

The Coffay Family

New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore, Md., Section H, Lot 229

John Coffay and **Catherine (Hanley/Mannion) Coffay** emigrated from County Roscommon, Ireland in the 1850s. They lived in Maryland for almost fifty years, most of that time on Mount Royal (Grasshopper) Hill in Baltimore. **John** and **Catherine Coffay** are buried at **New Cathedral Cemetery** in Baltimore, Maryland, in a lot containing other relatives of the Coffay family.

There is a stone memorial marking the location of the **Coffay** gravesite. The memorial is on a very steep slope and has fallen over. I asked at the cemetery office if this was due to vandalism, and the attendant assured me that the collapse was caused by gravity due to the nature of the slope. The name on the stone is **Michael J. Coffay**. He was the youngest child of John and Catherine Coffay and the fourth Coffay family member who was buried at this site. Michael died on Mount Royal Hill, Baltimore, in 1889 at age 30. John and Catherine, considering their meager resources, paid for an elaborate memorial for their son.



In Memory of
MICHAEL J.
Beloved Son of
John & Katharine Coffay
Born Aug 5, 1859
Died Nov. 26, 1889
May his soul rest in peace

The cemetery office has the original records for the lot. Here is a photo of the page from the record book. There are four generations of the Coffay family buried at the lot marked by the memorial to Michael J. Coffay. The labels will explain who each one was. The dates refer to burial dates

DATE	NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Dec. 13 1887	Thomas Coffay	← Infant child of John Coffay Jr. and Helen Kelly
" " "	Annie Coffay	← Infant child of John Coffay Jr. and Helen Kelly
Aug. 23 1889	Bernard Coffay	← Infant child of John Coffay Jr. and Helen Kelly
Nov. 28 "	Michael Coffay	← Son of John & Catherine Coffay
Mar. 9 1891	Michael Coffay	← Infant child of John Coffay Jr. and Helen Kelly
June 22 1896	John Coffay	← Husband of Catherine , father of Mary Lee , Catherine Slunt , John Coffay Jr. , step-father to William Manion
Nov. 26 1898	John Coffay	← Son of John & Catherine . husband of Helen Kelly
July 8 1899	Cath. Coffay	← (nee Hanley) wife of John Coffay , mother of Mary Lee , Catherine Slunt , John Coffay Jr. & William Manion
May. 10 1915	Mellie A. Coffay	← Daughter of John Coffay Jr. & Helen Kelly
Dec. 20 1932	Sarah Boyd	← (nee Kelly) Sister of Helen (Kelly) Coffay
Apr. 8 1936	Helen Coffay	← (nee Kelly) wife of John Coffay Jr. , mother of J. Joseph Coffay , Catherine Reilly , Mary Molloy , Nellie Coffay & Infants
" 14 1942	Bridget Coffay	← Daughter of John & Catherine Coffay
May 27 1948	William Lee Wright	The Wrights were children of Margaret Mary Molloy . Margaret was the daughter of William Molloy & Mary Margaret Coffay . These children were buried with their great grandparents, John and Helen Coffay , and their great-great grandparents, John & Catherine Coffay .
Sept. 7 1953	Infant Wright	