

# Texas Cauble Report

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## Peter Cauble, Jr., Remains a Mystery to Family Researchers and Descendants

**Peter Cauble, Jr.**, was born in 1829 to **Mary Ann Rotan** and **Peter Cauble, Sr.**, while the family lived in Alabama. A few years later the family migrated to Texas, where Peter, Jr., grew up and became a farmer. He married **Nancy Ann Curtis**, a daughter of **Anne McCollister** and **James S. Curtis, Jr.** The couple had a son, **James Monroe Cauble**, on 23 May 1849 in Tyler or Polk county. A second son, **William Jefferson Lonzo [W. M.]**, was born to the couple on 19 November 1850. In 1854 a daughter, **Frances [Fanny]**, was born to Nancy Ann and Peter Cauble, Jr.

By 1855, when the Texas school census was taken, Peter, Jr., had moved his family to McLennan County, Texas. An older brother of Peter, Jr.'s, **Isaac Butler Cauble**, lived in that county and had aided Peter in starting a herd of cattle. On 17 December 1856, Peter Cauble, Jr., deeded the 350 head of cattle to **Sarah Cauble**, wife of Isaac Butler Cauble. This was the last document he executed. He was apparently selling out to move to another place. According to oral family tradition, Peter, Nancy, and the children started to Oklahoma and Peter was killed by Indians before or shortly after they arrived. Whatever the source of Peter's death, Nancy Ann Curtis Cauble remarried within a year.

On 21 December 1857, she married **John T. Bennett** in McLennan County, Texas, where she and the children had returned after Peter's death, if they had left at all. On the 1860 U. S. census, Nancy and her children were living in the Bennett household with a new baby born of the second marriage. What happened to the second husband and the new baby before 1870 is unknown. By the 1870 U. S. census, Nancy, William, and Fanny were living alone in McLennan County and James Monroe Cauble, who had married **Arena Melinda Hardin** in 1869, lived in the household of her family. Descendants still look for clues to the dates of the deaths of Peter Cauble, Jr., and of Nancy Ann Curtis Cauble Bennett.

—Julia Cauble Smith, aided by research of

**Dee Cauble Bitner** and the memory of **Berniece Cauble Irby**.

### Family Photograph



Above: James Andrew Cauble H23, grandson of Peter Cauble, Jr., is shown above with his wife, Helena Olivia Ziegenfuss, and their first daughter, Leona Cauble, about 1900 at Cisco, Eastland County, Texas

**Dr. Hazel I. Montgomery** E1.14.1, a long-time family researcher and supporter, died 05 September 1991 in Tyler, Texas. She was born in Aquilla, McLennan County, Texas. After graduating from University of Oklahoma Medical School, she served residencies in Rochester, NY, Los Angeles, CA, and Fort Worth, Texas. She worked as a general practitioner in West, Texas, from 1944-1958. From 1961 until her retirement, she was a practicing ophthalmologist. She was buried in Rosemond Cemetery in Waco, Texas.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, **Wendel and Georgia Montgomery** of West, and her niece, **Mimi Montgomery Irwin** of New York City.

**Send photographs of your ancestors to the editor.**

# Cauble Family Research

## Reproduced from the holdings of the Texas State Archives (Civil War):

[second card reads *Cauble, J. W./ see Cauble, J.C.O.*]

Name & Rank: **Cauble, J. C. O., Pvt.**

Comm. Off: Tullas, Joseph A., Capt.

Organ: Res. Cav. Co., Beat No. 7, Trinity Cty.,

11th Brig., TM; Reorg. May 23-62 as Co. A, 3rd Batt., 13th Regt., TX, CSA.

Enlist: May 9-62 in Tyler County.

Disch: [No date given]

Descrip: R&F 45; R&F 75; Co. comm. S. 16-61: Reorg. Under conscript. Law; 3rd Batt.,

Remarks: comd. By Maj. R. S. Gould; Col. Jno. Burnett Comdg. Regt.; John H. Johnson Ass't. surgeon; Jno. C. Miller, Ass't. Q. M. & Comm'y; James McDonald, Adj't., 2 mus. rolls: 1 dtd. Au. 8-61 (with R&F of 45) and one dtd. May 30-62 (with R&F of 75); Name appears only on roll dated. May 30-62.

