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Founder: Leonard N. Coffey, b. Mar 21, 1930 - d. Jan 29, 1989

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

We have had a beautiful fall here in Delaware, some cool days and some warm days, no frost yet. Our chrysanthemums have been abundant this year.

I hope you are considering the convention next April. Maybe it would be a good Christmas gift to yourselves. We look forward to seeing lots of you. Plan to come a few days early and stay a few days after the weekend.

This might be a good time to think about something you can donate to our silent auctiton or stay a few days after the weekend.

I have a few more suggestions of places to visit while you're here Delaware and southern Pennsylvania have a number of former DuPont homes, such as Longwood Gardens, which has seasonal dispays indoors and out. Winterthur has a world-class display of period furniture as well as great gardens.

You can visit Old Swede's Church in Wilmington and go to the waterfront to see the Kalmar Nyckel, a replica of the Swedish boat that brought settlers here in 1638. The USS New Jersey is berthed in the Delaware River in Camden, NJ.

As we approach the holiday season we give thanks for all our blessings, especially our family and friends. May we continue to be blessed through the new year.

Jean

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See what the Coffey DNA has uncovered, page 9

EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins;

It is that time of year when we are all extra busy – but don't forget to make your reservations for the Coffey Convention in April. We have a great hotel price of \$69 a night. Your "special other" is going to enjoy this trip as much as you will. We will stay in Delaware and be bussed to Philadelphia where I wouldn't think of driving.

I've had some fun researching this quarter. I "witched" the Coffey Cemetery near Vienna, MO, fenced by Tom Coffey (deceased). Glenda Baxter of the Maries Co. Historical Society and two other ladies found that Tom had not fenced enough area. Only one full stone remains. We are working on a map.

Janet de la Pena has been sending Jack Coffee and me so much material she has found on the Boone/Coffey connection that we are on "overload". When we get the stories sorted out, we will be sure to print what we find. There is a lot of verification to do yet.

Keep us posted on what you are doing on your research. Have you considered a DNA test for yourself or a male Coffee/y for your family?

I have an error in the Publishing Information and can't seem to get it corrected this time. Back issues are not on 3 CDs. at \$10 each up to issue 94.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

Bonnie Culley

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MAIL BOX

* Gail Bachman wrote: "We attended a wedding in London, followed by a tour of Scotland with my brother-in-law and his wife. My first trip to Scotland ...and I just loved it! I am absolutely certain I must have Scottish roots! Also, want to let you know that my mom recently had hip replacement surgery...she is doing well in rehab and hopes to be "up and at 'em "in time for a Christmas cruise with her sister, Mary Ann and daughter Lynne, and granddaughter, Jill. We were invited too, but have already done a big trip this year, and are planning to spend Xmas with our son Michael and his family in Palm Harbor, Fl." (Marguerite, we all want you to heal fast. "Ye old Ed")

* Rev. John Chenault sends news of his son: "CMBB & CMBF hosted a farewell reception honoring Executive Director, D. Larkin Chenault. Mr. Chenault has accepted a position as Executive Director of the Connecticut Bar Association."

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NEW COUSINS

*Jean Carson is a daughter of Marion Coffee. She has been researching her family with the aid of Dorris Coffee, her step-mother. We hope Jean will let us know more on her lineage so we can help now that her stepmother has passed away. We have Jean to thank for Dorris Coffee's obituary.

* Coleman Coffey was disappointed that he missed the 2009 Coffey Convention. He descends from Lewis Russell Coffey (1772-1850) a son of James and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Coffey. Lewis Russell Coffey married Bidant Moore. Coleman's address is listed above.

COMPUTER NEWS

COFFEY COUSINS web site, <http://www.thecoffeycousins.org/coffeycousins.html>

COFFEY DNA PROJECT: If you haven't checked on the Coffey/Coffee Surname DNA Project recently, drop in at the following and see what's been going on: www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA

RUSSELL CO TOMBSTONES - PDF file at the following location. <http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/FamilyNotes/RussellTombstones.pdf>

EDWARD & ANN (Powell) COFFEY - CD for \$10.00. Jack Coffee, 308 Summer Ridge Loop, Sunset, LA70584. This is all of the descendents found, books & web,

for Edward Coffey.

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE back issues - on 3CDs. Issues 1 to 33 - issues 34 to 63 and issues 64 to 92. \$10 each. Bonnie Culley

COFFEY COUSINS' CLEARINGHOUSE INDEX - CD for \$10 write Reams Goodloe, P.O. Box 9332, Covington, WA 98042 This is all 114 issues of Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse, 547 pages of index, over 3,573 different surnames. There are 17 spellings of Coffey, not counting the 9 that have an "r" or "n" in them.

It is logical that the reason there are duplications of the same person in the index with different spellings, is that there were entries in the Cleringhouse itself with different spellings. I don't think a lot of people realize this, or how frequently it happens. Here are a couple of examples from the 1st page of the index.

Aaron B. Coffee/y first entry was 11-6 as Coffee. His next entry was 86-11 as Coffey. Addison Coffee/y first entry was 16-5 as Coffee. His next entries were 24-7 and 68-6 as Coffey.

