

# Cauble-Rotan Family Report

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From our Cauble and Rotan cabins to yours— we wish you days of wet rains, warm fires, and good food with family and friends in this Christmas season.

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Greetings Kin,

I hope you are all well and that you had a happy Thanksgiving. On November 3 we had our Family Day at Peach Tree Village and the 22 people that attended had a fun and relaxing time. The weather and food were great. The day started with coffee and kolaches (courtesy of Mimi Montgomery and the Village Bakery in West) at the Stagecoach Inn in Woodville. After some visiting and picture-taking we proceeded to the Peter Cauble house for our group picture. That was followed by a barbeque lunch in Chester and more visiting. Lunch was topped off with dessert furnished by Mary Lewis Hennessy. Mary brought three different types of dessert and I can tell you they were all very good. Thank you, Mary.

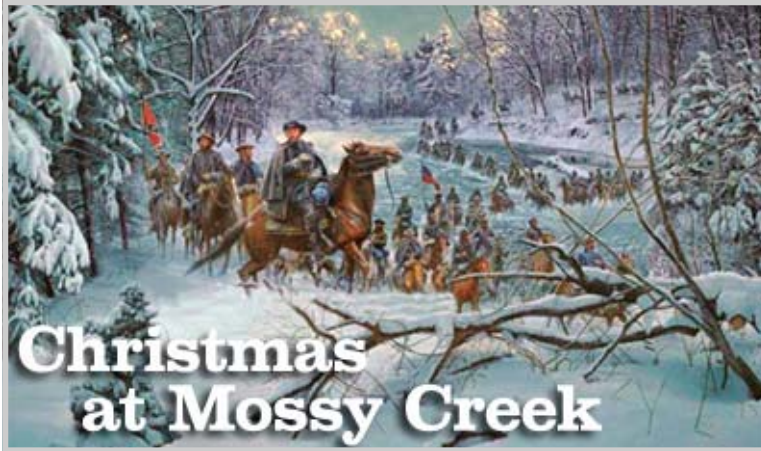
After lunch we went to Peach Tree Village and toured the Chapel and Kirby home. Dr. Steve Hayes gave a brief history of the area that included the role played by both the Cauble and Kirby families in settling the area. We finished the day with a visit to the Peter Cauble House and the nearby Cauble-Burch Cemetery. Each attendee was given a paper weight with a picture of the Peter Cauble House on it. The paper weights were made by our host, Jim and Connie Wallner. Special thanks goes to Jim and Connie not only for the special gift but for all their work in planning and making this a very successful day. We had nine people that were attending their first Cauble-Rotan family event. It is always good to meet new kin. Included in the nine were two from Ashville, North Carolina. We are not sure where they fit into our family, but we hope to find a connection to Peter Cauble's North Carolina family through out DNA project.

Thanks again to Jim and Connie and to everyone that attended and helped make this a family memory.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas season and get to spend time with family and friends.

God bless,

*James*



*This story, researched and written by our webmaster Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211, traces the Civil War service of G. W. Wood MC7 and is dedicated to his great-grandchildren—Tearle B. Kring, John A. Caldwell, Sara Caldwell Garcia, and Jim Windsor.*

*G. W. Wood (25 Dec 1846 Hall Co., GA-28 Feb 1934 Potter Co., TX) married Jessie Loucinda Cauble C7 (1 Apr 1853 Hill Co., TX-8 Oct 1923 Lea Co., NM), daughter of Eveliza Chaney and John W. Cauble, on 24 August 1867.*

### Wood and McCleskey Men in the Civil War

Members of the Wood and McCleskey families moved from Georgia to Alabama before the Civil War, settling around Walnut Grove, Aurora, and Bristow Cove in what is now Etowah and Cherokee counties. When the Civil War broke out, **Stephen Dunnagan** (1825 GA-1894 NM) organized a group of Partisan Rangers that eventually became part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry under the command of Col. A. A. Russell. Dunnagan was married to **Eliza Ann Turk Wood**, daughter of **Lorenzo Dow Wood** and **Louisa Rhea McCleskey** and sister of **G. W. Wood** (1845 GA-1934 TX).

