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How the Peter Cauble Family Came to Texas

Always moving to new land was a tradition among Americans from the founding of the nation. Our ancestors, like most Americans in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, kept moving in search of a better life on the frontier.

Peter Cauble and **Mary Ann Rotan**, our ancestors, were probably married in White County, Tennessee, where Mary Ann's parents, **Rosey and William Rotan**, had lived since before 1805. Her brother, **Richard M. Rotan**, served as Captain of the Infantry in Colonel Robert Steele's 4th Regiment of West Tennessee Militia, where Peter Cauble and Mary Ann's kinsman, **John A. Rotan**, were privates. After Captain Richard M. Rotan's Company was called into federal service in the Creek Indian War of 1813-1814 which was part of the War of 1812, the men saw the potential of new land in Alabama. When they returned to Tennessee, the men loaded up their families and possessions for migrating to that new state.

Peter Cauble and his growing family were counted in Franklin County, Alabama, on a reconstructed 1820 federal census. On 30 August 1822 he received land in Section 14, Township 13 South, Range 15 West from the Huntsville Land Office. His close township neighbors were **James Osburn, Robert Hughes, Eli Waites, Jabez Fitzgerald, Zachariah Osborn, and John A. Rotan**. All were families allied with the Cauble family.

Although the Cauble family may have been content in Franklin and Marion counties, Alabama, for nearly twenty years, the promise of new and free land in the Republic of Texas called. Peter Cauble and his wife's kinsmen again packed for migrating to new land—this time to the foreign country that had recently won its independence from Mexico. Texas became the last home of Mary Ann Rotan and Peter Cauble. Many of their descendants remained in Texas while others continued the migration.

—Julia Cauble Smith

President's Letter

Greetings Kin,

I hope this finds you well and that the downturn in the economy has not had too great an impact on you. We seem to have been affected less than many parts of the country and hopefully things will improve before too long.

The deadline for submitting your application for this year's CPT Todd Christmas Memorial Scholarship is May 1. All family members seeking to advance their education are eligible, including past recipients. Applications should be sent to **Jane Levy**, 12406 Burlywood, Austin, TX 78750. Remember the Board recently agreed to increase this year's scholarship to \$2000.

We just completed our first Cemetery Maintenance Day on Saturday April 18 repairing, straightening, and cleaning headstones of kin in the Prairie Grove and Old Woodbury cemeteries of Hill County and the Bold Springs cemetery in McLennan County. Special thanks to our crew of **Linda Jordan, J.D. Biggs, Roy and Lue Hughes, Rusty Lewis, Donnie and Shelly Baize** and **Mandi Pruet** for all their hard work. Also thanks to J.D. and Roy for helping fund the project and to **Mimi Irwin** for those delicious kolaches. Some of these headstones had been broken and on the ground for years but once again are standing proudly identifying those members of our past generation.

Remember this year's reunion will be June 12 and 13 at the Whitney Theatre in Albany. For those wanting to spend more time visiting and sharing stories, come early on Friday the 11th. The Saturday lunch will be catered by **Bill Cauble**, but don't forget to bring you favorite dessert. We will also be holding our popular auction. This year's auction will include a silent auction as well as a live auction with our always-entertaining auctioneer **Dan Chick**. So bring your arts and craft items for the auction. Anyone interested in helping with the silent auction should contact me.

Continue to keep us updated on any change in your address, family news, etc.

Best wishes,

James

Let me know if you are planning to come to Albany so Bill can cook enough food!



Cemetery Maintenance Day



Left: **Linda Jordan** E1.17S.1 of Prairie Hill, Texas, is shown working on a headstone on Cemetery Maintenance Day. Those of us who could not come to work at the cemeteries are grateful to those who braved the rains and cool temperatures to clean and repair headstones in our ancestral cemeteries.

Image: James S. Cauble E7223



Above from left: **J. D. Biggs** E196, **Donnie Baize** ME72222, **Roy Hughes** C14232, **Shelly Cauble Baize** E72222, and **Mandi Pruet** E722221 were photographed at work on headstones.

Image: James S. Cauble E7223

Cemetery Maintenance Day

Before



Susan Ada
Infant



After



Images: James S. Cauble E7223

Repaired Headstones

Above is an example of the good work done by those who came to repair headstones in Hill and McLennan counties of Texas this spring.

One of the headstones above is that of **Susan Ada Cauble** E74 (5 July 1885 Hill County, Texas-29 December 1886 Hill County, Texas; buried Prairie Grove Cemetery, Hill County, Texas) was a daughter of **Juriah Virginia Vines** and **Charles Monroe Cauble** and lived only one and one-half years. Her headstone had been marking her grave for well over 120 years, although it had fallen into pieces. The crew of family workers repaired it as shown above. Good work! Thanks to those who came to repair the headstones!

