

# Texas Cauble-Rotan Family Report



Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church was built in Albany, Texas, in 1898 and stands as a beautiful reminder of earlier days in the historic town. The Charles Monroe Cauble family supported this church and attended services there. It is located just off the courthouse square and across the street north from Whitney Theatre.

**Christmas 2004 Volume 3: Number 2**

**Next Reunion: 17-19 June 2005 at Albany, Texas**

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# Rotan Family Research

**White County, Tennessee Marriage Records** found in Sharon Johnson Doliante, compiler, *Oldest Marriage Book 1809-1859* (n.p.: by compiler, 1977):

Page 5:  
John Griffith and Nancy Dalton were married April 6, 1839, by Jas. T. Hayes, Esq.

Page 8:  
Wm. R. [William Rotan] Griffith and Susannah Walling were married March 19, 1840, by Thos. Green, Esq.

Page 26:  
Thos. Snodgrass and Eliza Jane Evans were married July 8, 1847.

Page 40:  
Wm. R. [William Rotan] Evans and Mary E. McManus were married January 7, 1852, by Wm. Clayton, Esq.

**Notes from White County, Tennessee Deed Records:**

Volume C: 205: Indenture 7 August 1810 Joseph Nevill and John Garnett, latter of Barren County, Kentucky, 200 acres for \$480 paid.

Volume D: 50: Indenture 18 August 1810 Jaban Fitzgerald, Franklin County, Tennessee, one part and John Green, \$100 paid, tract on Lost Creek, 320 acres.

Volume E:66: Indenture 7 Sept 1812 John Garnett, Barren County, Kentucky, one part, and John Jett, \$100 paid, Lot 31 in Sparta.  
Witnesses: George C. Witt, J. A. Lane

Volume F:358: Indenture 23 October 1817 George Ailsworth, of town of Sparta, and John B. Garret of same place, \$70.00 paid, our equal moiety of 2 lots in Sparta, being nos. 71 and 72.

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# President's Letter



Dear Kin,

While I still can, I would like to take this time to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. As you are all aware, prayer has been removed from our schools and the mention of God from most public places. The same people behind that movement are now trying to remove Christ from Christmas and they have had some initial success. In some places it is now the Winter Holidays and people are greeted with Happy Holidays or Season Greetings and employees are forbidden to say the word *Christmas* in some department stores. Regardless of their success, they must face the fact that no other one person has had as great an impact on the world as Jesus Christ, and it all begin with his birth. This is a special time not only to celebrate his birth but to enjoy family and friends and I hope that is true for you and your family.

However, for many the holidays are a sad time, especially for those that have lost loved one or family member during the past year. Please remember them in your prayers.

I would also like to wish you a safe and happy new year. Remember the men and women that serve in our armed forces and continue to pray for their safety.

If you have not checked out our website, I would encourage you to do so. Sylvia and Julia continue to add interesting items. Remember to keep us updated on changes in your family.

Best Wishes,

*James*

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to **cauble@cox.net**;  
go to **www.cauble-rotan.org** for more  
Cauble-Rotan and allied family research.  
Descendants may submit their own research  
to our web site.





## Family Research - Militia Roll

**C. Holshousen Company**, Beat 3, 2nd Regt., 2nd Brig., Texas Militia, no exact date given, taken from Index to Military Rolls of the Republic of Texas, 1835-1845, Texas State Library, Austin, Texas. This company appears to have come from Tyler and Polk counties of Texas.