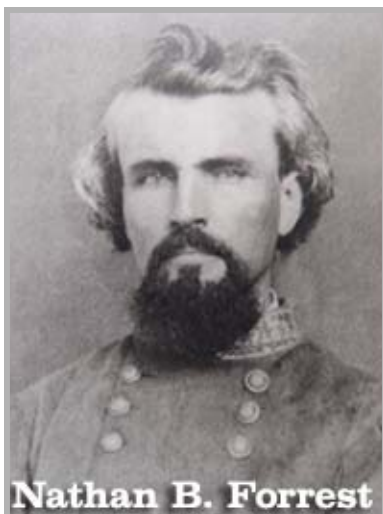
There were seven Wood brothers or cousins who served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry, along with five McCleskey kin and a score of the spouses of sisters or cousins. The bulk of these young men enlisted in September 1862 and mustered in at a camp located at Taylor's Store near Bridgeport in extreme northern Alabama. The camp was at a major railroad line and on the Tennessee River near several key bridges and a steamship port. It must have been exciting for young men seldom away from home to gather with their horses and begin training to become cavalrymen.

### General Forrest and Events Before Mossy Creek

In December 1863, the men had joined with other units at Murphreesboro, Tennessee, and formally became known as Russell's 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry Regiment attached to the Army of Tennessee under **General Nathan Bedford Forrest**. The first major campaign of the young recruits from Alabama would have been in West Tennessee at Parkers Crossroads, Lexington, Jackson, and Trenton. The campaign was considered generally successful from the Confederate point of view.

During the campaign, General Forrest wrote to the War Department of the Confederacy with a list of provisions needed for his growing army. He was told there was none. Being a resourceful leader [beloved by his troops and admired by historians], he determined to provision his army at the expense of the enemy. The young Confederate cavalry had been supplying their own horses upon enlistment and their mounts were to be replenished throughout the war with captured or appropriated animals. [A Federal officer was noted to have said that Forrest need not worry about a job after the war, as he could make his living stealing horses.] Realizing that provisions and mounts to fight the war must come from their own ability to secure them may have been the first disillusionment to the young soldiers or their first inclination that the war was not to be glorious; but, all indications were that spirits were still high.

In the late April 1863, General Forrest had led the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry on a daring raid back into their homelands of northern Alabama and Georgia. While their forced march after the *bluecoats* was hard on the men, they may have felt excitement to be home again. Soldier diaries and official reports tell of General Forrest's help from *local boys* in fording creeks and finding trails that would put his army into position to capture Colonel Streight's Federal troops before they could get to Rome, Georgia. On 3 May 1863, the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry had been in the group that effected the surrender of Streight and his men, resulting in imprisonment of a large number of high-ranking Federal officers. This would have



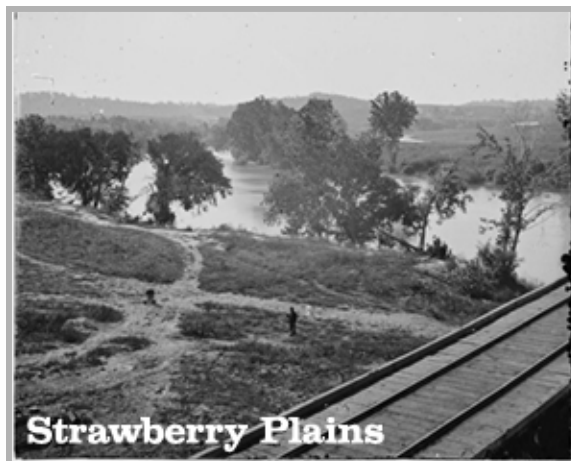
been another high point for the young soldiers.

In June 1863 during the Tullahoma Campaign, they had fought with General Forrest near Shelbyville, Tennessee, along the Duck River in a battle that turned disastrous for the Confederacy. It was here on 27<sup>th</sup> of June that twelve soldiers of Company B were captured and a number more of them injured or killed. It was a devastating blow. They were pushed out of Tennessee into Georgia and the stage was setting for the battle of Chickamauga in September 1863. Although this was deemed a Confederate victory, it took its toll on the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama with even more wounded, killed, and reported desertions.

In October 1863, an official report of **Major General Joe Wheeler** had stated, "The three brigades from Gen. Forrest were mere skeletons, scarcely averaging 500 effective men each. These were badly armed, had but a small supply of ammunition, and their horses were in horrible condition, having been marched continuously for three days and nights without removing saddles. The men were worn out, and without rations."

