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From: Kevin Coffey <kevinbcad@comcast.net>

To: fredcoffey@aol.com

Sent: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 6:02 pm

Subject: Re: Roger Lynn Coffey - DNA Match to the Coffey Surname Project

So he's through Chesley's son Nebuzaradan? It probably is the same Fielding that you found- although there are several of them!

Has Roger just done the 12 marker? Is the Nat Geographic test the same as the FTDNA test?

-Kevin

From: Roger Coffey <rogerc@sleepcomp.com>

To: fredcoffey@aol.com

Cc: LJOkel@comcast.net

Sent: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 5:06 pm

Subject: RE: Roger Lynn Coffey - DNA Match to the Coffey Surname Project Fred,

That would be no problem as I don't have much detail in yet. What I have is listed below are the males:

Fielden Coffey.....born approx. 1830 in Daviess County, Missouri

George Washington Coffey.....born 1854 in Daviess County, Mo.

Floyd Curtis Coffey.....born 1898 in No. Okla.

Leonard Fielden Coffey.....born 1912 in Joplin, Mo.

Ronald Keith Coffey..... born 1938 in Joplin

Roger Lynn Coffey.....born 1944 in Joplin

Hope this helps,
Roger Coffey

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From: TEPeter100@aol.com
Date: October 5, 2008 9:28:43 PM CDT
To: jack@thecoffeycousins.org, BCuley@embarqmail.com, FredCoffey@aol.com
Cc: kevinbcad@comcast.net, rogerc@sleepcomp.com, LJOkel@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Chesley Coffee in Tennessee / Clue to his age / This is Chesley Jr.?

The will of Joel Coffey:

Joel Coffey died in 1789 in Wilkes Co., NC. His will was proved in Jul. 1789 and is as follows:

“In the name of God amen –I, Joel Coffee, of North Carolina and County of Wilkes tho weak in body yet perfect in mind and memory constitute this my last will and testament, I give my soul to God my redeemer and my body to be buried in a descent manner and after my just debts are paid I dispose of my worldly goods as follow, to wit, I give to my wife, Martha, the plantation whereon I now live and all my household furniture and two Negroes namely, Harry and Teg, and all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs enduring her natural life or widowhood, I also will that as much of my land be sold by my Executor to pay my debts. The remainder of my land to be equally divided among my sons, Cleaveland, James, Joel, and Nathan and the rest of my Negroes to be equally divided among all my children to wit, Cleaveland, James, Joel, Nathan, Caty, Jane, Sealy, and if my wife is at present with child, for it if it live to share an equal part with the rest and at the death or marriage of my wife for what I give her to be equally divided among all my children my present estate to be improved and kept together till my youngest child come of age or marry. Nebuzaraden Coffee and my son Cleaveland Coffee Executors. I acknowledge this my last will and testament made this 27th day of April 1789-

“Joel Coffee (his mark)’

The following is a clue to their parentage:

Eliza (Coffey) Porter left another note entitled, ‘History of Nathan Coffey’:

“Nathan Coffey was the son of Joel Coffey and Martha (Step) Coffey, was grandson of Chesley and Jane (Cleveland) Coffey, natives of Virginia. But the grandparents removed to North Carolina in an early day and settled on the Yadkin River where the parents of our subject was born and raised and married...’

This note is not proof that Joel Coffey was the son of Chesley Coffey, because the note was written almost one hundred and fifty years after Joel Coffey was born. Yet, this note is a strong implication that Chesley Coffey and Jane Cleveland were the parents of Joel. In the other notes left by Eliza (Coffey) Porter, her memory was quite accurate.

This is THE CLUE that has been used since the late 1970s to demonstrate that Joel was reported to be the son of Chesley Coffey & Jane Cleveland. Since Joel was likely the brother of Salathiel, Chesley (1755-1818), Nebuzaradan, & Nathan, we assume by extension that all were sons of Chesley & Jane.

