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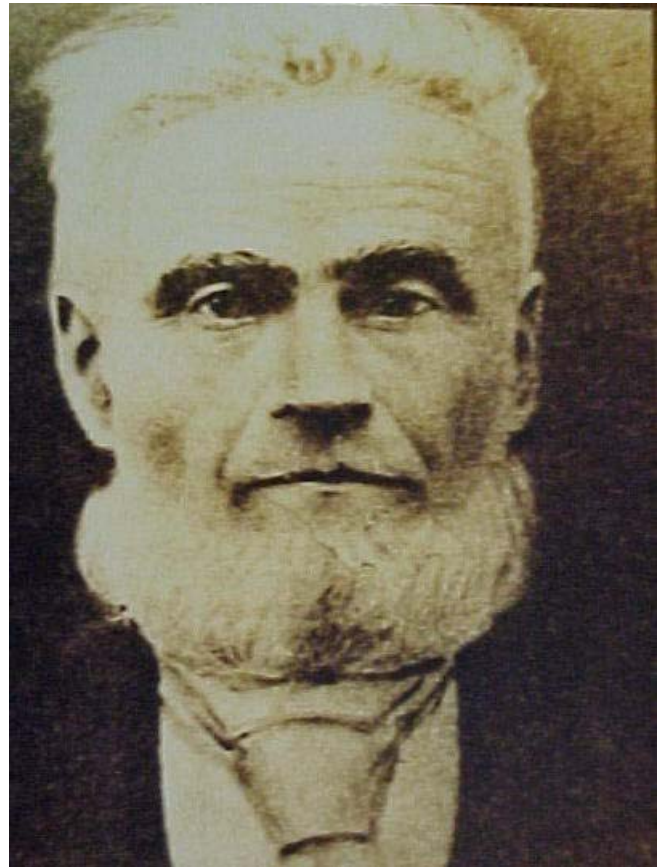
Families of Peter Cauble and Valentine Burch Were Early Settlers in Tyler County, Texas

Peter Cauble, Early Texas Settler

Peter Cauble (1786 - 9 March 1870) was born in North Carolina, where he apparently received a good education and reportedly taught school at some time. Before 1810 he migrated to White County, Tennessee, and met his future wife, **Mary Ann Rotan**, a daughter of **William Rotan**, a native of South Carolina. The couple probably married in White County and soon had two daughters and a son in that county—believed to have been **Elizabeth**, **Lucinda**, and **John W. Cauble**.

By the time **Helen Elmira** was born on 15 August 1819, the family had moved to Alabama. **Isaac Butler** was born 25 December 1820 in that state. Daughters **Sarah** and **Martha** were probably also born in Alabama. The two youngest sons listed their birthplaces as Alabama—**Peter, Jr.**, born in 1829 and **James W.** born in 1832. Sometime after James W. was born and about 1839, Peter Cauble permanently settled his family in Texas.

For several years Cauble, like other Tyler County settlers, used land to which he owned no legal title. Part of that land had been awarded to a military officer under the Gavino Aranjó Grant, issued by the Mexican government on 17 March 1834. However, the Aranjó Grant remained unclaimed by its owner. The Cauble family built their landmark house at Peach Tree Village by the late 1830s, being among the first non-Native American residents in the area. Peter Cauble listed his holdings as 5,000 acres of land and sixteen slaves on the 1860 U. S. census. Peter Cauble and Mary Ann Rotan Cauble are buried in Cauble-Burch Cemetery, a few hundred yards from their historic home.



Valentine Ignatius [Bob] Burch, above, was born 14 February 1813 in Bullit County, Kentucky, a son of **Dorothea Brown** and **Samuel Lewis Burch**. He married **Helen Elmira [Ann] Cauble**, a daughter of **Mary Ann Rotan and Peter Cauble**, in 1841. The Burches and some of their descendants lived in the Historic Peter Cauble House at Peach Tree Village. Bob and Ann Burch are buried in the Cauble-Burch Cemetery near the house.

Peter Cauble Research

Researcher: Julia Cauble Smith, 2905 Sentinel, Midland, Texas 79701

Research Date: December 1989

Source: Tyler County, Texas Probate Court Records, Volume D, pages 885-887

March 1870

[Note: This copy was marked as damaged and has several ink smears. The clerk wrote in a hand not easy to read.]