And there are many duplicate entries even with the same spelling because the Clearinghouse articles did not have enough information to identify it being the same person. I would like to encourage readers who have knowledge of such duplications to let me know, so that the index can be improved. Reams Goodloe

OBITUARIES

JAMA LaVONNE HOEL

Jama LaVonne Hoel, 73, lost her 4-1/2 year battle with cancer on June 29, 2009. She was born Dec. 23 1935 to Orvil Eugene and Littie Esther Berg Anderson in Navina, OK. She married her high school sweetheart, Carol Dean Hoel in Navina on Feb. 12, 1954. Four sons were born to them, Danny, Kevin, Victor, and John. Surviving her is her husband, sons, daughter-in-law, Camille, and sister, Lorene Anderson Guthery. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Gene. She attended grade school at Navina and graduated from Guthrie High School in 1954, LaVonne was the secretary for GHS during 1854-55 and was a Sunday School teacher for almost 40 years. She worked almost 30 years at Lakeside United Methodist Child Care Center. She was active in Cub and Boy Scouts. She joined the Methodist Church at an early age. LaVonne enjoyed taking genealogy trips to find their roots. Internment was at Summit View Cemetery in Guthrie, OK
(From Dean Hoel -cdeano@flash.net)

HARRY E. LANDON

Harry E. Landon, 75, Fort Wright, KY, died Tuesday August 25, 2009 at his home. He was a ticket agent for Pan American World Airways; member of the U.S. Tennis Association; and a Korean War Army veteran. He was the son of Kathryn B. Coffey Landon, formerly of Jamestown KY. He is survived by his sisters, Carolyn Landon of Fort Wright and Jeanene Landon of Burlingame, CA; and a brother,

Hobart P. Landon, Jr. of Richwood. Burial was in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, Williamstown.

(The Russell Register - 1st cousin of Danny Coffey)

JAMES F. COFFEY

James F. Coffey, 77, Jamestown, KY, died Sunday, August 23, 2009 at his home. He was born April 9, 1932 to the late Green M. and Alice (Brown) Coffey. Survived by Guinn, Cary, North Carolina, and Hollie Miller, Jamestown, KY; three sisters, Faye Starbuck, Greenwood, Indiana, Sandy Hammond, Fishers, Indiana, and Chena Crider, Elizabethtown, Indiana. He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Herwche. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. The body was cremated.

(The Russell Register - James is a relative of Leonard Coffey; sent by Danny Coffey)

DORRIS JEAN COFFEE

Dorris Jean Coffee, 78, of Enid, Oklahoma died Oct. 4, 2009. She was born Jan. 16, 1931 in St. Louis, MO, to William Lyman and Hahalie Emmaline (Smith) Sneed. Her younger years were spent around St. Louis, MO and St. Francis, AR. She met her husband to be, Marion Coffee at an amusement park in 1947, when she was 16 and they were married on April 2 1948 in St. Francis, AR. They were married by her uncle William Lyman Sneed, a Baptist minister. She lived with her parents while Marion was in Germany in WWII. They had 6 sons and 3 daughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and 2 sons. She is survived by children, Marion jr, Robert,

Linda, Chris, Tony, Sandra and Mahalia; stepdaughter, Thelma Jean Carson, grandchildren and great grandchildren; two sisters. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery, Breckinridge, OK.

EDITH COFFEY KENT

Edith Coffey Kent died October 19, 2009. She was born April 29, 1915 in Omaha, Morris County, Texas to James W. and Ada Coffey. She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley Kent, one sister and two brothers. Edith was the middle child of seven and is survived by sisters Francis, Dollie and Eddie. From: Cheryl Harris <cheryl.harris@verizon.net>
Obituary in Dallas Morning News, Texas
(Cheryl found Edith in the 1920 census. Her father was born in Alabama and mother in Texas. She had siblings Norine 12, Francis 10, James 8, Edith 6, and Montiene 2.)

HARRY K COFFEY

Harry K Coffey died in 2009 in Oregon. (Lorie Okel sent the obit but part of the download seems to have failed. I am printing what is left to allow you to follow up on this story if necessary.)
Mr. Coffey lived in Portland OR in 1930 and was born abt. 1895 in Kentucky. His wife is Grace. They had a son Howard K. Coffey born in abt. 1926.

ROBERTA "BOBS" SULLIVAN

Roberta Estelle Coffee died October 16, 2009, Milwaukie, Wisc. She was born April 27, 1921 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to

parents who were U.S. citizens. She is survived by daughter, Molly M. Benson; sons, Paul J. III "Jim", John P., and Michael D Sullivan. Burial was from the St. John Baptist Catholic Church, Milwaukie.

(Lorie Okel says the obit had no parents but it might help someone.)

ARTHUR FLOYD COFFEE

Arthur Floyd Coffee, YNC, USN (Ret) of Oakton, VA died on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Ellen Bicksler Coffee; father of Cindy Coffee Roll and Lucretia Coffee Toth; grandfather of Isaac, Amber and Cayman.

