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## **Note for CCC Beginners:**

This is Issue #177. We have been producing these reports for 44 years, and we have accumulated many thousands of pages of information. And these newsletters often go off into details that will be confusing to "new members" of the Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse, or to those who have not kept up with our activities. If you find our work confusing, we recommend you click on this link, and rapidly skim through the discussion there:

[www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html](http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html)

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## **Editor's Comments**

Dear Cousins:

(To Fred from Bonnie: Tell everybody that I'm recovering from a case of the flu and can't concentrate on writing anything this quarter. I'll be back when we're ready to start writing "Newsletter #178".)

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### **Co-editor's Comments**

Dear Cousins,

One of the time-consuming things I do, is explaining to readers of these newsletters why “their views” on some Coffey family Tree issue are “complicated, or less than perfectly correct.” This is often because there are many thousands of trees that people have posted into Ancestry.com files. Sometimes this is because they have picked up an early version of our research data and missed the fact that we have worked out corrections in later years.

In this newsletter you will see I and others have often done updates, but we have no way to “tell the Ancestry.com world” that we have been making corrections over the last 40 years. And quite often we simply have no idea where peoples’ information came from.

There are sources such as the Mormon site, where they have a religious obligation to examine their family histories. But they also are often not perfect with their analysis.

I wonder if the future of “Artificial Intelligence” as applied to genealogy will offer miracles? Any of our readers want to offer an opinion?

And I hope that some of our readers will decide they have something they want to write for use in the next newsletter! Send your thoughts to Bonnie or myself.

*Fred Coffey*

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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](http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html) Click on **Newsletters** and the list of available issues will pop up! (You may want to 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 be contained on a 16-gb USB flash drive. That could be offered to interested Coffey researchers. I call this the “ArchiveStick”.

## **SEARCH TECHNIQUES USING THE “ROADMAP” (PART2):**

By Fred Coffey

In the previous newsletter, where I discussed “search techniques”, I reported a “glitch” in the program used to research ECP name links. It reported that roughly 1000 of the links were “not valid”. I said I thought I would be able to “fix the problem” – and I have now done so. And expanded the capabilities. Here is a discussion of background and of my updates:

The ECP (Edward Coffey Project) can be entered, in the way originally intended by Jack Coffee, at this link:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/ECP2020Lite/AAAIndexStart.htm>

This entry page offers you four different tools that can be used to explore the ECP. When the ECP was a small project, all four worked nicely. But over time the ECP grew and grew and grew. In year 2020 Jack explained:

*“The current edition of The Edward Coffey Project on USB contains 49882 people, 17564 families, 118458 events, 8072 places, 2561 sources, 62091 citations and 14534 multimedia items. It also contains over 20000 other documents and photographs.”*

Many ECP users just want to know if they have an ancestor (or cousin) who is in Jack’s project. And if so, they want to look him or her up and see what can be learned. They probably have a name and other info (like dates) for at least one candidate.

- (1) The first option offered is to start clicking through the “[Descendants of Edward Coffey](#)”. But if you don’t already know the path of descent that can be impossible.
- (2) The second option is to look at the list of surnames. That can sometimes work, but many families are pretty big. For example, if you try the surname “Coffey”, there are 10,503 people with that name (not counting 529 named “Coffee”). So that’s almost impossible as well.
- (3) The third option is to look at “[Names - A list of all the names on this site](#)”. If you start to explore this list, you will see that each name references one or more “Narrative” links. And if you click on a narrative link, it will take you to the page in the ECP where that person is discussed. Each “Narrative” can tell you a great deal about each person!

But there are about 31,000 names in this list. And the way things are set up, the ECP can only show about 1200 names at a time. It takes 26 discussion pages to view all 31,000 names. You can start clicking and looking for the name you want, but it’s a very tedious process.

I have now created an application that captures all 31,000 names in a single file. It allows you to choose a name you want to research. Then you can quickly locate all the “Narratives” that cover your chosen name. On the next page, I will post that application making it is accessible to everyone. Following is just a brief introduction:

The approach works with the 26 discussion pages. For each page we offer a one-line description of what can be found in each discussion section.

