

# Cauble-Rotan Family Report

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**Colton S. Long** H236211, second from right above, was named the 2007 winner of the Captain Todd Christmas Memorial Scholarship at the Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion on 9 June 2007. Colton is the son of **Richard Long** H23621 of Sterling City, Texas, and a grandson of **Carolyn Cauble Long** H2362 and **Sid Long** of Robert Lee, Texas. Colton will transfer to Texas Tech University in Lubbock for the upcoming fall semester, where he will major in business. We are proud of Colton and our other college students. Names and addresses of other family scholars are found on page 12 of this issue.

Also pictured above from left: President **James Cauble** E7223; Board Member **Brad Christmas** D6.10.32 and **Becky Christmas**, who support the scholarship fund with a matching grant; **Colton**, and his grandmother, **Carolyn Cauble Long** H2362. Image: Al H. Smith

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**2008 Reunion: 13-14 June 2008 at Whitney Theatre in Albany, Texas**

# President's Letter

Dear Kin,

We had another successful reunion last month with about 65-70 in attendance, including a few first-time attendees. Everyone seemed to have a good time and was treated to another delicious meal catered by Bill Cauble. I don't have the final numbers on this year's auction, but we brought in about \$1700 which will all go into the scholarship fund. Special thanks to everyone that participated in the auction by donating items and bidding on the items. As usual this was the highpoint of the day and Dan was at his best as auctioneer. Our plan is to continue to grow the scholarship fund to a point that it is endowed and the annual scholarship will come from the earnings and contributions and we will not have to touch the principle. With your generous support we are rapidly approaching that point. This year scholarship recipient **Colton Long** is a fine young man and should represent us and the memory of Todd very well. We wish him the best at Texas Tech this year.

In our business meeting we agreed to continue our support of Dr. Hay's work at Camp Takula which includes the Peter Cauble House and cemetery and the Prairie Grove cemetery. The Roby Cemetery had asked for financial help with their maintenance and we agreed to send them \$50, since we have a number of kin buried there we felt it was the right thing to do.

Next year's reunion will again be held at the Whitney Theater in Albany on June 13-14. The Lewis family (D6) and Caldwell family (C7) in lieu of having separate reunions next year will join us in Albany. We are not sure of the numbers but we could easily double this year's attendance, which will mean more fun, a bigger auction, and more entries in the dessert contest. Circle the date on your calendar and make your plans early next year if you plan on staying in Albany. The 13-14 is not a Fandangle weekend but as you know rooms are not that plentiful.

We are still planning a Family Day at the Peter Cauble house in Peach Tree Village on November 3. If you don't know, this is where our family roots began in Texas and the location of the hewn-log house that Peter Cauble and his wife Mary Ann Rotan and their family lived in during the 1830s. The family cemetery is nearby. It is well worth a visit and I hope you plan on attending. The details will be sent to you in the near future.

I hope you have a great summer.

*James*

**President James Sterling Cauble E7223**  
Image by Al H. Smith



# The Board Meeting



The Board of Directors—shown above facing camera, President **James Cauble** E7223, Chaplain **Kiefer Cauble** H2361, Vice President **Dan Chick** H23531, Editor **Julia Cauble Smith** H2353, Treasurer **Gwen Chick** MH23531, Chaplain **Don Cauble** E1.12.6, Director **Brad Christmas** D6.10.32 [back to camera], and Secretary **Connie Baker Wallner** E22221—met to discuss finances, cemetery maintenance, the scholarship fund, and the auction.

Past President **Dan Cauble** H1321 was present at the meeting after the photo was taken. Director **Bill Cauble** E7221 was supervising the food preparation. Past Presidents—**Roy Hughes** C14232, **James Carroll Cauble** E1432, and **Jane Levý** E1361, Scrapbook Chairman **Revis Cauble Leonard** H23611, and Webmaster **Sylvia Caldwell Rankin** C76211 were unable to attend.