Arthur was born May 23, 1924 in Lusk, WY, the son of Samuel DeAlma and Margaret Banner Coffee. He was one of nine brothers and sisters. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Nov. 17 at Fort Myer Old Post Chapel, Interment will follow in Arlington National Cemetery.

(Jean Mower, jcmower@juno.com)

NEW ADDRESS

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Dead End Roads

Jim Brown and wife Boots have been coming to the Coffey Cousins Reunion for several years and thoroughly enjoy them but would like to connect with others working on this line and would appreciate any information anyone might have after reading this.

Jim's line reads:

1. Edward Coffey and Ann Powell
2. John Coffey (1700-1775, Essex Co., VA) m Jane Graves (1710-1792)
3. William Coffey, Sr. (1731-1828, Essex Co., VA) m Elizabeth Osborne (Giles) (1742-1796/1825), Albemarle Co., VA
4. Edmund F. Coffey (1723, Albemarle Co., VA) m Elizabeth Burger (1775-1850/1860)
5. William Benjamin Coffey, Sr. (1805, Nelson Co., VA m Mary Ann Demastus?? (1804-1850, Amherst Co., VA
6. Edmund Franklin Coffey (1829-1906, Nelson Co., VA m Mary F. Camden & Sarah Margaret Smith (1839-1910) Nelson Co., VA
7. Bettie Dora Coffey (1873-1954, Barterbrook, VA m Ewell Alexander Brown (1870-1933)

Bettie Dora's siblings: Thomas E. Coffey and Beverly Coffey (We have no information so they may have been from Edmund's first wife Mary F. Camden)

Hugh B. Coffey (1869-1870)

Mary Jane Coffey (1870-1947 - m Frank Watts Bocock

Catherine L. (Nora Kate) Coffey (1871-1940) m John William Bocock
 Nancy J. Annie Lee Coffey (1874-1960) - m. J.N. Foster and James

E. Coffey

Florence Pearl Coffey (1876-1960)
 This information has come from so many different sources so they hope it is accurate. Their email address is: Iralene.Brown@notes.udayton.edu

* Andrew Coffey, andrewcoffeyville@googlemail.com, writes;

"I am an Anglo Irish member of the Coffey clan living in Gorleston, Norfolk in the UK. I believe there is a book written about the Coffey's are you able to tell me where I can get a copy. I would also be interested in seeing a sample of your newsletter.

I have written a travel book on the lands of the Bible. Camel Trails, Spice Markets. May I send you a copy? Perhaps some members of the Coffey clan may like to read it,"

Andrew sent me a copy of his book and I have read the first couple of chapter but had to lay it aside until I get this newsletter to the printer. I can hardly wait until I can get back to it. The title is "**CAMEL TRAILS, SPICE MARKET**" and is published by Araxa Books, 11 Camden Place, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 3HX. ISBN 09546100 0 8. We hope that Andrew will send his lineage. He is a very interesting Coffey Cousin.

* Monika James, ommonikajj@comcast.net, wrote: "I recently found my ggrandfather on the Index to Coffey Cousins' Clearinghouse Newsletter, Issue 1 thru 108 . His name is John Richard COFFEY.

Here is a copy and of the entry I found on the index: COFFEY, JOHN RICHARD, (BAKER), s/o ROBERT E., b.1885 AR m.1911, 62-3. Would you please let me know how I could get a copy of that newsletter?" Monika sent more information later. I am hoping that someone will recognize her family and help her. She says; "I know my Coffeys headed for Canada in the early 1900s. My grandmother, Ida Coffey, is oldest child of John R. Coffey and Myrtle Fern Barber. She married my grandfather, Clarence Olson, in British Columbia, but soon moved to Washington State where my uncle was born in 1939. My dad was born in Los Angeles in 1940. Ida was naturalized in the early 1950s. She's the only Coffey from that line to return to the US. Sincerely, Monika (Olson) James 4220 Ramona Way SE, Albany, OR 97322.

* Mary Vavrosky, maryandray@worldnet.att.net, is helping with the research efforts of Don and Frank Coffey to find their lost ancestors, John and Catherine and family. John and Catherine show up in the 1856 census with their children Catherine (b. 1834, married Patrick Wright in St. Paul, MN), Margaret b. 1836 about whom we have no information, Anthony b. 1837, married Anna Loftus in St. Paul, MN, Elizabeth 1839, whom married Mike Murphy Jan 5, 1856 and died May of 1929, James 1831, married Charlotte Hogan, June 8, 1859 with witnesses William and Mary Ann Coffey, William 1841, no information and Mary Ann 1843 who was married 1864 witness Sister

Mary Agatha.

Here are Mary's questions. Elizabeth, married a Murphy, where was she married, live and die in 1929? James, where did he marry a Hogan, live and die? Mary Ann, married 1864 to whom? Where was she married? Why was Sister Mary Agatha, a nun a witness? William, baptized in 1868 - Way too late for good Catholics to baptize their child. Where was the Baptism? Michael Coffey, relationship unknown, He served with Anthony in the Civil War, and was the executrix of his estate. Was a Catherine, his mother? If Catherine, wife of John was Michael's mother, she would have been 21 when he was born. He is not listed on the Ticonderoga passenger list with John. Catherine and James came separately and later. We have no clue when Michael came. I cannot believe the number of Coffeys that there are, with similar names! As far as the men can tell from DNA, they are not related to any of the Coffey Cousins.

* Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gmail.com, asks, "Do you know anything about James Jefferson Coffey (1827-1895) who married Eliz. Matthews? They were from Maury Co., TN and moved c1869-70 to Navarro Co., TX. Later, some of their children moved to Beckham Co., OK. I'm interesting in knowing who James' father was."

CURRENTS IN THE STREAM

* Fred Coffey, our DNA Project Master has run into some new material. Now, we know that we have had misses on finding a father for JAMES COFFEY, bastard son of ANNISTER Coffey before but the CHENAULT records have given Fred a new clue. If it proves to be that this is the key to finding James a father, we will let you know when the DNA results comes back. Here is a part of what Fred wrote:

"AND, we have very recently discovered a NEW piece of information: A Virginia court order book dated 20 Feb 1738/9 has a record "It is ordered that the Churchwardens of St. Ann's Parish do bind James Coffey a bastard child to James Samuel as the Law directs".

Based on some genealogical digging, we believe this referenced "James Samuel" was a man born 14 Jun 1690, died 16 May 1759, married Sarah Boulware on 5 Apr 1714. He was reported as born, lived, married, and died in St. Ann's Parish, Essex County, VA."

* Who in our Coffey family is working on the **POWELL** line?? Tomas Samuel has some tough questions for you and he needs answers. His email is thomass223@aol.com.

First, the SAMUELS have the following web site that might help with the Powell research: <http://trees.ancestry.com/pt/ViewStory.aspx?tid=9918589&pid=-108064292&did=a37cd00a-e724-4d7d-b627-ba64edaebaf9&src=search&ftm=1#>

This is the comment at the above web site:

Mary's Family, Yorkriverkennels.com added this on 18 Oct 2009:

Thomas POWELL, Jr married a

granddaughter of William GIBSON. Her name was MARY. Her mother was Elizabeth GIBSON bur we do not know who she married so we don't know Mary's last name. Most records refer to her as Mary Gibson, which is probably incorrect. Additional information about this story: Attached to: Mary (1684 - 1754) on the web site.

Tomas Samuel's COMMENT ON THE ABOVE ENTRY: If Mary GIBSON was the daughter of Elizabeth Gibson, then I would speculate that Elizabeth Gibson may not have been married to Thomas Samuel, but Thomas Samuel may have been the father of Mary. Can you help support that Mary may have been the daughter of Thomas Samuel? There is evidence of a relationship between the Gibson and Samuel Families and that Thomas Samuel was close to Mary Powell. Note the following: Several Gibson family members went from Caroline County, Virginia to Woodford County, Kentucky with the Samuel family. See "Forks of Elkhorn Church": With Genealogies of Early Members Reprinted with Numerous Additions and Corrections, by Ermina Jett Darnell

In Anthony Samuel, Sr.'s will dated 1731, a granddaughter Mary Samuel - the daughter of Thomas son of Anthony Samuel, Sr. - is willed the first child a "Negro women (named Bess) shall have and live". While I have no direct evidence that Mary married to Thomas Powell was the daughter of Thomas Samuel, there are some intriguing pieces of evidence that there was some relationship. Thomas Samuel made a petition to the Caroline Court that a road be cleared form road by

Mamazoak quarter into road by Mary Powell's. (Samuell/Samuel p. 416)
The Samuell/Samuel Families of Tidewater Virginia, by Dorothy S Samuel, Southern Historical Press (1997).

1739 will of Thomas Powell presented by Mary Powell executrix and proved by Samuel Coleman and Thomas Samuel. (Samuell/Samuel p. 416)

There is an entry in The Filson Club notes for the Rogers Family by R. C. Ballard Thurston to L. H. Rogers dated February 27, 1941 stating: Thomas married & moved to Caroline County. The entry further states on June 18, 1741 Thomas deeded his half interest in the home plantation to Henry Samuel. Henry Samuel was his brother.

1741 Henry Samuell deeds his part of land purchased in 1721 from Taliaferro to Thomas of Caroline County. (Samuell/Samuel p. 399) This was likely in exchange for Thomas deeding his portion of the family plantation to Henry.

1754 ordered that Thomas Samuel, Robert Taliaferro, Peyton Smith and John Robinson appraise the estate of Mary Powell. (Samuell/Samuel p. 416)

1760 Thomas Samuel's estate divided. (Campbell p. 476). This from the book: Colonial Caroline: A History of Caroline County, Virginia by T. E. Campbell, published in 1954.

Tom adds, "What I should have added: While I agree with the death date for Mary Powell, I question the birth date for Thomas's daughter. It would more likely have been between 1715-1725."