## Assessment of Property Being Within Tyler County, Texas; Taken from Office of State Comptroller on microfilm at Texas State Library

[Note: **James Green, Ellis Green, Tom Green, Ben Green, and Joseph Green** were also listed on this roll..]

### Year 1851:

John W. Cauble 60 acres G. Aranja Grant on Russell Creek, Value \$200; 5 horses \$125; 40 cattle \$160; total property \$485; 1 poll; state tax \$.72; county tax \$.61

Peter Cauble, Jr., 1 horse \$25; 10 cattle \$60; total property \$85; 1 poll; state tax \$.12; county tax \$.31

D.B. Cauble 160 acres J. Maize Headright on Russell Creek, Value \$100; 4 horses \$170; 125 cattle \$500; total property \$770; 1 poll; state tax \$1.14; county tax \$.82

John M. Cauble 46 acres G. Aranja Grant, Value \$75

P. Cauble,  
agt for wife 165 acres G. Aranja Grant, Value \$320; 9 Negroes \$3000; 2 horses \$50; 65 cattle \$310; total property \$3690; no poll; state tax \$5.54; county tax \$2.77

Aaron Green 277 acres Clements Headright on Tillis River, Value \$1000; 100 acres A. Green Headright on Neches River, Value \$25; 5 horses \$300; 80 cattle \$400; total property \$1725; no poll; state tax \$2.58; county tax \$1.29

John W. Rotan 2 horses \$100; 50 cattle \$200; total property \$300; 1 poll; state tax \$.45; county tax \$.47

### Year 1852:

Aaron Green 100 acres P.E. Bean Grant on Fiddler Creek, Value \$325; 177 acres E. Clement Headright on Fiddler Creek, Value \$675; no taxes given

J.M. Cauble 4 horses \$200; 8 cattle \$8; total property \$280; 1 poll; state tax \$.42; county tax \$.46

P. Cauble,  
agt for wife 165 acres P.E. Bean Grant on Russell Creek, Value \$320; 6 Negroes \$3000; 3 horses \$125; 65 cattle \$260; total property \$3705; no poll; state tax \$5.50; county tax \$2.78

[This page is cut off and the surnames of the other taxpayers listed in this section are gone.]

Robert Rotan 1 horse \$75; 35 cattle \$140; total property \$215; 1 poll; state tax \$.34; county [illegible]

J. W. Rotan 4 horses \$200; 10 cattle \$50; total property \$250; 1 poll; state and county taxes not given

### Year 1853:

J.B. [D.B.?] Cobble 2 horses \$165; total property \$165; no poll ; state tax \$.25; county tax \$.38

J. M. Cobble 47 acres P.E. Bean Grant on Russell Creek, Value \$75; 5 horses \$300; 6 cattle \$30; miscellaneous property \$120; total property \$525; 1 poll; state tax \$.79; county tax \$.64

