that Ed's surname was Wills and that he was a Jr, named after his father Edward Allen Wills Sr. We also discovered that his friend Billy King was his half-brother (same mother but different father). Billy King's father was a painter and that is most likely who Ed was working for when Bob was conceived. The most important thing we didn't know was why was the surname for Ed Sr and Ed Jr not Coffey?

After further research we discovered that Ed Sr was adopted two weeks after his birth. His name before the adoption was Edward Allen Walton. He was born out of wedlock and Walton was the name of his birth mother, Jessie Belle Walton.

One of Bob's matches on Ancestry had Walton in her family tree. I asked if her Walton grandmother had ever given up a child for adoption and the answer was yes. Jesse Belle Walton was about 18 when she became pregnant. The father of the child did not want to marry her and left town after she became pregnant. This had to be Bob's mystery Coffey ancestor. I found out that Ed Sr went to visit his birth mother when he was an adult, and I am sure she told him the name of his Coffey father. Ed Jr even said once that he knew he was a Coffey and not a Wills.

Apparently, nobody wrote down the name of the mystery Coffey ancestor.

Ed Sr was born in 1914 and conceived in 1913 in Linn County Oregon. I searched the 1910 census for any male with the Coffey surname who was between 18-22 years of age and living in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho. I came up with a few possibilities, but none panned out. I went back to Bob's Ancestry paternal matches looking for shared common ancestors and anyone who had a Coffey ancestor. I found a female match whose maiden name was Coffey and she shared enough DNA to be a third cousin meaning she and Bob shared the same set of 2X great grandparents. The family tree of this match also shared non-Coffey ancestors that were in family trees of several of Bob's other matches. This was too much of a coincidence. If Bob was descended from this same Coffey family, then his Coffey great grandfather would have to be a son of the 2X Coffey great grandparents of Bob's Coffey match. He would also be the father of Bob's adopted Coffey grandfather Edward Allen Wills Sr.

I researched the children of Athan Coffey and Louvenia Patton. These were the Coffey 2X great grandparents of Bob's Coffey match. Only one son was about the right age and not married in 1913 when Ed Sr was conceived. He was the youngest son named Gordon William Coffey. He was born in late December of 1890 in GA and was living in Oklahoma with his widowed mother in the 1910 census. He and several of his brothers moved from Oklahoma to Idaho shortly after 1910. He would have been 22 years old when Jessie Belle Walton became pregnant in 1913. I don't have a record of him living in North Lebanon, Linn County Oregon in 1913 where Jessie was living. My assumption is that he was floating around looking for work and ended up meeting the poor farm girl Jessie Walton who he never had any intention of marrying.

Gordon Coffey was counted in the 1920 census living in Idaho. He was single and 29 years old. He finally married at age 33 in 1924 in Idaho. This was 11 years after he skipped town when Jesse Belle Walton became pregnant with his child. His wife gave birth to 2 daughters, Frances and Thelma. Gordon and both of his daughters are deceased, but I was able to find a surviving son and daughter of Gordon's daughter Frances. I contacted the family and asked if they would be willing to take an Ancestry DNA test to see how closely related they were to Bob.

The answer was no. The person I was hoping to test would be a half 1st cousin once removed to Bob and the amount of DNA they shared would leave no doubt that Gordon Coffey was Bob's great grandfather.

I felt so strongly that Gordon was the mystery Coffey father of Ed Sr and was Bob's Coffey great grandfather, that I entered Gordon Coffey, Jesse Belle Walton, and all their ancestors to Bob's Ancestry family tree. Ancestry will compare family trees between DNA matches. If you share a common ancestor from the family tree of a DNA match, Ancestry will list the names and define your relationship to your match. I noticed that more of Bob's paternal DNA matches began showing common ancestors with the ancestors of Gordon Coffey. Getting Gordon Coffey's grandson or granddaughter to do an Ancestry DNA test would have been the icing on the cake. I believe the number of matches with shared ancestors that Bob shows by completing his Ancestry family tree using Gordon Coffey as his paternal great grandfather is the next best thing to prove Bob's Coffey ancestry.

I hoped to obtain a photo of Gordon Coffey but so far, no luck. I was able to get some photos of Bob's great grandmother Jesse Belle Walton and photos of Gordon Coffey's parents and two of his brothers. The obituary for Gordon W Coffey is attached as well.



Jesse Belle Walton
(1895-1975)

Bob's great grandmother.