At the meeting, the Board gave the treasurer independent authority to manage the money accounts to earn more interest. Since the treasurer is a Certified Public Accountant and the former Chief Financial Officer of Texas Bank, she is well qualified to professionally handle the organization's money.

Members of the Board voted to send \$500 to help maintain the Historic Peter Cauble House and the Cauble-Burch Cemetery at Peach Tree Village in Tyler County. Two other ancestral cemeteries requested money to help with summer mowing—Prairie Grove Cemetery in McLennan County, Texas, and Roby Cemetery in Fisher County, Texas. The Board approved a gift of \$50 to each.

All proceeds from the 2007 auction were designated for the scholarship fund. The auction brought in about \$1700. The Brad Christmas family graciously provides a matching grant for the scholarship fund in the same amount as the auction.

The suggestion was made at the board meeting that Texas Cauble Family Association look toward the possible creation of an endowment for the scholarship fund. This idea was received enthusiastically by all board members, but no plans are ready to present at this date.

# The Visiting



From left: **Becky Christmas** MD6.10.23 and **Dana Lewis** MD6213 are Lewis descendants by marriage and will be helping all Lewis descendants enjoy the 2008 reunion.



From left: **Jennifer Cook** E722131, **Catherine Cauble Cook**, E72213, **Cheryl Cauble Arnold-Pounds** E72214, and **Shannon Cauble** ME72241 watch the auction. All the wooden replicas of the Shackelford County Courthouse shown on the tables were made by **James Sterling Cauble** E7223 as centerpieces and prizes.  
Image: James Cauble

# So Good To See You



From left: H23 descendants—Carolyn Cauble Long, LaVonia Cauble Margala, Julia Cauble Smith, Jessie Cauble Pendergrass, Debby Loving, Linda Cauble Jenkins, Donnie Loving Cauble Walker. LaVonia last attended a family reunion thirty years ago and was warmly welcomed by her first cousins and aunts at this one. LaVonia won the prize for the most distance traveled to the reunion—from California. Aunt Jessie won the prize for the most years lived.  
Image: Al H. Smith



Auctioneer Dan Chick greets Mildred Cauble Callihan as her daughter, Sherri Callihan Wigington, and Jim Wallner watch. Background: Nathan Colwell admires the Shackelford County courthouse replica he just won.  
Image: Al H. Smith

# The Dessert Contest



Left: **Mary Lewis Hennessey D636**, **Pat Cauble MH1321**, and **Connie Baker Wallner C22221**—bakers of the best desserts—are pictured with **Debby Loving H23.10.4** and **Bill Cauble E7221**. Bill kindly gave copies of his best-selling cookbook to the winners. Debby acted as Dessert Contest Chairman for Aunt Jessie Cauble Pendergrass H239, the longtime official Dessert Contest Chairman. The editor has requested the winning recipes for publishing in future newsletters.

Image: Al H. Smith

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## Write This Down

The 2008 Cauble-Rotan Reunion is 13-14 June 2008 at the Whitney Theatre, Albany, Texas. It will be a l-a-r-g-e gathering! We have invited the descendants of **Mary Ann Burch D6** and **Stephen Lafayette Lewis** and the descendants of **Ethel Irene Wood C76** and **Andrew Franklin Caldwell** to have their reunions with the whole Cauble-Rotan family. All descendants of the Lewis family and of the Caldwell family are also Cauble-Rotan descendants.