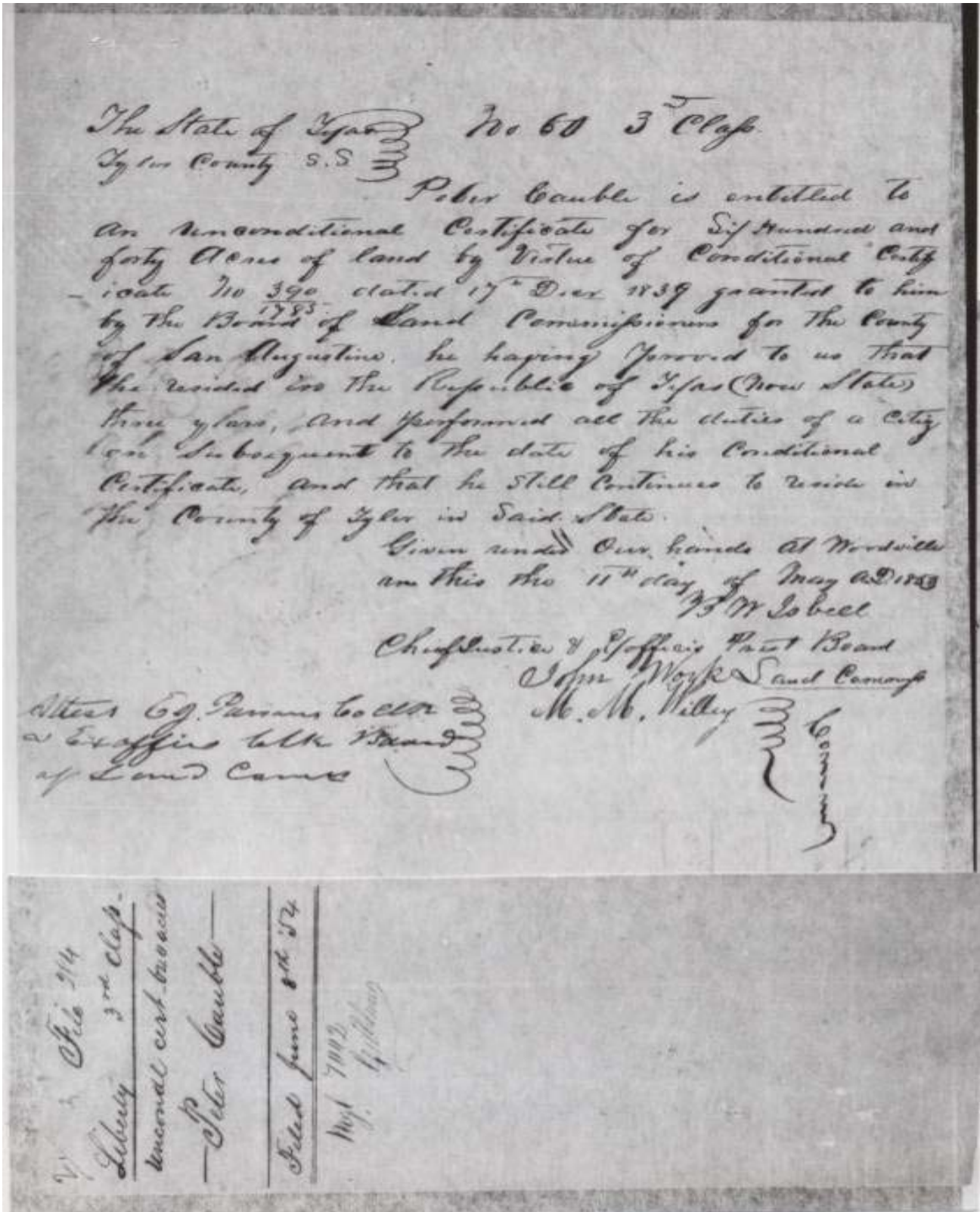
Peter Cobble, agt for wife 214 acres P.E. Bean Grant on Russell Creek, Value \$645; 6 negroes \$2610; 1 horse \$25; 80 cattle \$320; total property \$3590; no poll; state tax \$5.38; county tax \$2.69

Aaron Green 177 acres M. Clements Headright, Value \$354; 100 acres P.E. Bean Grant on Caney Creek, Value \$300

Robert Rotan 2 horses \$150; 25 cattle \$100; total property \$250; 1 poll; state tax \$.37; county tax \$.43

# Cauble Family Research

Third Class Unconditional Certificate No. 390/1785 was granted to Peter Cauble on 17 December 1839 by the Board of Land Commissioners for the County of San Augustine, Texas. The original document is on file in the General Land Office of Texas in Austin.





