

Relation of Jim Conley, the chief witness for the prosecution in the murder trial of Frank, to Hugh Dorsey, the Prosecuting Attorney

Hugh Dorsey was related to a prominent family called the Connallies. The Connallies were slave owners. Samuel W. Connally of District 972 in Murray County, Georgia, was reported in the 1860 Census to have thirteen African slaves. Nathan Connally of District 825 had fourteen African slaves, and Thomas Connally of that district had nine African slaves. ⁱ

Nathan Connally lived 1833-1863 and was born in Murray, Georgia. He died in Chancellorsville, Virginia. ⁱⁱ His dad Thomas Connally lived 1805-1870 and was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and died in Murray, Georgia. ⁱⁱⁱ Samuel W. Connally lived 1797-1863, was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and died in Walker, Georgia. ^{iv}

Samuel W. Connally was the 2x great grand uncle of Hugh Dorsey. Hugh Dorsey was the son of Sarah Bennett. Through her, the grandson of Emily Strickland. Through her, the great grandson of Reverend Simeon Strickland. Through him, the 2x great grandson of Mary Connally. Through her, the 3x great grandson of Thomas Connally and Mary Price. Samuel W. Connally was the son of Thomas Connally and Mary Price, thus the brother of Mary Connally, thus 2x great grand uncle of Hugh Dorsey.

Hugh Dorsey was first cousin, three generations removed, of Thomas Connally (1805-1870). Hugh Dorsey. Sarah Bennett. Emily Strickland. Reverend Simeon Strickland. Mary Connally. Common ancestors Thomas Connally and Mary Price.

Thomas Connally. Nathan Nickolson Connally. Common ancestors Thomas Connally and Mary Price.

Hugh Dorsey was second cousin, two generations removed of Nathan Edwin Connally (1833-1863).

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Interestingly, Hugh Dorsey's 3x great granddad had a brother named James Conley who spawned a long line of Conleys.

There was also a James Connally (1838-1898), who was the second cousin, two generations removed of Hugh Dorsey, and was the son of Thomas Connally (1805-1870) and his wife Mary Jones. Mary Jones was first cousin of Thomas Connally, because they were both grandchildren of Thomas Connally and Mary Price. Mary Jones was the daughter of Margaret Connally, through her, the granddaughter of Thomas Connally and Mary Price. This is interesting because Jim Conley was married to Loreena Jones. The coincidence there is too great for it to be plausible that Jim Conley was not related to Hugh Dorsey. I would bet that they were third or second cousins, removing some generations.

ⁱ https://www.murraycountymuseum.com/list_so.html

ⁱⁱ <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KC7P-3PX>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LTCD-KW1>

^{iv} <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LT48-Q43>