Athan Coffey and
Louvenia Patton

Bob's GG Grandparents



Berton Athan Coffey
and Annie Evans



Berton Athan Coffey
and Annie Evans
50th wedding anniversary.



Lester George Coffey
& his daughter Kathrine
(Brother of Gordon Coffey.)

Gordon W. Coffey

Services for Gordon W. Coffey will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Summers chapel with Chaplain J. E. Frazee officiating. Interment will be at Morris Hill. Mr. Coffey died Friday in a Boise hospital.

He was born Dec. 24, 1890 in Georgia. He was a barber in Glens Ferry for several years. He also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Sillones, of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Mrs. Frances Beager, of Ely, Nev., two brothers, Bert of Emmett and Lester Coffey of Meacham, Ore., and three grandchildren.

THANK YOU FROM BOB HUME:

By Bob Hume

Greetings Fred, Steve and Andy,

I want to reiterate that without the three of you I would have never discovered where I came from. My goal was to find out who my birth father was, and if he was still alive, to meet him.

Thankfully my birth mother, Sheila, spent years tracking me down. That in itself was an incredible gift, especially after losing my son just three months before she found me. I am so grateful for my maternal family. Every person I have met has greeted me with open arms and we have had an instant connection.

My mother and my very favorite Aunt Andy both invested in getting me started searching for Ed. My Aunt purchased my DNA tests and Mom hired Pam Vestal to help out on the search.

Enter the Coffey Cousins! I never expected that my paternal cousins would basically do most of my work for me.

Steve is like a pitbull on a bone! He just doesn't give up! Steve, you have invested so much of your time. When I commented on that fact you simply said "that's what cousins do".

My Aunt did so much leg work contacting people and communicating with both of you. Also my maternal cousin Brian had a hand in the research.

Collectively you all gave me so much more information than I had hoped for. I can't express my appreciation enough for everything you all have done for me.

In the end my story has been written, I have found my family, and my heart has been touched. I don't think I have ever experienced this level of generosity.

Thank you all for your part in my quest. I don't know how I could ever reciprocate the gift you all have given me... Thanks to Mom & Ed for my life and Mom not giving up on finding me. To Russ & Anne, my adoptive parents for a loving home. To Aunt Andy for accepting me and all the help finding the rest of my family. And of course, Steve & Fred with the Coffey Cousins, for putting the pieces together.

With all the adversity we see in our world, having an experience like this has been uplifting. All of you have done something really nice. Thank you all!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season. Gratefully, Bob Hume

From Fred: Bob talks about his family discoveries, and about the people who were most important to him. There are of course thousands of "Coffey Cousins" in Bob's newly discovered tree. Following is an overview of how parts of his "family" go back to Edward Coffey, with many of the names Bob mentions **highlighted in red**.

Bob and Steve have a quadruple connection – they are "double 7C plus double 7C1R". And they are both members of Haplogroup R-FTC91195. Steve has a marriage of first cousins, **highlighted in black**.