It had been a crisp fall and they had headed back north into East Tennessee—this time under the command of **General James Longstreet**. Their objective was Knoxville. It was at this time that the unit became fragmented and companies struck out on their own for skirmishes at New Market, Strawberry Plains, Dandridge, Talbott's Station, and Hays Ferry.

That part of East Tennessee is a maze of creeks and rivers. The Tennessee River is formed at the confluence of the Holston and French Broad rivers on the east side of Knoxville. New Market, Mossy Creek (now called Jefferson City), and Strawberry Plains were small settlements on the Holston River. Dandridge was on the French Broad River and southwest of it was Sevierville. Just a little further to the southeast, the Nolichucky River merges with the French Broad and troops were posted along the *Chucky* also. The terrain—then and now—is heavily wooded and mountainous.



### Christmas 1863 on Mossy Creek

The campaign stretched into November and December and across a cold and wet winter. Factions of both armies were grappling for control of foot and railroad bridges, key fords, and ferries. The citizens of Tennessee were known to be heavily sprinkled with Unionists. Official reports from both

armies indicated that foraging parties often met in villages or on farms where they were all trying to secure provisions. The rivers were reportedly rising by almost four feet at times, making fording in the ice and snow impossible. All along the three rivers, there were soldiers of both Union and Southern armies camped among the trees with their campfires easily visible across the water. Every man struggled to stay alive.

Skirmish reports abound in the *War of the Rebellion* records, giving cameos of life in East Tennessee during that December. Armies raided each other for blankets, cooking utensils, provisions, clothing, and shoes. Confederates were captured as they accidentally wandered into the wrong camp in the dark, but many were willing to officially list themselves as *Rebel Deserters*—taking an oath of allegiance to the United States—to simply warm themselves by the Yankee fires and to fill their bellies with Yankee food. One report of fighting near Dandridge indicated that the Rebels were dogged in their resistance and held the line all day. When the Union army fell back at dusk, the Confederates could not pursue them because they had **no shoes**.

Christmas on the banks of Holston River at Mossy Creek in 1863 for the young soldiers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry can only be imagined. Company B was down to less than half the number of men who enlisted in 1862. They had no warm clothing, no sustaining rations, and no forage for their horses. They were far from their families and the comforts of home. It is likely they could not attend church services. The weather was cold and wet and they had little protection from the elements. But the fighting went on.

On Christmas Eve, **Captain Thomas W. Hampton** was killed in one of the skirmishes. According to a historical marker in Jefferson City, the dead from the Mossy Creek battle or battles were buried under a temporary truce in the town cemetery. When **G. W. Wood** reported in his pension application that he had helped bury his commander that Christmas in 1863, his statement was surely true. With Captain Hampton gone, **Lieutenant Hannibal Gillespie**, who was a grocery keeper prior to the war, assumed command of what remained of Company B. Christmas Day likely dawned cold and bleak to this group of kinsmen so far away from their homes in Alabama. But the fighting went on.

### Events After Christmas at Mossy Creek

On the night of 28 December 1863, Union Brigadier General Sturgis got word that Confederate cavalry had camped just south of him. He ordered a portion of his troops towards the Confederate encampment. This engagement resulted in “scattering the Rebels into the countryside,” as one report stated. The men of Company B may well have been among those scattered and some may have deserted.



**George W. Wood**

It is not clear by evidence whether **G. W. Wood** and **David H. McCleskey** actually deserted, as reported on the official record, just two weeks after Christmas at Mossy Creek. Reportedly, no later muster roll was taken by Company B throughout the duration of the war and no proof exists of their remaining with the company.

One must question why Wood and McCleskey would choose to desert. Conditions in the countryside were no better than in camp. Outside camp the weather was just as cold and food just as scarce. If one left camp in search of warmth and food, returning to camp gave some small measure of security. It is certain that they were too far from their Alabama homes to return there easily.

There is no report of them being captured on the rolls of captured soldiers, which are quite extensive and well documented.



Although **G. W. Wood's** recollections of this period had some incorrect details in his pension application, he was sure at age 85 that he did not desert his company after Christmas 1863. He may have wandered away from camp since one winter camp would have looked much like another. He stated several times on his application that they were all confused.

