Texas Cauble Reunion Held at Camp TA-KU-LA in Peach Tree Village, Tyler County

Reunion Attendance Was Small

The Cauble Family Association met at Camp TA-KU-LA, Peach Tree Village, less than one-half mile south of the Historic Peter Cauble House, for its fourth annual meeting. Friday evening was reserved for visiting over a light meal and the sampling of homemade desserts in the dining hall. Saturday morning began with breakfast and more visiting, followed at mid-morning by a tour of the historic buildings and natural beauty of the camp. Dr. Steve Hays, whose leadership, vision, and hard work built the camp and restored the Peter Cauble House, led the tour. The historic Kirby Museum and the old chapel claimed the interest of all. After lunch the tour continued to the restored Peter Cauble House and grounds, which were opened for admiring, picture-taking, porch-sitting, and family-priding. When the group picture was taken all moved across the clearing to the old Cauble-Burch Cemetery for unveiling of Citizen of the Republic markers at the graves of Helen Elmira Cauble and Valentine Ignatius Burch. The ceremony closed with a prayer and a cool rain.

Prize Winners

Four attendees of the Cauble reunion were recognized as winners. Branda Jenea Callihan E1.13.321, age 7, of Crane, Texas, was named youngest Cauble. T. Willard Neel ME149 of Big Spring, Texas, 82, was recognized as the attendee who had lived the most years. Charles R. Willcox E1444 of Memphis, Tennessee, traveled the greatest distance to the reunion. The fourth winner was Dorothy Cauble MC4241 of Big Spring, baker of the Ugly Duckling Cake. See her recipe on page 3.
Association Elects Officers and Sets Date for 1992 Annual Meeting

In a business meeting on Saturday of the reunion, James Sterling Cauble E7223 was re-elected president of the Cauble Family Association. Gary W. Cauble H2421 became Treasurer. Don Cauble E1.12.6 became Chaplain. Dee Cauble Bitner H1224 agreed to serve as co-chair of the Cauble Registry. Jane Levy E1361 will continue as Scrapbook chair and Julia Cauble Smith as editor of the newsletter and Registry co-chair.

The 1992 reunion will be held again at Camp TA-KU-LA at Peach Tree Village in Tyler County, Texas. The time is the same weekend in July. Mark the date!

“"This is how the air felt in Big Spring the day the tornado hit San Angelo," Mildred remembered.

By the time we reached the graves, the children—Branda and Shawn—were already placing flags at each headstone and the two initialed rocks. They straightened the vine wreaths and gave each of us a flag. When we began to read the first prayer, a small cloud stopped to shade the place where we stood. Shawn led the Pledge of Allegiance with a sure and determined voice, while Branda held the prayer book level and straight. Short biographies of the Burches followed as a cool breeze surrounded us. Then the children uncovered the markers which Woodrow had carefully and lovingly cemented into the earth. When the preacher began his booming prayer, we felt the first drops. We chorused, "Amen," as we ran for shelter—knowing where we fit in the long, long chain of family from the beginning to the end. —Editor

Attendees of the Cauble Family Reunion at Camp TA-KU-LA

1. Woodrow Biggs E195
2. Ruth Noland Biggs ME195
3. Marguerite Lewis Mosser D435
4. Jane Levy E1361
5. Rudy Levy ME1361
6. James Sterling Cauble, E7223
7. Ernestine Cauble ME7223
8. Ty James Cauble E72232
10. T. Willard Neel ME149
11. Mildred Cauble Callihan E1.13.3
12. Ross J. Callihan ME1.13.3
14. Leo Burch Lewis, Jr. D4.10.2
15. Mary E. Lewis Hennessy D436
16. Stella G. Lewis D43.11.
17. Dee Cauble Bitner H1224
18. Reba J. Hughes Torres C14.10.4
19. James J. Torres MC14.10.4
20. Flora Fay Cauble Bluhm H127
21. Earl E. Bluhm, Sr. MH127
22. Earl E. Bluhm, Jr. H1271
23. Fay L. Bluhm MH1271.
24. Gary W. Cauble H2421
25. Georgia Knight E7251
26. Vance Pittman E72511
27. Merry T. Christmas D4.10.31
28. Shawn Holiday D4.10.312
29. Mary Sue Lewis Logan D4.10.1
30. James W. Logan MD4.10.1
31. Charles R. Willcox E1445
32. Rex E. Willcox E1444
33. Georgie Bain Wilcox ME1444
34. Carole Jean Cauble Fox E1.13.11
35. Richard Fox ME1.13.11
36. J. D. Cauble C4241
37. Dorothy Cauble MC4241
38. Rex Cauble E1221
39. Julia Cauble Smith H2353
Prize Winning Recipe: Ugly Duckling Cake
Dorothy Cauble of Big Spring

**Ingredients:** one package two-layer size yellow cake mix; one 16-ounce can fruit cocktail; one cup angel coconut; two eggs; one cup pecans; one-half cup brown sugar.