**Search Example:** Suppose I want to learn if my grandfather is in the ECP. I know his name and dates are Newton Coffey (1875-1969) A quick look at the discussion pages tells me that Index 11 is the discussion I want. Here’s the description:

**Index 11:** *From “Coffey” Mary Eleanor (1842-1909) to “Coffey” Norwood (1934-1934)*

Everything is in alphabetical order. I can see in an alphabetical list that “Coffey Newton” comes after “Coffey Mary” and before “Coffey Norwood”. So, I want to look at “F11” data.

On my Macintosh computer, I press “Command F” to do a search. (On other computer types, it may be “Control F”). then I enter “F11” in the search box and press “enter”. And I will see the beginning of Index 11. (Note the name at the top of that entry page says all the people here are “Coffey”).)

There are about 1200 names in this “File 11”. The easy approach is to scroll down until you begin to find one with the first name of “Newton”. Do that, and ypu will discover there are actually 14 such men as follows:

Newton (1773-1858) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton (1840- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton (1846- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton (1846- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton (1875-1969) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton (1914-1915) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Asbury (1867-1941) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Eli (1827-1890) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton H. (1824- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Henry (1828- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Murray (1838-1905) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Murray (1867-1930) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Walter (1858-1860) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Newton Wester (1885-1963) . . . [Narrative](#)

And there I can see my [Newton Coffey \(1875-1969\)](#). Just click on the “Narrative” after his name, and you’ll be looking at what was written about my grandfather! Here’s a small part of the discussion for Newton – the small blue superscripts are links to supporting references.

Newton Coffey and Adelia Gertrude “Gertie” Robinson<sup>[24204](#)</sup> were married on 10 March 1897 in Cambria, Wayne Co., IA.<sup>[24205](#)</sup> They<sup>[24205](#)</sup> appeared in the census on 11 June 1900 in Clay Twp., Wayne Co., IA.<sup>[24206](#)</sup> They<sup>[24206](#)</sup> appeared in the census on 25 April 1910 in ClayTwp., Owen Co., IA.<sup>[24207](#)</sup> Newton and Gertie<sup>[24207](#)</sup> appeared in the census on 13 January 1920 in Clay Twp., Wayne Co., IA.<sup>[24208](#)</sup>

And once you have found where ANYONE in your family fits into the ECP, you can begin to explore links to others in your family that “fit in”. If I click on Newton’s name at the top of his narrative page, it will “jump up” to his father. And you can do the same for his father’s page, his father’s father, etc. Or if you click on a blue name for one of his children, it will “drop down” to that person.

So, within a couple of minutes, you can find the ECP report for any of the 31,000 names in the ECP list. And then start exploring things about other members of that person’s family.

### **READY TO TRY OUT THE “NEWIMPROVED” SEARCH TOOL?**

By Fred Coffey

I'm not entirely certain that the new search tool is ready for full release. I would like to invite a couple of the readers of this newsletter to “jump in” and try it out. Then let me know what difficulties have been encountered. You're welcome to click on this next link and see what you think of our new search tool. Then give me feedback!

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/ECP2020Lite/ECPFullNameList.html>

### **WHAT WAS THE ECP FAMILIES MOST POPULAR FIRST NAME?**

By Fred Coffey

Here's a challenge for any new users experimenting with above application. Jack Coffee reported his ECP had 10503 people with the “Coffey” surname. What was the most popular “first name” among the Coffey men? My best guess is that it may be “James”.

I went to the above search tool and told it to look for “James Coffey”. And I found there are 363 “James Coffey” men.

Your challenge: Pick your favorite ancestor's first name and see how many there are. Maybe John Coffey? Or William? Or Robert? Or for females, try searching for Mary Coffey? (This is only showing the women BORN with the Mary Coffey name.)