**Reserve your chair early; the capacity of the theatre is limited!**

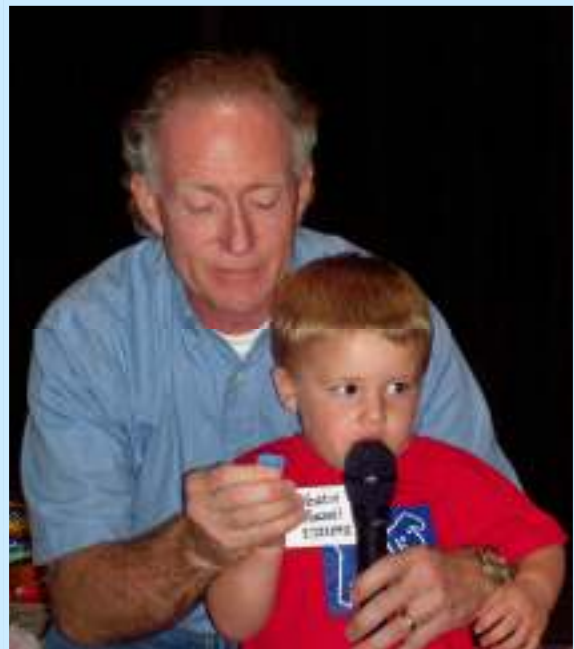
# The Auction

The auction was one of our best. Auctioneer Dan Chick, shown at left, was entertaining and the auction items were interesting and sought-after. Those who donated one or more auction items were Ernestine and James Cauble, Mildred Cauble Callihan, Mary Lewis Hennessy, Marguerite Lewis Mosser, Nathan Colwell, Kiefer Cauble, Dana and Rusty Lewis, Becky and Brad Christmas, Shannon Cauble, Carolyn Cauble Long, Jordan Chick, Al and Julia Cauble Smith, and Jim and Connie Baker Wallner. Those who successfully bid on items were Kade Cauble, LaVonia Cauble Margala, Shannon Cauble, Kaelor Cauble, Bill Cauble, Shelly Cauble Baize, James Cauble, Dana Lewis, Julia Cauble Smith, Becky Christmas, Cheryl Cauble Arnold-Pounds, Jennifer Cook, Marguerite Lewis Mosser, Debby Loving, Shawn Chick, Ernestine Cauble, Gwen Chick, Mildred Cauble Callihan, Kiefer Cauble, Connie Baker Wallner, and Dan Chick. Many others made unsuccessful bids.

The most exciting item offered for auction—according to some—was the Founders Quilt. Mildred Cauble Callihan won the Founders Quilt in a silent auction in 2002 and kindly returned it for auctioning again this year. It was constructed in 2001 from quilt blocks made by Becky Christmas, LaVonia Cauble Margala, Ruby Lyons Yarter, Revis Cauble Leonard, Aubry Nell Cauble, Jessie Cauble Pendergrass, Lavonia Cauble Loving, Kathleen Gregory Underwood, and Tommie Eberhart Hughes. The editor set the blocks and created four other blocks to honor the four who worked on the first reunion: Wendel O. Montgomery, Woodrow W. Biggs, Dee Cauble Bitner, and Julia Cauble Smith. Eleven half-blocks honor founding members and early reunion attendees: Flora Cauble Bluhm, Mildred Cauble Callihan, Dan Cauble, Don Cauble, James Sterling Cauble, Rex Cauble, Helen Cauble Cozart, Roy Hughes, Bob Lewis, Totsy Cauble Neel, and Jessie Cauble Pendergrass. The quilt raised \$70 in a raffle in 2001 and about \$200 in 2002; it sold for \$300 this year. The auction brought in about \$1700 this year for the Capt. Todd Christmas Memorial Scholarship Fund.

*Thanks to Dan, the crafters,  
bidders, and small helpers!*

Right: Auctioneer Dan Chick with his youngest helper, **Keatin Russell** E722242, age 2, as they called numbers for a door prize. Keatin won the prize for the youngest attendee and worked the auction by delivering items to their bidders.  
Image: James Cauble



# From the C7 Family Registry

**Ethel Irene [Irena] Wood C76** (06 January 1878 Hood County, Texas-16 June 1950 Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico), a daughter of **Jessie Loucinda Cauble** (1 April 1853 Hill County, Texas-8 October 1923) and **George Washington Wood** (25 December 1846 Hall County, Georgia-28 February 1934 Potter County, Texas), was age 2 and lived with her parents and siblings in Hood County, Texas, in the summer of 1880. That was the first time her name appeared in public records.