### The Letters

I thought that I might never know where the truth lay. Then I found the letters—letters written in 1939 to **Walter Scott McCleskey** by **Mrs. Ella Wood Sampler** (1851 GA-1945 AL), daughter of **Robert Capel Wood** (1807 SC-1897 AL) and **Martha Matilda McCleskey** (1820 GA-1898 AL). Ella stated that she remembered meeting her cousins, **George W. Wood** and **Billy McCleskey** of Texas, when they came back to Gadsden, Alabama, in 1922 for a Confederate veterans' reunion. I wondered why a 77-year-old man would travel more than a thousand miles across the country to a reunion with soldiers if he had truly deserted them after that Christmas at Mossy Creek. If we accept his statement that he did not desert but was captured and became ill, we can also believe that he helped dig the grave for **Captain Thomas W. Hampton** at Christmas 1863 and spent the remainder of the war as a prisoner. Wood must have realized that a soldier fights to support those in his unit as much as he fights for the cause of the war. He held a kinship with those men who spent a hard Christmas in 1863 beside Mossy Creek in East Tennessee and that is the reason he traveled a great distance for their reunion sixty years later.

### The Documents

The arrival of a package from the Texas Archives containing the pension records of my grandfather's grandfather was a door opening to mysteries of the past. Twenty-four sheets of legal-sized copies full of conflicting details of **George W. Wood's** Civil War records prompted a research project that has resulted in a rare tapestry—the story of a youthful Confederate soldier who enlisted just four months short of his eighteenth birthday, the encounters of the unit he fought with, and the point at which the War may have lost its glory for these soldiers.

The story starts with **G. W. Wood's** original pension application dated 1 October 1931 in which he stated that he was “85 past” years old, resided in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, and enlisted in the C.S.A. in *Ettiwaugh* [Etowah] County, Alabama, serving from 1862-1864 in Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry “in Wade Hampton's company” and transferred to “Joe Wheeler command sometime during 1863.” He stated further that he was honorably surrendered with the note “taken prisoner by Federal troops at Severtville, east of Knoxville, Tennessee; Released in 1864 late in the year or late summer.”

Following his application was a letter from the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department in Washington dated 13 October 1931. It was apparently in response to a request from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in Austin, Texas, to verify the service of **G. W. Wood** in the Confederate States Army. The letter stated that Wood was a corporal in Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Russell's) Alabama Cavalry, but noted that the last muster roll on file shows that Wood deserted on 17 January 1864. With that information, the State of Texas denied a pension to Wood.

The rest of the papers in the pension application are the clues to the story—or rather, the stories. Wood responded to the pension denial with a letter to the **Honorable Geo. H. Sheppard** in Austin, Texas, expressing surprise that he was listed as a deserter. He wrote, “Please understand that I had no idea that a charge of deserting was ever placed against me however many times we were in confusion and we many times separated for a few days[;] yet I say that I was in the army until in June or July 1864 perhaps later as best I can remember and then was captured [;] **Captain Wade Hampton** was killed

and then I was under the command of first **Lieut. Han Gillespie** who took charge of the commanding officers place when he was killed [;] however he was never elected Captain. We were in confusion most of the time and there were no roll calls during his command as I have knowledge of.” Wood wrote asking what avenues were available to prove his claim. The response that he received from the Texas State Comptroller just a few days later indicated what documentation was allowable.

In November 1831 Wood reapplied for the pension; he stated this time that he was 86 years of age—which he would not be for another month—and that his address at the time of enlistment was Aurora, Alabama. He noted that he “enlisted in September 1862 and served until captured. Prisoner and sick until after end of war. Was captured in September 1864.” He noted also that he was originally in “Company I, **Steve Dunagan’s Company** and transferred to Hampton’s Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama General Forrest” and further stated that he “served under Gillespie until end of war.” This application included his note, “I was captured on the French Broad River near Sevierville, Tennessee September 1864 and then was taken to Sevierville where our horses were taken from us; then we went to Knoxville, Tenn., then to Nashville. I took sick with fever there and was unable to get home for five months after peace declared.”