### **FINDING LEONARD N COFFEY FAMILY:**

By Fred Coffey and Joseph D Coffey

**Fred:** I got a message from FTDNA that Joseph D Coffey had joined the Coffey DNA Project.

**Joe:** I am the brother of Leonard N Coffey. I decided I was ready to use DNA to explore my ancestry. Some years ago, I got a DNA test on Ancestry.com, and I'm looking for your suggestions on how I could do more.

**Fred:** You, being a brother of Leonard and having an interest in a DNA test, offered potential for THIS newsletter story. Leonard died in 1989, and no Coffey DNA testing was done until it was reported in Newsletter Issue #93 (December 2003).

Leonard was the founder and first publisher of the Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse newsletters. He was highly involved for the first 8 years of our 44-year research efforts. Look at the letterhead on this newsletter. I did a quick search for background on his family and found this. It names you (Joseph) as one of his survivors:

*Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1989 Indianapolis Star and News*

*LEONARD N. COFFEY MARTINSVILLE, Ind. — Services for Leonard N. Coffey, 58, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Coffey, a Korean War Navy veteran, died Sunday. A machine operator, he worked for Hopkins 8. Woods Co. at Martinsville. He was founder of Martinsville High School Alumni Organization and editor of its publication. The Survivors — wife Donna Smith Coffey; daughters the Rev. L. Susan May, Terry J. Coffey, Bonnie Coffey-Meyers; mother Mildred Leonard Coffey; brothers Donald G., **Joseph D. Coffey**; four grandchildren.*

**Joe:** Here is the link to my family tree on Ancestry.com:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/78949661/person/32398151503/facts>

**Fred:** Your tree shows multiple generations going further back in time from Edward Coffey Senior. At one time Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse researchers thought they knew something about such generations. We now firmly believe we do NOT know the name of ANY ancestor before Edward. All of these should be deleted. (We do know some things about deep ancestry, but there are NO known names.)

Starting with Edward, your tree has this for the first 5 generations:

- (1) Edward Joshua Coffey Sr. (20 OCT 1670 • 20 NOV 1716) & Ann Ester (Annister) Powell (1684 • 18 DEC 1744)
- (2) John Coffey (16 JUL 1700 • 31 MAR 1774) & Jane Graves (1704 • 1792)
- (3) Rev James Edwin Coffey (04 JUL 1729 • OCT 1786) & Elizabeth Cleveland (FEB 1727 • 17 APR 1826)
- (4) Ambrose Coffey (01 OCT 1762 • SEP 1818) & Mildred "Milly" Moore (31 MAR 1770 – 1812)
- (5) Lewis Moses Coffey (1 Nov 1798 - 18 Jun 1844) & Delilah B. Turpin (27 Jun 1802 - 1873)**

The first 4 generations here would have been a good guess at the time Leonard Coffey was alive. And all generations from **(5) Lewis Moses Coffey** down are 100% in agreement with the Coffey Cousins current view. But since that time there has been substantial research. For example, we are now quite convinced that **(4) Ambrose** is NOT part of your line. And there are several other things that we no longer believe. Let me DISCARD these first four generations, and offer what we NOW believe to be more correct, and then explain what has been learned:

- (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)
- (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 (1 Nov 1798 - 18 Jun 1844) & Delilah B. Turpin (27 Jun 1802 - 1873)**
- (6) Moses Turpin Coffey (24 May 1831 - 10 Apr 1912) & Lucinda Renner (24 Mar 1834 - 23 Jun 1910)**
- (7) John D. Coffey (23 Mar 1859 - 1 Dec 1912) & Kizzie Belle Gibbs (8 Jul 1864 - 24 Oct 1943)**
- (8) John L Coffey (12 May 1904 - 14 Oct 1952) & Mildred E. Leonard (24 Jul 1905 - 6 Jan 2000)**
  - (9) Leonard Noel Coffey (21 Mar 1930 – 15 Jan 1989) & Donna Flo Smith (4 Nov 1930 – 12 Jun 2004)**
  - (9) Donald Gibbs Coffey (28 Sep 1934 – 26 Oct 2023)**
  - (9) Joseph D Coffey (abt 1938 - )**

Joseph's tree is identical for recent ancestors from (5) **Lewis Moses Coffey** on down. But after considerable study, we now believe that Edward's daughter **Annister** is part of the picture. It has long been known that daughter Annister had a son, out of wedlock, that she named **James**. And we confirmed via DNA that the father of James was named **James Samuel**. This places a non-Coffey male ancestor in the descent. Any male line y-DNA test will now show "Samuel" DNA. That would include Joseph D Coffey.