When she was eighteen, Ethel Irene Wood married **Andrew Franklin Caldwell** (17 May 1864 Rome, Floyd County, Georgia-08 February 1947 Lovington, New Mexico), son of **Frances Ann Bailey** (13 March 1841 Cherokee County, Georgia-28 September 1869 Talking Rock, Pickens County, Georgia) and **Allison Caldwell** (28 July 1838 Talking Rock, Pickens County, Georgia-08 September 1901 Fall Creek, Hood County, Texas), on 20 October 1896 in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas. After their marriage, the couple migrated from Texas to Oklahoma Territory, where they had filed on a homestead located on Wildhorse Creek, northeast of Hammon in the present Roger Mills or Custer County, Oklahoma.

Franklin Caldwell's family initially lived in a dugout, as many early settlers did. On 15 April 1910 when the census taker came to the Caldwell home, the couple and their children lived on their farm at Dewey, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. Over the years, the Cawdwells had six children—**Katie** (1897), **Lorenzo Dow** (1899), **Alfred Bartow** (1902), **Allen Frank** (1903), **Jessie Lu** (1905), and **Dorothy** (1907). Ethel and Frank Caldwell migrated to New Mexico in the early 1900s. It was here that Ethel raised her grandson, **Tearle Kring**. She died at the home of her daughter, **Jessie Lu Caldwell Osburn**, in Lovington, New Mexico. Ethel and Frank Caldwell are both buried in the Lovington Cemetery. [Documentation for the above article can be sent upon request to the editor.]

*All descendants of the six Caldwell siblings are invited to reunion with the larger Cauble-Rotan family in Albany on 13-14 June 2008. Although we know and appreciate **Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211** and **John Allen Caldwell C7644**, we want to meet all of their Caldwell cousins. Please come, Caldwell kin from New York, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.*

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# From the D6 Family Registry

**Mary Ann Burch D6** (before 22 June 1853-22 February 1918), a daughter of **Helen Elmira Cauble** (15 August 1819 Franklin County, Alabama-3 April 1889 Tyler County, Texas) and **Valentine Ignatius Burch** (14 February 1813 Bullit County, Kentucky-17 October 1892 Polk County, Texas), was born in Trinity County, Texas. On 22 June 1870 she was recorded as age seventeen, born in Texas, and living with her parents at their Tyler County farm. Mary Ann Burch married **Stephen Lafayette Lewis** (20 April 1851 Mississippi-27 April 1924) on 5 January 1874 in Tyler County, Texas.

The couple had eleven children—**James Lafayette** (1874), **Angus Valentine** (1875), **Robert Lee** (1877), **Henry Shepard [Hal]** (1879), **Mary Emma** (1880), **John Ignatius** (1883), **Alice Helen** (1885), **Stella Gertrude** (1887), **Joseph Murrell** (1888), **Leo Burch Lewis** (1891), and **Loyola Chase** (1894). Lafayette Lewis was a farmer and stockman. The family was Roman Catholic. [Documentation will be sent to any who requests it from the Editor.]

## In Her Own Words

“Only within the last few years I learned from my sister Emma that my grandmother [Helen Elmira Cauble Burch], who was truly a Cauble in every sense of the word, was so annoyed and disappointed with my mother for not marrying Dr. Whitehead to whom she had been engaged, that she refused to let my mother marry in the home. In order to prevent an elopement, my grandfather took a firm stand—even against a Cauble—and arranged for the marriage to be performed on the grounds. Father Hennessey, a young priest who was assigned to the Peach Tree Village mission, performed the ceremony. This was the first marriage that Father had blessed, but it seemed to have had a lasting impression.

