

JOHNSTON STAPP

and

ALLIED FAMILIES

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POWELL

The name POWELL is of Welsh origin and was originally Ap HOWELL, being gradually contracted to POWELL, this being done by abbreviating Ap HOWELL, leaving out letters A and H.

From "Powell's in America" by CHARLES S. POWELL, we are told that the first family of Powell's lived in Brechnockshire, South Wales, now known as Breconshire.

The Powell's are descendants of the Royal Family of Wales, coming from one of the sons of the old Kings of Wales. ✖

Castle Madoc Brecon, in the County of Brechnoc, Wales, was their home. Three of the family were Judged on the Kings Bench in England.

The year 1087 is as far back as the Powell family has been traced. It was in this year that his Lordship "Lord Brecon" whose name was "Bled-dyn Ap Maenyrch Ap Driffyn Ap Hwgan", was invaded by Bernard Newmarch, (a Norman). In this battle Lord Brecon was slain and his body was carried by his two sons to the Abbey of Strata Florida, Cardiganshire, and there buried.

The lands of his Lordship were divided by Newmarch (the Norman), between himself and his followers; Except a small part, which the sons of his Lordship were allowed to retain.

From one of the sons, named Bleguryd, descended the line to the Powells who came to America. A Captain NATHANIEL POWELL came to James-town, Virginia in 1607. He wrote much of JOHN SMITH'S "History of Virginia", and it was he who made the first Map of Virginia, and sent it back to England, where it is now preserved in the British museum.

In 1618, Captain NATHANIEL POWELL was Governor of Virginia, for a short time. Captain POWELL and all his family, were massacred by Opechanough, at Powell's Brook, March 22, 1622. Twelve in all were murdered.

There are a number of POWELL'S mentioned in Virginia, and it is most likely that they are all related some way.

We do not know when THOMAS POWELL, and wife MARY PLACE POWELL came to America, but sometime during the 1600's. Following are the children of the POWELL'S, who came from Dinsdale.

1. PLACE POWELL
2. THOMAS POWELL
3. WILLIAM POWELL
4. FRANCES POWELL
5. HONNOR POWELL
6. ELIZABETH (Powell) SALMON, wife of JOHN.
7. ANNE (Powell) COFFEY m. EDWARD COFFEY,

Line of descent from ANNE and EDWARD COFFEY:

1. MARTHA COFFEY m. JOSHUA STAPP.
 - A. JOHN STAPP m. ANNE SALMON.
 - (1) JAMES STAPP m. LUCY GHOLSON.
 - (a) REUBEN STAPP m. MAGDALINE PHELPS.
 - 1a. WILLIAM STAPP m. CHARLOTTE LEAR.
 - 1b. DAVID STAPP m. LOUISA ODOR.
 - 1c. MARY STAPP m. NOAH JOHNSTON.

Further genealogy in the Johnston, Stapp sections.

THOMAS POWELL'S WILL

Essex County, Virginia Deeds & Wills No. 10,
p. 75, 1699-1702

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I THOMAS POWELL of the Parish of _____ in the County of Essex and Colony of Virginia and being very sick & of perfect memory blessed and praised be to Almighty

God for the same Doth make & ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner and forme following - First I recommend my Soule unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping by the meritorious death & passion of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full remission of all my Sins and a Joyful resurrection att the last day and my body to be decently and Thristianly buryed at the Discretion of Exec. hereafter named. As for ye worldly goods that God hath lent me I Will & bequeath them all as followeth.

IMPRIMIS: It is my Will that my Lands be divided into three equall parts and That my Two Sons PLACE POWELL & THOMAS POWELL have each of them one Third part of my said Land and that my wife MARY POWELL during her naturall life possess the other third part of the Land and forthwith after the departure of my said wife out of this Life that the said Third of my Land descend on my Sonne WILLIAM POWELL. And it is my Will that my Land bequeathed at _____ to my Sons PLACE POWELL, THOMAS POWELL & WILLIAM POWELL descend after their or either of their descease upon the heirs of their body lawfully begotten & for want of _____ heirse that then it descend upon the next of my name and Lineage and go from heirs to heirs till both my name and Lineage be extant --

ITEM I give unto my Son WILLIAM POWELL half my _____ cattle and all their male increase & my Will is that the Male goes to the persons that hath the Adm. of my Son WILLIAM POWELL till he shall come to the age of twenty One years of age and further


ITEM, I give unto my daughter FRANCES (?) POWELL two cows called Rose & Nannie with their increase-

ITEM, I give unto my Sonne HONNOR POWELL & my Daughter ELIZABETH SALMON & my Daughter ANNE COFFEY, each of them one shilling and as for the rest of my Estate and the other half of my

Cattels I Will & bequeath if for my loving wife
MARY POWELL as Long as she remains a Widow or
decease out of this mortal life and then it shall
Equally be Divided.-Between PLACE POWELL, THOMAS
POWELL, ELIZABETH SALMON, ANNE COFFEY. Also it
is my Will that my two Sons PLACE POWELL & my
Son-in-law JOHN SALMON be Exec. of this my last
Will and Testament hereby nullifying & making
void all former Will by me at any time, Signed
Sealed or published & witnessed whereof I have
hereunto put my hand & seals, 2nd of March anno
Domini 1700.

