

Chronology Report

Name: **Bridget Coffay**

Parents: **John Coffay, Sr. and Catherine Hanley^{4,12}**

Life Range: Abt 1856-
1942 Apr 11

Abt 1856 Birth: Texas,Baltimore,Maryland USA.

NOTE: Brigid's death certificate has her birth place as Texas, Baltimore County, Maryland. This would suggest that her father, John Coffay, was working in one of the Texas quarries.¹

1870 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1) John Coffee, male, white, age 70, laborer, born in Ireland, both parents of foreign birth, a U.S. citizen.
2) Catharine Coffee, female, white, age 60, keeping house. born in Ireland, both parents of foreign birth.
3) Catharine Coffee, female, white, age 20, at home, born in Maryland.
4) John Coffee, male, white, age 18, laborer, born in Maryland.
5) **Bridget Coffee**, female, white, age 14, at home, born in Maryland, both parents born in Maryland.
6) Michael Coffee, male, white, age 13, born in Maryland.^{6,7}

1871 Apr 15 Family Event: Immaculate Conception Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Bridget Coffay acted as godparent to her nephew, **James Michael Slunt**, son of her sister, **Catherine Coffay Slunt**.

1875 Feb 2 Family Event: Immaculate Conception Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Bridget Coffay acted as godparent to her nephew, **Robert Mannion**, son of her half-brother, **William Manion**

1880 Jun 8 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Address: Mount Royal Hill

1) John Coffay Sr., white, male, age 60, married, laborer, born in Ireland, both parents born in Ireland.
2) Catherine Coffay, wife, white, female, age 60, married, keeping home. cannot read, cannot write, born in Ireland, both parents born in Ireland.
3) **Bridget Coffay**, daughter, white, female, age 24, single, at home, born in Maryland, both parents born in Ireland.
4) Michael Coffay, son, white, male, age 22, stone mason, born in Maryland, both parents born in Ireland.⁶

1885 Oct 11 Family Event: Immaculate Conception Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Bridget Coffay acted as godparent to her nephew, **John Raphael Slunt**, son of her sister, **Catherine Coffay Slunt**.

1896 Jun 19 Death of Father: **John Coffay, Sr.** In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.⁴

1898 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Bridget Coffey**, 642 York Rd.⁸

1899 Jan 27 Fire: Baltimore Sun Article. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Fire on the York Road

The large two-story and attic house on the west side of the York Road just north of 26th street was badly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. The building is owned by Jerome E. Chrystal, 2229 Madison ave. The front part was owned by Atlas Baking Powder Manufacturing Co. of which A. W. Rhul is proprietor. The rear was occupied by **Mrs. Bridget Coffay**, her mother, **Mrs. Catharine Coffay**, and a nephew, as their home. Mr. Chrystal's loss is about \$1000 covered by insurance. **Mrs. Coffay's** household goods were damaged to the extent of about \$100.

NOTE: Bridget was Catherine's unmarried daughter (should be Miss) and the nephew was **Thomas Lee**, youngest son of Catherine's oldest daughter, **Mary (Coffay) Lee**, who by this time was a patient at Mount Hope Retreat.⁹

1899 Jul 5 Death of Mother: **Catherine Hanley**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.⁵

1900 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Bridget A. Coffey, 450 W. 25th St.

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- 1900 Jun 11 Census: **Note:** This is the address Bridget moved to with her mother, Catherine Coffay, and nephew, Thomas Lee, after the fire at their residence on York Rd.⁸
Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 450 W 25th St., Baltimore
1.) Bridget Coffey, Head, born May 1867, age 33, single, born in Md., both parents born in Ireland, occupation: dairy.
2.) Thomas Coffey (LEE), nephew, born June 1882, age 18, single, born in Maryland, both parents born in Md., tin factory.
NOTES: This is **Bridget Coffay** and **Thomas Lee**, her nephew - son of her sister Mary Coffay Lee, who was a patient at Mt. Hope Retreat at the time. Thomas Lee lived with Bridget and Catherine Coffay at the time of the fire on York Road. After the fire, the three moved to this address which was a multi-family dwelling in Remington, just west of Sisson St. Bridget's mother Catherine died the previous year, so Bridget was became guardian to her nephew, Thomas. Bridget's occupation (dairy) tells us that she and her mother continued on with their dairy business even after the fire on York Road.
The following year, Bridget's niece, **Stella Mannion**, moved nearby to the 400 block of 26th street, with her husband, **Stephen Gunther**.
- 1902 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Bridget A. Coffay
450 W 25th St.⁸
- 1927 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Bessie Coffey**, dom, Notre Dame of MD
NOTE: Bridget Coffay worked for the Sisters of Notre Dame, so even though the name was listed as "Bessie," this might be Bridget.¹⁰
- 1942 Apr 11 Death: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Baltimore City Health Dept. Cert. #91167
Bridget Coffay
Place of Death 1200 Valley St. - Little Sisters of the Poor
Usual Residence: 1200 Valley St., Baltimore, MD
Female, white, single
Date of Birth: 1865, Age 77
Birthplace: Texas, Baltimore County
Occupation: Retired
Father: John Coffay, born: Ireland
Mother: Catherine Murray, Ireland
Informant: Little Sisters of the Poor, 1200 Valley St.
Burial: April 14, 1942, New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore
Funeral Director:Wiedefeld, 914 Greenmount Ave.
Date of Death: April 11, 1942
Cause of Death: Edema, Lungs - 1 day Due to: Chronic Myocarditis - 2 yrs.
NOTE: In spite of inconsistencies, this is Bridget Coffay, daughter of Catherine Hanley-Mannion-Coffay, because the burial information matches the cemetery record which shows that she's buried with her mother and father. The birth year given, 1865, makes her 10 years younger than she actually was. Her mother's maiden name is given as Murray. This is of course a mistake, unless Catherine "Hanley" was married to a "Hanley" before she married William Mannion which is unlikely because Catherined marriage record lists her father as "Hanley." I think these were errors made by the Little Sisters of the Poor who had to fill in the form.²
- 1942 Apr 14 Burial: New Cathedral Cemetery,Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Bridget is buried in the Coffay family lot at New Cathedral Cemetery, Section H, Lot 229³

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