# Cauble Family Research

## Reminiscence

During the Civil War most men were in the service, and the women and children had a hard time making a living. The enemy soldiers would pass by your place and destroy your crops and take your food and cattle. One day Great-Grandmother Hughes [**Mary (Mollie) R. Cauble**] heard that the enemy was near. She had one of her children to drive the milk cows down to a creek and into a cave in the creek bank and to stay with them to keep them quiet so the soldiers would not find them. The child heard the soldiers pass by and waited until she was sure they were gone, then she drove the cows out of the creek and went back home. The milk cows were safe.

Another time they were without food. Great-Grandmother decided to see if she could find some wild turkey roost and get some turkey for meat. She went about two miles into the woods and found a roost. She broke limbs from bushes to mark a trail. The next morning about three o'clock she started out with her gun, an old muzzle loader, and one load [of shot]. [This gun fired once and then needed powder, wadding, and shot before it fired again.] Soon after she stopped near the roost to wait until light so she could see the turkeys, she heard something walking through the brushes. She turned her head toward the noise and listened. She knew by the spring in its walk that it was a large cat of some kind. She aimed the gun at the noise, when noise stopped she knew it had stopped to spring on her. She shot right where she thought it had stopped. She didn't move until daylight. Sure enough, she had killed a panther, but she had to go home without her turkey.

—Emma Harris Hughes MC14.10.

[From the reminiscences of **Emma Harris Hughes**, daughter-in-law of **Thomas Hughes**, son of **Mollie Cauble**, daughter of **John W. Cauble**, son of **Peter Cauble**. This letter was submitted by **Reba Hughes Torres**, daughter of **Emma Harris Hughes**]

## Letter



Royston, Tex Sept. 20, 1916

Dear Papa & Mama & Sweet Little Brother & Sisters

With much Pleasure I will answer your Letter received a few days ago this leaves us all well now truly hope these few lines will find you all well. Well what are you all doing these days. We are picken cotton that is all But Me & I set at the wagon & keep Books. I am not able to Pick. They are picken on our 8th bale now the crowd We have picks a Bale a day Cotton is selling at 15 to 16 cts a pound. Nute [**Newt Jasper Clark**, her husband] is gone to town today with 3 bails & I am at the Wagon & the children is picken cotton. I am sure proud you all have a good crop We didn't make no feed Stuff to a mount to anything. But I think we will make 35 or 40 beles of cotton. Cotton seed is \$42 dollars a ton Now Papa I want you to answer back & tell me what cotton is selling at down there. Papa we haven't got no Place & cant find one to Rent at all. Our Land Lord sold our place & knocked us out & ever place around here is done rented. I don't know yet what we will do. Oh Dear Papa I wish you was in a different country to what you are we would come & live close to you. Well Mama how are you making it I am doing extry well now I set at the wagon & make them all work tell the children hello for me & tell them to not forget their far off sister that loves them so well Oh Mama you don't know how much I study about you all & Mama if any of you all gets sick please let me know at once I answered you alls other letter about 3 weeks ago But guess you all haven't got it by the way Papa wrote. Now Dear Papa I will close so please do let me hear from you often. Mama I want you to write next time too. Well I will close hoping to hear from you all soon. I Remain as Ever your Loving Daughter & Sister.

Vada A kiss for all XXXXX

A post script was written upside down at the top of page 1: good morning how are you all this morning We are all Well. Well Papa I thought I would tell you how much Nute got for his cotton yesterday. He got 15.32 1/2ct.

[Original letter is in the possession of and a copy was submitted by **Berniece Cauble Irby H29**, daughter of **W. M. Cauble** and his second wife, **Nancy**. **W. M. Cauble** and his first wife, **Julia L. Hardin**, divorced immediately after Vada and her twin, Vera, were born. The wife of W. M. Cauble at this time is his second wife, **Nancy**. Probably, **Lavada Cauble Clark H25** spent little time with her father's second family who lived in Angelina County, while the Clark family lived in Fisher County, Texas. Vada proved to be a resourceful person. She opened and operated for decades a café in Rotan, Texas, and is still remember today for her fine cooking.]