Here's a "tool" you may find interesting. You can click on the "Narrative" for each of these people. And it will take you to whatever pages in the ECP (Edward Coffey Project) that discuss that person:

Edward (1670-1716) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Annister (1708- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
James (1735- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
James Jr. (1774- ) . . . [Narrative](#), [Narrative](#)  
Lewis Moses Jr. (1844-1887) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Moses Turpin (1831-1912) . . . [Narrative](#)  
John B. D. (1859-1912) . . . [Narrative](#)  
John L (1904-1952) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Leonard Noel (1930-1989) . . . [Narrative](#)

**Joe:** Now, what would you recommend for further DNA testing?

**Fred:** If you do further DNA testing, it needs to be a y-DNA test, rather than the autosomal test you did on Ancestry.com. I would recommend doing FTDNA's 37-marker y-DNA test for \$79. I think it would also be useful to include their Family Finder test. Purchased separately that would cost \$39. But if you order the two tests as a bundle, the cost will be \$109.

I'm pretty sure I know what will happen with the 37-marker y-DNA test. It will show you have matches to "Samuel" families, and no match to "Coffey".

On the other hand, the Family Finder will likely show some Coffey matches, but probably no Samuel matches. Your "y-DNA" is Samuel, but you have only a tiny bit of Samuel in your overall DNA mix.

FTDNA's "Family Finder" is exactly the same as the DNA test you did on Ancestry. But each tester is comparing to just their own database. More "Coffey's" are tested on FTDNA, and there should be more matches.

If you are not comfortable understanding DNA tests, I can offer some quick reading material.

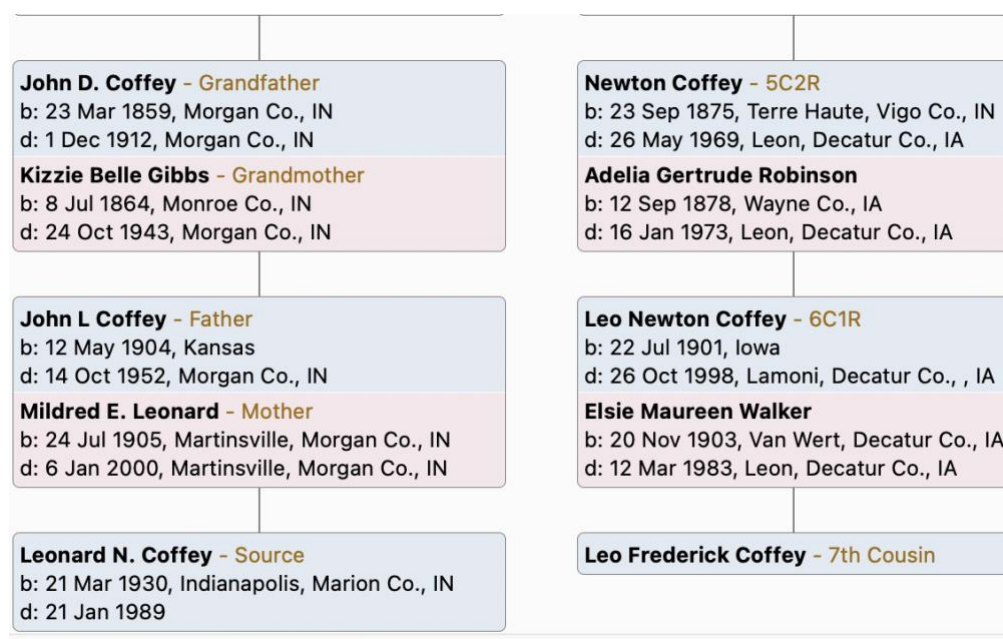
On the following page, I will show a different display you may find interesting:



