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Note for CCC Beginners:

This is Issue #174. 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

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Editor’s Comments

Dear Cousins:

Hello again.

I hope you have made some real progress with your lineage this month. Actually, it is more fun when you find stories. What went on in the area they lived in? Have fun with it and share your stories. It’s always rewarding to “spin a yarn”.

My cousin David Willard is in the process of writing a book about our grandmother Ida Willard. He is still interviewing all the cousins (and there are a lot of us). I am one of the oldest still living. Grandmother Ida Mae Willard was born a Hayes. Parents are Hamilton Hayes and Elvira Register. Her Grandparents are George Hayes and Elizabeth Coffey. I was told as a child that she was Indian. Does anyone have any information on that?

I will attempt to keep you informed on David's progress.

It would behoove us to pass as many stories on as possible. It would be a shame to lose them.

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Co-editor's Comments

Dear Cousins,

I think we have articles about some interesting people and interesting situations in this issue. As usual, there are mysteries that we don't know how to resolve. If any readers have suggestions to recommend, your comments would be most welcome!

We are offering some links to "Coffey" poets dating back a few hundred years. But don't have a clue whether any of these are ancestors of our living readers.

We did a search for a "mystery document", and discovered the original was buried in our "Bonnie Culley Library" of old documents archived by Bonnie many years ago.

And we wish a "Happy 103rd Birthday" for one of our Edward line cousins.

Hope our readers will offer new stories for our next newsletter.

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 Click on **Newsletters** and the list of available issues will pop up! Recommend you post this link on your computer.

THE ARCHIVESTICK:

By Fred Coffey

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

JESSE SMITH, AND HIS UNCLE'S INVISIBLE DOG:

By Jesse Smith and Fred Coffey

Jesse: Hello Fred, I'm enjoying the newsletter, thank you! I am interested in receiving a copy of the ArchiveStick if you wouldn't mind?

I also remember meeting Lorie Okel once in my life and got the book about the Coffey and Dakin lines, Midwest plains...anyways, I pointed out to her that she missed my brother and I in the genealogical line and missed a couple of the kids my 2nd cousin Lori had. Everything else was correct. Obviously she has passed but I did bring that up in the Facebook group several years ago in case anyone else had that book too.

I'm trying to convince my mom to take a trip with me to Coffeyville, KS as that is where my great grandfather, his siblings and parents were from. I've reached out twice now to their historical society about researching if I make it there in-person and I've never heard back.

Here's something I thought of, maybe for a future newsletter: My 2X great uncle, Andrew J. Coffee, was also "Timbo the Clown" who was pretty famous in Sonoma County, CA. He also was a baker like my great grandfather (his brother) in the Healdsburg/Calistoga area. My great grandfather was a baker here in Eureka, CA.

My grandfather was Carlton William Coffey. His father was William Adolph Coffey and his father was William Perry Coffee and his wife was Mary Ellen Wemple. His father was William H. Coffee. I am pretty sure they came through NC, to Tennessee and settled in West Plain, Missouri and Coffeyville, KS then some made it here to Northern California.

Fred: You gave me enough information to construct the following genealogy for your grandfather Carlton William Coffey and for your uncle Andrew Jackson Coffee:

- (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) Sarah Lucinda Coffey (1822 - 4 Nov 1895) & (5) William E. (H.?) Coffey (20 Jun 1817 - 15 Jun 1878)
- (6) William Perry Coffee* (9 Jun 1857 - 29 Sep 1926) & Jane Helen Wemple (8 Nov 1857 - 11 Jan 1923)
- (7) Andrew Jackson Coffee (17 Apr 1901 - 1975) & Rella A Sones (abt 1904 -)**
- (6) William Perry Coffee* (9 Jun 1857 - 29 Sep 1926) & Mary Ellen Wemple (8 Nov 1857 - 13 Jul 1936)
- (7) William Adolph Coffey (5 Jun 1898 - 24 Nov 1976) & Abigail Elizabeth Selvage (19 Jun 1899 - 30 Aug 1988)
- (8) Carlton William Coffey (14 Aug 1928 - 2003) & Ruth Joanne Compton**
- (4) George Coffey (1781 - ca 1861) & Margaret L. Rucker (ca 1789 - 16 Jan 1871)
- (5) William E. (H.?) Coffey (20 Jun 1817 - 15 Jun 1878) & (5) Sarah Lucinda Coffey (1822 - 4 Nov 1895)
- (6) William Perry Coffee* (9 Jun 1857 - 29 Sep 1926) & Jane Helen Wemple (8 Nov 1857 - 11 Jan 1923)
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- (8) Carlton William Coffey (14 Aug 1928 - 2003) & Ruth Joanne Compton**

