

Chronology Report

Name: **Michael J. Coffay**

Parents: **John Coffay, Sr. and Catherine Hanley^{1,12}**

Life Range Abt 1858-
1889 Nov 26

Abt 1858 Birth: ,Baltimore County,Maryland USA.

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.^{3,4}

1877 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay Stonecutter, McMechen & North Av.⁵

1879 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay, Stonecutter, Mount Royal Hill⁵

1880 Feb 1 Family Event: Immaculate Conception Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay acted as sponsor at baptism of his niece, **Rose Slunt**, daughter of Catherine Coffay and Charles Slunt.

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.³

1882 Jun 17 Family Event: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay acted as sponsor at his nephew's baptism, **John Joseph Coffay**, son of John Coffay Jr.and Helen Kelly

1883 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay, Stonecutter, Mt. Royal Hill⁵

1884 Oct 18 Family Event: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Michael Coffay's** name appeared as a witness in the Northwestern Baltimore Police District records:

Witness: **Michael Coffay**, Boundary Ave. near Falls Road.

Officer: Brown.

Offender: **Mary Lee**

Offence: Charged on the acct. of **Michael Coffay** with being an habitually disorderly person (not insane). Committed to the Maryland House of Correction for three months.

NOTE: Mary (Coffay) Lee was Michael Coffay's older sister⁶

1886 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay, Stonecutter, Mt. Royal Hill^{5,7}

1888 May 8 Family Event: Corpus Christi Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay acted as witness to the wedding of his nephew, **William Mannion**, and **Agnes Mooney**⁸

1888 Jun 30 Family Event: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Michael Coffay's name appear in the Criminal Court Indictment Book: Case #1046

State of Maryland vs **Mary Mannion of Mt. Royal Hill**

Charge: Habitually Disorderly - 6/28, Commitment filed - Jail: 30 days, June

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- 1889 City Directory: 30, 1888 - Recognizance taken -
Michael Coffay of **Mt. Royal Hill** near Boundary Ave. Bail paid: \$150
NOTE: Mary Mannion was Michael Coffay's sister-in-law.⁹
Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
- 1889 Nov 26 Death: **Michael Coffay**, Stonecutter, Mt. Royal Hill¹⁰
Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Health Dept. City of Baltimore Cert. #22160
Michael Coffay
Died:November 26, 1889
Age 27, white
Occupation: Milkman
Birthplace: Baltimore
Place of Death: Mt. Royal Hill near North Ave.
Cause of Death: 1. Chronic Gastric Ulcer 2. Exhaustion
Place of Burial: New Cathedral on Nov. 26, 1889
NOTE: Michael would have been at least 30 years old at his death based on the 1870 & 1880 census records. The city directories list him as a stonecutter up until the year of his death. This record has him as "milkman" which is also true. Since he lived with his parents, he would have helped out with the dairy business.
- 1889 Nov 27 Death Notice: Sun Paper. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
Coffay - On Tuesday, 26th of November, 1889, **Michael J. Coffay**, the youngest and beloved son of **John and Catherine Coffay**. Rest in Peace. His funeral will take place from his father's residence, Mount Royal Hill, on Tuesday morning, November 28, at eight o'clock, thence to Corpus Christi Church, where a Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.¹¹
- 1889 Nov 28 Burial: Section H Lot 269 Address: New Cathedral Cemetery, 4300 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore, MD 21229, USA

Source Citations

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