### Company

Brown, J.	Holshousen, C. (Capt)
Brown, Thos.	Hurt, Oliver
<b>Burch, Benj.</b>	King, John
<b>Burch, James</b>	Lancaster, A.D.
<b>Burch, Voluntine</b>	Lewis, W.T.
<b>Cauble, B.</b>	Low, H.
<b>Cauble, John</b> (2 Lt)	Low, Josph
Choate, J.H.	McFaddin, David
Chriswell, Thomas	McFaddin, J.F.
Clements, Emanuel	McKim, Charles
Clements, James	McKim, William
Cummins, David M.	Meirs (Miers), E.R.
Curry, Jackson	Miles, James
Curry, Richard	Morris, Burl (Burt)
Davis, Thomas	Parker, Milton
Dickson, Willam	Sherwood, George
Espy, Thomas	Standly, Green
<b>Green, Aron [Aaron]</b>	Stockston, J.F.
<b>Green, Benjamin</b>	Tillous, Hamton
<b>Green, David</b>	Tillous, Wiabey
<b>Green, Ezekial*</b>	Vinsant, Alford
<b>Green, Joseph</b>	Walker, William
<b>Green, Obadiah</b>	Watts, John
Hardin, J.B.	Whitmire, Jno.
Hardin, J.G. (1 Lt)	Whitmire, William
Hardin, W.B.	Wills, Joseph
Harrisson, Vinson	Wills, William
Holcomb, Martin	Youngblood, Jackson

*Note: Now, it is fairly certain that **Ezekial Green** lived in Tyler or Polk County sometime between 1835 and 1845, although he was gone by 1850. Did he share a kinship with the other Greens there or did he simply have a common name?*

## Hill County, Texas



*Hill County Crossroads* 6:1 (Jan 1987), page 2:  
John Behrunger and Miss Norine Parham married May 29, 1909 in Hill County, Texas.

*Hill County Crossroads* 7:4 (Oct 1988), page 3:  
G. C. Cauble and M. C. Cathey married December 23, 1886 in Hill County.  
Peter Cauble and Sarah Patterson married December 3, 1887 in Hill County.

*Hill County Crossroads* 5:2 (Jun 1986), page 7:  
J. Eugene Allen and Miss Oda Lera Cauble married April 4, 1895 in Hill County.  
page 9:  
J. P. Aylor and Miss Onus Cauble married September 22, 1895 in Hill County.  
W. T. Austin and Miss Maggie A. Harding married November 14, 1894 in Hill County.

*Hill County Crossroads* 11:1 (Jan 1992), pages 14-15:  
Virginia Green (30 Jan 1855 Hill County, TX-10 March 1950 Sulphur, Murray County, OK) married Ottoway B. Nance (22 Jun 1853 Hillsboro, Hill County, TX-05 Nov 1935 Sulphur, Murray County, OK) in Hill County, Texas on July 3, 1874.

## Craft Auction Planned for Reunion

Vice President **Dan Chick** H23531 invites each descendant to bring one of his or her best craft items to our reunion this coming summer for auction to benefit the Historic Peter Cauble House at Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas, as well as the cemeteries where our ancestors are buried. This is an entertaining way to support our family projects. Begin work soon on your craft item; contact Dan or Gwen for more details: (817/271-3649) or chick925@charter.net



# An Oil Field

The little town of Wirt, Oklahoma, was first called *Ragtown* for the tents that oil field workers lived in when the town was first started in 1913. The discovery and development of an oil pool in an area of small farms or grass-land certainly changed the complexion of the whole countryside. First arrivals on the scene were drilling crews, usually young men without the stabilizing influences of family and property responsibilities. The influx of these workmen necessitated development of rooming and boarding houses.

Within several months, the town's population swelled to several thousand, and businesses sprang up on both sides of Main Street. By 1920, Wirt boasted a bank and a movie theater, along with stores selling clothing and jewelry, a feed store, and filling stations with garages to maintain trucks and automobiles. The second stories of some buildings were establishments that allowed for the boisterous young men to purchase feminine companionship. According to one source, "extreme lawlessness and moral turpitude flourished," and the town became known for its disregard of the law. It was said that Wirt was a place where "hard and quick fists, tough and thick skulls, and the ready use of revolvers was the rule and not the exception."