Fred: And following is a picture of the plain Andrew with his wife and daughter, and a picture of him in costume and showing off his invisible pet dog:



JAMES COFFEY - A "JOEL COFFEY" DESCENDANT:

By James Coffey

Jim: Hi Fred,

So glad to finally meet you. I have admired your work through the Coffey Cousins. I had the Y37 test done because I am stuck finding my heritage on my father's side. I trace it back to the 1700's in Kentucky. Many of the Coffey's were farmers. I am hoping to find that missing link to take it back farther in time to the colonial days and maybe Ireland. Any help or guidance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I will list what I have so far:

Fred: First, I took the liberty of reversing the sequence of names in your list, because I usually think best starting with the oldest member:

Joel Coffey 1797 - 1880 m. Mary Ann Sharp 1808 – Deceased
Stewart P. Coffey 1846 - 1913 m. Jane Weltha Cox 1848 – 1930
William Ison Coffey 1867 - 1935 m. Permelia Lena Brown 1874 – 1910
Leslie Bradford Coffey 1896 - 1965 m. Laura Ann Kincaid 1902 – 1950
William Donald Coffey 1919 - 1998 m. Anne Belle Vaughan 1920 – 2006
James Coffey (you!)

Jim: That is as far as I can go. As you yourself have said, Joel was a popular name among the Coffey's in that generation.

Fred: My first thought was to turn to Jack Coffee's ECP (Edward Coffey Project" which is a wonderful source of solidly researched descendants of patriarch Edward Coffey. And to my amazement, NONE of your family names, dates and spouses were there!

It took a little digging, but I found notes in Newsletter 166-8,9,10,11 (Issue #166, article on pages 8 to 11) that clarified things. It turns out that Jack was indeed AWARE of parts of your family, but he would NOT accept any of the people connected to your family lines as PROVEN. If he could not prove, to his standards, that a person was a descendant of Edward, then that person would not be part of his ECP. He

did accept that many of the families in this newsletter were PROBABLY somehow connected to Edward, but he could not PROVE it to his satisfaction.

In my opinion, your new 37-marker y-DNA test is quite adequate to prove that you have Edward DNA from SOME connection. But as you will see, I cannot prove exactly how you acquired that DNA.

The Newsletter #166 article was looking at a close cluster of Coffey-occupied houses in Russell County, KY, and looking at the 1850 census. The houses were numbered by the census taker, and included houses 202, 204, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211. House #210 proved of particular interest because it was occupied by a widow “Hester Coffey” age 74. The families in #205, #209, and #211 were concluded to be the families of Hester’s children. The big mystery was that we were never able to determine the name or origin of Hester’s husband. So we didn’t know the male line!

YOUR family line was in house #202, headed by a Joel Coffey born in 1797. At first, I expected that Joel’s family might also connect to Hester. But your new DNA test does NOT connect. Your “Joel” is not a child of “Hester’s Husband”.

As you know, “Joel” is a problematic name because there were so many of them. But we can look closely at House #202 to see what we can learn:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	
Joel Coffey	53	1797	(Head of household)
Ann Coffey	39	1811	(Joel’s wife, born “Mary Ann Sharp”)
Allen Coffey	21	1829	
Isam Coffey	14	1836	
Joel Coffey	13	1837	
John W Coffey	11	1839	
Pruda Coffey	9	1841	
Julia A Coffey	9	1841	
Nancy Coffey	6	1844	
Stewart Coffey	4	1846	
Mary Sharp	84	1766	(Mary Sharp is Ann’s mother, Joel’s mother-in-law)

Let me digress and talk about why there are so many “Joel” Coffey. The original Joel Coffey was likely born in Virginia about 1730 and died in Wilkes County NC in 1789. In 1784 there was a civil disturbance of some sort in Wilkes County, that resulted in the death of Salathial Coffey. Joel was with Salathial at the time and was indicted in Wilkes County. Apparently, Joel was viewed by Coffey families as a major hero in the encounter. And from that date nearly every Coffey family decided to name one of their sons “Joel”.