Family Story

I was just reading the sermon given at Martin Luther's funeral. I also read a short biography of his wife, Katharina von Bora. Luther called his wife *the morning star of Wittenberg* since she rose at four each morning to take care of her many responsibilities.

She cared for the vegetable garden, orchard, fish pond, and barnyard animals—even butchering the animals herself. Often there were as many as thirty students, guests, or boarders staying in the monastery.

This reading reminded me of my own mother [Ruby Berniece Cauble Willcox], who ran a boarding house the years I was in the second grade through the fifth. We had people with various problems in our house. One lady had to have a nurse and one lady, Mrs. Scape, was blind. We even had grammar school kids that stayed with us. For these four years my mother worked non-stop.

Mother turned the attic into a bedroom. We had four bedrooms on the second floor and she turned the living and dining rooms downstairs into bedrooms.

Mother slept on a small mattress in a little room which was what had been a large walk-in cupboard for food storage. She told me once she was doing all this because Daddy might go blind.

On Sundays we always had lemon and chocolate pies—made from scratch. I am

not sure anyone still has a cabinet with a flour bin like she used.

What my mother did was pure work—much more than working a double shift. She had no union to make sure she got a coffee break, got a raise, or secured other rights. *Mother was a morning **and** evening star!*

Martin Luther's wife was born in January 1499 and died in December 1552. She lived fifty-three years.

—James E. Willcox E1447

Editor's note: **Ruby Berniece Cauble E144** (16 September 1902 Howard County, Texas-2 July 1969 Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee; buried Memorial Park, Memphis, Tennessee), a daughter of **Mary Elizabeth Johnson and Isaac Butler Cauble II**, grew up in Howard County on her parents' ranch. In the years between 1920 and her marriage, she taught at a ranch school in Reagan County. Ruby Berniece Cauble married **Puett Lafayette Willcox** (10 October 1898 Temple, Bell County, Texas -14 December 1970 Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee), a son of **Mabel Ada Puett and George Ewings Willcox**, on 10 June 1922 in Potter County, Texas. The couple had seven children—five sons and two daughters. Ruby Berniece Cauble Willcox was sixty-six when she died.

Family Photographs



Left: **Bill Hudson and Tomi Cauble Hudson E255** are shown in front of the Old Main Building on St. Edward's University campus in Austin, Texas. The building was erected in 1888. Bill lived on the third floor in his college days in the 1930s.

*Image: Phyllis Hudson Hance
E2551*

Bill Hudson ME255 is the only living member of his college football team and possibly of his entire class of 1937. He was the oldest graduate at the St. Edward's University reunion.

Right: **William [Bill] Hudson** is pictured with his wife, **Tomi Cauble Hudson E255**, on the day of his recent college reunion. He graduated in the class of 1937 and was inducted into the Golden Guard at St. Edward's University in 2007. He is wearing the medal that distinguishes him as a member of the Golden Guard. Bill and Tomi are regular attendees of the Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion.

*Image: Phyllis Hudson Hance
E2551*



Our Carolina Kin



Image: Betty Jo Lowery

The beautiful people above represent five generations of our North Carolina Cauble family. Front row: **Betty Jane Cauble Harris**, her great-granddaughter **Danielle Villeneuve**, and her great-great-grandson **Grayson James Keyes**, when he was five months old.

Back row: Betty Jane's daughter **Betty Jo Lowery**, and granddaughter **Malissa Ann Loughner**.

Our DNA Project, led by **Revis Cauble Leonard** H23161, has compared results from the testing of Betty Jane's brother, **James D. Cauble**, with the testing of our Peter Cauble descendants to determine that Betty Jane's brother and our family are descended from a common ancestor. We are excited to connect our family through DNA testing to this Cauble family in North Carolina.

Family News



Image submitted by Judy Cauble Carr H13211

Above: **Judy Cauble Carr H13211** posed at center with her mother, **Pat Cauble**, and her father, **Dan Cauble H1321** at her Dallas Baptist College graduation ceremony on 19 December 2008 where she received a Masters of Education.

A New Descendant

Jacob Alexander Fox E1.13.1111 was born 13 August 2008 to **Cheryl Jean and Raymond Fox**. Jacob is a grandson of **Richard and Carole Jean Cauble Fox E1.13.11**

Welcome to our family, Jacob!

