

# 1999 Meeting In Fisher County Was a Great Success



## West Texas Cauble-Rotan Family Day

Fifty-three descendants and friends gathered on 24 July 1999 in the hall of the Roby United Methodist Church in Fisher County, Texas, with **Aubry Nell and Kiefer Cauble H2361** as hosts. This reunion must be called a meeting of the descendants of **William Rotan** (died 1845 TN) and his wife, **Rosey**, of White County, Tennessee. **Mary Ann Rotan** (1794 SC-1860 TX), who married **Peter Cauble** (1786 NC-1870 TX), was a daughter of Rosey and William Rotan. **John A. Rotan** (1796 SC-by 1853 Tyler Co.,TX) was a close kinsman of the couple, but his exact kinship is not yet known. Rotan descendants who attended this family day were descended from John A. Rotan.

Although this meeting seemed doomed early in the week when we learned that we could not meet at the original location, it turned out to be the best reunion the writer [who has attended each and every one over the last thirteen years] has ever attended. The hall of the Methodist Church was just the right size and the food was really good. But, the best part was the excitement of those who attended. The many beautiful children and teenagers made the meeting lively and the older attendees found the younger ones entertaining.

Attendees at West Texas Family Day, listed somewhat in the order of arrival, were:

**Tommy Eberhart Hughes C6157/ H.D. Hughes MC6157**  
**Dan P. Cauble H1321/ Pat Cauble MH1321**  
**Donald W. Cauble E1.12.6/ Falby Cauble ME1.12.6**  
**Marie Petty Ethridge E1.12.21**  
**Dorothy Cauble Fowler E1.12.2**  
**Buster Cauble E1.12.4 / Rheba Cauble ME1.12.4**  
**Donnie Loving Walker M2H235**  
**Jessica Muskevitch, Loving descendant**  
**Katherine Loving, Loving descendant**  
**Lavonia Cauble Loving H23.10**  
**Helen Cauble Cozart H237**  
**Jessie Cauble Pendergrass H239**  
**Mildred Cauble Callihan E1.13.3/ Ross Callihan ME1.13.3**  
**Sherri Callihan Belew E1.13.34/ Hayley Belew E1.13.341/ Faith Belew E1.13.342**  
**Cecile McDonald, Rotan descendant**  
**Trina Reed Johnson, Rotan descendant / Dean Johnson**  
**Madlyn Verastegin, Rotan descendant**  
**Joseph Kirk Verastegin, Rotan descendant**  
**John Todd Bell, Rotan descendant**  
**Alice Midyett Paramore C43121**  
**Judith Georg Wick C43111**  
**Robert Cauble E7224/ Jill Cauble ME7224**  
**James Sterling Cauble E7223/ Ernestine Cauble ME7223**  
**Connie Baker Wallner E22221/ Jim Wallner ME22221**

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*Above: Lillian Rotan* (25 Dec 1865 McLennan Co. TX-04 Jan 1958) and *Neal Reed* (10 Sep 1851 McLennan Co. TX-27 Mar 1924 Sterling Co. TX ), who married on 25 November 1888 in McLennan County and came to Sterling County in 1889, where they established their ranch in 1890. The couple had six children and worked hard all their lives. Lillian was a daughter of **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 Louisiana-16 May 1878 McLennan Co. TX) and **William T. Rotan** (1835 Mississippi-after 21 Dec 1882), who married 02 February 1865 in McLennan County. **William T. Rotan** was a son of **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas). Lillian, her brother, **William Rotan** (born 1868), and her sister, **Annie Rotan** (born 1875), were raised by relatives after the untimely death of their mother. Anyone who may know about the adult lives and descendants of William or Annie Rotan, is asked to contact the editor or **Trina Beth Reed Johnson**, P. O. Box 1046, Sterling City, TX 76951 (432/378-5301).