Tent dwellings had long since been replaced by *lease houses*, which were small wood structures of two or three rooms built in the shotgun style. They had a shallow porch on the front and one room after another in a row from front to back of the house. Rooms were a bedroom/sitting room and a kitchen/dining room. Houses were only about 12 to 14 feet wide and little more than double that in length. Sometimes, the front porch would have a wire or wooden trellis around it with lovingly-planted flowers trailing their way up the sides.

Unfortunately, the unruly town of Wirt burned several times during its short existence, which must have been frightening for residents of the little wood structures built so close together. Buildings along Main Street were set far back from the curb so that, in the event of a fire, flames might not reach across the street. Christmas Day in 1920, there was an especially bad fire that burned many parts of the town. Photographs in the collection of the



# Christmas Carol

Oklahoma Historical Society show one whole side of Main Street completely burned out.

It was to this boomtown that **Lorenzo Dow Caldwell C762** (29 Sep 1899 Custer Co., OK-27 Mar 1934 Butler Co., KS) brought his young wife, **Sylvia Cordelia Rogers Caldwell** (17 Jul 1900 Dewey Co., OK-31 Jul 1998 Taylor Co., TX), sometime in late 1920 and they occupied a little lease house while awaiting the birth of their first child. Being large with child, Sylvia may not have been able to prepare the large meals that we have come to expect with the holidays, and no doubt there was no room



for a decorated tree in the tiny little house. The couple probably sought out a church for worship on Christmas Eve, which fell on Friday, and they may have visited with their kin who were also living in Wirt and working in the oil fields. Christmas Day may have seen family celebrations interrupted for all in the little town with the trauma of the fire, and certainly the pall of smoke and ash was in the air for days afterward.

On December 28, it started to rain early in the morning—a cold, hard rain that turned the town's streets to a muddy bog. It must have settled the smoke and seeped into the ash from

Above: **Lorenzo Dow Caldwell C762** with his young son, **Carol**, at the back of the little lease house in Wirt, Oklahoma. Note the Morning Glory vines on the house. They were the pride of the wife and mother, **Sylvia Rogers Caldwell**.

—Image is the work of Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211



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the town's fire, turning the landscape grey and giving Wirt a rather gloomy feeling.

Late that afternoon, Sylvia went into labor. Neighbors brought sheets of canvas (salvaged from supply wagon covers) and hung them around the sides of the little lease house porch to afford some privacy, though the adjacent houses were but a few feet away. And late in the evening, their son was born there on the porch. The young couple named him **Carol** and wrote with great joy to the family of their special *Christmas Carol*.

—**Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211**

Sources: John Wesley Morris, *Ghost Towns of Oklahoma* (Norman, OK: Univ. of OK Press, 1978; *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 17:4 (December 1939); Gerald Forbes, "Southwestern Oil Boom Towns," a typescript; Katie Wynema Caldwell Windsor, interview by Writer, Lea County, NM, 1997.

## Family Scrapbooks

Please send your family stories for publication in our family scrapbook, in *Texas Cauble-Rotan Report*, and at our web site.

Descendants who are interested in scrapbooking are invited to help save our family history by constructing their own allied family scrapbooks for displaying at our reunions and family days.

We have a large number of scrapbooks and photographs that help to preserve our family history; however, we need your stories, your history, and your photographs.

Revis has called for the submittal of current photographs of your family members. Please send them to:

**Revis Cauble Leonard H23611, 3 Nunn Place, Uvalde, TX 78801**  
(830/591-1900) [revisn@hotmail.com](mailto:revisn@hotmail.com)

## New Baby

**Kadence Rain Garrett H2322211** was born 14 November 2004 to **Jessica Garrett H232221**. Welcome to our family.



# A Christmas Memory



I grew up on a farm two and a half miles south of Oglesby in central Texas. We lived out in the country about a mile from the main gravel road. We did not have electricity and heated our living room only in the winter with wood, or sometimes, coal. My mother cooked using a wood stove, even in the hot summertime. When it rained, our dirt road became muddy and my father usually had to put mud chains on the car to take us kids to school. We farmed with mules until 1936 when my father changed to tractor farming.

