

# **Cuff History**

## **Cumberland County, New Jersey**

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The first Cuff was brought to this country, as a boy of twelve years, in a family of Dutch people by the name of Padget. They called him Cuffee Padget about the time the Dutch settlers were coming to this country in 1740. In after years Mr. Padget got into the Continental army and was killed. Mrs. Padget took Cuffee as her second husband, and they had three sons, Mordecai, Reuben and Seth.

The Cuffs are naturally of a mixed race, the Mother being a white Dutch woman, and the Father of the dark race. As these boys became old enough to go to school, they had their father to change his name to Cuffee Cuff, so they might go by the name of Cuff. The Cuffs were a smart industrious set of people, mostly farmers, some ministers, school teachers and of different trades. Many own their homes and farms.

The 1st Reuben Cuff, Thomas Cuff son of Jonathan Cuff and Burgoyne T son of the first Burgoyne Cuff were ministers. Rev Reuben Cuff organized the first AME church in Salem, NJ and helped to organize the first AME church at Gouldtown, NJ.

The 2nd Reuben Cuff was a school teacher. Sarah E Cuff daughter of Burgoyne C Cuff was a school teacher for a short time. Isabella Cuff daughter of Rufus Cuff is a school teacher in Gouldtown at the present time, as graduate of the Glassboro Normal school in June, 1927.

The first Mordecai Cuff gave the ground where the Canton Cemetery now is, to the Cuffs and Pierce's for a family burying ground, he buried his father there the first one that was ever buried there. It is not known what became of Mrs. Padget, but as it has been said

that she had three daughters by her first husband. It is most likely that as they became feeble in age. That she went with her daughters, and He with his son Mordecai.

The first Mordecai Cuff married Margaret Thomas a white woman; they had three daughters, Rhuhamah, Prudence and Dorothy. Rhuhamah was married to Oliver Gould. Prudence was married to Lewis Pierce, they had four children. After Prudence's death Lewis married her sister Dorothy, they had two children. After Lewis's death Dorothy was married to Elisha Gould, that was my Grandfathers second wife on my Mother's side.

The first Reuben Cuff married Hannah Pierce the daughter of Richard Pierce. They had nine children, Anthony, Jonathan, William, Reuben died young, Richard, Ally died young. Anna, Caroline and Reuben named after the one that died.

His first wife Hannah died while many of the three children were small, and he took for his second wife Lydia Iler widow of Morris Iler. They had three children, Burgoyne, Archibold and Elisabeth. His third wife was Ann Gould, daughter of Samuel Gould.

Anthony Cuff married Martha Gould. They had five children, Mordecai, Anthony, William, Phoebe Hannah and they died young. Mordecai married and had one son died young. Anthony married Ruth Duck. Phoebe Hannah was married to Hosea Pierce. They had three children, Patty, Bell, and Sarah. William married Sarah Pierce; they had two children Kennard and Hannah. Jonathon Cuff married Mary Murray; they had eight children, Jonathon Jr., Oliver, Jane, Margaret, Leonard, Mary, Artie and Thomas. Jonathon married Rachel Gould; they had seven children, Leonard, Milner, Wilkason, Matthew, Albert, Edward and Elisabeth. Leonard married Ellen Jones, after her death he married Sarah Lavett. Milanor married Sofihia Pierce. Wilkason married Lydia Cuff. Matthew married Maggie Spector, a white woman, they had seven children, Albert, Warren, Matthew, Eugene, Clinton, Elmer and Harold, and all are married. Albert never married, Edward married Mary Wright, and after her death he married Anna Valentine. Elisabeth was married to Arcurious Dunn, they had six children, and Howard is a Methodist minister. Alphious, Arcurious, Jonathon, Benjamin and Anna all married.

William Cuff married Prudence Murray; they had nine children, Ephraim, William, Job, Joseph, David, Hester, Hannah Ann, Caroline, Elisabeth and Sarah. Ephraim married Harriet Gould; they had two sons, Lambert and Quinton. They both married and had several children. William Cuff married Maranda Murray. They had seven children, Ephraim, Paul, Henry, John, Mary, Aldine and Alice. All are married but Paul.