Eliza (Coffey) Porter left this note in the 1890s. Joel was her grandfather. How many people accurately remember the names of their great-grandparents. Since Chesley outlived Joel, Salathiel & Nebuzaradan by at least a couple of decades, his name may have been mentioned in the Coffey household.

Right now, we have hearsay evidence. A prominent genealogist once suggested that most lineages are traceable. The main problem is that genealogists are either looking in the wrong place, or looking for the wrong people.

No record of Chesley & Jane has ever been found. There are plenty of records of Edward & Grace. We know that their deceased son, Cleveland, had a widow & daughter who moved to Adair Co., KY, where the daughter, Gracie, married Rutherford Coffey, son of Nathan & Mary Coffey.

I think the most sensible thing for us would be to try to identify all of the children of Edward & Grace. Maybe we will find our family; maybe we will be able to rule them out.

Tim

In a message dated 10/5/2008 6:19:49 P.M. Central Daylight Time, jack@thecoffeycousins.org writes:

Joel and Martha are mentioned in The Georgians, Genealogies of Pioneer Settlers, by J. H. Austin.

Joel's will (probate) dated 1789 Wilkes Co., NC. Children listed as James, Joel, Cleveland, Nathan, Katy, Jane and Celia. See North Carolina will book C, page 321.

Unfortunately, I do not have a copy of the will handy, but will look through some of my old files.

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Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse Website
<http://www.thecoffeycousins.org>

The Coffey/Coffee Blog
<http://coffeycousins.blogspot.com/>

From: Bonnie Culley [mailto:BCuley@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2008 5:39 PM
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Cc: jack@thecoffeycousins.org; kevinbcad@comcast.net;
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Subject: Re: Chesley Coffee in Tennessee / Clue to his age / This is Chesley Jr.?

That makes Gloria Roach's idea that this was Chesley sr. wrong.

She has another clue that we need to debunk. She says that Joel Coffey says in his will that his parents were Chesley & Jane Cleveland Coffey. She has Joel as died via 1789 Wilkes Co. NC. I looked through her papers but did not find a copy of Joel's will. Does any of you have one??
Bonnie

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On Oct 5, 2008, at 6:38 AM, fredcoffey@aol.com wrote:
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afternoon, and found that Houston's Clayton Library ought to have the appropriate reference. So I dashed over to look, and sure enuf there WAS a Chesley Coffee in Washington County. (However my untrained eye could not spot any indication that his age in 1791 was "61".)

First a bit of history: In 1777 Washington County was established, as a part of North Carolina, and it comprised what became the entire State of Tennessee. The first courts were held in Washington County in February 1778. In 1785 the settlers banded together²⁰ and formed the state of Franklin, which included Washington County. However North Carolina never accepted this arrangement, and by 1788 the area was once more clearly part of North Carolina. The state of Tennessee was established in 1796.

The reference I found is:

Washington County, Tennessee Records
Vol. 1

Washington County Lists of Taxables, 1778 – 1801
Compiled by Mary Hardin McCown et. al.
Privately Printed, Johnson City, TN, 1964.

The book is NOT properly indexed. However a quick read shows Chesley Coffee is there for 1790, 1791, 1792, and 1793. I cannot find him before 1790, or after 1793. In²⁰ each of these years he is shown as having 1 Free Poll, no slaves, and 100 acres.

In 1790 his name was transcribed as "Charley Coffee", but this is in my opinion clearly "Chesley". In ALL four years he is found in the "List of Taxable Property Taken by Richard White", and the last three are listed as "Chesley Coffee".

ANOTHER REFERENCE:

I flipped through the index of every other book on the Clayton shelf for Washington County, and I also found another reference book:

Tennesseans before 1800
Washington County
By Marjorie Hood Fischer
Frontier Press, Galveston, 1996

This seems to be a sort of "super index" of every body the author could find in any source for Washington County, Tennessee before 1800. (This must have been a MONUMENTAL effort!)