- (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 Farnum** (1 Nov 1939 -) & (9) Edward Wills Jr (11 Oct 1934 - 7 Jan 2013)
- (11) **Robert Eugene Hume Sr** (22 Mar 1958 -)
- (10) **Andrea Gay "Anne" Farnum** (24 Nov 1940 -)
- (3) Thomas Coffey (7 Mar 1742 - Apr 1825) & Elizabeth Smith (- BET 1775 AND 1780)
- (4) Smith Coffey (ca 1776 - 1839) & Hannah Boone (ca 1783 - 22 Nov 1886)
- (5) Athan Coffey (27 Jan 1820 - Jun 1881) & Mary McGuire (15 Sep 1821 -)
- (6) Athan Napoleon Coffey (22 Aug 1856 - 23 Jul 1905) & Melvina Lavinia Patton (23 Aug 1858 - 3 Nov 1929)
- (7) Gordon W. Coffey (Dec 1892 - 3 Feb 1961) & Jessie Walton (27 May 1895 - 1 Jan 1975)
- (8) Edward Wills Sr (6 Feb 1914 - 19 Dec 1949) & May Ryan (5 Apr 1915 - 8 Jul 1988)
- (9) Edward Wills Jr (11 Oct 1934 - 7 Jan 2013) & (10) **Sheila Farnum** (1 Nov 1939 -)
- (10) **Robert Eugene Hume Sr** (22 Mar 1958 -)
- (3) Reuben Coffey (7 Mar 1742 - 1825) & Sarah Scott (ca 1750 - Oct 1837)
- (4) Jesse Coffey (ca 1775 - ca 1840) & Margaret Edmisten
- (5) **Margaret C. Coffey (Mar 1816 - ca 1906) & (5) Jacob Zachariah Coffey (1814 - BET 1870 AND 80)**
- (6) Joseph Reubin Coffey (2 Dec 1849 - 20 May 1936) & Martha Elizabeth Gragg (13 May 1850 - 31 Mar 1930)
- (7) Reuben Finley Coffey (3 Jul 1870 - 15 Nov 1955) & Flora Ellen Hollifield (27 May 1876 - 18 Nov 1956)
- (8) Wiley Earl Coffey Sr. (11 Jul 1902 - 9 Mar 1972) & Edna Mae Story (14 Jun 1904 - 31 Aug 1980)
- (9) Lt. Cmdr Wiley Earl Coffey Jr. (10 Jun 1928 - 14 Aug 2004) & Lee Ann Wagner (11 May 1928 - 8 Feb 2006)
- (10) **Stephen Keith Coffey-Schmidt** (29 Jul 1952 -)
- (4) Joseph Coffey (ca 1785 - ca 1835) & Isabella Lindsay
- (5) **Jacob Zachariah Coffey (1814 - BET 1870 AND 80) & (5) Margaret C. Coffey (Mar 1816 - ca 1906)**
- (6) Joseph Reubin Coffey (2 Dec 1849 - 20 May 1936) & Martha Elizabeth Gragg (13 May 1850 - 31 Mar 1930)
- (7) Reuben Finley Coffey (3 Jul 1870 - 15 Nov 1955) & Flora Ellen Hollifield (27 May 1876 - 18 Nov 1956)
- (8) Wiley Earl Coffey Sr. (11 Jul 1902 - 9 Mar 1972) & Edna Mae Story (14 Jun 1904 - 31 Aug 1980)
- (9) Lt. Cmdr Wiley Earl Coffey Jr. (10 Jun 1928 - 14 Aug 2004) & Lee Ann Wagner (11 May 1928 - 8 Feb 2006)
- (10) **Stephen Keith Coffey-Schmidt** (29 Jul 1952 -)

ANYBODY HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGY FIRMS?

By Fred Coffey

I am aware that there are professional genealogy firms that promise detailed research into your genealogy. One such firm is “Legacy Tree Genealogists”. They promise “***Our worldwide team of researchers will leave no stone unturned in discovering your story.***”

They offer several levels of research effort. Here are their least expensive, and their most expensive, levels of work:

BASIC25 - \$2950 (\$118/hr): Professional research and analysis on your family tree. ONE research goal. Discover recent ancestors, search for a birth parent using DNA, or prepare to join a lineage society. Includes printed Analytical report or Biographical report and documents, deluxe binder, and private webpage.

PREMIUM100 - \$10,800 (\$108/hr) Most expansive research and analysis for your family tree. Up to FOUR research goals. Connect with your deep heritage around the world and leave a legacy for future generations. Includes printed Analytical or Biographical Report and documents, deluxe binder, and private webpage.

Anybody had experience with this service, or something similar? Are you willing to write an article about your experience?

ANYBODY USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

By Fred Coffey

I am aware that there are claims that “Artificial Intelligence” can be used for genealogy. But I don’t have any experience. Have any of our readers tried that? Can you write an article describing your experience?

“Legacy Tree Genealogists” (see previous article) offers some discussion on this topic. You may find their discussion interesting. Click on this link:

<https://www.legacytrees.com/blog/using-ai-for-genealogy-research>

National Genealogical Society also has a discussion link:

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/ai/>

I also bought a book that seemed to promise to educate me: “*Crash Course On ChatGPT and Genealogy*” by M. M. McMahon. It was a poorly written and badly formatted book, that didn’t suggest anything I perceived as useful about genealogy. Maybe I’ll sign up for “ChatGPT” and play with it, but I’m not optimistic!

Anybody got a better discussion?