DNA PROJECT:

JORDAN COFFEY/TALIAFERRO

By Fred Coffey

Our DNA Project has turned up interesting and convincing evidence of the ancestry of Jordan F. Coffey (1790, VA). We now have a good y-DNA test match, offering convincing evidence that Jordan's father was a "Taliaferro".

Jordan was the son of unwed mother Jane Coffey (1760, VA). Jane was a daughter of William (1731 VA), and William was a grandson of Coffey patriarch Edward. Most of you already know that we are testing y-DNA, which is handed down exclusively from father to son. And, as would be expected with a female in the line, the DNA of Jordan's descendants does NOT match that of the men in the "Edward" lines. So this left us with the question, "Who was Jordan's father?"

We obtained yDNA tests on two of Jordan's descendants, Donald Coffey and Thomas Coffey. They matched each other, but of course did not match the Edward Group. Also each descended from Jordan by entirely different lines, and their match was convincing that the non-Coffey DNA could only have come from Jordan's father.

We originally suspected it might be the "Fitzgerald" that Jane later married, and we began watching the Fitzgerald DNA Project for a match. No luck.

But Donald and Thomas did have some 12-marker matches to men with the "Taliaferro" name. But 12-marker matches with non-surnames are very common, so this offered no more than a hint that it might be a path to pursue. Thomas got a 67-marker test, and we began

looking for something better to compare:

After an appeal to the tested Taliaferro men, Mr. John Toliver agreed to an upgrade to 37-markers. Be aware that "Taliaferro" is pronounced like "Toliver", and John belongs to a line that simplified to the phonetic spelling. He definitely has Taliaferro roots, and matches all the other tested Taliaferros (who retained the original spelling) at 12-markers.

This upgraded test was a match to Thomas on 34 out of 37 markers, and this implies a 99% chance that there was a common ancestor within the last 24 generations. That, of course, is a big window of time. It can be narrowed a bit, offering about a 50% chance that it occurred in the 4 generations prior to the birth of Jordan. But other information convinces us that the ONLY realistic opportunity for a connection is in the 1700's in Virginia:

The yDNA group of the Taliaferros (and now of Donald and Thomas) is unusual for Virginia. The Taliaferros trace their ancestry back to a Virginia immigrant, Robert, who was born in 1626 in England. Robert's father was also born in England, but his grandfather was born in Venice, Italy, in 1530. And their DNA group (called a "haplogroup") is "E1", which is fairly common in Northern Italy, but rare in England. The opportunities for Jane to find an Italian-ancestry boyfriend other than a Taliaferro would be limited.

The Taliaferros were already settled in Virginia before the time of Edward. And there are records showing that connections

between the Taliaferros and the Powell family do go back to the time of Edward (Edward married Ann Powell). The Coffeys and the Taliaferros appear to have at least been "old acquaintances" in Virginia.

Further, and most important, there were Taliaferro families in Amherst County, VA; at about the time Jordan was born, with several sons of ages similar to Jane's.

Yes, we can devise tortured alternative scenarios that explain the DNA connection. For example, Jordan's father could have been a man with an unknown name who picked up Taliaferro DNA earlier in Virginia, or maybe even in England. But "Occams Razor" tells us "The simplest answer is usually the right answer."

Under discussion is whether additional DNA testing might narrow the time window. But the bottom line is that the evidence is pretty convincing: Jordan's father was a "Taliaferro."

COFFEY DNA PROJECT:

NEW DISCOVERY

By Carol Coffey Haas & Fred Coffey

The "Coffey Surname Project", a study using y-DNA tests to explore the male-line Coffey/Coffee families, may have turned up a very interesting new clue to connections for one segment of the family.

We have three men (George, Danny & Gordon) who trace their ancestry back to three early 19th century men (Franklin, Jackson & Joel). Two of these lines, leading to Franklin and Jackson, have been "dead end roads" for their researchers. The one leading to Joel has been assumed to continue

with Martin William Coffey (b. 1762) and his presumed first wife Elizabeth Bronson. But this path is also subject to uncertainties. The three ancestors are:

Franklin Coffey (ca 1803-1862
m. Martha McGuire

Jackson Coffey (b. abt 1819)
m. Sarah

Joel Coffey (b. abt. 1897) m.
Ann Sharp

These three ancestors were very close neighbors living in Russell Co. KY, District 2, in the 1850 census. This, and other clues have led us to suspect that at least Franklin and Jackson might be brothers, living next door to their widowed mother "Hester Coffey."

But now the DNA test offers another important clue: While these three tested men are all very solidly connected per the DNA results to descent from Edward Coffey who married Ann Powell, there is nothing new there. The important observation is they each have one DNA marker that is different from all the other tested men. (We test up to 67 markers.) These three are the only men in the Edward Group who have a Marker #27 value of "12" - every other Edward descendant has "13" for this marker.

The easiest way to explain this is if the three ancestors (Franklin, Jackson & Joel) were BROTHERS. That only requires the mutation from "11" to "12" to occur once, in their father. While it's possible that this could have happened by coincidence with three separate mutations in their respective descendant lines, the ODDS very strongly favor the "Brothers" theory.