And she does identify Chesley Coffey as being referenced in the above 1790 and 1791 tax lists. But she seems to have MISSED 1792 and 1793 .
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However it also says we should find ADDITIONAL references to Chesley in two other locations:

Co Court Minutes, Page 473, Tennessee State Library microfilm number 129.

County Pleas, Box 1/F 11, Page 8, Tennessee State Library microfilm number 224.

I ran out of time, and did not check if Clayton Library had these microfilms – I rather doubt it. If not, maybe the Mormons have them? Or the Tennessee State Library will allow an inter-library loan? We're getting organized to go on vacation, so not sure I'll be able to chase it before mid-November. Anybody else want to have a go?

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I'm not clever enough to KNOW if this is the Chesley we're all looking for. But it's an unusual name, and given the scope of Washington County it would not have to be terribly far away from the Wilkes County, NC, where many of Chesley's presumed descendants were hanging out. Comments, anyone?

Regards,
Fred

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From: TEPeter100@aol.com

Subject: Re: Chesley Coffee In Tennessee / Clue to his age / This is Chesley Jr.?

Edward & Grace's only confirmed son, Cleveland Coffey, married Elizabeth Franklin. Cleveland & Elizabeth had a daughter named Gracie, who married Rutherford Coffey in Adair Co., KY in 1801. Thus, at least one descendant of Edward & Grace was in contact with the Coffeys of Adair Co., KY as late as 1801.

Edward's wife, Grace (Cleveland) Coffey, born in 1716 would have been 45 in 1761, which is roughly when the last of the supposed children of Chesley & Jane was born.

Tim

In a message dated 10/5/2008 10:20:15 A.M. Central Daylight Time, jack@thecoffeycousins.org writes:

I have these notes, and believe that they came from Marvin's book:

There is no proof of the children of Edward and Grace. It is speculated that Cleveland, husband of Elizabeth Coffey, and who appears in Orange and Albemarle county records from 1762 to 1774, and perhaps also in 1791, is one of their sons. He may also be the Cleveland Coffey who had a land entry in 1778 on Zack's Fork of Lower Creek in Burke Co., NC

Benjamin is also another possible son. He was born in VA in 1763 and is on the Burke Co., NC census from 1790 to 1850 (Caldwell in 1850). His wife was Leah, born about 1760 in VA. The Leah Coffey who married Francis Hickman on Apr. 19, 1798 in Jefferson Co., TN may be their daughter.

The problem with this Benjamin being a son of Edward and Grace is that Grace would have been 47 when he was born, in that era somewhat late in life for a woman to have a child.

The other possible children of Edward are James, who is on the 1785 census for Botetourt Co., VA and William, found in a few records of Montgomery Co., VA from 1781 to 1785. The likelihood also exists that these are children of Peter and Susannah Coffey of Prince Edward Co., VA. No proof of either being factual has been found.

The William Coffey of Buckingham Co. tax lists from 1783 to 1797 is probably Peter's son.

Other possible children of Edward is Jesse, in Wilkes Co., NC from 1779-1786, and Isaac or Isaia Zarah, also in Wilkes Co. from 1782 to 1796. The Jesse in Wilkes Co. up to 1786 could well be the one in the Pendleton Co., SC census of 1790 and 1800. He was the father of six boys: Cleveland, Edward, Joel, Elijah, Elisha and John. The use of the names Cleveland and Edward adds to the possibility that Jesse was a son of Edward. In the 1800 census he was over 45 meaning that he would have been born in 1755 or before. He is not on the 1820 census of Pendleton Co., but a Nancy (over 45) is. This could have been his wife since Jesse died prior to 1810.

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He also recommended "The Draper Papers" for more research.

I also have these notes:

From Maury Co. TN Wills & Settlements, Garrett, Jill Knight, Maury County, Tennessee wills and settlements, 1807-1824 (:, 1964)

The sale of Chesley's estate was held in Maury Co. on Nov. 9 and 10, 1818. Those recorded as buying from the estate were: Jacob Coffee, John Coffee, Landon Coffee, Nathan Coffee and Joel Coffey.