Job Cuff married Lydia Ann Gould. They had nine children, William, Aaron, Job, George, Lavinia, Katherine, Mary, Martha and Tamson. William married Clara Valentine, they had three children. Aaron married Tamson Webster. They have six children. Job married Elisabeth Pierce. They had one child. George married Melissa Gould. They have one daughter who graduated from Bridgeton High School last year and is taking her first year in Glassboro Normal School. Lavinia never married. Katherine married Dilwyn S Cuff. They had six children. They have become quite prosperous and own quite a lot of property. Mary is married to Harry Jones. Martha was married to Jonathon Dunn. They have one son Lewis. Tamson was married to Amos Valentine. He died young and left her with son Elmer. Joseph Cuff never married. David Cuff went away when a young man and was never heard from. Hester Cuff was married to Furman Gould. They had four children, Albert, William, Prudence and Martha. Hannah Ann Cuff was married to Jonathon Gould. They had three children, Lorenza, Hannah and Anna. Caroline Cuff was married to Rev Theodore Gould. They had three children, Howard, Theodore and Caroline. Elisabeth Cuff was married to Henry Gould. They went out west and made their home there, and never returned here. Sarah Cuff was married to John Gould. They had two children, George and Elisabeth.

First Oliver Cuff married Maranda Pierce. They had six children, Jonathon, Oliver, Jane, Maranda and Lavinia. (Note, there is no reference to the sixth child in the original text). Jonathon married Rachel Pitts. Oliver married Georganna Green. They had one daughter Sarah. Jane was married to George Giles of Salem. Maranda was married to Samuel Bertin as her first husband and after his death she was married to Theodore Cuff. Lavinia was married to Major Pitts. They had several children. Jane Cuff was married to

John Pierce of Bridgeton. They had one son Calvin. Margaret was never married. Mary was married to Absolam Wilson. They had one daughter, Georgeanna. Leonard Cuff married Hannah Pierce. They had two sons, Theodore and Elias. Artimeria was married to Anthony Pierce. They had four children Preston, Ida, Anna and Anthony. Rev. Thomas Cuff was a Methodist Minister. He married Caroline. They had two sons, Thomas and John. The 1<sup>st</sup> Richard cuff married Rebecca Simpson, a white woman. They had eight children, Richard, Joseph, George, Hiram, Hannah, Lydia, Rebecca, and Elisabeth. Joseph married. George married Hester Gould. They had several children, and made their home in Orange New Jersey.

Hiram married Hannah Cox Wilson. Hannah was married to Charles Cuff. Hr died a few years ago. She is still living and will be 102 years old the 25<sup>th</sup> of next November and is very remarkable. She is able to go about attending to her own house work, and does for her son Walter that makes his home with her. They had six children, Winford, Charles, Anna, Walter Elwood and Edward. Winfield married Emma Porter. They had one son Clifford. Anna was married to John Brown; they had five children Addie, Hannah, Lydia, Joseph and Elwood. Charles married Mamie Wright; they had two children Mamie and Edward. Walter and Edward never married. Elwood died at the age of 12 years. Lydia Cuff was married to Jeremiah Harris. They had three children, Elisabeth, Walter and Samuel. Rebecca Cuff was married to John Johnson. Elisabeth Cuff never married. The 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Cuff was married to Reuben Pierce; she died young leaving no children. The 1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Cuff was married to Daniel Lee. She died young leaving no children. The 1<sup>st</sup> Burgoyne Cuff married Prudence Pierce. They had three children, Artexertas, Anna Janet and Burgoyne Freemont. The first two died young. Burgoyne grew up to be a fine young man. Married Estella Dunn of Gouldtown and became a Methodist Minister and was stationed in Freehold, N.J. when he took sick and died, leaving no children. 1<sup>st</sup> Archibold Cuff married Lydia Gould; they had eleven children, Seth, Francis, Reuben, Daniel, Elisha, Burgoyne C, Archibold, Elisabeth, Anna, and Caroline. Seth married Ann Beckett; they had eight children, Lottie,