The discussion of what this

might mean has been led by Carol Coffey Haas ch4814@mail.com, a descendant of Franklin. It has evolved into a lengthy document discussing ideas, clues, opinions, etc., and it's far too much to include in this newsletter. However if you have an interest or connection, Carol and I FredCoffey@aol.com can send you a document introducing the discussion.

You can visit the Surname Project web page at; www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA

DOCUMENTS GALORE

* Jack Coffee, jack.coffee@gamil.com, sends the following record.

Cyrena Coffey married Darias Campbell Sep. 21, 1834. Kentucky Ancestors, Vols.1 and 2; Coffee-Coffey Scrapbook, Vol. 1, 1992, Gene Brewington; Russell Co. marriage records, Book 1.

Cyrena could be Serene or Serena, dau of Eli and Mary (Coffey) Coffey! Eli was a son of Salathiel and Eliz. Gore Coffey while Mary was a daughter of Nathan and Mary Saunders Coffey. Nathan and Salathiel were brothers, said to be sons of Chesley and Jane Cleveland Coffey.

Eli seems to have been in several KY counties (Logan, Adair, Russell and Wayne) at various times. Could be caused by changing boundaries; I haven't checked that.

So, Darias appears to be a legitimate given name and probably

shouldn't be considered a misspelling of Dorcas.

* Chris Coffey, coffeyschristopher@sbcglobal.net, writes that MARVEL COFFEY lived in Wayne County, KY from about 1817 to around 1827. Wayne County 1820 census has him, 3 daughters under 10 and Rachel, listed. There are land records in Wayne Co. to. Marvel Coffey also purchased land in Maries Co MO. The Warranty deed for the section of land that is now known as the "Bushman Place" was filed in the County Courthouse. It is dated Dec. 16, 1838. The Coffey cemetery is at the top of the hill and fenced.

DULAH FAMILY

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Although the ancestry of Robert Dooling has not been traced, he first appears in Essex Co VA in early 1717 and was probably a native of Ireland. Dowling is a fairly common Irish name and was probably the correct spelling of the surname in Virginia. However, since Robert and the first two generations of his descendants in Virginia were illiterate, the spelling of the Dowling surname was at the mercy of whatever the particular clerk who kept the records in their various places of residence thought it should be spelled by the way it was pronounced. This accounts for the myriad corruptions of the surname in both VA and NC.

Ann Duling's elder son William Duling by her second husband moved away from Essex Co VA after 1747 and probably is the William Dulin who moved to Prince William (now Fauquier) Co VA and was granted a land patent there that year by Lord Fairfax, the proprietor of the huge Northern Neck grant that covered the northern third of Virginia. This William Dulin was twice married, the 2nd being to Clemence Gall, and they were the parents of six sons and two daughters. William Dulin died in 1801 in Fauquier Co VA and left a will.

Thomas Duling, the youngest son of Ann (Powell) Coffey Duling, also left Essex Co VA shortly after his mother's death in 1744. He can be documented in neighboring Caroline Co VA in 1748, and he was almost certainly the Thomas Dowling who turned over to Honorias Powell in 1752 in Orange Co VA Court his "right" to 50 acres of land as previously cited. Honorias Powell would have been his 1st cousin. Why he should claim a 50 acre headright for "having been immediately imported into this Colony from Ireland" is unclear, when he almost certainly was born in Essex Co VA and therefore not eligible for the headright. It probably was a simple case of fraud, whereby he came to a county court distant from his former residence and where he was not known and hoped to secure 50 acres of land free and then to sell the

headright for money.

Shortly thereafter, Thomas had removed to Cumberland Co in southern VA where he is documented in 1753, but he had left Cumberland Co VA prior to May 1755 when an attachment obtained by John Andrews against the estate of Thomas Dulin was dismissed in Cumberland Court since Dulin had privately removed or so absconds that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him." He probably had returned to Essex Co VA sometime in 1754 and was probably married there in that year to Elizabeth Beazley, a daughter of William Beazley (Jr.) and his second wife Mary of Essex Co VA.

Thomas Dowling apparently made his return to Orange (now Green) Co VA by March 1756 as his oldest son William was born there then per his Revolutionary War pension application previously cited, Thomas Dooley was associated in several surviving records in Orange Co VA with Honorias Powell and his sons and bought items in early 1759 at the estate sale of Bennett Beazley who had died in Orange Co in 1758. Thomas Doley was first noted buying land in Orange (now Green) Co VA in 1759 in the area of Swift Run and (Little) Blue Run from John Goodall, which was adjacent to land that James Veazley, his probable brother-in-law, bought that same day from Goodall. Bennett Beazley had earlier bought land in Orange (now Green)

Co on Swift Run that bordered James Beazley's land. Thomas and Elizabeth Dooley sold their land in 1763 and the next year bought other land in Swift Run Gap near the crest of the Blue Ridge Mtns in Orange (now Green) Co VA. Within Three years they again had sold their land and this time moved over the Blue Ridge Mtns into the valley of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River in Augusta (now Rockingham) Co VA where Thomas Dooley was granted a land patent in August 1771 in the vicinity of Cub Run.