My parents, as most farm families then, were not well off financially and most of the time everything that was bought, even food from the grocery store and seed for planting, was charged and carried by the merchants until the crops came in and then they were paid. Even though they were not well off financially, my mother and father always managed to have Santa Claus bring us kids something for Christmas. On Christmas Eve before going to bed we would hang our stockings on the rocking chair posts or on the edge of the table in the living room. On Christmas morning they would be full of oranges, apples, candy, and nuts. These were real treats for us then as fruit and such were considered more of a luxury than as a necessity for good health. My parents would also somehow manage to have Santa Claus bring us some kind of special toy to play with.

In 1928, I think it was, we had a big snow just at Christmas and it was real cold—too cold to go outside and play for several days. That Christmas Santa Claus brought my brother and me each a pretty red push-type scooter. Since we couldn't go outside we rode them around in the living room and played. After the weather permitted we rode them outside on our dirt road. We had fun with these scooters for several years. Another Christmas Santa Claus brought my brother and me each a baseball and catcher's mitt. We played catch with them and had fun together. In thinking back, I believe that time I spent with my brother was the best time we ever had together. Most of the time he and I were too busy helping our daddy on the farm to play very much.

My parents liked to play dominoes and the game 42. They would have friends over to our house to play or we would go to their home. We kids would have to go with them because they would not leave us at home alone. During one of these game nights, some boys—who came to our house with their parents—and my brother and I were talking about what we wanted Santa Claus to bring us. One of the older boys made fun of us and told us there is no Santa Claus and that our parents always give us the gifts and such. This was the first time I learned there is no Santa Claus.

In 1930, a week or so before Christmas, my brother-in-law, the husband of my oldest sister, who lived in Waco, Texas, wanted my father to make a wash tub full of eggnog to celebrate Christmas. My father and mother agreed to furnish the eggs and cream if he would bring the whiskey. On Christmas morning, my brother-in-law and sister brought with them the bootlegged whiskey for the eggnog. This was during Prohibition and he had made special arrangements to get the whiskey. Anyway, my mother, father, and other family help make lots of eggnog. Before the day was over most of us, excluding my mother, became a little tipsy. We had fun that day; I believe it was my most memorable Christmas at home. — J. D. Biggs E196



## Necrology

**ME1.18S.3 JoAnne Crawford** (13 December 1930 Dallas, Dallas County, TX-10 July 2004 Austin, Travis County, TX; buried Waco Memorial North), daughter of **Holly Brown** and **J. A. Crawford**, married **Albert Johnson Barnes**, son of Lucille Wright and Alga Johnson Barnes and a grandson of Nannie Mae Graves Wright and step-grandson of James Lafayette Cauble, on 31 December 1947 in McLennan County, Texas. They had a daughter, a son, five granddaughters, and a great-grandson. JoAnne worked for Amicable Life Insurance Company in Waco for thirty years and was a member of a Baptist church. [Albert J. Barnes to Writer, Letter, July 1995, Waco Texas; JoAnne Crawford Barnes, "Albert Johnson Barnes family group sheet," undocummented, supplied 30 November 1998; JoAnne Barnes obituary, *Waco Tribune-Herald*, 14 July 2004]

**MD637 Virgil [Steve] Mosser** (11 February 1928 Gainesville, Cooke County, TX-28 September 2004 Irving, Dallas County, TX; buried Calvary Cemetery, Dallas County, TX) married **Lyda Marguerite Lewis D637**, a daughter of Josie Gertrude Vincent and Robert Lee Lewis, Sr. D63, on 05 August 1952 at Gainesville, Cook County, Texas. They raised a son and a daughter and had four grandchildren and one great-grandson. The Mossers lived in Irving, Texas, where Steve was an accountant for Foremost Foods in Dallas for 35 years. They were members of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church. [Directory of 1988 Cauble Reunion Attendees, May 27-30, 1988, copy in Writer's files; Registration form, Eighth Cauble Reunion, Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas, 23-25 June 1995, copy in Writer's file; Virgil "Steve" Mosser obituary, *Dallas Morning News*, 30 September 2004]