Charles, Mary E, Lydia, Ellen, Archibold, Seth, and Caroline. Lottie died a young girl. Charles married Sarah Jones. Mary E is married to Thurman H Lee; they have five children, Lydia, Caroline, Mary E, Helen and Thomas. They own a nice home in Salem. Lydia is married to Wilkison Cuff. Archibold married Helen Davis. Ellen is married to Elmer Harr. Seth married Mary Lafrer a white woman. Caroline was married to Frank Pierce, they had several children. Francis Cull married Mary Gould. They had eight children; Ephraim, Archibold, Francis Jr, Reuben, Hester, Nathaniel, Jeremiah and Nelson. Ephraim never married. Archibold married Mary Miller of Camden. They had several children. Francis married Cynthia Gould. They had two daughters, Emma and Bertha. After Cynthia's death Francis took for his second wife Hannah Hires of Chester. They had several children. Ruben married Sarah Pierce. They had five children, Lewis, Martha, Anna, Jeremiah, Kennard, and Olivia. After Sarah's death Reuben took for his second wife Georgeanna Wilson. She died a few years later and he took for his third wife Mary Thomas. Nathaniel Cuff married Lucy Gould. They had ten children, Oakford, Edward, Lonnie, Alto, Nathaniel Jr, Ralph, Chester, Roscoe, and Arine. Hester is married to Fenwick Wilson. She has one son, Linwood. Jeremiah died young from being kicked in the face by a horse. Nelson married Roda Gould; they have six children, Mason, William, Hester, Pauline, Caroline, and Kenneth. Reuben Cuff married Eliza Clyne, they had one daughter Mary. Daniel Cuff married Caroline Gould, they had two children, Clark and Dora, and made their home in Orange, N.J. Elisha Cuff married Larry Jackson, they had five children. They all took sick with the Scarlet fever and died with end a few months. He was drafted in the civil war, and when he came back he married Ellen Jackson a sister to his first wife. They had two girls. Anna and Mary, and after Ellen's death he took for his third wife Nancy Valentine. Burgoyne C Cuff married Isabella Gould. They had nine children, Artexertas, Anna J, Burgoyne H, Sarah E, Dilwyn S, Wesley J, Prudence M, Arufus and Mordecai. Seven lived to grow up. Father was very prosperous. He bought a near seventy five acres of land most of which was brush land. He and his boys with some hired help grubbed and cleared the ground and made good farm land of it. He had nice

buildings put on it and at the time of his death it was called beautiful home. The Mother was an invalid for near thirty years.

Artexertas married Lucinda Gould. They had seven children, Artexertas, Mordecai, Bessie, Lettie, Sarah and Florence. Anna J was married to Lewis Pierce they had one son Oakford. Burgoyne H and Sarah never married and still live in their Fathers home. Dilwyn S married Katherine Cuff; they had six children, Hildreth, Clifford, Oscar, Herald, Myrtle, and Freda. They have been very prosperous and have three farms. Wesley J married Lucy Valentine; they had four children, Lillian, Alberta, Beulah and Velma. They have a nice home in Salem. Prudence M died at the age of 10 years, Arufus married Edith Taylor, they had six children; Clement, Isabella Anna, Ellen, Rufus and Burgoyne. They have a nice farm near Hancock's Bridge. 2<sup>nd</sup> Archibold Cuff married Elisabeth Gould; they had three children, Edward, Reuben, and Fannie. Edward married Arabel Gould. Reuben married Fannie Lytle, they had several children. Fannie was married to Luther Gould. They had two children Charles Cuff the son of Archibold Cuff 1<sup>st</sup> married Hannah Cuff daughter of Richard Cuff 1<sup>st</sup>.they had six children. Lyoha, Fenwick, Clark, Elisabeth, William, and Caroline. Elisabeth died a young girl. Caroline Cuff was married to  
?. Elisabeth Cuff daughter of Rev Reuben Cuff was married to William Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>. They had five children, Reuben, Charles, Joseph, William, and Caroline. Reuben never married. Charles married Hannah Cox. Joseph married Tamson Sheffaro. William married Anna Cuff. They had six children as before stated. Caroline was never married. 1<sup>st</sup> Seth Cuff, son of Cuffee Cuff married a white woman name unknown. They had three daughters, Mary, Sarah and Emma. The last two died young. Mary was married to Elisha Gould. This is my Grandfather and Grandmother on my Mother's side. They had five children, Smith, Sarah Ann, Isabella, Miriam, and Hannah, Smith married Mariah Gould. They had six children, Sarah, Powel, Rachel, Mary, Edward, and Smith. Sarah was married to Clinton Pierce; they had one daughter, Anna May. Powel married Josephine Gould. They had two children, Frank and Alice. Mary was married to Frank Pierce. They had two children, Frank and Helen.

Rachel was married to Quinton Cuff. They had five children as before stated. Edward married Laura Valentine. Smith married Beatrice Gould, they one son Burnheart. Sarah Ann Gould was married to Enoch Gould. They had eight children, Elisha, Enoch, Mary, Henrietta, Lucinda, Olivia Arthalinda, and Lettichia. Elisha, Enoch, Mary, Henrietta, Arthalinda, and Lettichia all died young. Henrietta was married to Samuel Shards. Lucinda was married to Artexertas Cuff. They had seven children as before stated. Olivia's first husband was a Mr. Dickerson from Maryland. They had two children Gertrude and Enoch. After Mr. Dickerson death she was married to William Thomas of Baltimore. They made their home in Baltimore, educated her son Enoch as a doctor. He and his sister Gertrude still live in Baltimore. Marium Gould was married to Freeman Gould. They had five children, Lewis, Esakiah, Josephine, Marium, and Rachel. They made their home in Camden NJ. Hannah Gould was married to William Gould. They had two daughters, Euella and Melissa, their home was in Gouldtown.