*Family information and photograph supplied by Trina Beth Reed Johnson.*

*The eleven following family day attendees are John A. Rotan descendants, spouses of Rotan descendants, or friends of Rotan descendants [we love them all]:*  
**Nikki Michulka / Skipper Jed Michulka** [dessert judge]  
**Misty Michulka Adwell / David Adwell**  
**Christopher Adwell**  
**Alton Hillger**  
**Mauro Tyson Verastegin** [dessert judge]  
**Madison Verastegin**  
**Becky Puckett / Charlotte Puckett**  
**Deana Johnson**  
**Carolyn Cauble Long H2362/ Sydnie Long H236231**  
**Jane Garrett Levý E1361/ Rudy Levý ME1361**  
**Kiefer Cauble H2361/ Aubry Dennis Cauble MH2361**  
**Julia Cauble Smith H2353/ Al H. Smith MH2353**

Remember that family quilt we began in 1997? We still want to finish it as a fund-raiser, but we need a chairman to take over the project. You need to volunteer! Contact President Dan P. Cauble, 528 Clover Drive, Saginaw, Texas 76179-1158 (817/232-8836) <dcauble@flash.net> for details.

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## Business Meeting

A short business meeting was held after lunch with President **Dan P. Cauble**, presiding. The president extended a sincere welcome to the eighteen John A. Rotan descendants who were present. He presented a cookbook to the best-dessert-contest winner, **Jessie Cauble Pendergrass**. Dan also announced the 2000 reunion at Camp TA-KU-LA, Tyler County, Texas, on 24 June 2000. **Kiefer Cauble**, permanent chairman of West Texas Family Day for Cauble and allied families, announced Family Day 2000 will meet on 22 July 2000 at Rotan Senior Center, Fisher County, Texas. The registrar, **Julia Cauble Smith**, distributed copies of *Cauble Family Memory Book, 1998-1999*, a tribute to those who died, were born, or were the longest-lived descendants in the last year. The meeting adjourned and many of the group posed for the traditional family reunion photograph on the church steps in full Fisher County sun.

### Thank you, Aubry Nell and Kiefer

The Texas Cauble Family Association thanks **Aubry Nell and Kiefer Cauble** for hosting West Texas Family Day over the long years. We greatly appreciate your hard work, your love of family, and your quiet patience. Cauble family reunions would have ended years ago without your leadership because the editor does not possess many of your fine qualities and was ready to give up when you took over. We are grateful.

### Who is She?

**Mary Francis Cauble** was born 16 April 1924 in Montague County, Texas. [Texas Delayed Birth Records, Cert. 551579] Who were her parents?

**Martha Rotan**, 62 and born Tennessee, lived in **Edward Rotan's** household, East Waco, Texas, on 06 July 1870. Who was she?

Contact the editor, if you know.

## Family Day Report

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## The Showman Scrapbook



*Photograph of Wilson Fulbright's traveling tent show supplied by Alice Midyett Paramore and Judith Georg Wick*

photographs and stories. *The Showman* contains seventeen chapters and attempts to tell the stories of eighteen individuals or families who spent part of their lives on the show tour or in other forms of the entertainment business.

Those included in *The Showman* are:

**Tom Hughes C14 and family**  
**Robert Lee Hughes C144**  
**Jimmie Hughes C1441**  
**Tommy Hughes C145**  
**Lavva Cauble Fulbright C43 and family**  
**Ira Jessemon Fulbright C431**  
**Mike Midyett M3C431**  
**Curley Prickett M5431**  
**Paul Ponder M6C431**

**Wilson Fulbright C432 and Babe**  
**Hank Fulbright C4324**  
**Thomas Henry Fulbright C433**  
**John William Cauble C44**  
**Hershel T. Cauble C441**  
**Albert Monroe Cauble C45**  
**Idelia Cauble C451/Odelia Cauble C452**  
**Robert Ira Cauble C46**

All showmen photographs and stories are gladly welcomed.  
Contact Julia.

### 100th Birthday

**Leona Cauble H231** was born 29 September 1899 in Eastland County, Texas, to **Helena Olivia Ziegenfuss** and **James Andrew Cauble H23**. She married **Walter L. Henry** (25 Mar 1899-24 Nov 1971) in 1918 and they raised two daughters and a son. Leona will be 100 years old this fall!

Happy Birthday, Aunt Leona.