The following starts with your and Leonard's great great great great great great (i.e. 6G) Grandfather Edward. And the left column then shows your biological descent from your 5G Annister and James Samuel. And goes down from there. And the right column shows my (Fred) own descent from Edward. And shows how each of my descendants are related to to you and Leonard:



Now I will skip a few generations, and show how these end up with Leonard and myself.



And this concludes that Leonard and I are seventh cousins.



## **UPDATING THE ECP WITH NEW INFO:**

By Fred Coffey

In the last newsletter I addressed a concern that Bonnie Culley had about “Ausburn/Ausborn/Ausbon/Osborn” Coffey. If I had used the new searching tool, I would have seen the following names and Narrative links, related to this family:

Ausbon (1871-1871) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Ausborn (Osborn) (1848- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Ausburn (1805-1876) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Ausburn (1846-1923) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Ausburn (1856-1927) . . . [Narrative](#)  
  
Osborn (1759-1840) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Osborn (1783- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Osborn (1796-1870) . . . [Narrative](#), [Narrative](#)  
Osborn (1934-1994) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Osborn Nightingale (1807- ) . . . [Narrative](#)  
Osborne Delano (1894-1981) . . . [Narrative](#)  
  
John (1776-1845) . . . [Narrative](#)

That would have been enough to convince me that I needed to read EACH of the Narrative links to understand how they all fit together. In that reading, I found that the second name above had a wife “Martha Campbell”, and that Jack Coffee knew none of Martha’s dates or supporting facts.

The ECP is a very powerful tool. But be aware that I and others sometimes find better sources of information versus what Jack knew for the ECP. And I often use such updated info in these newsletters. I went to Ancestry.com public member trees and gave it data on names and dates. And I found that Martha had researched this family in great detail. Martha was found in 139 trees on Ancestry.com. The following shows in red and green the new information.

- (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) Benjamin Coffey (ca 1747 - 4 Jan 1834) & Mary Hayes (ca 1760 - )
- (4) John Coffey (15 Oct 1776 - 15 Mar 1845) & Elizabeth Rucker (6 Jan 1787 - 22 Mar 1855)
- (5) Colby Coffey (23 Aug 1806 - 17 Jun 1888) & Mary Dalaney (6 Oct 1807 - 26 Sep 1887)
- (6) **Ausborn (Osborn) Coffey** (1846 - 8 May 1902) & Martha Campbell (9 Feb 1851 - 30 Sep 1892)
  - (7) **Telitha Jane Coffey** (28 Oct 1867 - 6 Feb 1924)
  - (7) **John Lane Coffey** (11 Dec 1872 - 7 Dec 1930) & Jeanette (Jennie) Long (2 Apr 1878 - 26 Dec 1934)
  - (8) **Hugh G Coffey** (10 Jul 1900 - 25 Apr 1974) & Katie Willis Jones (8 Aug 1894 - 6 Jul 1973)
  - (7) **Dosha Belle Coffey** (26 Jul 1881 - 12 Mar 1941)
  - (7) **Mary Laura Coffey\*** (12 Feb 1883 - 29 Apr 1946) & Pleasant Hanson
  - (7) **Mary Laura Coffey\*** (12 Feb 1883 - 29 Apr 1946) & Milton Wallace Hutchins (Dec 1876 - 11 Apr 1912)
  - (7) **Sidney Dillard Coffey** (13 Oct 1889 - 10 Jul 1968) & Bessie Lee Riner (11 Jul 1892 - 6 May 1981)
  - (8) **Francis Lee Coffey** (20 Dec 1910 - 22 Oct 1972) & Virginia Margaret Morton ( 1913 - 1994)
- (5) Benjamin Coffey (8 Feb 1808 - 8 May 1867) & Nancy Hayes (23 Jul 1802 - 14 Feb 1874)
  - (6) **Ausburn Coffey** (2 Aug 1846 - 20 Feb 1923) & Nancy Ann Phillips (28 Apr 1837 - 4 Nov 1903)
  - (7) **Ausbon Coffey** (15 Jul 1871 - 16 Jul 1871)

So, by publishing this information in this newsletter, I am making the information available to future readers!