**Instructions:** Combine cake mix, fruit cocktail with its juice, coconut, eggs, and pecans in large bowl and blend. Beat on medium for two minutes. Pour mixture into greased and floured 13-inch by 9-inch pan. Sprinkle brown sugar on top and bake at 325 degrees for forty-five minutes.

**Topping:** One stick butter; one-half cup granulated sugar; one-half cup canned milk. Boil for two minutes. Remove and add one cup coconut and one-half cup pecans. Spoon over warm cake.

*Note: This cake received high praise and quickly disappeared at the reunion. Thanks to Dorothy for this recipe and to all of our fine bakers who brought equally delicious cakes and cookies.*

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How We Found Berniece Cauble Irby H29
Leaving Tyler County after our reunion, I drove to Zavalla Cemetery in Angelina County to visit the grave of my great-grandfather, **William M. Cauble**, son of **Peter Cauble, Jr.**, buried with his second family. I was hoping to find a new clue to the whereabouts of his surviving daughter, **Berniece**. At first, it appeared that she now had a funeral home marker with her name on it. I was devastated. I had not tried hard enough to find her! Upon closer inspection, it was clear that the marker denoted later headstone placements for her and her husband, **Ben Irby**. I took down the name of the funeral home to call later. After I cut away the invading grass from the seven headstones in the plot, I decided to try something I had read about earlier. I attached a plastic-enclosed card with my name, address, and phone number to William’s headstone. This was a long shot and I expected an answer might come within a year—if at all. After arriving home on Monday evening, I received a call from the delightful Berniece Cauble Irby. This was one of the most exciting genealogical calls I have ever received. Berniece thought all of her Cauble kin to be dead.

Although Berniece is only 75, her Cauble number is H29. As far as I know, she is the only living Cauble with a two-digit number.

—Julia Cauble Smith H2353

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Prayers
For all who are ill or who have had surgery, especially **Roy Lee Hughes** C14232, **Robert Lee Lewis** D431, **Douglas Cauble** E1.13.2, **J. C. Cauble** H242; and, for all who serve in our military, especially Lt. **Wanda Cox Chick** MH23532 with the Kurds in Turkey.
**Cauble Family Research**

Reproduced from the holding of the Texas State Archives (Civil War), Austin, Texas

Name & Rank: **Cauble, J. L., Pvt.**
Comm. Off: **Gray, E. L., Capt.**
Organ: **Active Co. for 9th Militia Dist., McLennan County, 28th Brig., TM**
Enlist: **Oct. 1-61**
Disch:
Descrip:
Remarks: R&F 58; election certificate with roll; Co. Comm. D. 4-61; 1 mus. Roll

Assessment Rolls, Tyler County, Texas, taken from Office of State Comptroller microfilm at Texas State Library, Austin, Texas

**1848:**
- Martin Cobble: 1 horse $70; 4 cattle $28; 1 poll; total property $98; state tax $ .19; county tax $.50
- D. B. Cobble: 6 horses $150; 90 cattle $270; 1 poll; total property $400; state tax $.85; county tax $.50
- John Cobble: 3 horses $100; 40 cattle $120; 1 poll; total property $220; state tax $.44; county tax $.50
- Peter Cobble: 4 horses $100; 1 Negro $300; 1 poll; total property $500; state tax $1.00; county tax $.50
- Robert Rotan: 1 horse $30; 1 poll; total property $30; state tax $.46; county tax $.50

**1849**
- Peter Cauble: 2 Negroes $800; 5 horses $250; 50 cattle $208; 1 poll; total property $1258; state tax $2.52; county tax $1.26
- James Curtis: 3 horses $100; 60 cattle $240; 1 poll; total property $340; state tax $.68; county tax $.84
- J. M. Cobble: 2 horses $125; 1 poll; total property $125; state tax $.25; county tax $.63
- John W. Cobble: 3 horses $180; 70 cattle $280; 1 poll; total property $460; state tax $.92; county tax $.96
- Aaron Green: 100 acres A. Green Headright, value $25; 100 acres G Aranjo Grant, value $400; 177 acres J Clements Headright, value $600; 1 poll; state tax $1.27; county tax $.63
- Robert Rotan: 1 poll; county tax $.50
- John W. Rotan: 1 poll; county tax $.50