Lengthy “official” Joel lists have been published. I am calling these “official” because Jack Coffee included them in his ECP. But the above 1797 Joel was not recognized because Jack did not include him.

The above Joel was born in 1797 and was obviously named after the “famous Joel indicted in the 1784 riot”. But he does not make the official Joel list, because Jack could not “prove” him. So, we are left with no idea of who was your Joel Coffey’s father.

James, I do not have any means to work out how to get your genealogy beyond the Joel Coffey born 1797. But there is no real doubt. Your ancestry goes back to Edward Coffey. We just don’t know the path.

You started by saying “*I trace (my family) back to the 1700’s in Kentucky. I am hoping to find that missing link to take it back farther in time to the colonial days and maybe Ireland.*” As you can see

above, we cannot “prove” any details beyond Joel Coffey (1797 – 1880). But your numerous y-DNA matches, in my opinion, definitely prove you somehow connect to Edward Coffey and beyond.

Regarding your connection to Ireland: You have 72 37-marker matches. The largest number of these are definitely connected to Edward Coffey, who without doubt came from Ireland. You also have a couple of matches going back to a “Peter Coffee”, who was related to Edward back in Ireland but arrived in America separately. And you have 3 matches to men with the names Keogh and Kehoe.

We have an extended family that might appropriately be called “Coffey, Coffee, Coffia, Keogh, Keough, Kehoe, Keay, Kaho, Cahill, Cahow, Kayhow, Kayhowe, and Howe”. For quick convenience I will call this the “Coffey/Keogh” family. All connect back to Ireland. We did a major study of this extended family, as discussed in the following link:

<http://www.coffey.ws/FamilyTree/DNA/Origins-CoffeyKeoghFamilies.pdf>

Your 37-marker test is quite adequate for most purposes. You could upgrade to a “Big-Y” test which looks at 700 markers. But I do not see any way Big-Y would get you beyond the “Joel Coffey (1797-1880) roadblock”.

However, Tim Peterman has a big interest in looking at more and more “Big-Y” tests. And your match to Joel 1797 may attract his attention. Joel has a family line, somehow connected to Edward in an unknown way, that neither Tim nor I have ever seen before. Tim may want to campaign you to go for Big-Y.

ROB COFFEY AND FAMILY IN IRELAND:

By Fred Coffey, Rob Coffey, and Edwina Coffey

Rob: I just came across your Coffey Genealogy Information roadmap, amazing work! I'm very new to all this, I am interested in doing a y-DNA test. I've cc'd my sister Edwina on this note. We were born in Dublin, Ireland. Here is a link to our public family tree on Ancestry.com:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/199165282/family?cfpid=242593642575&fpid=242593657793>

If you could point us in the right direction, any advice appreciated.

Fred: I had a look at your family tree, and for discussion purposes extracted this rough genealogy. Since you were mostly interested in a y-DNA test, I have focused on the male lines. And I have shown the birth locations identified in your Ancestry tree:

- (1) Patrick Coffey (1760) & Ellen Walsh
- (2) Patrick Coffey (1781 Cork) & Marie Doyle
- (3) William Coffey (1822 Kildare -) & Roseanna Fitzsimmons
- (4) Robert Joseph Coffey (1869 Kildare –1945 Wexford) & Gorman
- (5) Patrick Coffey (11 Mar 1901 Wexford – 1981 USA)
- (5) Robert James Coffey (1902 Wexford -) & Esther Hill
- (6) Rob Coffey (Dublin)
- (6) Edwina Coffey (Dublin)
- (5) Rupert George Coffey (1904 Wexford -)
- (5) Gerard Coffey (25 Feb 1906 Wexford - 2 Oct 1966 England)
- (5) Herbert Coffey (25 Feb 1906 Wexford – 1984 Wexford)

You are probably aware from our “Roadmap” that we have information on many unrelated Coffey families, scattered over various locations in Ireland. There is a good possibility that your y-DNA test will show a match



to one of our known groups. Your ancestors have moved about a bit, and this map may help our non-Irish readers identify locations. Or maybe you will represent a previously unknown family!

After our preliminary discussion, you ordered FTDNA's 111-marker y-DNA test. That should be quite adequate to determine if you have a match with any known group. You have now joined the Coffey y-DNA project and are Kit Number 1026036. It usually takes a few weeks. Results should be completed in April.