“When I was a very young girl at Ursuline Academy in Dallas, Father Hennessey was there for some celebration. I made it my business to meet him and I made known to him, very proudly, that he had married my mother and father—**Mary Ann Burch** and **Lafayette Lewis** of Peach Tree Village. I had already gotten Father Hennessey’s blessing, but when I finished my little speech, he had me kneel to receive another blessing.

“My grandfather was always devoted to my father. When Mama first met Papa, he was working for Grandfather. He was a poor orphan boy, not a Catholic, but these factors in no way affected either Mother or Grandfather...I was eight or nine when Papa embraced the Faith, and what a devoted Catholic he proved to be. It was my privilege to nurse him in his last illness at St. Joseph’s in Fort Worth. He was conscious within an hour of his death, and so often spoke of the great gift of Faith. Mama had died five years previously in the home of my older brother, Angus. I also had the privilege of nursing her in her last illness. This was hard for all of us, but especially for dear Papa, who loved her so deeply.”

—Sister Mary Victory as quoted from John P. Landers to Sister Mary Victory, Letter, 27 February 1957, copy in Writer’s files.

*Bob Lewis, Steve Lewis, Mary Lewis Hennessey, and Marguerite Lewis Mosser were charter members of Texas Cauble Family Association. Other Lewis descendants have attended reunions along the way, but we look forward to meeting all of the Lewis family on 13-14 June 2008 in Albany, Texas!*

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# Young Descendants



Image: Judy  
Cauble Carr  
H13211

**Kailee Carr** H132111 will be a sophomore at Richland High School in Birdville Independent School District. She has played softball with 90 Texas Xtreme four years, traveling nationwide. Grandparents **Pat and Dan Cauble** H1321 have traveled as far as Florida to see her team play. Kailee's team was scheduled to play at Triple Crown College Look Nationals in Aurora, Colorado, from 25 June-1 July 2007. Kailee is the daughter of **Kenneth and Judy Cauble Carr** H13211.

# Entertaining the Kids of Summer

## Ice Cream in a Bag

Here is a fun idea for a hot summer day. Kids love it! Note: As in all recipes, results can vary depending on humidity, conditions, etc. Please try any recipe out before attempting in a group setting. This project is rated *very easy* to do.

### What You Need:

1 tablespoon sugar  
1/2 cup milk or half & half  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
6 tablespoons Rock salt  
1 pint-size Ziploc plastic bag  
1 gallon-size Ziploc plastic bag  
Ice cubes



Jordan Chick H235312 and dog, Diesel, who also likes ice cream.  
Image: Gwen Chick

### How To Make It

Fill the large bag half full of ice and add the rock salt. Seal the bag. Put milk, vanilla, and sugar into the small bag, and seal it. Place the small bag inside the large one and seal again carefully. Shake until mixture is ice cream or about 5 minutes. Wipe off top of small bag, then open carefully and enjoy!



Recipe submitted by Phyllis Hudson Hance E2551  
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Phyllis Hudson Hance E2551  
Image: Peggy Cauble Cox E7231

# Family Scholars

The Barn-Raising Committee is designed to offer family members encouragement in difficult times and to share in celebrations in good times. One way we celebrate the achievements of our young women and men is to recognize and encourage college students. Four of our college students attended the 2007 reunion in June. They were **Colton Long** H236211, our scholarship recipient; **Shawn Chick** H235311; **Nathan Colwell** H236121; and, **Jennifer Cook** E722131.

We can give only one scholarship at this time, but we can offer other encouragements to all of our kin who are preparing to enter adult life. The Barn-Raising Committee asks that we remember these students on special occasions and their birthdays with a message, card, or gift. Who can fail when he or she knows the whole family is cheering for one's success?

## Facts About Our Scholars

**Colton Long**, 2007 scholarship winner, will attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, in the fall. He holds an associate degree from Butler Community College at El Dorado, Kansas. Colton's summer address: P. O. Box 402, Sterling City, TX 76951. When the semester begins, we will have his campus address. Birthday: February 28.