Thomas Dooley continued to appear in the records of Augusta Co and its progeny Rockingham Co after its formation in 1778 through 24 March 1783 when he and his wife were referenced in a court record there as making a deed of land which was proved by Jeremiah Beazley, the son and heir named by Bennett Beazley in his last will, and who was Elizabeth Dowling's probable nephew. Thomas Dooley died shortly thereafter, apparently before 24 July 1783 when the Orange Co VA court docket included a suit filed against a Mr. Dooley which was ordered abated due to the defendant's death in 1785, when Margaret Dooley married John Rains in Rockingham Co VA the marriage bond stated Margaret was the daughter of Thomas Dooley deceased.

Elizabeth Beazley was still underage and not yet married when her father named her in his will dated 18 December 1744 as one of his five children by his "now

living wife Mary." He also left a bequest to another son James Beazley who was apparently a son by a deceased first wife. Another son by this first wife, although not named by William Beazley in his will, was no doubt the Bennett Beazley who married twice, 1st to a lady whose identity has not yet been recovered but by whom he had a son Jeremiah and sole heir and 2nd to Ann, the widow of John Pealtross. This Bennett Beazley moved to Orange (now Green) Co VA in 1752 and was closely associated there with his probable full brother James Beazley as well as Thomas Dooley (as the name was usually spelled in Orange Co VA) who I believe had married Bennett Beazley's half sister Elizabeth Beazley in 1754. The fact that Thomas and Elizabeth Dooley named their eldest son William and another son Bennett strongly support the assumption that Thomas Dooley's wife Elizabeth was a daughter of William Beazley of Essex Co VA and half sister of Bennett Beazley. Additionally, Thomas Dooley's son William was subsequently to marry Theodosia Beazley, a daughter of James Beazley the other probable half brother of Elizabeth Dooley.

Interestingly, in July 1755 Bennett Beazley also made oath before the Orange Co VA Court that he had been imported into the Colony immediately from Great Britain and that this was the first time of his proving the same in order to entitle him a right to

50 acres of land in the Colony, which right he also signed over to Honorias Powell the same individual to whom Thomas Dowling had relinquished his headright three years previously. Again I suspect fraud was perpetrated, since Bennett Beazley was almost certainly born in Essex Co VA to a family whose ancestry can be documented as living there prior to 1692.

Therefore, the Thomas Duling who took out a marriage bond in Orange Co VA on 15 March 1791 for an intended marriage with Elizabeth Finnel could not be the father of Wilkes Co NC Dulas as some have claimed, but was rather his son Thomas Jr. Thomas Duley Jr had gone to Henry Co VA with his elder brother William prior 1779 and was married there that year to Lucy Webb, who was probably related to the Webbs that came from Henry Co VA early to Wilkes Co NC. Thomas Jr then returned to Orange Co VA and was the Thomas Dowling who was granted a license to operate an ordinary (i.e., a tavern/inn) there in 1785. Additional appearances of Thomas Dooling continued in Orange Co VA through 1798. What happened to him thereafter is uncertain, although he may have gone to Georgia. It does not appear that Thomas Jr ever went to Wilkes Co NC. The few appearances of Thomas Dula in Wilkes Co NC records beginning in the late 1790s are probably that of William Dula's eldest son Thomas.

William Duley, the eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Dooley of Orange and Rockingham Cos VA, took out a bond in Wilkes Co NC on 5 April 1790 to marry Docia McMullen. It is clear from Orange Co VA records, however, that he had a common-law arrangement with Theodosia McMullan since prior to 1782, when their first child Thomas was born in Orange Co VA and was quickly followed by additional children, Elizabeth Dula, Ann Dula and William Beazley Dula who were all born prior to the 1790 Wilkes Co NC marriage bond. Two additional children, Mildred and Sarah were born to them thereafter in Wikes Co NC. Theodosia McMullan was the daughter of James Beazley and his wife Ann of Orange (now Greene) Co VA and the estranged wife of John McMullan of Orange later Rockingham Co VA whom Theodosia had married c1769 at the age of about 14.

In an agreement dated 2 September 1782 and recorded in Orange Co Court James Beazley of Orange Co VA and John McMullans of Rockingham Co VA, "since both claimed and equal right to a negro woman and her child now in the possession of McMullans, it was agreed that the negro woman was to be delivered into Theodoshe McMullians as her property to dispose of as she thought proper and the wench (the negro woman's child) was to remain in the hands of the said John McMullans as his property during his life on provision that he not remove her out of the state, with the issue

of the said wench to be delivered up to John McMullans and his wife Theodoshe's children James, Patrick, Mary, John and Catherine McMullans as they come of age or marry."