Also, I believe Edwina may have ordered Ancestry's autosomal DNA test. Ancestry has a huge database, and the autosomal test is very good at identifying cousins out to about the 3rd to 5th cousin level. You may find other people, in Ireland or elsewhere, who are pursuing the same genealogy.

I was initially intrigued to see you have a family presence in County Wexford, because my own personal "Coffey" line has evidence of complicated DNA connections to Wexford. I thought maybe you and I would be distant "cousins". But I am now discouraged to read that YOUR family did not seem to start in Wexford.

Rob: It would be very interesting to explore the descendants of the O' Cobhthaigh of Westmeath (Uisneach), who were a hereditary brehon family in Gaelic times. Here are some of their names:

- [An Clasach Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1415..
- [Maeleachlainn Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1429.
- [Domhnall Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1446.
- [Aedh Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1452.
- [Tomás Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1474.
- [Murchadh Bacagh Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1478.
- [Tadhg Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, fl. 1554.
- [Uaithne Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, died 1556.
- [Diarmait Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, fl. 1584.
- [Donnchadh Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, fl. 1584.
- [Muircheartach Ó Cobhthaigh](#), poet, fl. 1586.

Fred: I did a quick check, and learned:

"The Brehon families were a hereditary caste of professional judges in ancient Ireland. They were responsible for resolving disputes through private arbitration. The Brehons were jurists and referees, but they could not enforce decisions."

And I discovered that many of the above names are hyperlinks, that call up a Wikipedia discussion of each name. Interesting to explore!

And our "Roadmap" does discuss some y-DNA results in the Westmeath area.

JACK & NELDA COFFEE:

Fred: Most of the readers of these Newsletters will be aware of the fantastic work Jack Coffee did on researching his "Edward Coffey Project". And many of you participated in Coffey Cousins events attended by Jack and his wife Nelda. Following is a note from their son Chris Coffee:

FROM CHRIS COFFEE:

I'm Christopher -- Jack and Nelda Coffee's youngest. As you may know, Jack passed away in October 2020. Nelda passed away this January. Here is her obituary:

"Our beautiful and loving mother, Nelda Magdalen Coffee (née Laurent), passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025. She was born in March 1940, in New Orleans to Stephen and Marguerite Laurent (née Bourgeois). Nelda was the youngest of six children and spent her early years in Gramercy, Louisiana, before the family moved to Baton Rouge.

For more than 60 years she was a devoted wife to Jack K. Coffee who passed away in October 2020. She met Jack shortly after graduating from Istrouma High School and the two were married in November 1959 at Oklahoma's Fort Sill Army Post. They spent many years living the military life in Germany, France, New Mexico, and California before settling in Baton Rouge. Jack's work with Exxon eventually took them back overseas to Saudi Arabia and Singapore. Together they and their children lived in multiple countries and travelled much of Europe, the Middle East and Asia. They had three children: Danel Brodie and husband Tom of The Woodlands, Texas, and her children Mark Macaluso and wife Hannah, Anthony Macaluso and wife Devon, and Sarah Macaluso; Stephen Coffee and wife Suzie of Fairview, Tennessee, and their children Brandon and wife Katie, and Haley Chester and husband Austin; and Christopher Coffee and wife Nicole of Fort Mill, South Carolina, and their children Christopher Cole and Andrew. She loved her children, but Nelda absolutely adored her seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren - Dax, Louis, Cooper, Charlie, Ashton, Molly, and Lucy.

Nelda was always busy and was usually focused on helping others. It was typical for her to have a smile on her face and it wasn't often that she met a stranger. She could talk to anyone about anything. She was an excellent cook and her children, husband and friends never went hungry when she was around. A native Cajun, she made an unbeatable gumbo and jambalaya and she passed those skills on to her children. Her extensive life overseas introduced her to various German and Asian recipes that she made her own. She was also a talented baker and was well known in her enormous circle of friends for her cakes and other baked goods. If there was an LSU home game, she and Jack were probably there at a tailgate where she'd bring plenty of baked goods and other side dishes. For years after Jack retired, the two traveled across the United States in their camper visiting new places, making new friends, and seeing old ones. In high school, Nelda was an honor student and a member of the Beta Club. Later she was an avid reader, would paint on occasion, loved to travel and to be with people, was once a HAM radio operator, could beat anyone at checkers, and wasn't afraid to have the occasional shot of liquor or two at a tailgate.