Prayers



Image: Vietnam Wall Memorial

For those serving in the nation's military:

*U. S. Air Force: **Stephen Baxter** E75131 [Major]*

*Nebraska Air National Guard: **Roxanne Baxter**
ME75131*

*U. S. Army: **Thomas Aquinas Bayer II** MD249211*

[Lt. Colonel] deployed to Iraq and his wife, **Mary Loughlin Bayer** D249211

[Major] who will also be going to Iraq;

Carol R. [Trey] Caldwell C762121;

Danielle J. Gluck of C7.12. family; **Luke Hatheway** H51121 in Iraq;

Paul Hill MH231213; **Lee C. Mahan** of C7.12. family;

Trenton H. Yarter H29122

*U. S. Marines: **Brent Cauble** E723312; **James Leonard Saint** E151112;*

Kennith J. Windsor of C7.12.1111

*U. S. Navy: **Brandi Baize** E722222S;*

Pamela Burns Howell H12611;

Michael Douglas Hunt E146121 on a nuclear submarine

Those who have had surgery, accident, or illness:

Jessica Hibbs HA51421

Pat Cauble MH1321

Carolyn Cauble Long H2362

Those Who Are Gone



Doris Jean Foster Willcox
ME1441 (9 April 1926 Hugo, Oklahoma– 17 January 2009 Gregg County, Texas) married **Puett Lafayette Willcox, Jr.**, a son **Ruby Berniece**

Cauble E144 (16 September 1902 Howard County, Texas-2 July 1969 Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee; buried Memorial Park, Memphis Tennessee), and **Puett Lafayette Willcox, Sr.**(10 October 1898 Temple, Bell County, Texas -14 December 1970 Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee), on 14 October 1945 at Longview, Gregg County, Texas. The couple had a daughter, **Windy Willcox Harris**, and two sons—**Puett Lafayette Willcox III** and **Donald Willcox**.

William Gerald McKay E1332
(4 February 1929 Houston, Harris County, Texas-13 December 2008 Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas) was born to **Virginia Thompson Reeves** (13 April 1903-30 January 1985 Dallas Texas) and **William Franklin McKay E133** (9 November 1900 Aquilla, Hill

County, Texas-19 December 1968). William was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, **Patsy Ruth McKay Bemiss** (14 June 1928-18 April 1994) . He was a professional fisherman and lived at Freeport, Texas.

James Richard Burns, Jr. MH1261
(19 July 1930-21 October 2008 in an auto accident; buried Hawkins Cemetery, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas) was a son of **Amy and Richard Burns**. He married **Loretta Gay Cox H1261**, a daughter of **Hazel Cauble H126** and **Chester Cox** (1 September 1909-16 January 2000), on 2 March 1952. They became the parents of **Pamela Burns Howell** and **Judith Burns**



Dogan (31 August 1955 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas-7 October 2004 Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas; buried Hawkins Cemetery, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas).

James retired from Vought Aircraft Corporation in 1988 after thirty-eight years of service. The couple had five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They lived in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Those Who Are Gone

Donald Ray Lewis D635 (28 August 1925 Hamilton County, Texas-4 March 2009 Texas), a son of **Josie Gertrude Vincent** (15 June 1892-21 April 1983 Tarrant County, Texas; buried Hico Cemetery, Hamilton County, Texas) and **Robert Lee Lewis, Sr.** (27 August 1877 Tyler County, Texas-12 January 1952 Cooke County, Texas; buried Hico Cemetery, Hamilton County, Texas), married **Wanda McLondon**. The couple had three daughters and a son—**Tambera, Teresa, Tanya, and Steven**. Donald's surviving sisters are **Mary Lewis Hennessey, Marguerite Lewis Mosser, and Stella Lewis**. Donald and Wanda lived at Roanoke in Denton County, Texas, and attended the last Cauble-Rotan family reunion.

Richard Lad Cauble E1511 (24 January 1926 Big Spring, Howard County, Texas-3 April 2009 Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Howard County, Texas), son of



Olive Violetta Rogers (16 August 1909 Terre Haute, Indiana-13 November 1992 Howard County, Texas; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Howard County, Texas) and **Allie Willard [Lad] Cauble** (28 June 1903 Howard County, Texas-12 June 1973 Howard County, Texas; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Howard County, Texas), grew up in Big Spring. He married **Eula Mourene [Moe] Evans** (15 November 1928 Kaufman, Kaufman County, Texas-3 May 2005 Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Howard County, Texas), a daughter of **Eula Mae Edwards** (17 February 1903 Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas-21 September 1961; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas) and **Willie Carl Evans** (17 December 1900 Westville, Oklahoma-5 December 1976; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas), on 2 September 1948 in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. They had a son and a daughter—**Ricky Cauble and Judy Cauble Westbrook**. Richard and Moe Cauble lived their life together in Big Spring, Texas. Richard was a veteran and a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

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Remember this date:

12-13 June 2009 are the days for the next Cauble-Rotan

Family Reunion at Whitney Theatre, Albany, Texas.

Texas Cauble Family Association was created 29 May 1989 at Crawford, Texas. It was organized with bylaws 31 July 1993 at Roby, Texas. It operates as a Section 501(c) 6 organization under the Internal Revenue Code.



Statement of Purpose

This genealogical newsletter is distributed online. It is dedicated to documenting the lives of Peter Cauble, Sr. (1786 NC-1870 Tyler Co. TX), his wife, Mary Ann Rotan (1794 SC-1860 Tyler Co. TX), and their thousands of descendants. The aim is also to report the news and genealogical research of Texas Cauble Family Association.

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