

Chronology Report

Name: **Helen Kelly**



Parents: **Thomas Kelly and Ann Dougherty**
Life Range: Nov 1853-6 Apr 1936

1853 Nov Birth: ,Cheshire,England.¹
1859 Nov 13 Christening: Altrincham,Cheshire,England.²
1877 Feb 2 Marriage: **John J. Coffay Jr.**. In Immaculate Conception Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Immaculate Conception Church Parish Register:
John Coffay b. Ireland - son of **John Coffay**
Helen Kelly b. England - daughter of **Thomas Kelly**
Witnesses: William McNeil & Annie Brennan¹⁷

1880 Jun 8 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
Address: Mount Royal Hill
1) John Coffay, white, male, age 28, married, stone mason, born in Ireland, both parents born in Ireland.
2) **Ellen Coffay**, wife, white, female, age 26, married, keeping home. born in England, father born in Ireland, mother born in England.^{3,4}

1882 Jun Son born (#1): **John Joseph Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 30 Sep 1964 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1883 Apr Daughter born (#2): **Nellie A. Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 6 May 1915 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1884 Nov Daughter born (#3): **Catherine Ann "Kate" Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 18 Dec 1960 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1885 Jun 12 Daughter born (#4): **Annie Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 18 Jul 1885 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1885 Jul 18 Death of Child (#4): **Annie Coffay**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.²⁰

1886 Nov Son born (#5): **Thomas Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 18 Dec 1886 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1886 Dec 18 Death of Child (#5): **Thomas Coffay**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1889 May Son born (#6): **Bernard Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died in Aug 1889 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1889 Aug Death of Child (#6): **Bernard Coffay**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1892 May 6 Daughter born (#7): **Mary Margaret Coffay**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 13 Sep 1974 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1896 Jul Business Venture: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **John and Helen Coffay** obtained a permit to build a structure on the corner of North Ave. at Elm St. for the purpose of conducting a confectionary business.

1897 Nov 11 Court: Baltimore Sun Article. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
MRS. COFFAY'S CAKE STAND
Mayor Hooper, Judge Ritchie Holds, Cannot Be Sued For Ordering It Torn Down
"Judge Ritchie, in the Superior Court, decided yesterday that **Mrs. Ellen Coffay** had no cause of action against Mayor Hooper for being required to remove a frame structure erected at the corner of **North and Elm** avenues, near the **western approach to the North avenue bridge**.
Mrs. Coffay obtained a permit for the structure in July, 1896, her intention being to open a little cake and confectionary store. She leased a small lot and spent about \$150 on the structure. When it was about

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completed she was notified by the building inspector, with approval of the Mayor, that it must be removed. She was given thirty days in which to comply with the notice. The structure was removed and suit was brought against the Mayor as private individual.

The permit obtained by **Mrs. Coffay** contained the provision that the structure would be removed at any time after thirty days' notice from the Mayor. It was claimed for **Mrs. Coffay** that as the structure was in the Annex a permit was not necessary, and, therefore, could not be revoked. The Mayor, it was also claimed, acted without lawful authority in the matter and made himself personally responsible for any loss caused by the removal of the structure. Mayor Hooper and Building Inspector Owens were called as witnesses for **Mrs. Coffay**.

The court decided that, entirely independent of any question of lawful authority, it must be shown that the Mayor had not acted in good faith in ordering the removal of the structure, and instruction was granted taking the case from the jury on the ground that no legally sufficient evidence had been offered entitling **Mrs. Coffay** and her husband to remove damages. Judge Ritchie remarked that there was not a particle of evidence to support the claim or to show any lack of good faith on the part of the Mayor.

Victor Smith, attorney for **Mrs. Coffay**, took non pros. Thereby preventing a verdict being delivered in the Mayor's favor, and entitling him to bring the suit again.

No evidence was offered for the Mayor. It is said that the permit was improperly issued to **Mrs. Coffay** by a subordinate, who was promptly removed upon the discovery of what he had done. City Solicitor Elliott appeared for the Mayor."⁵

1898 Jun 8	Death of Mother:	Ann Dougherty . In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
1898 Nov 23	Death of Spouse:	John J. Coffay Jr. . In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
1899	City Directory:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Mrs. Ellen Coffay , Address: 710 w 35th n
1900 Jun 4	Census:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 725 35th Street 1) Mrs. John Coffay , Head, white, female, born Nov. 1852, age 47, widow, married 25 years, mother of 4 children, 4 living, born in England, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, immigration year: 1872, in US for 28 years, can read & write, speaks English, renter. 2) Catharine A. Coffay, daughter, white, female, born Nov. 1885, age 14, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, sewing teacher, can read & write, speaks English. 3) John Jos, son, white, male, born June 1871, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, laborer cotton mills, can read & write, speaks English. 4) Nellie Coffay, daughter, white, female, born Apr. 1884, age 16, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, laborer cotton mills, can read & write, speaks English. 5) Marie (Mary) Coffay, daughter, white, female, born Apr. 1892, age 8, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, scholar, can read & write, speaks English. ⁶
1902	City Directory:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Mrs. Helen Coffay , 3509 Chestnut Av. ⁷
1905 Jan	Family Event:	Daughter's Wedding. St.Thomas Aquinas Church,Hampden,Baltimore,MD. From the Baltimore Sun, Jan. 1905 Miss Katherine A. Coffay , daughter of Mrs. Helen Coffay , 3502 Chestnut avenue, and Mr. James H. Riley , of Mount Washington, were married last evening at St. Thomas Church, Roland Park, by Rev. F. A. O'Neill. Miss Nellie A. Coffay , sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. ¹⁶
1906	City Directory:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Mrs. Ellen Coffay , h. Falls rd. near Hooper av. ⁸
1907	City Directory:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Mrs. Ellen Coffay , h. Falls rd, Mt. Washington ⁹