**H12612 Judith Lynnette Burns** (31 August 1955 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX-07 October 2004 Arlington, Tarrant County, TX; buried Hawkins Cemetery, Arlington, Tarrant County, TX), daughter of Loretta Cox H1261 and James Richard Burns, Jr., first married **Albert Benson, Jr.**, in 1976 and had two daughters. Secondly, she married **Joseph Pepper Dogan**. Judith and her family lived in Arlington, Texas. [Flora Cauble Bluhm to Writer, Letter, 24 March 1996, Austwell, Texas; Loretta Cox Burns, email [jjimgay@comcast.net](mailto:jjimgay@comcast.net), 16 October 2004]

**E5132 Kenneth Wayne [Ken] Cauble** (28 January 1948 Midland County, TX-14 December 2004 Lincoln, NE, of complication from ALS), a son of Maxine Elliott Ezell and Barnes Riley Cauble, was a champion high school athlete in track and basketball. He later lettered in basketball at the University of Nebraska in 1968, 1969, and 1970. His career was in law enforcement and he was chief of police services and director of the department from 1991 until he became ill. Ken Cauble married **Lisa** \_\_\_ and had two sons, two daughters, and two grandchildren by 2004. He lived in Lincoln, NB. [Barnes Cauble obituary, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, 06 March 1999; Kenneth Wayne Cauble obituary, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, 16 December 2004]

# Necrology



**D6.10.321 Todd Tyler Christmas** (08 March 1978 Las Vegas, NM-29 November 2004 in a Black Hawk crash in TX; buried Christmas Ranch, Wagon Mound, NM), a son of Rebecca Lee and Bradford Ace Christmas D6.10.32, graduated from New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, NM, where he held the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and was a troop commander in 1997-1998. He completed his education at Texas A & M University with a degree in Agriculture Business in 2001. He married **Erica**, whom he met at Texas A & M, on 18 August 2001. Todd spent a year in Iraq, being decorated for bravery, and returned safely to Fort Hood in March 2004. He was promoted to the rank of Captain shortly before his death. A member of a Lutheran church, Captain Christmas was remembered as a natural leader who enjoyed his military career and who was a loving husband, brother, son, and friend. His brothers are Will and Matt Christmas. **Go with our prayers, American Hero.** [Becky Christmas to Writer, Letters, 06 August 1997, 31 August 1997, 12 January 1998, Wagon Mound, New Mexico; Holly Huffman, "True Friend, Proud American," *The Bryan-College Station Eagle*, 02 December 2004, online [www.theeagle.com/aandmnews/120204CptnChristmas.php](http://www.theeagle.com/aandmnews/120204CptnChristmas.php), assessed 15 December 2004; graphic work by Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211]

## Family Prayer and News

### Our Kin in the Military

We support our nation's military with love and prayer;  
we are proud of our kin who serve!

*U. S. Army:* **Carol R. [Trey] Caldwell C762121; Danielle J. Gluck of C7.12. family; Lee C. Mahan of C7.12. family; Paul Hill MH231213; Justin Wimberley MH236111; Tony Stock HA51311; and, Capt. Todd Christmas D6.10.321, who died in the Black Hawk crash 29 November 2004;**

*U. S. Marines:* **James Leonard Saint E151112; John D. Connell HA51431S; Kenneth J. Windsor of C7.12. family**

*U. S. Navy:* **Erin Bell H232212; James Andrew Tanner H127111**

**Steve Bell H23221** has been falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned for several years. Steve and his family need our prayers. Pray also for those with health problems: **Jackie Sullivan ME1.13.31; Dorothy Lewis Warren D638, Falby Cauble ME1.12.6; Richard Long MH2362.**



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Good news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing:  
To us this day a child is given, To crown us with the joy of heaven. —Martin Luther