UPDATE: THE SHIPPENSBURG COFFEYS:

By Fred Coffey

I recently received a note from Mr. Richard Alan Coffey, who goes by his middle name “Alan”:

Alan: Hi Fred! I ran across the Coffey Cousins’ Clearinghouse facebook page and saw your e-mail address as a contact. Obviously from my name I’m connected in there somehow. I’m not an avid family tree researcher myself but my dad was at one time. Thought I would share just

the little bit that I know going up the tree. My Dad only had one brother (Arthur Benjamin Coffey) that passed away last year and he never had any children. I'm my Dad's only son and all of my children are girls so I'm the end of this twig when it comes to carrying on the Coffey name!

Fred: I looked at the summary you sent me, and I recognize your family. Back in newsletter Issue #152, Pages 2 to 5, we discussed a Coffey group we called "The Shippensburg Coffeys", and you are part of that group. For supplementary background reading, you can click on this link:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CCCNewslettersOnline/CCCIssue152.pdf>

This group's existence actually goes back to Newsletter Issue #7 in June 1982. But it took us a long time to fit the pieces together and decide they were not related to our Edward Coffey group or any other known group.

Here's an updated genealogy showing how you relate to some of the names in Issue 152:

- (1) Thomas Coffey (1730 - 29 Jun 1796) & Mary Amcott (abt 1732 -)
- (2) James Coffey (11 Apr 1795 - 2 Oct 1878)
- (2) William Coffey & Elizabeth
- (3) Thomas Coffey (abt 1806 -) & Pauline Mary Bennett (abt 1811 -)
- (4) John C Coffey (abt 1848 - 23 Jun 1887) & Sarah M Warren (28 Jun 1848 - 17 Feb 1913)
- (5) Cora Mae Coffey (18 Apr 1875 - 20 Oct 1961) & David William Hancock (11 Jan 1869 - 11 Jan 1921)
- (6) Esther Grace Hancock (18 Jul 1900 - 16 Dec 1972) & Guy William John Clippinger (22 Aug 1900 - 22 May 1976)
- (7) Guy Leslie Clippinger (11 Jul 1925 - 15 Sep 2016) & (Private)
- (8) **Sandra Clippinger (Has an autosomal DNA test on Ancestry.com)**
- (3) James Coffey (11 Apr 1795 - 2 Oct 1878) & Mary Highlands (abt 1812 - 1836)
- (4) George Washington Coffey (22 Feb 1832 - 21 Apr 1918) & Catherine Anne Eckenrode (23 Sep 1837 - 9 Feb 1922)
- (5) Eden Robert Coffey (28 Oct 1868 - 3 Apr 1958) & Alice Marie Lewis (20 Jul 1885 - 7 Nov 1962)
- (6) Nina Pearl Coffey (4 Oct 1915 - 7 Nov 2000) & Murl Olen Black Sr (5 Jul 1899 - 11 Jun 1975)
- (7) **Murl Olen Black Jr** (25 Jun 1937 - 20 Jan 2004) **(Murl joined the CCC Group as a "new cousin" in June 1982!)**
- (7) (Daughter) Black & Spencer
- (8) **Karen Spencer & Dhawan**
- (6) Ray W Coffey (14 Mar 1926 - 3 Apr 2007)
- (7) **Ray Coffey (37 marker y-DNA test #592071)**
- (2) James E Coffey (17 Aug 1759 - 20 Dec 1836) & Mary Leeper (17 Aug 1769 - 20 Dec 1836)
- (3) James Leeper Coffey (25 Dec 1791 - 22 Jun 1837) & Mary Ramsey (12 Oct 1804 - 2 Feb 1894)
- (4) Samuel Robert Coffey (17 Jun 1829 - 17 May 1886) & Mary Jane Rankin (17 Jan 1826 - 2 Sep 1873)
- (5) Thomas B.R. Coffey (16 Feb 1865 - 17 Jun 1926) & Alice Caroline Dorsett (22 Feb 1866 - 14 Mar 1954)
- (6) Leroy Franklin Coffey (28 Jul 1888 - 24 Sep 1939) & Caldonia Mae "Donie" Moore (19 Feb 1901 - 24 Sep 1984)
- (7) **Patrick Aca Coffey** (17 Mar 1940 -) **(12 marker y-DNA test #82799)**
- (5) James Richard Scott Coffey (16 Feb 1850 - 17 Jan 1909) & Catherine Sarah Frances Dyer (24 Sep 1849 - 5 Sep 1923)
- (6) Daniel Bufford Coffey (25 Oct 1881 - 10 Oct 1957) & Harriet Ashley Thomas (8 Sep 1881 - 23 May 1975)
- (7) Theodore Richard Coffey (23 May 1906 - 3 Nov 1991)
- (8) Theodore Richard Coffey Jr (1931 -)
- (9) **Richard Alan Coffey** (1965 -)
- (8) Arthur Benjamin Coffey (19 Aug 1932 - 25 Sep 2022)

Your closest relative in this genealogy is "Patrick Aca Coffey", who is your 2C2R (Second Cousin, Twice Removed). Sandra is your 6C1R. Ray is your 5C2R.