Peter Cauble Decd Last Will

The State of Texas) Know all men by these presents that

County of Tyler) I Peter Cauble of the state and county

aforesaid being feeble in health but of sound mind and memory make this my last will and testament to wit: 1st It is my will and desire after death to be buried in a manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life.

2nd It is my desire that after the payment of the expenses of my last illness all my just debts may be paid as soon as shall be convenient and proper.

3rd I will and bequeath unto my wife Mary L. Cauble the following property to wit my horse Selina 50 Bushels of corn 4 cows and calves choice of the four 1 Feather Bed and one bedstead and 1 Blanket 1 counterpain and two Sheets and [illegible and smeared].

4th I also bequeath unto my daughter Almira Burch, in consideration of her kindness to me during my last illness one feather bed and all the remaining bed clothes after taking out those [illegible] to my wife.

5th I desire that my remaining effects shall be equally divided share and share alike [among] my living children Butler D Cauble, Almira Burch, and Marty Green my daughter Almira Burch to share equally with the others as though the former bequest herein made had not been made and heirs of my deceased children John W Cauble, Peter Cauble, James W Cauble, Elizabeth Osborn, Lucinda Hughs, and Sarah Weights.

6th I hereby appoint W W Whitehead my executor to carry into effect this will.

7th I hereby appoint B.A. Cook, Henry S. Kirby and Henry West commissioners to provision and distribute my Estate.

8th It is my will and desire that the business of my estate shall be fully settled and closed as soon

leaving a will disposing of his effects which
 your petitioner respectfully suggests may be
 Admitted to Record which will is herewith filed
 and asks such necessary orders in the premise
 as may carry out the conditions of said will
 and as in duty bound

W W Whitehead

Filed in my office on this the 14 March 1870 P B McCullar C.C.T.C.

Probate of Peter Cauble's Will continued in Tyler County Probate Records, Volume D, pages 899-901:

Be it Remembered that there was begun and held a Regular term of the probate court in and for Tyler County
 on the 30th day of May 1870 officers foresaid - A I Hasseson
 County Judge R N Dicken Sheriff P B McCullar Clk

Inventory appraisement of the Property of the Estate of Peter Cauble Decd 1870 April 18th

3 ploughs with stacks @	5.00
1 Wagon Tyne 37th @ 6c	2.22
1 Lab-Vog D Plough 1 Chain anged Bell	
2 ax handles 2 axes 1 draw wedge 1 hand steelyards and 1 shovel @	2.50
1 spinning wheel & reel	7.00
1 lot cooking vessels and bowls and coffee mill	3.00
1 churn 8 jars 1 clock 1 pair hand scales	9.00
1/2 sack salt	3.00
1 bed & 1 sheet & 1 pillow and bed stead	38.00
1 double barrel Gunn	15.00
1 crop end saw	.50
1 30 gallon kettle	10.00
100 bushels corn more or less @125	125.00
1 mule called John	50.00
1 horse called Burton	50.00
1 lrg - D Single tells 1 clevis as han	
1 pair Traces of half wound	17.50
1 Bed 1 Sheet - 2 pillows and Bedstead	28.50
2 stone Jars - 1 Beer Stein & 1 Bead Tray	3.00
1 Iron pot	1.50
1 Loom and textiles for the same	5.00
1 Weeding hoe partly worn	.50
5 head of Geese	
40 head of cattle more or less @3.50	140.00
20 head of sheep more or less @ 8	20.00
1 Horse called Selina	75.00
1 Wagon and two yoke of steers	[blank]
1 wash pot & 1 small pot & lot of lbs as box	3.50
1 small table	2.50
1 grind stone	.50
	<u>628.05-1/2</u>

[Note: As you can see, the total listed is not the total one finds when one adds the figures. Several blanks were left which may account for the discrepancy.]