# Burch Family Research

Lampasas, Lampasas Co. Texas  
March 21st 1871

Mr. James Burch

Dear Friend,

Your letter of Jan 17th did not reach here until a day or two ago or it would have been answered sooner. My family are all well, but my own health is very poor. I have not been well in some time but hope I will soon be in my usual health. Joel Crain lives 12 miles this side of Waco on South Bosque. Newel Burdett is dead and Allen lives about Austin. Your Brother Valentine and Joel Crain are all the witnesses you will need to get your pension. Times are right hard here but those who farmed have very good crops the last two years. Last year there were a good many farms [farms] that lay idle. We are needing rain now. I have five children living, all of them grown and four of them married. All of my children that ever you saw are dead.

With best wishes for yourself and family

I remain as ever your friend

Lewis Knight

[Letter submitted by Sarah A. Cannon, P. O. Box 9218 VRS, Beaumont, Texas 77709]

## A Survey of Burch Cemetery, Polk County, Texas

Burch Cemetery is a small family cemetery located on a dirt road west of Moscow, Texas, in Polk County. This survey was submitted by Sarah A. Cannon, P. O. Box 9218 VRS, Beaumont, Texas 77709.

- Burch, Betty [Francis E.], born January 22, 1857, died November 9, 1949
- Burch, Dorothea Brown, born June 4, 1787, no death date.
- Burch, James, born July 11, 1816, died December 21, 1884, State of Texas Medallion for Military Service 1836
- Burch, James O., born 1884, died 1936.
- Burch, John L., born April 13, 1852, died October 25, 1915
- Burch, Martha Sims, born August 1, 1820, died May 24, 1901
- Burch, Mary Ellen, born July 22, 1848, died September 13, 1914
- Burch, Matilda, born March 4, 1850, died November 22, 1921
- Burch, Mattie, born 1861, died 1936
- Burch, Ruth, died September 25, 1897, age 2 years, 3 months and 15 days, daughter of B.B. and Mary Burch
- Burch, Samuel Lewis, born May 8, 1782, died 1850
- Cramer, Morris Milton, born April 29, 1879, died January 27, 1902
- Green, Matilda, born October 15, 1818, died September 27, 1895, wife of D. G. Green
- Holcomb, Alfred, born February 9, 1847, died June 2, 1905
- Holcomb, Amanda A., born November 10, 1881, died June 21, 1913, wife of H. Holcomb
- Holcomb, Matilda, born April 8, 1874, died January 8, 1884, daughter of H. and Amanda Holcomb
- Palmer, Martha G., born 1866, died 1899
- Parsons, Eliza Catherine, born November 11, 1854, died February 11, 1940



### Notes

of Sarah Burch Morris [daughter of Callie Mantooth and James Valentine Burch, son of Martha Simms and James Burch, son of Dorothea Brown and Samuel Lewis Burch]:

- 1) Marriage in Nelson County, Kentucky: Samuel Burch married Dorothea Brown on 23 May 1812.
- 2) Nelson County, Kentucky Court Records: Deed Book 20-507, October 1835, Samuel Burch and Dorothy, his wife, of Bullitt Co. to Benedict Blanford of Nelson County, land on the west fork of Cox's Creek in Nelson, 384 acres.
- 3) "...Family legend has stated that the Samuel Lewis Burch family came to Texas in 1825, but all the records point to his having migrated to Texas in 1835, and the birth of all his children as late as 1831 in Bardstown, and the record of the selling of his home near Bardstown, KY, in 1835, as well as promissory notes signed and paid off by him as late as 1834 show that he was living in KY in the early part of 1835. In trying to trace through the Land Office in Austin, the only record that I found shows that Samuel Lewis Burch was granted a duplicate First Class Certificate No. 1418/1517 for one league and one labor of land February 2, 1854 in Wood County/Nacogdoches Co. This duplicate certificate states that the original certificate was not recollected, nor is the date of the original given. It is certain that the family was living in San Augustine County in 1836, for it was there that Valentine Ignatious and James Monroe Burch enlisted for service in the war between Texas and Mexico. In discussing the discrepancy in the dates of the family migration to Texas with an aunt, Elizabeth [Betty] Burch, a granddaughter of Samuel, she told me that she was under the impression that her grandfather made a trip to Texas a few years before he moved his family in order to test the climate..."