Nelda was preceded in death by her father in 1981, mother in 2002, sister Marguerite Laurent Foot in 2017, sister Naida Mae Altazin in 2024, brother Leopold Alphonsus in 2021, and brother Marshal Wenceslaus in 2009. In addition to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, Nelda is survived by her sister Geri Laurent Fennel as well as several dozen nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves behind a long list of life long friends around the world.

Nelda will be cremated and laid to rest next to Jack at Louisiana National Cemetery in Zachary, Louisiana. Funeral arrangements will be delayed until June. Family and friends will be notified once those are finalized."

COFFEY SURNAME IN PORTAVOGIE, COUNTY DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND:

By Richard Orr

Richard: Hello Fred, I have no connection to the Coffey surname, however, my Orr ancestors came from Portavogie in County Down NI.

I came across your group by accident and read about the interest in the Coffey surname in the area. Glasry Presbyterian Parish, located just outside of Portavogie, was important to the area. The parish records go back to the 1720's. The first parish record of the Coffey name was the baptism of Mary Coffey (father:John) in 1730. Obviously, the parents were already in the area before that. Not sure if this helps.

Cheers, Richard Orr

Toronto, Canada

Fred: Hi Richard. Assuming you have no objection, I have included your note in this current newsletter. It may be of much interest to our readers researching Portavogie cousins.

We do have a 111-marker test on a "Brian Coffey" from Ards. See Newsletter 161-5,6. The "Hugh Coffey" line apparently comes from Ards, and this Brian (John?) is part of it. (See Terri Stern's note about the Hugh Coffey project, at the end of this newsletter.)

FINDING A MYSTERY DOCUMENT:

By Jennifer Chen and Fred Coffey

Jennifer: I've been digging back through genealogy stuff that I got from somewhere, and I found an 11-page document titled "Descendants of Spencer Coffey" with a mailing address sticker from "Mr and Mrs Dean Hoel" of Oklahoma City. I thought I got it from you, Fred? It has a very brief section about Granville and picks up a very brief outline for Albert Omer and Carrie Edith Coffey on page 5.

Fred: I didn't recognize that "Descendants of Spencer Coffey" document. And a quick search of our Newsletter files found no such reference. But I remembered I met Dean at the 2011 Coffey Cousins Convention in Independence, MO.

Then I thought about the volume of papers that Bonnie Culley always carried to all those conventions, and I thought to look at the "Bonnie Culley Library" (BCL), and there it was! Here's the link to the 11 page document.:

<http://www.coffey.ws/familytree/CCCNewslettersOnline/BCL081.pdf>

I recall that you have been researching connections to Spencer Coffey for some time. See lengthy article in Newsletter 166-11,15 (Newsletter #166, pages 11 thru 15),

I was then curious if I could learn more about Dean Hoel and his wife: I was pretty sure his wife was deceased and I turned to Find-a-grave and searched for Jama Hoel. I found her on FAG Memorial 38948415. She was Jama Lavonne (Anderson) Hoel (23 Dec 1935 – 20 Jun 2009.) Her husband was Carrol Dean Hoel (23 Dec 1934 -).

I sent an email to Dean's old email address. However, Dean would now be age 91 and may not be alive. I then searched for and found Dean's son Danny Hoel and sent an email to him. No response.

Jennifer: Thanks for reaching out to them. I was hoping we would get a response, because I would love to know who James¹ is. Tom Coffey is being very helpful with information and enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, have you seen the book "Heritage of Stokes County"? There's not much that's useful about Coffeys, although James Coffey is mentioned in the middle of the first column of page 366. But it has amazing maps and a discussion of the Capt.'s Districts in the 1784-1787 state census. If you need something to fill a small awkward space in the newsletter, maybe it (the title and that it can be found on Family Search) could be mentioned as a resource for those searching in Stokes County? If not now, maybe the next? The link to the book on Family Search, in case you haven't seen it or would just like to refresh your memory with a digital copy is:

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/623360/?offset=0#page=1&viewer=picture&o=download&n=0&q=>

Fred: The link works, but the book is 563 pages! I decline to dig in to view a brief reference on page 366!

HAPPY 103 BIRTHDAY, ELMO COFFEY!