Notes on Accounts

1 Note Against S S Levger given in 1858		23.71
" " " W T Lewis & S T Kirby 1860		32.50
" " " W T Lewis & J T Kirby 1860		32.50
" " " L L Langham Balance Due		25.00
" " " W M Payne Due May 18th 1867		100.00
" " " V Burch due January 1st 1870		100.00
" " " V Burch due " " 1871		200.00
" " " V Burch due " " 1872		200.00
" " " James M Rotan due Oct 15th 18__		500.00
with account with sum of		\$813.48
" " " M J Deason due Nov 1 1867		62.50
" " " V Burch due 1st Feb 18__		70.00
" " " Manor Tullous balance due		2.95
" " " Account on when Due		27.37-1/2
" " " Five Dollar Bill USA		5.00
Cash in Gold on Hand		529.90

We the undersigned appraisors do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct inventory and appraisement of the property belonging to the estate of Peter Cauble decd as provided and to us by the Executor to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God

Sworn to and subscribed)
 before me the 29th day of) H A Williams Jr
 April 1870 P B McCullar CCTC) Wm Seamans

I W W Whitehead do solemnly swear that the foregoing inventory contains all the property that has come to my hands of the Estate of Peter Cauble Decd and also a list of old claims due said Estate that has come to my hands so help me God

Sworn to and subscribed)
 on this 24th day of May 1870) W W Whitehead
 P B McCullar CCTC)
 C McCullar Depty Clk.)

Filed for record April 29, 1870 P B McCullar CCTC
 Pef C McCullar Dept Clk

Approved and ordered to Record the 30th day of May 1870
 A I Hasseson County Judge

Cauble News

Newest Descendant

Tristen Brooke Jenkins 235412 was born 05 Aug 1990 in Howard County, Texas, to Richard Paul Jenkins H23541 and his wife, Wendi Kim Lane. The Jenkins have an older son, Landon, born 12 Aug 1986. Welcome to our family, Tristen.

Thanks for Your help in Restoring the Peter Cauble House

The Cauble Family Association is grateful to the following persons and organizations that gave money for the restoration of the Peter Cauble log house in Tyler County; Temple-Inland Foundation, Dora and Hollis Harrison, Dr. Gary B. Wood, Al and Julia Cauble Smith, Emma H. Hughes, Mrs. Hansford Davis, Reba Hughes Torres, Roy and Lue Hughes, Carol and Richard Fox, Velma and George Jones, Richard Cauble E514, Concorde Financial Corp., Camp TA-KU-LA, Steve Hays, Albert Wickizer, J. Daniel Chick, Rex Cauble, Viola Cauble Wickizer, Flora Cauble Bluhm, 1989 Cauble Family Reunion, Joyce Cauble Saunders, Kenneth Lott, Kiefer and Aubry Nell Cauble, J. C. Cauble H242, Ann Roberson, Peggy Lewis Leeton, Dr. H. I. Montgomery, Janice Fondi, John Hazelwood, Hal S. Lewis, Jr., Mildred and Weldon Stamps, J. D. Biggs, Jack Whitmeyer, and Fellowship Baptist Church.

Prayers for the healing of **John Clayton Polk** H2381 and **Steve Mosser** MD435; for all who have died, especially **Mary Agnes Hourigan Terrell** D456 (1910-1990); for all who serve in our military.

Cauble Family Research

The cemeteries of Hill County, Texas, have been privately surveyed by Odette Bottom, P.O. Box 2, Abbott, Texas 76621. The following is part of that work.

Bell Cemetery

Name	Birth	Death
Cauble, Clayton	Feb 7, 1913	May 15, 1973
Cauble, Dora	May 25, 1894	Jan 5, 1898 (dau of JL & SJ)
Cauble, D. S.	July 22, 1879	Dec 9, 1923
Cauble, Fannie	Oct 8, 1873	Dec 28, 1950
Cauble, Fred C.	Apr 14, 1893	Mar 3, 1958
Cauble, J. L.	Mar 25, 1843	Dec 14, 1937
Cauble, Sarah Jane	July 23, 1849	Sep 8, 1909 (wife of J.L.)
Cauble, Olen	Feb 6, 1896	Oct 30, 1896 (son of WH & F)
Cauble, P.C.	Oct 21, 1863	Feb 12, 1918 (Father)
Cauble, W.H. (Hub)	Nov 24, 1862	Nov 10, 1950
Cauble, W.H. (Son)	Apr 27, 1899	Apr 17, 1967