On page 340 of will book (page 91 of source) is the entry for the inventory of Chesley's estate and reads: "Inventory of property of Chesley Coffee, deceased, 19 Oct. 1818. Note on forgy [sic] and Wm. Maxwell; note on Nathan Coffee; note on Thomas Roper; by Nathan Coffee, Margaritt Coffee, Landon Coffee."

Page 341 contains this: "Appointment of Margaret Coffee, widow of Chesley Coffee, deceased, by Tyree Dollins; William Rodgers; Wm. Eastham, this 3rd Nov. 1818."

Other notes:

Cleveland researchers believe that Edward was the father of Elizabeth [Dau of Grace] because her mother Grace eventually married Edward Coffey. Not really a good basis for believing that. If birth years are close to accurate, Grace would have been about 10 yrs old when she became pregnant with Elizabeth.

The book, A century of Wayne County, Kentucky, 1800-1900 by Augusta Phillips Johnson, page 9, reads: "Reuben, Lewis Russell, and James Coffey were sons of the Rev. James Coffey and Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, who was with Shelby at King's Mountain.

[emphasis mine]

So, it looks like Elizabeth dau of Grace was born c1716 but credited with having children as early as 1725.

Jack

From: TEPeter100@aol.com [mailto:TEPeter100@aol.com]

I strongly suspect that this Chesley is the one born 1755, who died in 181, unless we can prove that Chesley (1755-1818) was living some place else during this time. The following county border map is from AniMap:

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1790

North Carolina counties western region,
organized as Territory South of the Potomac

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- Was Washington

The actual file is attached, since the above contains some distortions. One thing that we need to be looking for is possible places where the Coffey family may have lived & we can now definitely add Washington Co., TN (then NC) to this list.

By the way, I still think we should be looking for Edward Coffey, Jr. & Grace (Cleveland) Coffey as possible parents of Joel, Salathiel, Chesley, Nebuzaradan, Nathan, & whoever else we have assigned to this family.

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From: "Kevin Coffey" <kevinbcad@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Roger Lynn Coffey - DNA Match to the Coffey Surname Project
Jack-

My driveway actually goes through a tunnel under the Trace near Leiper's Fork TN!
I've driven as far as Alabama but have not ventured into Mississippi. A warm day with the top down in the convertible helps offset the slowness of the speed limit!

I'm curious about another Chesley. I understand the gravity of the other Chesley conversation- and I rather enjoy it, however, I've been trying for a while to come up with Chesley (Jr) heirs to fill in the DNA questions. So I found a Chesley M. Coffee, b. abt. 1830 in the 1860 Cobbs Dist., Ballard, KY with his wife "Evelander". On the same census page is Landon Coffee, b. abt. 1834 in the household of Nathan Springer. Landon is shown without a wife, but with two children, Millard (I think- hard to read) b. abt. 1854 and Charlotte B., b. abt. 1860. There is a McCracken Co., KY marriage record of Chesley M. Coffey, b. abt. 1829 and Aralander Lang b. abt. 1838 married July 5, 1855. With the names Chesley and Landon, they have to be related to Chesley (jr), probably grandchildren- but through which son? Any info on these guys? One branch of the family went to Oregon, and where these guys are would possibly be on the way- but I'm guessing.

-Kevin
----- Original Message -----

From: [Jack Coffee](#)

Hi Kevin,

Thanks for the info on the Harps. I live perhaps 60 miles from the southern end of the Trace. In fact, I have lived within a couple of hundred miles of it all of my life but, I have never driven on it for more than a few miles. Just never had the patience to go so far, so slow :-)

I have read "The Devi's Backbone," and a few other books about the Trace, but it's been quite a long time. The Harps were bad people and it's surprising how long it took to finally capture them. I liked the way their deaths were reported to travelers along the Trace. Today, I suppose it would be termed "brutality" or, some such thing.