**Thomas J. Jones** H29112, 2006 scholarship winner, plans to graduate at the end of the fall semester. His address: LeTourneau University, P. O. Box 7001 CPO 255, Longview, TX 75607. Birthday: April 15; email [tjjones@letu.edu](mailto:tjjones@letu.edu).

## Facts About Our Other College Students

**Jennifer Cook** has been a student at South Plains College and plans to transfer to Texas Tech in the fall. Home address: 709 Lacy Drive, Albany, TX 76430. Birthday: October 30.

**Nathan Colwell** will enter Texas Tech University in the fall of 2007. Birthday: March 8; email: [Bet4it@aol.com](mailto:Bet4it@aol.com)

**Shawn Chick** is a student pilot in the flight program at Midland College in Midland, Texas. He plans to graduate in December 2007 and to begin training as a pilot with Mesa Airlines. Shawn lives on campus, but receives post office mail at 2905 Sentinel Drive, Midland, TX 79701. Birthday: March 11; email: [FlyinAce7@yahoo.com](mailto:FlyinAce7@yahoo.com)

**Will Christmas** D6.10.233 is a senior at New Mexico State University and will graduate in December 2007. His address: 5800 Stern Drive, No. E14, Las Cruces, MN 88001. Will's birthday: January 31.

*Anyone knowing other descendants who are college students should send the information to Roy Hughes <[roynlue2@verizon.net](mailto:roynlue2@verizon.net)> or Phyllis Hudson Hance <[phance@sw.rr.com](mailto:phance@sw.rr.com)> or the editor.*

# Remembering In Our Hearts and Prayers

## Family Members Who Serve in the Military

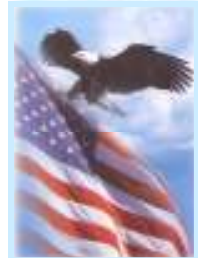
U. S. Air Force: **Stephen Baxter E75131**

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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**

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

U. S. Navy: **James Andrew Tanner H127111;**  
**Michael Douglas Hunt E146121** on a nuclear submarine.



## Prayer

**Kayce Lea Taylor H128224**, daughter of **Sherri Martinez and John Taylor H12822** and granddaughter of **Peggy Woolsey H1282 and Fred Taylor**. Kayce had a brain tumor removed and is doing fairly well. She was ten years old on 4 June 2007. Kayce and her family appreciate your prayers and encouragement.

**Carol Ann Moore E14611** recently found us—her extended family—through our website. Pray for good health for Carol Ann.

## Thanks For Supporting Texas Cauble Family Association

The fiscal year for our family association runs from one reunion to the next. Your dues help with our family projects—maintenance of the Historic Peter Cauble House and our ancestral cemeteries. You may send your \$10 check to **Gwen Chick, Treasurer, 132 Westridge Trail, Weatherford, TX 76087**. Thanks for your help.

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## *Above And Beyond*

Callihan, Mildred Cauble E1.13.3

Cauble, Bill E7221 and Doris

Cauble, James E7223 and Ernestine

Cauble, Kiefer H2361 and Aubry Nell

Chick, Dan H23531 and Gwen

Christmas, Brad D6.10.32 and Becky

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Wallner, Connie Baker E22221 and Jim

*Family Day at Peach Tree Village, 3 November 2007;*

*Come visit our ancestral home.*



Historic Peter Cauble House was built in the late 1830s at Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas.

*Image: Al H. Smith*

**Julia Cauble Smith H2353 is the editor of this newsletter and any errors found therein are hers.**

## **Statement of Purpose**

This genealogical quarterly is dedicated to documenting the lives of Peter Cauble, Sr. (1786 NC-1870 Tyler Co. TX), of his wife, Mary Ann Rotan (1794 SC-1860 Tyler Co. TX), and of their thousands of descendants; and, to reporting the news and genealogical research of Texas Cauble Family Association.

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