Ridge Park Cemetery (Hillsboro)

Cauble, Cora M.	Aug 1, 1889	Jul 6, 1970
Cauble, Lewis C.	Jul 12, 1889	Jan 19, 1967

Prairie Grove Cemetery

Cauble, D. Z.	Jun 28, 1886	Nov 2, 1888 (dau of JP & MV)
Cauble, Henry Claiborne	Dec 19, 1858	Jan 9, 1880 (son of IB & SE)
Cauble, J. P.	Dec 12, 1844	Apr 21, 1889
Cauble, M.V.	May 2, 1842	Apr 19, 1889 (wife of J.P.)
Cauble, Richard L.	Feb 23, 1873	Sep 24, 1882 (son of JP & MV)
Cauble, Sarah E.*	Sep 15, 1822	Mar 7, 1893 (wife of D.B.)
Cauble, Saphronia E.	Mar 17, 1885	Apr 25, 1885 (dau of JL & SJ)
Cauble, Susan Ada	Jul 5, 1885	Dec 29, 1886 (dau of CM & JV)
Cauble, Young G.	Feb 29, 1884	Mar 6, 1884 (son of JL & SJ)

*Isaac Butler Cauble is buried beside Sarah E. Green Cauble in Prairie Grove Cemetery, but was not given a headstone by agreement of his surviving sons. —W. O. Montgomery, interview by Julia Cauble Smith, April 17, 1986, West, Texas.

Woodbury Cemetery

Cauble, John W.	Feb 12, 1816	Jun 23, 1868
Cauble, N.B.	Sep 29, 1836	Jan 27, 1873

Cauble Family Research

Cauble-Burch Cemetery, Peach Tree Village, Tyler County, Texas

1936 Texas Centennial Central four-sided
 Marker for Valentine marker for the Caubles
 Burch, Hero of San and the Burches
 Jacinto

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HCB	PC	MR	VB
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Citizen of the Republic of Texas
 Markers were set at the graves of
 Peter Cauble and Mary Ann Rotan
 4 April 1987

Helen E. Cauble
 wife of
 Valentine Burch
 b. Aug 15, 1819
 d. Apr 3, 1889

At Rest
 Peter Cauble
 d. Mar 9, 1870
 Aged 84 years

His Wife
 Mary Rotan
 Nov 9, 1860
 Aged 66 years

Valentine Burch
 b. Feb 14, 1813
 d. Nov 26, 1892
 79 yrs 9 mo 12 days
 Gone but not
 Forgotten

M.P. Hammons
 Born Dec 13, 1871
 Died Aug 5, 1899
 Tho lost to sight
 to memory dear

James Burch
 b. Oct 12, 1847
 d. May 20, 1898
 Age 50 years
 Gone Home

J.I. Byrnes, M.D.
 b. Aug 9, 1840
 d. May 6, 1892

Notes:

The Cauble-Burch Cemetery and the restored house are located two miles north of Chester, Texas, in northwestern Tyler County on Farm Road 2097. The cemetery is less than .5 mile northeast of the Christian retreat at Peach Tree Village and Kirby Chapel. The five acres of land surrounding the cemetery and house are now owned by Tyler County Heritage Society and leased and maintained by the Christian retreat.

Peter Cauble and his wife, Mary Ann Rotan, settled on the land surrounding this cemetery in the late 1830s. The house occupied by the Caubles was listed as a landmark when the boundaries of Polk County were set in 1846. Helen Elmira Cauble was one of five daughters and five sons born to the Caubles. She married Valentine Ignatius Burch, veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto. The Burches and their descendants lived in the house after the deaths of Mary Ann Rotan and Peter Cauble.

Because of the size of the cemetery and the piles of stones in various locations, several unmarked graves are believed to be located in the Cauble-Burch Cemetery. The Cauble Family Association hopes to document any other known burials. Anyone who has information about other graves in this cemetery, should contact Julia Cauble Smith, 2905 Sentinel, Midland, TX 79701 or call collect (915) 697-4955.

Original survey made by Julia Cauble Smith 14 April 1986.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Cauble Family Assn.