The agreement apparently coincided with a separation between James Beazley's daughter Theodosia and her husband John McMullan who was some 15 years older than his wife. These five children of Theodosia Beazley by her husband John McMullan were born between 1770 and 1778. James McMullan married Edith Kendall in 1796 in Orange Co VA and lived in Orange (now Green) Co VA where he died in 1842, fathering seven children. Patrick McMullan married Sarah Walker in 1792 in Orange Co VA and moved to Georgia.. Mary McMullan married William Lewis Powell in 1796 in Orange Co VA and lived in Orange (now Green) Co VA and was the mother of ten children. John McMullan Jr married Jane Dula, a younger sister of his mother's second husband Willlliam Dula in 1797 in Wilkes Co NC and they also probably moved on to Georgia. Catherine McMullan married Powell Shiflett in 1797 in Orange Co VA and they moved to Grodan Co GA.

John McMulan, Theodosia's 1st husband, subsequently lived with Elizabeth Stowers by whom he had ten children beginning with a son Jeremiah McMullan who was born c1787. There is evidence that they had not married, if ever, prior to 1796 when Elizabeth Stowers was a witness to an

agreement recorded in Orange Court between John McMullan Sr and his five children (by Theodosia Beazley) in which he gave up right to the four children born to the negro girl Sarah that he had been given right to by James Beazley in the 1782 agreement previously cited, in exchange for his five children relinquishing any claim to the negro Sarah and allowing him to sell or remove her out of the state as he saw fit. Within two years thereafter, John McMullan had moved to Elbert Co GA.

Theodosia Beazley was one of eleven children of James Beazley (c1716-c1803) and his wife Ann (c1725-1810), who is believed to have been a daughter of Cornelius and Ann Reynolds of Essex Co VA. These children were Sarah Beazley (b.c1749) m. her cousin Jeremiah Beazley; Ann Beazley (b.c1751) m. Russell Jones and moved early to Wilkes Co NC and later to Franklin Co GA; John Beazley (b.c1753) m. Mildred Durrett; Theodosia Beazley, previously noted; Elizabeth Beazley (b.c1758) m William Watt and may have moved to Wilkes Co NC; James Beazley Jr (b.1760) m. Mary Sanford; Mildred Beazley (b.c1765) m. Ann Moore in 1787 in Wilkes Co NC and apparently later moved to Kentucky; William Beazley (b.c1767); Charles Beazley (b. 1770); and Catherine Beazley (b. 1772) m. twice 1st Fielding Neal and 2nd Jacob Paul.

REALLY DISTANT COFFEY COUSINS: By Fred Coffey

I have a lot of fun helping Lorie Okel manage our Coffey DNA Project, and have developed an interest in "non-surname" matches. And that has led to a lot of recent correspondence with people that, according to DNA, are clearly "Cousins" of the descendants of the Edward Coffey who arrived in America prior to 1699.

Of course everybody in the world is related if you go back far enough. And we do see a huge number of meaningless y-DNA matches to our Coffey group at the 12-marker level. But if a match persists when tested at 67-markers, we know we're not just looking at a common ancestor who lived maybe 5,000 years ago. And I've been corresponding with two families that, according to the DNA, share a common male-line ancestor with us within roughly the last 500 years. We're talking about a 99%+ probability.

Further, our correspondence seems to rule out any connection in America since the arrival of our patriarch Edward Coffey. So back in Ireland, between roughly 1500 and 1700, we are connected via a common ancestor with the following:

WILSON FAMILY:

I've been exchanging notes with Mike Wilson, who matches myself on 65 out of 67 markers. We of course can't find a paper trail connection, but Mike offers some

speculation: Mike says "We are mixed up with Scottish gypsies surnames Wilson, Baillie and Tait... some traveled back and forth to Ireland and Scotland." So perhaps we have a romance between a "Coffey" in Ireland, and a travelling Scottish gypsy "Wilson", 300-500 years ago?

KEHOE/KEOGH/KAHO FAMILIES:

We have Coffey matches to a "Kehoe" and a "Kaho". And again, it seems impossible that there was any connection after Edward arrived in America.

I speculated that "Coffey/Kahoe/Kaho" sounded a bit similar, and wondered if they could connect to a common ancient Irish name. As most of you know, "Coffey" is a name of Irish origin, with one possible Gaelic spelling of "O'Cobhthaigh".

I got a note from Dianne Kehoe Lawrence, who confirmed their Irish origins with "My great great grandfather Henry Kehoe was born c1791 in Co. Wexford, Ireland and came to Canada in 1825." (Her brother was one of the matches.)

Miles Kehoe, the Administrator of the Kehoe/Keogh Project, jumped in with his own speculation:

"I think it is very possible, even probable. The name Kehoe/Kerogh derives from MacEochaidh, pronounced 'Mack K'yoh hee' The genitive spelling is MacEochadha, pronounced 'Mack K'yoh hoo'. There is also the spelling 'Ma'g'Eochaidh (Eochadha)' which gives us the name Geough, pronounced 'Goff'. In Irish, the middle 'ch' and/or 'gh' is often pronounced as an 'f' sound, so, MacEochaidh could easily be pronounced, 'Mack Koff ee'. The name McCaughey can come from MacEochaidh, also, as the name Haughey comes from O'hEochaidh. It could also be just a coincidence, or our Kehoes were Coffeys to begin with!"

We'll probably never find the actual family connection, but it's always fun to correspond with new "Cousins".

You can visit our DNA Project web page at www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA.

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