

## JOHN AND ELIZABETH GODFREY

John and Elizabeth (Flinchbaugh) Godfrey were the propagators of the Godfrey family in southern York County, Pennsylvania. John was born about 1794 in Pennsylvania and died November 1866<sup>1</sup> in York County, Pennsylvania. The will of John Godfried Senior of Springfield Township, York County, PA was probated on 28 November 1866, and stated that his wife Elizabeth was to receive \$400, a legacy that she received from Elizabeth Flinchbaugh. It also mentioned a son John Jr.; nephew of his beloved wife, Henry Flinchbaugh; daughter Julia Ann Messersmith, wife of Grenville Messersmith; son Levi; daughters Elizabeth and Louisa. The executor of his will was his good friend, Peter Feigley.

Elizabeth was born about 1796, possibly a daughter of Heinrich and Margaret (Geesey) Flinchbaugh<sup>2</sup>, and she died in 1868. Administrative bond book WW page 60 is dated 27 Feb 1869 and refers to the “late Elizabeth Godfried of Springfield Township”. In Orphan’s Court Book KK, page 336, dated December 21, 1870, there is testimony that Elizabeth Gotfried “went to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Michael Miller, some time in February 1867. She continued to live there until her death in August 1868, when she was about 62 years old”. Michael Miller was asking for \$12 per month for 18 months of boarding and nursing care for Elizabeth. Also mentioned were a grandson John Gotfried and a daughter Lucy.

A Jojanus Gottfrit Senior and wife Elizabeth of Springfield Township bought land on the 25 May 1852 from Mathias Nefs and Peter Feigley. A burial location for John and Elizabeth has not been found, nor have we located John’s birth location or parents. John and Elizabeth had the following children:

- I. John Godfrey (29 Oct 1817-11 May 1886) married Matilda M.(30 Jul 1822-16 Apr 1881). They are both buried at Codorus Church of the Brethren. They had the following children:
  - A. Martin Godfrey (23 Apr 1847-9 June 1919) married Sophia Geesey (1847-1894). He is buried at Codorus Church of the Brethren. They had children Ida V. who married Walter W. Heffner; Elsie; Howard; daisy May; Laura Belle who married George Mason W. Fulcomer; Matilda who married William Roland Grim; and Robert.

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<sup>1</sup> Will, John Godfrey, York County Courthouse

<sup>2</sup> Orphan Court Record page 313 dated 24 Mar 1807

- B. Charles N. Godfrey (6 July 1851-21 Apr 1881). He is buried at Codorus Church of the Brethren.
- C. Ella Ellen Godfrey (21 Nov 1851-24 Oct 1891).