# Letters to the Editor



10 Sep 1991

Dear Julia,

I regret that I was not able to attend the reunion; however, **Marguerite Lewis Mosser** contacted me about a week before the reunion date and I appreciate your advising her of my interest in family history...I looked through some of the IOUs I have and I discovered that on May 22, 1826, **Sam Burch** paid five dollars commonwealth money on note no. 1883 to the office of the Bullitt Circuit Court. The **Samuel Burch** family lived in Bullitt County, Kentucky. Also, a note was signed by **Samuel Burch** in the amount of \$18.00 on April 1830. On the back of the note is: **Saml Burch**, Due Bill--Bro of **Edw H Burch**, Bullitt Cty.

Sincerely, Sarah "Sallie" Cannon

[Sarah is a granddaughter of **Sarah Burch Morris**, descendant of **James Burch**, brother of **Valentine Burch** who married **Helen Elmira Cauble**.]

Dear Julia,

Rt. 1, Box 120, Blanket, TX 76432, Oct 15, 1991

I tried to research **Sarah Hulett**. I wondered from the Court Records when **Peter Cauble** dropped the divorce action and then he was indicted for murder if something had happened to her. I found her in Polk County in 1870 with her daughter, **Elizabeth Williams**, and grandchildren. So, she didn't die. Perhaps she filed for divorce in Polk County. Have you checked?

I can't seem to find anything about **Mary Jane Lea**. I checked the 1860 census, but didn't find her. I also did some checking in 1870. She must have remarried. I wonder about the **Mary Cauble** on the 1872 Hill County tax roll (paid tax on horses). This could be Mary Jane. Evidently **Peter Cauble** had some type of property in Hill County as well as Tyler County. At first I thought the **Mary Cauble** on the tax roll was our **Mary R.**, divorced from **Henry Hughes**, and using her maiden name. What do you think?

In Franklin County, Alabama 1850 census, page 225, DW760, I found **Simeon Waits**, 47 SC, **Sudah Waits**, 36 TN, **Sarah**, 16 AL, **Catherine**, 15 AL, **Ann**, 12 AL, **Eliz**. 10 AL, **Lula**, 5 AL. Could this possibly be **Sarah Cauble Waights/Waits** with the name misspelled **Sudah**? She is about the right age and born in TN.

The letter about **Jacob and Isaac Cauble** of North Carolina was interesting. Have you heard any more?

Concerning the **Rattons** of Hopkins County, Texas, who came to Texas with the **Throckmortons**: I definitely think that they were cousins of our **Mary Ann Rotan**. We know that **James W. Throckmorton's** mother was **Susan Jane Rotan**, daughter of **William Rotan** of White County, Tennessee. **James W. Throckmorton** married his cousin, **Annie Rattan**, who was a granddaughter of **John Rattan** of Madison County, Illinois. According to the article, **John Rattan** and **William Ratton/Rotan** were brothers. There were so many spelling variations of **Rotan** that I am sure I have missed some of them. I hadn't thought about *Rattan* until this article.

I also did some research on the **Garnetts** and **Fitzgeralds**, but didn't turn up anything important. Didn't find out what happened to **Sarah Garnett** and **Elizabeth Fitzgerald**. I did locate some of the children on the census.

**Chaney: Evaliza Chaney Cauble's** mother, **Rebecca**, was 60 years old in 1860 and living with a daughter in Grimes County, Texas. Evidently, **Rebecca** died before 1870. I would like to know where she is buried and her maiden name. She married **Christopher Chaney** in Virginia, probably Washington County and all of their children were born there. They came to Texas in time for Christopher to take part in the Revolution. He was wounded and died shortly after San Jacinto.

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# Letters to the Editor

Roy and I researched in Somervell County recently. We found some **Caubles** and lots of **Matthews**—**Sarah Helen Matthews Hughes**. She was living with her mother, **Elizabeth**, and brother, **L. H.**, in 1880, shortly before she married **Tom Hughes**.