**BRENDA'S CONFUSING FAMILY:**

By Brenda Lee Laird and Fred Coffey

**FROM BRENDA:**

My name is Brenda Pair, Laird. I have been researching my Coffey relatives and am confused as to the two 1) Eleanor Limilia Coffey, Spouse: Fredrick Hisaw and 2) Eleanor Lemilia Coffey daughter of Pvt Reuben B Coffey and Mildred Morris. Is this a mistake in genealogy research? Ancestry research shows 1) Eleanor's father as John D Blueford Coffey and Jane Graves, but I can find no official records substantiate this claim. From me **my ancestry is Brenda Pair, my father, Carlos Oliver Gene Pair, Ollie May Wright, Vonnie Elizabeth Tittle, Frances "Fannie" Matheldia Frost, Melvina V. Clyde Pendley, Pernetta Ellen Hisaw**, Eleanor Lemilia Coffey, PVT Reuben B Coffey, (hope this is correct) REV James E Coffey, John D Blueford, Edward Coffey Sr., ~~John Hugh Coffey, Hugh James Coffey Jr., Hugh Coffey~~. Beyond this I need to research. From Joel Absolom Hisaw, Spouse: Eleanor Lemilia Coffey my line splits to Fredrick Hisaw, Highsaw and Eleanor Limilia Coffey, (Not sure about this) John Blueford Coffey and Jane, Jean Graves. I did DNA through Ancestry and am descendant by Through Lines and the DNA matches. Can you help me?

Sincerely,

Brenda Pair, Laird (i.e. born Brenda Pair, married surname Laird)

**FROM FRED:**

I can help a bit with the "Coffey" part of your family. But after digging a bit, I am probably as confused as you are! There are tremendous complications!

I am quite involved with "Coffey" genealogy and regularly write articles for the "Coffey Cousins Clearing House" newsletters. You raise some interesting questions, and I am writing about our discussions now. I am starting by showing your note above. But I normally only write about "Coffey" topics. In your note I have highlighted in GREEN parts that have nothing to do with my Coffey family. Once the newsletter is finally published, it will become public information. If you are concerned about making any of this public, let me know and I will delete the GREEN parts.

I have also marked in blue, with a strikethrough mark, your reference to three ancestors of Edward Coffey. For a while the "Coffey Cousins" thought these names were ancestors. But we then proved that was incorrect. You should delete those names from your files – they are NOT Coffey Cousins.

(And for privacy reasons, I deleted your email address. If any readers offer ideas or comments, I will forward to you.)

Following is what I would include as your Coffey ancestry:

- (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) Reuben Coffey (16 Sep 1759 - 9 Jun 1842) & Mildred Morris
- (5) Eleanor Lemilia Coffey (ca 1783 - 1851) & Joel Hisaw (1784 - 1850-1851)

We have a very large, and carefully researched, database for descendants of the (1) Edward Coffey above. The work was done by Jack Coffee (now deceased) and he called his work the Edward Coffey Project (ECP). We also do analysis for any family with the name "Coffey", many of which are quite unrelated to Edward. The intro to this newsletter offers a link to what we call the "Coffey Roadmap" that helps you find your way through everything we know. For the moment, just trust me.