**1850**

*The page on which other Cauble names may have been listed was torn off.—jcs*

- John M. Cauble: 3 horses $105; 1 poll; total property $105; state tax $.15; county tax $ .22
- Peter Cauble: 265 acres Gavino Aranjo Grant on Revill Creek $500; 6 Negroes $2500; 3 horses $150; total property $3410; state tax $.5; county tax $1.71
- B. Cauble: 160 acres John Maize Headright on Tillis Creek $80; 8 horses $240; 116 cattle $456; 1 poll; state tax $1.16; county tax $.55
- John W. Cauble: 2 horses $125; 1 poll; total property $125; state tax $.19; county $.23
- Aaron Green: 200 acres A. Green Headright $100; 177 acres J. Clement Headright $600; 100 acres G. Aranjo Grant $100; 10 horses $250; 75 cattle $300; state tax $2.02; county tax $.84

*Note: According to U. S. historians, the fifteen-year period from 1845 through 1860, witnessed a historic increase in the wealth of Southern farmers and planters who used slave labor. Peter Cauble’s tax record above proves that statement.—jcs*
Mrs. Ida Cauble Harp,
P. O. Box 488,
Kilgore, Texas,

Dear Mrs. Harp:

Returning from Peach Tree Village this noon I find your letter of January 5th.

Peach Tree Village is in Tyler County two miles north of the town of Chester. The latter is located on Highway 106 running from Corrigan to Woodville.

I knew Peter Cauble in my childhood and I knew his daughter who was the wife of Valentine Burch. She was universally called Ann but her tombstone shows her name to have been Helene.

Peter Cauble and his wife, who was a Rotan, and his daughter Ann and her husband, Valentine Burch, are all buried in the Cauble graveyard located about a half a mile east of Peach Tree Village Hall in Peach Tree Village.

Ann Cauble Burch was the mother of five sons and five daughters. All are presently dead except Emma Burch, the baby daughter, who was the wife of John Hammond, now deceased, and who lives on Fourth Street in San Antonio, Texas.

Another daughter, Mrs. John M. Futch, older than Emma, resides in this, Harris, County but I do not know her post office address.

Emma can tell you everything there is to know regarding the Caubles and will be glad to do so.

If you should go to Peach Tree Village I suggest that you call at the Old Kirby Home there, which is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Priest. They will be glad to assist you in your inquiries and to go with you to the Cauble cemetery.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Note: This letter was submitted to the editor by Wendel O. Montgomery E1.14.2 of West, Texas, in April 1986. He received it from Ida Cauble Harp E75, an early researcher of the Peter Cauble family history.
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Source: Tyler County, Texas, Marks and Brands Book, Volume 1, page 22
Note: I added the arrow and wording that marks P. Cauble’s home site on the Livingston-to-Belt Ferry Road. - jcs

Source: Tyler County, Texas, Deed Records, Volume C, page 638
Dear Julia,

My father [W. M. Cauble] told us children that his full name was William Jefferson Lonzo Cauble, but he didn’t like his name so he always signed W. M. Cauble. Everyone called him Uncle Bill.

The record I have is W. M. Cauble married Nancy Ellon Dykes in Nacogdoches, Texas, 25 February 1906. He was born 19 November 1852 and died 29 January 1924. His mother’s name was Nancy Curtis. He never told us as I remember what his father’s name was. He told us his father was killed by wild Indians when he was a small child. He said he was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and he and his mother, sister, Zada Cauble, and brother, Charlie Cauble, moved to West Texas in a covered wagon. I head him speak of Eastland, Texas. His sister married Jim or George Hines, but I believe it was George. We visited them in Hearne, Texas, many times. I never saw Uncle Charlie; there was never much said about him. I have a picture of Aunt Zada. I don’t know much about his first family except his first wife died and left him with two boys, Jim and Frank Cauble, and three girls, Nannie, Vada, and Lou Cauble. Lou married a Basham and, I think, Nannie married a Clark. I’m not sure.

The only real vacation I ever had was when I was 13 years old and we went to Roby, Texas, and spent two weeks with Brother Jim and Aunt Lena on their farm. They had several children, but I can only remember one girl about my age named Jessie Belle Cauble and a boy named Burnis Cauble. Jessie Belle and I were friends for a long time, but as we got older we drifted apart. The last time I heard from her she was living out of Dallas somewhere.