One more question: On the early tax rolls, did they sometimes assess all of their land in one county even though part of it was in another county? For instance: in 1857 and 1858 **Benj. Green, Jr.**, rendered land in both Hill and Freestone counties on the Hill County, Texas Assessment Roll.

Sincerely,

**Lue Hughes**

[Yes, it seems that land in other counties could be taxed in the county where one lived. —Editor]



## Family Recipes

### Directions for Dropsy

One gallon of verry Strong apple Vinager One hand full of rusty nails One hand full of black Snake root, the roots of forty bunches of [illegible] grass well beat up Put all of this into an grand pot and Simer it down to one quart then Strane it and slightly rinse the pot put this quart and one quart of good Whiskey and one pint of Syrup in to the Same pot and Simer it down to one quart take one Table Spoon full three times a day gest one half hour before eating.

[The handwritten original of the above recipe is in the possession of and a copy was submitted by **Sarah A. Cannon**, P. O. Box 9218 VRS, Beaumont, Texas 77709. Its author is unknown.]

### Frank's Bedtime Snack

Crumble a handful of cornbread leftover from dinner [which is lunch in farmers' nomenclature] into a quart Ma-son jar and cover with buttermilk. This is eaten with a spoon much like one eats cereal. [My father, **Frank E. Cauble H235**, also drank iced sweet milk, when we had ice.— editor]

**The editor welcomes submittals of family recipes--authentic and often-used or ancient and interesting. Submittals of research data and photographs for newsletters are welcomed also.**





# Queries

An oil company contacted the editor, looking for an **Elizabeth Cauble**, who lived on Rio Hondo Street, Harlingen, Texas, in 1986.  
Contact the editor.

Who was **Sara Cauble** who died 11 December 1932 in Shackelford County, Texas?  
If you know Sara's identity, contact the editor.

Seeking family of **Lethia Burnett**, who married **William C. Cauble** (1852-1877), a son of **Sarah E. Green** and **Isaac Butler Cauble**, about 1870 probably in Hill County, TX. Who were Lethia's parents? Where did Lethia die? Where is she buried? What hap-pened to Lethia's son **Alde Cauble**? Contact Richard C. Cauble, 1603 Hodges, Midland, Texas 79701 or telephone (915) 683-6917

Who was **Laura Cauble** who married **J. W. Revill** on 22 February 1903 in Eastland County, TX (Vol.4, p. 76)? Was she descended from one of the two sons of Peter Cauble, Jr.-- James Monroe or William Jefferson Lonzo Cauble? What other Caubles lived in Eastland County in 1903? Contact Julia Cauble Smith, 2905 Sentinel Drive, Midland, Texas 79701 (or call collect 915/697-4955)

**Peter Cauble, Jr.**, (1829 AL-1857 TX or OK) married **Nancy Ann Curtis** (1832 LA-unknown) 23 May 1849 in Tyler County, TX. Nancy married **John T. Bennett** after Peter's death. When and where did Nancy die? Were Nancy's parents **Anne McCollister** and **James S. Curtis**? If you can add to this research, contact Dee Cauble Bitner, 8455 Will Clayton #916, Humble, Texas 77338.

Who was **Hiram M. Cauble** of Wichita County, Texas, listed on the 1890 Special Census of Veterans? Who was **Carrie Cauble** who married **Robert Hagy** on 12 Jan 1895 in Wichita Co., TX. If you know these lines of descent, please write the editor or registrar.

The editor has several original marriage licenses (obtained from the Hill County court house by Kathleen Underwood of Waco), which she would like to mail to direct descendants of the couples. If you are a descendant of the following, contact Julia:

**D. S. Cauble** and **Miss Lee Martin**; or **John Polk Cauble** and **Melinda V. Mathews**; or **Pete Cauble** and **Sarah Patterson**..



## 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 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, Ed., 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, Cauble Family Association Treasurer, 12015 Lone Rock, Kingwood, TX 77339**. Fiscal year: 01 August - 31 July.