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- 1910 Apr 16 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
 Address: Falls Road
 1) **E. (Ellen) Coffay**, head, white, female, age 55, widow, mother of 8, 4 children living, born in England, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, year of immigration: 1874, speaks English, can read & write, not employed, rents.
 2) J.J. (John Joseph) Coffay, son, male, white, age 27, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, electrician house wiring, can read & write, speaks English, not out of work in 1909.
 3) E.A. (Ellen) Coffay, daughter, female,white, age 25, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, hairdresser -hairstyling est., can read & write, speaks English, not out of work in 1909.
 4) M. (Mary) Coffay, daughter, female,white, age 17, single, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, apprentice -millinery, can read & write, speaks English, not out of work in 1909.
 5) C.A. (Catherine) Rieley, daughter, female,white, age 29, married 5 years, mother of 4, 3 children living, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, not employed, can read & write, speaks English.¹⁰
- 1912 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Mrs Ellen A. Coffay**, Falls rd, near Smith.¹¹
 1913 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Mrs Ellen A. Coffay**, Falls rd, near Smith.¹²
 1915 May 6 Death of Child (# 2): **Nellie A. Coffay**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
- 1920 Jan 6 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 1007 Falls Rd.
 1) James H. Rielly, head, owner-mortgage free, male, white, age 39, married, can read & write, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in PA, English speaker, contractor-plasterer, self-employed.
 2) Catherine Rielly, wife, female, white, age 39, married, can read & write, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, English speaker, not employed.
 3) Helen E. Rielly, daughter, female white, age 14, can read & write, born in MD, father born in MD, mother born in MD, English speaker, attends school.
 4) James J. Rielly, son, male, white, age 12, can read & write, born in MD, father born in MD, mother born in MD, English speaker, attends school.
 5) Henry V. Rielly, son, male, white, age 10, can read & write, born in MD, father born in MD, mother born in MD, English speaker, attends school.
 6) Catharine Rielly, daughter, female white, age 4, born in MD, father born in MD, mother born in MD, English speaker.
 7) **Helen Coffay**, mother-in-law, female white, age 64, widow, can read & write, born in England, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, English speaker.
NOTE: Helen moved in with her daughter's family, the Reillys.¹³
- 1927 City Directory: Ellen Coffay, wid. John, 1330 Ensor. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **NOTE:** This was the address of Helen's daughter & son-in-law, **Mary & William Molloy**. Helen Coffay moved here from her daughter Catherine Coffay Reilly's home.¹⁴
- 1930 Apr 7 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 1320 Ensor St. - Ward 9
 1.) **Mary Molloy**, head, homeowner, value of real estate: \$3500, female, white, age 35, widow, married at age 22, can read & write, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, not employed.
 2.) Mary J. Molloy, daughter, female, white, age 11, attends school, can read & write, born in MD, both parents born in MD.
 3.) William J. Molloy, son, male, white, age 9, attends school. born in MD, both parents born in MD.
 4.) Helen Molloy, daughter, female, white, age 8, attends school, born in MD.
 5.) Margaret Molloy, daughter, female, white, age 5, born in MD.
 6.) Joseph Molloy, son, male, white, age 1, born in MD.

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<p>1936 Apr 6</p>	<p>Death:</p>	<p>7.) Ellen Coffay, mother, female, white, age 75, widow, married at age 21, can read & write, born in England, mother born in Ireland, father born in Ireland, immigration year: 1875, naturalized citizen, not employed.¹⁵ Baltimore,,Maryland USA.</p>
<p>1936 Apr 7</p>	<p>Death Notice:</p>	<p>The Sun Paper. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. COFFAY, on April 6, 1936, HELEN, beloved wife of the late John J. Coffay. Funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Molloy, 1320 Ensor St. on Wed. A.M. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church.</p>
<p>1936 Apr 8</p>	<p>Burial:</p>	<p>Baltimore,,Maryland USA. New Cathedral Cemetery, Lot 269, Section H Address: New Cathedral Cemetery, 4300 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore, MD 21229, USA</p>

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