

Chronology Report

Name: **John Joseph Coffay**



Parents: **John J. Coffay Jr. and Helen Kelly**
Life Range Jun 1882-30 Sep 1964

1882 Jun Birth: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.¹
1882 Jun 17 Christening: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Son of **John & Helen Coffay**
Sponsors: **Michael Coffay** and Anna Doyle Address: Immaculate Conception Church, Mosher Street and Druid Hill avenue., Baltimore, MD¹

1894 May 3 Confirmation: Corpus Christi Church,Baltimore,MD. Joseph Coffay, Confirmation name: Bernard
Parents: John Coffay and Helen Kelly¹

1898 Nov 23 Death of Father: **John J. Coffay Jr..** In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
1900 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Joseph Coffay**, laborer, 701 w 35th⁴
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. Coffay**, 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.⁵

1902 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **John J. Coffay**, opr., 3509 Chestnut Av.⁴
1905 Jan Family Event: Sister'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.²⁰

1905 Sep 15 Election Clerk: Sun Paper. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Election Clerks Appointed**
Thirteenth Ward, Precinct
Joseph J. Coffay, Democrat, residence: 3502 Chestnut ave.²⁰

1906 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Joseph J. Coffay**, h. Falls rd. near Hooper av.⁶
1907 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Joseph Coffay**, electrician, 3502 Chestnut av.⁷
1909 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Joseph J. Coffay**, electrician, h. Falls rd. near Lake⁸

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.

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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.⁹

1912 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **John J. Coffay**, electrician, Falls rd nr Smith.¹⁰
1913 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Joseph J. Coffay**, electrician, Falls rd, near Clark's Hill¹¹

1915 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Joseph Coffay**, 4100 Falls rd.¹²
1918 Sep 12 Military Registration: WWI. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
John Joseph Coffay
1007 Falls Rd, Baltimore
Age 33, DOB: June 17, 1885
White, natural born citizen
Employment: Electrician - Kingsbury Samuels Electric - Calvert St. Baltimore
Nearest Relative; Mother - Mrs. Helen Coffay, 1007 Falls Rd. Roland Park, MD
Short, medium build, gray eyes, brown hair.¹³

1919 Apr 21 Marriage: **Mary Deaver**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Hampden
Joseph John Coffay of Baltimore, son of John Coffay. Baptised at Immaculate Conception, Baltimore.
Mary E. Deaver of York County, PA, daughter of H. Deaver. Baptised at St. Joseph's Church, Texas, MD.
Priest: Fr. Barley
Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riley. (*The Rileys were Joseph Coffay's sister, Catherine, and brother-in-law.*)
NOTE: This record was on same page in St. Thomas Aquinas parish register as Joseph Sattler & Birdie Manion. Birdie was Mike Manion's daughter. Mike Manion was Joseph Coffay's cousin. The Sattlers were married the next day.²¹

1920 Jan 16 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 1051 Roland Heights ave., 27th Ward
1.) **Joseph J. Coffay**, head, homeowner -mortgaged, male, white, age 36, married, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, electrician - wireman.
2.) Mary Coffay, wife, female, white, age 35, born in PA, both parents born in PA, not employed.¹⁴

1930 Apr 8 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 1051 Roland Heights ave., 27th Ward
1.) **Joseph Coffay**, head, homeowner - property value \$2600, has radio set, male, white, age 47, married at age 36, born in MD, father born in Ireland, mother born in England, electrician, not a vet.
2.) Mary Coffay, wife, female, white, age 45, married at age 34, born in PA, both parents born in PA, not employed.¹⁵

1936 Apr 6 Death of Mother: **Helen Kelly**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
1940 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. John J. Coffay (Mary) beer, 5909 Falls Rd.¹⁶
1942 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **John J. Coffay** (Mary) beer, 5909 Falls rd.¹⁰
1945 Military Registration: WWII. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Serial # 1254
John Joseph Coffay
5909 Falls Rd. Baltimore, MD
Phone: none
Age: 60, Birthplace: Baltimore

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- DOB: June 17, 1882
Nearest Relative: Mary Coffay, 5909 Falls Rd.
Employer: Kingsbury Ave, Electrical Co. Out for illness - last employment.¹⁷
- 1955 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Coffay, John J.** (Bessie R.) bar 5909 Falls Rd.
H: 1200 Fairfield Av.
Note: John's wife is listed as Bessie R.
There is also a listing for Bessie on the same page:
Coffay, Bessie R. Mrs. cash, John J. Coffay, h 1200 Fairfield Av.¹⁸
- 1958 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **John J. Coffay** (Helen)
Coffay's Tavern 5909 Falls Rd.
Note: John's wife is now listed as Helen. Bessie R. was his wife's name in the 1955 edition.¹⁹
- 1960 Jan 19 News Item: Sun Paper. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Transfer Saves Life of License**
The Liquor Board approved yesterday a license transfer of Falls road with the comment that it would have denied a new license at the same location. The board authorized Mrs. Bertha V. Wolfe to take over **Coffay's Tavern at 5909 Falls road**, a move strongly protested earlier by the Mount Washington Methodist Church and the Falls Road Improvement Association. Opponents argued that there was no need for the tavern in the area and said it would attract undesirable traffic. The board ruled, however, that the argument of necessity could be raised only in applications for new licenses. It said the only pertinent argument in this case was Mrs. Wolf's fitness to operate the tavern.²⁰
- 1963 Death of Spouse: **Mary Deaver.** In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
1964 Sep 30 Death: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Social Security Death Index** Number: 214-01-9377;
Issue State: *Maryland*;
Issue Date: *Before 1951*²
- 1964 Oct Burial: Druid Ridge Cemetery,Baltimore,Maryland. Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore, MD Address: Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore, MD
Death Notice: The Sun Paper. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Home Address: 1200 Fairfield Ave.
Funeral at Sacred Heart, Mt. Washington
Brother of the late Catherine Reilly and Mary Molloy³

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