Papa’s [W. M. Cauble] second family: 1st, my brother, William Edward Cauble, was born 23 December 1907 and my sister, Addie Morine Cauble, was born 19 September 1910. She never married and died 16 February 1932. Of course, you have my birth date, but my full name is Alta Berniece Cauble Irby. [born 26 December 1915]

Papa was a Baptist and was a member of the Johnson Baptist Church which burned down after he died. He was a blacksmith by trade and farmed and raised cattle, hogs, and goats. He was a man that had no enemies; everyone loved him. His friends told me many stories of how he loved to give, but didn’t know how to receive. I’m the same way. Papa worked hard and loved to hunt and fish. He was tall 6’ 3” with broad shoulders, no stomach—in other words, he was tailor-made.

I never heard of Peter Cauble until I read in the Woodville paper about the reunion a few years ago. We may be some of the same Caubles, I don’t know. I would like to know all about you and your family. Was Brother Jim your great grandfather?

May God Bless you and yours. I love you already.

Aunt Berniece

Dear Julia

21 May 1991

I appreciate the information you sent. The family in Stephens County in 1880 is evidently the widow and children of Napoleon B. Cauble. I don’t know Mary’s maiden name. I haven’t found a marriage record for Napoleon.

In checking the 1830 Marion County, Alabama, census, it is interesting that Peter Cauble has two close neighbors named Robert Hughes. One of them is the Robert Hughes who settle Hughes Springs, Texas. The younger Robert is probably his nephew and possibly the husband of Lucinda Cauble. He was single or a widower in 1830 with two brothers or sons living with him. Theses Hughes men and Peter Cauble came from Tennessee to Alabama about the same time and also came to Texas about the same time. Jesse C. [son of Robert and Lucinda] was born in 1831 in Alabama and Isaac Butler Hughes, his younger brother, was born 1838 or 1839 in Alabama. Robert received a third class certificate for 640 acres in San Augustine County, Texas, 26 December 1839. Peter and Isaac Butler Cauble received grants on the same date. I would like to check cemeteries in Tyler County. Perhaps, Robert and Lucinda are buried in one of the other area cemeteries. I did not find Robert in the 1840 Texas census. There was a Robert Hughes in Marion County, Alabama, in 1840 with two males under 5 [p. 943]. There were four Roberts in the 1846 Poll List in Texas, but three of those are established as to identity. The other is Robert L. in Cass County, supposedly a relative of Robert, Sr., and Jr., of Hughes Springs. In the 1850 Tyler County census, Robert’s occupation was hatter. Could this help trace him? Perhaps, he had a shop in town or advertised in the newspaper. I have not been able to locate Butler Hughes’ children after the 1870 census. The 1878 Tax Roll in Hill County, Texas, shows Butler Hughes Heirs and 1880 and 1881 tax rolls list Miss A. [perhaps Alice] Hughes. I answered an ad placed by one of their descendants, but did not receive an answer. At that time, they didn’t even know where Butler was buried.

I have done a bit of research on the Matthews family. Benjamin Hughes married a Matthews and, of course, several of the Caubles married Matthewses. I found Ben’s wife, Sarah Helen, in 1880 at Somervell County with her mother, Elizabeth, both living with L. H. Matthews and his family. He was Sarah’s brother. I believe they were related to Joseph Beck Matthews of Shackelford County. Wendel said there were six daughters and four of them married Caubles.

Lue [and Roy] Hughes
Blanket, Texas
Dear Julia,

While in Dallas recently on a business trip, I managed to spend an afternoon trying to catch up on genealogical research. I drove up to Bonham for a precious three hours in the Fannin County courthouse. I was searching for more information on Sarah Garnett and Elizabeth Fitzgerald, sisters of our Mary Ann Rotan Cauble. As you will recall, we can place them in Fannin County, Texas, in the early 1840s during the settlement of their father’s estate in White County, Tennessee. Neither of the sisters appear on the 1850 census of Texas.

I first searched the deed records. I have a complete transcript of the index to deeds, 1838-1869, for Fitzgerald and Garnett surnames. No Caubles appear. There was nothing of interest to be found in the old deed books. In the probate minute books, I found that the will of Jabez Fitzgerald was signed 19 March 1841 and recorded 27 November 1843 [Book A:292]. The will mentions wife, Elizabeth; three children, single and living at home, John, James T., and Rachel B.; sons-in-law John R. Garnett, William Sadler, Francis Jenkins, and another whose name I could not decipher; and two sons (presumably married and living on their own) Garrett and William R. Fitzgerald. In Book C:349, the final settlement of the estate lists the following heirs: James T. Fitzgerald, Rachel B. Pace, Margaret Garnet, James Garnet, Garrett Fitzgerald, Sarah Sadler, and William R. Fitzgerald. In Book C: 367, another final settlement lists; John R. Garrett, Margaret Garnett, James Garnett, Heirs of Garrett Fitzgerald, Thomas Jenkins, William R. Fitzgerald, Sarah Sadler, Rachel B. Pace, and James T. Fitzgerald.