Here is a step-by-step process that will help you read all that we know about your ancestry:

Go to this hyperlink, which will take you to the common entry to the ECP:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/ECP2020Lite/AAAIndexStart.htm>

Then follow this procedure:

- (1) Click on [Descendants of Edward Coffey](#) That will take you to a lengthy discussion about Edward Coffey. Read or print as you wish.
- (2) Then scroll down the "Edward" page, looking for to the blue names of Edward's children. These are hyperlinks to the narrative sheet for each child. Click on [John Coffey](#). That will take you to a lengthy discussion about John.
- (3) Look down John's page and click on the child [Rev. James Coffey](#). Ditto.
- (4) Look down James' page and click on [Reuben Coffey](#). Ditto.
- (5) Look down Reuben's page and click on [Eleanor Lemillia Coffey](#).

This last page is particularly important to your understanding. It references this note to Jack Coffee:

Susan Currell Hollis, Littleton, Colorado.

*"I published the Hisaw Family newsletter for eighteen years and I know quite a bit about this family. My mother's maiden name was Hysaw. I have come upon the proverbial 'brick wall' as I try to find the Hysaws before they appear in Rockbridge Co., Virginia in 1778-79, so I am now spending more time looking into the Coffeys and Israels, also the Pendleys...neighbors and presumed 'friends and relations of the Hisaws' in the hope I can 'get a clue' as to when they came to America. Again, thank you for putting all this wonderful information into the public domain."*

**(Memo from Fred:** *I did a quick search on "WhitePages.com". I think this may be Susan C Hollis, 6411 S Quay Ct, Littleton, CO 80123. She is 78 years old, born Aug 15, 1947. I sent you her reported phone number.*

So, Jack is explaining that he is not personally researching the family of Eleanor Lemillia Coffey. And this is the end of what I can personally offer you about your family.

Then I thought I could be helpful, if I went to Ancestry.com and looked at their "Public Member Trees". But there are about 2000 such trees that claim to know the ancestry of this Eleanor. I looked into several of them and found they were all over the place.

Jack Coffee, the researcher behind the ECP, refused to look at Ancestry tree data, because most of what he saw posted there was undocumented garbage. I'm slightly less negative, and there are some properly documented Ancestry trees out there. But I don't have the patience to search through 2000 trees trying to find a few good ones.

I think your best bet right now is for you to try to contact Susan C Hollis and see if she can point to one that meets her standards.

Susan Hollis, 6411 S. Quay Ct., Littleton, CO 80123 invites us all to the HISAW family reunion, embracing all U. S. HISAW, HYSAW, HIGSAW families. The event is at the Civic Center, Northport, AL July 17, 1988. Susan and the HISAW FAMILY NEWSLETTER have much information on people of this name, including Revolutionary veterans Frederick Highsaw, Burke Co. NC and Henry Hysaw, Augusta Co. VA. Later Hisaws were in TN, GA, SC, AL, MS, MO, TX, OK. Susan would like to know the full name of "Mr. Hison" who married Eleanor, daughter of Reuben Coffey (1759-1842) of Wayne Co., KY.

### **INFORMATION RESOURCE LINKS:**

We're 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](mailto:bonnieculley33@gmail.com), or send it to **Fred Coffey** at [FredCoffey@aol.com](mailto:FredCoffey@aol.com). (Fred manages the newsletter distribution list. Contact him if you wish notification when new newsletters are published.)

#### **OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES:**

The "Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse" has access to a very substantial database of information about families with the Coffey or Coffee surname, or those connected to such a family. We are trying to consolidate access to all of these sources in a single location. If you are looking for ANY Coffey-related information, click on the following:

### **THE COFFEY/COFFEE SURNAME: GENEALOGY INFORMATION ROADMAP**

[www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html](http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CoffeyRoadmap.html)

(The "Roadmap" now offers full access to Jack Coffee's "Edward Coffey Project" (ECP).

#### **HUGH COFFEY PROJECT BY TERRI STERN:**

Any questions? Contact me at [hughcoffeyproject@gmail.com](mailto: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 Cousins Clearinghouse Facebook Group is thriving and now has ~~314~~ members.

**(From Fred: As of December 16, 2025, she had 456 Members!)**

Also note that the Hugh Coffey Project is looking for male descendants of Hugh who would like a free DNA test from the Project. Please contact me and I would be happy to fund their Big Y test and autosomal test.