By Janet Tepera and Fred Coffey

Janet: I just heard from my family in Victoria, Texas. My Uncle Elmo Coffey, from the Edward line, turned 103. I'm sending the note. The reference is to St. Joseph High School in Victoria, Texas. The family was not Catholic, and I don't know how it was paid for, but he is their oldest living graduate.

Fred: A few years ago (Newsletter 168-5,6) I wrote an article about Elmo that showed his birth date as 5 Mar 1921. That was an error on my part -- It is actually 5 Mar 1922. (I found a photo of his intended tombstone on Find-a-Grave, showing the correct date. And the birth/death of his wife Annie was already recorded on the stone. I can't argue with a date that is set in stone!!)

The St. Joseph High School knew him as "Elmo". But his full name was "Thaddeus Elmo Coffey (Jr)". That's the same name as his father (Sr). He went by his middle name to avoid confusion.

And I have had many contacts involving Elmo. He was an enthusiastic early participant in our "Coffey DNA Project". He did multiple tests, including the "Big-Y" test that looks at the equivalent of 700 markers!

Here is his genealogy going back to Edward. He has two paths back, because Elmo's grandfather (7) **William Daniel Coffey** and Elmo's grandmother (7) **Mary Ann Wilcoxson** are third cousins. Cousin marriages were very common in the Coffey family.

- (1) Edward Coffey (ca 1670 - ca 20 Nov 1716) & Anne Powell (BET 1683 AND 1685 - BET OCT 1744 AND DEC 1744)
- (2) Edward Coffey JR. (ca 1701 - aft 1774) & Unknown???
- (3) Chesley Coffey Jr??? (19 Nov 1755 - 18 Sep 1818) & Margaret Mary Baldwin (Sep 1759 - abt 1820)
- (4) Mary Coffey (Sep 1758 - 24 Aug 1843) & John Gilbreath Sr. (6 Jun 1768 - 24 Nov 1850)
- (5) Jane Gilbreath (2 Oct 1795 - 22 Apr 1852) & John Leonard Morrow (30 Apr 1797 - 21 Jan 1863)
- (6) Mary Ann Morrow (3 Jun 1828 - 20 Aug 1902) & Coleman William Wilcoxson (26 Sep 1828 - 12 Oct 1902)
- (7) **Mary Alice Wilcoxson** (15 Jul 1865 - 3 Apr 1954) & (7) **William Daniel Coffey** (8 May 1860 - 5 Sep 1936)
- (8) Thadius Elmo Coffey (19 Apr 1900 - 26 Mar 1967) & Ruth Crawford (ca 1904 -)
- (9) Thaddeus Elmo Coffey Jr. (5 Mar 1922 -) & Annie Lorine Dickinson (18 Dec 1925 - 24 Sep 1983)
- (4) Nathan Coffey (13 Aug 1780 - 3 Jun 1858) & Elizabeth Gilbreath (ca 1777 - 18 Jun 1846)
- (5) Calvin Coffey (5 Jul 1805 - 16 Jan 1889) & Elizabeth Fine (13 Jun 1809 - 8 Nov 1882)
- (6) William Fine Coffey (28 Jan 1830 - 24 Aug 1864) & Priscilla Howard (1826 - 17 Aug 1899)
- (7) **William Daniel Coffey** (8 May 1860 - 5 Sep 1936) & (7) **Mary Alice Wilcoxson** (15 Jul 1865 - 3 Apr 1954)
- (8) Thadius Elmo Coffey (19 Apr 1900 - 26 Mar 1967) & Ruth Crawford (ca 1904 -)
- (9) Thaddeus Elmo Coffey Jr. (5 Mar 1922 -) & Annie Lorine Dickinson (18 Dec 1925 - 24 Sep 1983)

I believe Elmo and Annie had 5 children. I suspect there are many grandchildren.

I (Fred) also have similar family complications. My MRCA (Most Recent Common Ancestor) with Elmo is Edward Coffey JR. I asked my computer to work out my relationship with Elmo. It says we are quadruple sixth cousins. Does the "quadruple" suggest we might share enough good genes for me to also make it to my 103rd birthday?

🎉❤️🎂 Happy Birthday to Mr. Elmo Coffey, our oldest living STJ alumni. Mr. Coffey graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1940 and celebrated his 103rd birthday yesterday. We're wishing you another wonderful year, Mr. Coffey!



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, or send it to **Fred Coffey** at 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

(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 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.

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.