

# Coppage-Coppedge Family Newsletter

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## Message from Your CCFA President

2024-2025

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We are about one month away from our 77th reunion. I hope all of you are all looking forward to it and plan to attend. It's a great time to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and share stories and experiences.

If you are not from the local area and plan to attend, please make your reservations now.

Graves Mountain Farm & Lodge

[www.gravesmountain.com](http://www.gravesmountain.com)

205 Graves Mountain Lane

Old Blueridge Turnpike

Syria, VA 22743

You can make your room reservation by calling Graves Mountain at 540-923-4231.

If you need some ideas on what to do after the business meeting on Saturday, visit the Graves Mountain website.

Schedule of events:

- Friday evening social gathering begins at 6:30 PM
- Business meeting is Saturday at 9:30 AM
- Banquet Dinner is Saturday at 6:00 PM

Now for a repeat of information from last month's newsletter. **Please take action if you have not done so already!**

### Saturday Banquet Dinner

This year, the CCFA is covering the cost of the reunion dinner for all dues-paying members in good standing. **Please read the following carefully.** I need your help to ensure we plan for the correct number of rooms and attendees at the banquet dinner.



If you are a current dues-paying member (*through at least 2024, 2025 membership dues are due now*), and plan to attend the reunion, please email me the number of attendees for the dinner now, if you have not done so already. If you plan to bring your children (under 19), please include them in the total for your family. Children 19 or older must have their own membership or pay for dinner.

Those that book a room, please email me.

Many CCFA members live around the Syria local area and do not plan to stay overnight at the lodge. Because of this, I need all dues-paying locals to email me if you plan to attend, as well as the number of attendees for dinner.

If you are not current on your dues and would like to attend the dinner, please pay your dues now; it is cheaper than paying for the dinner separately! Download the form from our website.

[ccfa.website](http://ccfa.website)

If you would like to bring a non-member, the meal cost per person is \$40. Send me an email noting this now. Make your check payable to the Coppage-Coppedge Association, Inc., attach a note as to who it is for, and mail to:

Chris Coppage:

1903 Bowen Way

Forest Hill, MD 21050

**Please help me with this.** I need an accurate count, and cannot have unexpected guests appear at the banquet dinner because there won't be enough food for all.

My email is:

[Sueaylor63@gmail.com](mailto:Sueaylor63@gmail.com)

I look forward to seeing all of you at the reunion this year.



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## In Memoriam

Cassie May (Cowell) Coppage, born 30 November 1922, wife of D. Ross Coppage (1921-1966) passed away on 3 July 2024 in New Bern, North Carolina. She was 101 years old.

If you are aware of the passing of other Coppage-Coppedge cousins and would like a notice placed in the newsletter, please email me at:

[ccfagenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:ccfagenealogy@gmail.com)

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## A Profile of

### Cassie May (Cowell) Coppage 1922-2024)

Cassie May was a dedicated mother, an active community member, and a generous friend. She left an indelible mark on every life she touched. Her life was a testament to her steadfast spirit and unwavering faith. Widowed at the young age of 43, she single-handedly raised her five children, an accomplishment of love and courage that echoes her resilience. Her dedication extended beyond her family and was evident in her commitment to her community. Cassie May was a familiar face at the Welcome Desk at Carolina East Medical Center, where she volunteered for over 30 years. Somehow, she managed to find time to volunteer for Meals on Wheels on a weekly basis and also as an ombudsman for nursing homes. In her later years, she amazed her children with her Sunday afternoon pilgrimages to visit friends in the nursing home.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Cassie May grew up in the Bethany Christian Church in Arapahoe and was a longtime member of Highland Park Christian Church in New Bern, where she taught Sunday School and was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Earlier in her life, Cassie May was a schoolteacher at Chocowinity Elementary School, where she shaped young minds with her wisdom and kindness.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children, Ann Coppage, Susan Perritt (Lytton), Sandra Faulkner, and Ross Coppage (Wanda); her grandchildren, Ashley Brown (Amy), Megan Howard (Tim), Kevin Brown, David Perritt (Bobbi), Hunter Vega (Pablo), Cassie Boyce (Jim), Lauren Coppage, Douglass Coppage (Shannon), and Courtney Coppage (James); as well as great grandchildren, Britta-

ny Miller (Levi), Danielle Brown, Aden, Ashlyn, David, Britton, Evie, Julia, Ava, Lyla, Tyler, and Sam; and great-great-grandchildren, Kaleb, Alice, and Brom. She is also survived by many nieces, whom she loved dearly, never forgetting to send them a card on their birthdays. Cassie May was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. D.R. Coppage; daughter, Caroline Brown, son-in-law Bobby Faulkner, and grandson, Marion "Trey" Daniels Brown, III.



## Could Some of Us Related to George Washington?

So far this year, four people have reached out to me seeking assistance with their Coppage-Coppedge ancestry. Besides assisting those individuals, it usually helps me update and correct problems that may be in the database.

I must admit that one of those folks came forward with an interesting and challenging request. He is helping his daughter-in-law trace their family lineage back to George Washington. Yes, our first President.

The Ball and Dameron families intersect with our Coppage-Coppedge family tree in a few places and could lead back to George Washington.

The Internet is an excellent tool, but it does not always offer documentation of claims. Unfortunately, I was unable to help him document a connection.

He is hoping that a family bible, held at one point by Barton Warren Coppage (1872-1960), may hold the information that makes the connection.

If any of our cousins have knowledge about the whereabouts of this family bible, or other information that may help, please email me.



Please send comments, recommend topics, or submit stories for the newsletter to Mike Oaks at:

[ccfagenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:ccfagenealogy@gmail.com)

We will share it with our cousins.

Remember to check the CCFA website to find a copy of the current newsletter and for periodic for updates:

[ccfa.website](http://ccfa.website)