30 Sep 1990

Dear Caubles,

Future Needs for Cauble House:

- * Work to foundation, new brick piers and bracing (est. cost) \$4,000.00
- * New wood shake roof (after removing old shakes and tin),
new lathe and bracing in attic (est. cost) 5,000.00
- * Miscellaneous expenses and new fence for cemetery 1,000.00



If we could raise \$10,000.00, it would put the Cauble House project in real good shape.

Thanks for all you Caubles have contributed.

Sincerely,

Tyler County Heritage Society

Jack Whitmeyer, Cauble House Project Chairman

Fellowship Baptist Church

Steve Hays, Pastor



[We Caubles are grateful to both the Heritage Society and the Fellowship Church for your work. You on-the-scene people have accomplished what we long-distance descendants could not have. Thank you!]

Cauble Family Assn.

Midland, Texas

My father, *Guy H. Morris, Sr.*, who is now seventy years of age, [and I]...are descendants of *James Burch*, brother to *Valentine Burch* who married *Helen Elmira Cauble*. Our *James Burch*, son of *Samuel Lewis Burch* and *Dorothea Brown*, married *Martha Simms* 9-28-1841 and had 12 children, one of which was *James Valentine Burch* who married *Callie Eugenia Mantooth*. *James* and *Callie* had 3 children, one of which was *Sarah Burch* who married *Guy H. Morris II*, and from that union, my father, *Guy H. Morris III* was born.

In telephone conversation with *Mary Louise Burch Hammond*, I learned that she did not know of the burial place of *Samuel Lewis* and *Dorothea Brown Burch*, nor was she aware that they had also come to Texas in the early 1800s. I though perhaps there may be other Burch relatives in connection to *Valentine Burch*...that might desire to see their graves.

I would appreciate any names, address and phone number that you would consider passing on to me so that I might contact them in order to share Burch family information.

Sincerely,

Sarah Morris Cannon, P.O. Box 9218 VRS, Beaumont, TX 77709 (tel.409/755-2227)

The Texas Caubles

9-28-90

Midland, Texas

My father's family has lived in Kansas for a long time. Earlier, my ancestors have been traced back to Illinois and further East, and there was never a mention of *Peter Cauble* in any of the material found.

Therefore, I came to the conclusion that even though I am in Texas now, I probably am not related to any of your people.

I certainly admire your programs that you have and am convinced that your side would certainly be a lot more fun than mine.

Yours truly,

Robert Cauble, 6035 Townhouse, Beaumont, TX

Dear Robert,

Although you are not a Peter Cauble descendant, you are a Texas Cauble and you are welcome to participate in the activities of our part of the Cauble family. I am sure that five or six generations ago your ancestor was our Peter's brother. Please join us. -- Editor



Queries



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 Co.,TX. Is this **Nancy Ann Curtis** the same **Nancy Curtis** who was a daughter 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)**

Seeking the address of: **Berniece Cauble Jolly**, who was born 1915, a daughter of **Nancy _____** and **William M. Cauble**, and married **Phil Jolly**. Her name and birth date (but no death date) are on a headstone in Zavalla Cemetery, Angelina County, Texas, with her parents, husband, sister, brother, and sister-in-law, who are all deceased. If anyone knows **Berniece**, please contact the editor!

I am researching the family of **George W. Underwood** who married **Catherine Cauble** 15 June 1879 in Hill County, Texas. I will exchange information with other Underwood researchers. Contact: **Kathleen Underwood, 301 Guittard, Waco, TX 76706 (817/752-8954)**



Original Marriage Licenses



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

D.S. Cauble / Miss Lee Martin 24 Sep 1899 Hill County, Texas

G.C. Cauble / Miss M.C. Cathey 23 Dec 1886 Hill County, Texas

John Polk Cauble / Melinda V. Mathews 15 Feb 1865 McLennan County, Texas

Pete Cauble / Sarah Patterson 04 Dec 1887 Hill County, Texas

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, 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 **Marguerite Lewis Mosser, Cauble Family Association Treasurer, 1916 Canterbury, Irving, Texas 75062.** Fiscal year: 01 August - 31 July.

Julia Cauble Smith H2353, Ed.

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