Jack

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From: Kevin Coffey [mailto:kevinbcad@comcast.net]

Jack-

The Harp Brothers, who may have actually been cousins, fled to Knox County (they were Tory sympathizers) in about 1795- so this backs up the timing of Isaac's murder and Chesley's time in Knox County. I actually became familiar with the Harp's story when I was trying to find out information about Chesley.

If you haven't read anything about the Harp Brothers, I highly recommend looking into it. They were serial killers who ranged from North Carolina to Illinois and even down to Mississippi. One brother was hunted down, shot and beheaded- his head put on a pole at an intersection in Kentucky called Harp's Head, and the other was hunted down in Natchez MS, and I believe he was hung there.

-Kevin

----- Original Message -----

From: [Jack Coffee
kevinbcad@comcast.net](mailto:kevinbcad@comcast.net)

I have checked Ancestry for any mention of a Chesley Coffey (any spelling), and have found only one in the 1860 census. There are none in the 1790 census, and only 30 or so Coffeys of any spelling in that first census. TN was still part of NC at that time.

I already have a ChAsley Coffey (infant death in NC) in my file, so thought it would be worthwhile to check for Coffey (using soundex) and Chesley spelled a few different ways. Nothing!

In 1847 Chesley CoffEE enlisted in the US Army out of Murrey (probably Maury) Co. TN. to fight in the Mexican war. He was 28 yrs old, making him born c1819. See attachment.

Some info on Fielding and Sarah Hughes Coffey can be found here:

**[http://books.google.com/books?
id=LOyDAYZ1mBYC&pg=PA204&dq=chesley
+coffey&sig=ACfU3U39pF-YYAkCT4YGN1IB3Vc93nTEgg](http://books.google.com/books?id=LOyDAYZ1mBYC&pg=PA204&dq=chesley+coffey&sig=ACfU3U39pF-YYAkCT4YGN1IB3Vc93nTEgg)**

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Another book, *Westward into Kentucky - The Narrative of Daniel Trabue*, contains a reference to Chesley Coffey living on Russell Creek in Adair County, KY in 1802.

The *Maury Genealogist* Published by Garrett-McClain, 1972 contains a reference to Chesley Coffey "buried on the Screamer Road, born 1755, died 1818. His widow as named Margaret." Gene Brewington wrote in his *Coffee-Coffey Scrapbook*, Vol. 1, that this Chesley was born Nov. 19, 1755 and died Sep. 18, 1818. The burial site was said to be (in 1970) on land owned by Tillman Knox and was about "1 mile above Ebenezer Church." The index to early TN wills and administrations (1779-1861) contains an entry for this Chesley Coffey on page 85 of Maury Co. TN will book 95.

The most common search for books containing Chesley Coffey are ones referencing the murder of the young son of Chesley Coffey on the Natchez Trace by the Harp brothers. I seem to remember that he was a son of Chesley Sheldon Coffey of MS, and a Civil War veteran who I believe married Mississippi Davis. I do not have the publication, but do have a note in my files indicating that "The Genealogical Helper" (year, etc. unk) contained a list of 1752 residents in Amherst Co., VA, among which was one Chesley Coffey.

Amherst is where Coffeytown is located. Lots of research on Coffey families in that area, but I do not recall ever finding a Chesley there.

In the Dec. 1993 CCC newsletter, Jon. P. Csarowitz wrote that Chesley was listed with 100 acres and one white poll on the 1791 Washington Co., NC tax roll.

There is a Chesley Coffey family on page 5 of the 1810 Adair Co., KY census.