Letters of administration were granted to John R. Garnett on 1 December 1840 for the estate of James T. Garnett, deceased [Book A:154]. And, on 28 December 1840 Sarah Garnett presented her petition for letters of guardianship for James and Robert Garnett, minor heirs of James T. Garnett, deceased [Book A:159]. Also, letters of administration were granted to Malinda and John A. Throckmorton on 27 December 1843 for the estate of William E. Throckmorton, deceased [Book A:291]. The widow Malinda married John H. Wilson before 23 February 1846 when he assumed her duties as administratrix [Book A:459].

Sarah Rotan married James T. Garnett and Elizabeth Rotan married Jabez Fitzgerald, as we suspected. Jabez was taxed in Fannin County for years 1838 through 1843. Elizabeth was listed in 1844 and 1845. James T. Garnett was taxed in that county in 1840 and Sarah was listed from 1841 through 1845. William E. Throckmorton came onto the tax rolls in that county in 1843. John A. Throckmorton was listed in 1844 tax rolls as the administrator of his father’s estate. Malinda was listed in 1845. Since none of the above entities were listed after 1845, I suspect they lived in that part of Fannin that became Collin County in 1846.

The old Throckmorton Cemetery is located in Collin County just north of the town of Melissa. A centennial marker, erected by the State of Texas in 1936 states that William E. Throckmorton was born in Virginia in 1795 and died 2 October 1843. James Webb Throckmorton and other members of his family are buried in the Stoney Point Cemetery, located just east of Melissa. It seems to me that the evidence is rather strong for directing our Rotan research toward Collin County, Texas, for further work.

Michael A. Ports
Baltimore, Maryland
Who was Sara Cauble who died 11 December 1932 in Shackelford County, Texas? Who was Laura Cauble, who married J. W. Revill on 22 February 1903 in Eastland County, Texas? What Cauble families, other than those of Peter Cauble, Jr., and of James Monroe Cauble, lived in that area in 1903? Contact Editor.

I am searching for the family of Lethia Burnett, who married William C. Cauble (1852-1877), son of Sarah E. Green and Isaac Butler Cauble, about 1870 probably in Hill County, Texas. She was listed on the 1880 census at Aquilla, Hill County, Texas, as a widow with two sons, Rockdale, 5, and Alde, 3. Who were the parents of Lethia? Where did Lethia die? Where is she buried? Contact: Richard C. Cauble, 1603 Hodges, Midland, TX 79701 (915/683-6917)

Peter Cauble, Jr. (1829 Alabama-before 1870 Texas) married Nancy Ann Curtis (24 October 1821 Louisiana-unknown) 23 May 1849 in Tyler County, Texas. Is this Nancy Ann Curtis the same Nancy Curtis who was a granddaughter of Zilpha Byrd and James Curtis of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana? I will be grateful for any help with this family. Contact: Julia Cauble Smith, 2905 Sentinel, Midland, TX 79701 (915/697-4955)

Which Peter Cauble married Sarah E. Hulet on 25 December 1862 in Polk County, Texas? Was it Peter Cauble, Sr.? Peter Cauble, Jr., was living on 17 December 1856, when he signed a deed, and dead by 25 February 1870, when Peter Cauble, Sr., signed his will. Did the couple divorce?

Statement of Purpose
This quarterly is dedicated to efforts of documenting the lives of Peter Cauble, Sr. (1786 NC-1870 Tyler Co. TX), of Mary Ann Rotan (1794 SC-1860 Tyler Co. TX), and of their ten children; of cataloguing the names of each of their descendants; and of reporting the current news of Cauble descendants and of allied families. Address all queries, news, and comments to Julia Cauble Smith, 2905 Sentinel Drive, Midland TX 79701. A subscription to Texas Cauble Report is included with membership in the Texas Cauble Family Association. Address all membership dues [$10 for those under age 65 and $5 for those over age 65] to Gary W. Cauble H2411, Treasurer of Cauble Family Association, 2015 Lone Rock, Kingwood, TX 77339. Fiscal year: 01 August - 31 July.