Signed, sealed and Published
in the presence of us

Teste

His
EDWARD  COFFEY
mark

her
SARAH  MILLER
mark

his  mark

THOMAS POWELL

Probated by the oaths
of the witnesses _____
in Essex County Court
10th day of April 1701 &
hereby recorded.

COFFEY

From a book entitled "The Coffeys of Wayne County" by JACQUELINE COFFEY SEXTON, BENNIE B. COFFEY Sr. and BILLY RAY COFFEY, we are indebted for information concerning ancient Coffey data.

The COFFEY's are Celts of Milesian stock. In Gaelic the family name is written O'Cobhthaigh meand "the descendant of the victor" and their traditional zeal for honorable victory in battle is enshrined in the family motto "Not prudence but victory".

Ancient genealogical tables trace ancestry back to Cobhthaig, grandson of Olliol Flann Beag, King of Munster, 240 A.D. In early times members of the family seem to have settled in various parts of Ireland, as historical records point to several distinct septs of O'Coffey's in widely separated districts of Ireland.

Perhaps the best known, and at one time, one of the most influential of the Irish families, were the O'Coffeys of Corca Laoighe. These were kinsmen of the O'Driscolls. When the local dialect pronunciation of their Gaelic name was anglicized, in some cases the final "g" was retained, so we find the name appearing in records as Cowhig as well as Coffey. Their patrimony was the modern barony of Barryroe, County Cork, and their family strongholds were the castles of Dunocowhey, Dunheady, Dunowen, Dunmore, Duneen, Dunworley, and Dungoohey.

The Coffeys of Galway are historically connected with the O'Maddens and the tribe of Ui Maine. Their ancestral estates comprised the modern barony of Clonmacnowen, with the family seat at Tuam Cathraigh. They lost their lands and influence in Cromwellian and Williamite confiscations.

Note
John Coffey

Note Incorrect info.

The first Coffey recorded in early American records is ~~JOHN COFFEY~~, who emigrated from Ireland in 1637. He settled in Elizabeth City County, Virginia; however, there are no further records for him or his descendants. It is possible many Coffey's emigrated in the following years, but it was not until the year 1690, that EDWARD COFFEY first saw America. According to some informants, the Coffey's went from Ireland to Liverpool, then to Essex County, Virginia.

From the old Essex County marriage records, we find EDWARD COFFEY married ANNE POWELL, daughter of THOMAS and MARY PLACE POWELL, in 1700. Record found in D & W. 10, page 75.

EDWARD and ANN COFFEY were the parents of six children.

1. JOHN COFFEY, d. prior to Mar. 1775, m. JANE GRAVES.
2. EDWARD COFFEY m. GRACE CLEVELAND.
3. MARTHA (Patsy) COFFEY m. JOSHUA STAPP.
 - A. JOHN STAPP m. ANNE SALMON.
 - (1) JAMES STAPP m. LUCY GHOLSON.
 - (a) REUBEN STAPP m. MAGDALINE PHELPS.
 - 1a. WILLIAM STAPP m. CHARLOTTE LEAR.
 - 1b. DAVID STAPP m. LOUISA ODOR.
 - 1c. MARY STAPP m. NOAH JOHNSTON.
4. ANNISTER (Ann) COFFEY m. _____ SHENALT.
5. AUSTIN COFFEY.
6. ELIZABETH COFFEY, d. ca 1770, m. JOHN CLEVELAND, b. ca 1695, d. ca 1770.

EDWARD COFFEY's death took place some time before Nov. 20, 1716 in Essex County, Virginia. ANN, his wife lived until the year 1726. A copy of EDWARD COFFEY's Will follows as it appears in the Essex County, Virginia Record, D & W No. 14, page 669.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I EDWARD COFFEY being in bedd of Sickness but in perfect sense & memory

thanks bee to God; I EDWARD COFEY do bequeath
this to bee my Last Will & Testament, - I leave
all my Land to my two Suns JOHN COFEY & EDWARD
COFEY Equall to be divided at Sixten Ears of age
if the mother of them be ded otherwayes att
Eighten Years of Agee. I also give one Cowe &
her increas to my daughter MARTHER COFEY att Ye
Ears of Sixten or at her mothers deth allso one
Cowe Yerlen to my Sun JOHN COFEY & her increas;
All the tenebles Stock & Bock I give to my wife
ANN COFEY till her deth but if she marys then
every one of my Children to have their parts as
they come of age, and after ye Deces of my wife
all tenebles to be Equall devided between my Six
children JOHN COFEY, EDWARD COFEY, MARTHA COFEY
ANN COFEY AUSTES COFEY ELIZABETH COFEY

As witness my hand & Seall this 14th day of Febry
1715/6

His mark

SAMEL. EDMONDSON

EDWARD  COFFEY

THEMETY  SELEMON (Salmon?)

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday ye
20th day of Novr. 1716.

The above last will & Testament of Edward Coffey
deced. was presented & proved by the oath of
ANN COFFEY his wido. & Exec. therein named &
also by the oaths of SAMUEL EDMONDSON & TIMOTHY
SELEVEN (Salmon?) the evidences thereto & is or-
dered to be recorded & is recorded.

Test

Tho: HERMAN DCCur.