If you use Ancestry.com, you may find this link offers a pretty-well-documented source of information details on your own family:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/14193662/person/1062600442/facts>

And at the end of this current newsletter, you will see links to our huge Coffey information “Roadmap”. This can be overwhelming, but you might quickly skim through to see what we do! And you will soon learn I have big interest in DNA testing. I will probably be trying to recruit you (or your dad) to sign up for DNA testing. I will give this some more thought, and then get back to you for discussion early next year.

I’VE HEARD YOU HAVE A NEWSLETTER...

By Fred Coffey

I’ve gotten some unusual questions from people who have heard that there is a “Coffey” Newsletter, and they wonder if they might want to read it. Here are two of them:

- (1) “Hi Fred, I read on the Facebook group that you have a way for me to read back issues of the newsletter. I would very much like to have access to that information if you are willing to share. I am descended from Mary Ann Coffey, (born 1850, daughter of Marvel Coffey), who married William Zachary Maltba. Thank you so much in advance. Regards, Geneva Maltba Donley”
- (2) “Good evening, Fred. My name is Daniel Tice and I am tied into the Coffey Cousins through my mother whose maiden name is Gina Coffey. My grandfather Loy Coffey, 1934-2009 did extensive research on the Coffey’s and I was told about your newsletter from his wife Wanda Coffey who is my grandma. Attached is an invitation to look at my tree on Ancestry.com.

It was easy to tell both of them how to find our “Coffey Roadmap” which explains how to access and read all our historic newsletters. And I put both of them on our distribution list to be notified whenever a new newsletter is available. But then I took a quick look at their specific family situations and saw that the newsletters would NOT be sufficient to understand their family.

Plus, the Roadmap covers many thousands of people and situations. It could be overwhelming for a novice to jump in and work through the logic to research details on their specific family. So I decided to quickly point to detail information on their specific families. Maybe later they can return and research more deeply:

For Geneva: Coffey researchers all know about the research by Marvel Coffey. But if you search the newsletters for “William Zachary Maltba” you won’t find him there. And you won’t find any newsletter reference whatsoever on any “Maltba” family. That’s because nobody has yet written anything about them in a newsletter. (Hey, **this** newsletter is the first exception!)

William Zachary Maltba and his family ARE present in Jack Coffee’s ECP (Edward Coffey Project). Lots of background information there. Here’s a link to the ECP page covering your Mary Ann Coffey who married William Zachary Maltba. You can go to this page, and start clicking on all the blue hyperlinks to call up more and more details:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/ECP2020Lite/b5242.htm#P5242>

For Daniel: There is a newsletter reference to your grandfather Loy Coffey and his wife Wanda. See Newsletter 117-10 (Issue #117, page 10, published June 2010). It’s Loy’s obituary.

But neither Loy nor Wanda is named in the ECP, probably because Jack avoided reporting details on living people. But when I looked at your Ancestry.com tree I could see details on Loy’s

father Richard, who is in the ECP. Here's a link to the ECP page where Richard is introduced. And you can also start clicking on all the blue hyperlinks to explore up and down:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/ECP2020Lite/b9441.htm#P21797>

I did accept your invitation to be a "guest" and look over your Ancestry.com tree. Most of it looks good, but when I read back to the earliest generations around Edward Coffey there are problems. For example, your page claims to know the father of Edward. That claim has been proven false. Nobody knows who Edward's father was. Go back to the "Roadmap" and scroll down to the topic "*Edward Coffey: Early Generation Issues*" for discussion.

(Memo: Daniel corrected the issue about Edward's unknown father immediately when I pointed it out to him via email. But it's a common problem, and I left the note here for other readers to think about.)

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 bonnieculley33@gmail.com, 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](#)

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

(The Coffey Cousin's Clearinghouse Facebook Group is thriving and now has 122 members which include the Newsletter editor Bonnie Culley and past President Larry Coffey.)