

Chronology Report

Name: **Thomas Lee**

Parents: **Thomas Lee and Mary Coffay**

Life Range 1879 Jun-
<est 1954>

1879 Jun Birth: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

After 1880 Death of Father: **Thomas Lee.** In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1891 May 7 Confirmation: Corpus Christi Church,Baltimore,MD,USA. Thomas Lee
Parents: Thomas Lee and Mary Coffay²

1899 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Thomas Lee, laborer, 2602 York Road³

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 Catharine's unmarried daughter (should be Miss) and the nephew was **Thomas Lee**, youngest son of Catharine's oldest daughter, **Mary (Coffay) Lee**, who by this time was a patient at Mount Hope Retreat.⁴

1900 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Thomas Lee
450 W 25th St.

Note: After the death of his grandmother, Catherine Coffay, Thomas lived at this address with his aunt Bridget Coffay.

1900 Jun 11 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 450 W 25th St., Baltimore

1.) Bridget Coffee, Head, born May 1867, age 33, single, born in Md., both parents born in Ireland, occupation: dairy.

2.) **Thomas Coffee (LEE)**, nephew, born June 1882, age 18, single, born in Maryland, both parents born in Md. tin factory.

NOTE: 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. Thomas' grandmother, Catherine Coffay, died the previous year, so his aunt, Bridget Coffay, became guardian to Thomas.⁵

1901 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Thomas Lee, laborer, 450 w 25th st.⁶

1908 Feb Death of Mother: **Mary Coffay.** In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.¹

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