Jack

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Sent: Sat, 4 Oct 2008 5:13 pm

Subject: Chesley Coffee in Tennessee

On Fri, 3 Oct 2008 9:24 pm

Bonnie Culley wrote:

"I have printed a query by Maureen Donald of Canada in at least 2 of the latest issues of CCC. She asks if anyone has followed up on the Gloria Roach find "Chesley was 61 in 1791 Tax Roll, Washington co. NC (now Tennessee). This would prove that Chesley actually existed. Or if Gloria made a mistake, we can probably say that he didn't exist. I have been of the thinking of the non existence until I got this letter from Maureen. Bonnie"

MY DISCOVERY:

I did some Google and Card Catalog searching this

Dead End Roads

Maureen Donald, robert.maureen@sasktel.net, ask, "Can anyone find a clue, land records, court records, etc regarding the Wilkes Co. NC Riot of 1794 as referred to by Frank Crosswhite in Dec. 1988 Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse?" (CCC would like to know more about this affair also.)

(As many may not have the 1988 CCC, I will reprint the story here.) Quote:

WILKES COUTY RIOT TRIAL OF 1784 by Frank Crosswhite
Information is needed on the "riot" for which Nathan Coffey and Joel Coffey were indicted in Wilkes County, North Carolina, in 1784. If Joel and Nathan had been riding with Salathiel Coffey on some activity which resulted in a civil disturbance, and if Salathiel were killed, it would be only natural for Joel and Nathan to stand as security for widow Elizabeth when she obtained letters of administration for her dead husband. She obtained such letters on 28 Jul, 1784, the very same day that Joel and Nathan were indicted for riot and also the same day they signed bonds for Elizabeth's administration of her dead husband's estate. Coincidence? The affair carried over to the next court session in late October 1784 when it was ordered that the sheriff sell Salathiel's perishable estate (Oct. 26). On Oct. 28, Livingston Isbel obtained letters of administration on John William Crosswhite's estate and on the very same day he filed suit against Nathan Coffey. Another coincidence" The death of Archelaus Coffey may have occurred at about the same time as those of Salathiel Coffey and John Crosswhite, since Archelaus' widow's name appears on the tax list instead of his.

Copies of deeds show John William Crosswhite's lands to have been in the Beaver Creek-King's Creek region which would have fallen into Captain Isbel's district which had only 83 heads of families as late as the 1787 census. This is where Joel Coffey and Isaac Nebuzaraden Coffey lived as well as Mastain Durham, Coleby Rucker, a number of Witherspoons and Stapps, as well as a number of families of Calton's. This would also seem to be the district where Archelaus lived before he died, but I (Frank) am uncertain where Salathiel owned land if he was indeed a landowner.

The court records of 1784 cited above, all occurred in the Wilkes County Court of Pleas and Quarters. Suspected felons would be arraigned by this court but would be remanded for trial to the district court which sat in Burke County for the region which included Wilkes. That a felon may have been involved is strongly suggested by the fact the Wilkes Co. Court which met in the summer of 1785 ordered that Patrick Hambrick be paid for carrying Nathan Coffey to the Burke jail.

At the time of the riot, Ben Cleveland had to give up his Yadkin farm, "The Roundabout". Draper's "KING'S MOUNTAIN" book states The Roundabout was lost to someone with a better title. At this point, Nathan Coffey seems to disappear from the Wilkes County tax lists, as does Ben Cleveland.

Joel had a brother, Chesley Coffey jr., who married a Baldwin from a Burke Co. family accused of being a Loyalists. Also indicted as suspected Tories in Burke Co. where Joseph Step

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1/2 Cleveland

(Stapp) and Nimrod Shenault. Joseph was most certainly a descendant of Martha Coffey Stapp and the numerous Powells of Burke County also seem to have been related to Ann Powell Coffey. Elias Powell was a young loyalist militiaman from Burke who served as personal orderly to British Colonel Patrick Ferguson during the Battle of King's Mountain. He cleaned and cared for Ferguson's body after the patriot's defiled it. Chesley Coffey jr. may have lost his residence in Burke Co. and moved to Wilkes at a time when Whigs openly displaced Tories from their land. An analysis of the Coffey families of Burke and Wilkes Counties prior to 1799 is reserved for another discussion.