### Supporting Documents in the Pension File

**Affidavit for Proof of Service in the Confederate Army or Navy:** State of Alabama, County of Cherokee. **L. J. Mackey** (of Round Mountain) and **Robert Pruitt** stated they knew that George W. Wood served in the Confederate Army from 1 September 1862 until 17 January 1864 and they served with him in Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry Regiment of Col. A. A. Russell from 1862-1865. They jointly stated [in essence] that he was taken prisoner by Federals and was paroled at Sevierville, that he was taken very sick after capture “on Bondurant Cumberland River at Secesh Bend.” Their affidavit was made 27 January 1925 [about six years before **G.W. Wood’s** pension application].

- Research into the rolls of all companies in the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry indicate that there was no Robert Pruitt listed as a member. There was **Edward Pruett** and **Alfred Truitt**. Edward was listed in Company B.
- **Leander J. Mackey** was captured on 27 June 1863 at Shelbyville, Tennessee, and was imprisoned at Camp Chase in Columbus, Ohio, until the end of the War. He would not have known how long G. W. Wood served with the unit, except by hearsay.

**Affidavit for Proof of Service in the Confederate Army or Navy.** State of Texas, County of Hunt. **L. F. Hale** of Greenville, Texas, stated that he knew Wood served from 1862 until 23 June 1863 in Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry “under Gen. Forrest and Wade Hampton Capt.” Hale states that he served in the same unit from April 1862 until 23 June 1863. His affidavit was dated 18 July 1925.

- **Lewis F. Hale** is listed on the rosters of Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry. On the last muster roll taken by Company B, dated 12 February 1864, Hale is listed as “absent—sick in hospital.” Records show that he was ambulatory and later able to be made a member of the Invalid Corps, serving in that capacity until May 1864.

**Letter typed on the letterhead of Lubbock County**, dated 3 September 1925, addressed to the Hon. Confederate War Department. It was an affidavit sworn by **J. B. McCleskey** and reads:

*This is to certify that I have known G. W. Wood all his life before the war and after the war and was in the same 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry, Waid Hampton's Company and in the same mess, slept under the same blanket and we fully understand why the record against him. See the record of D. H. McCleskey, LaFayette Williams disappeared some time while in Camp on the river bank, do not remember date, but was in 64. They insisted so strong on G. W. Wood to ride with them cross the river, leaving all his clothes. He went and never returned. I was sadly disappointed, and as the enemy soon appeared over there I knew what had happened, that he was captured. He has told me sence the war the hard struggle he had to get away, and he is reliable.*

- **James Benson McCleskey**, a resident of Eastland County, Texas, and a former member of Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry, was **G. W. Wood's** first cousin. The families migrated from Georgia to Alabama and then on to Texas together. Note that McCleskey said in 1925 that “we fully understand why the record against him.” Yet six years later in 1931, G. W. Wood expressed surprise at learning records listed him as a deserter.
- **E. Lafayette Williams** was listed on the final roster of Company B, dated 12 February 1864 as having deserted on the 17th of January—the same notation that is on **G. W. Wood's** record. The final item in the compiled service records of **E. L. Williams** is the note that he is “on list of Rebel Deserters taking Oath in Knoxville on 22 January 1864.”
- The service records of **David Henderson McCleskey** (known as *Black Dave*), first cousin to James and George, listed him as deserting on 17 January 1864.

**Letter from George W. Wood to The Honorable Pension Board**, Austin, Texas, dated 3 November 1931. He wrote, “we have to take the records as they are yet they have the appearance of being hastily made” and noted that it is “on records that can never be changed they are silent reminders of men in a hurry rushing here and there.” He reiterated his enlistment details and added this significant bit of information to his story:

*The records state that I was listed a deserter in January 1864. Just what made the record show that I am unable to understand as I was in the service long after that and was one of the men that help bury our Captain Wade Hampton at night at what is known as the place of Thompson Station in Tennessee. He was killed in the battle of what was called Strawberry Plains, also Jim Dean was killed an[d] buried at the same places. I was captured in June of thereabouts on the French Broad River right in the bend near Sevierville, Tennessee and was held some time and then was Paroled and sent North toward Nashville, Tennessee. I reached Nashville an[d] was taken sick with the fever and was never able to reach my company any more as I was under the rules of the opposing side and you understand what a parole meant in those days.*

# Family Day Photographs



Image of these beautiful women—Ernestine, Mimi, Connie, Shelly, and Mandi—was made at Cauble-Rotan Family Day in Tyler County on 3 November 2007 by James Sterling Cauble



Some attendees of Family Day posed on the steps of the Historic Peter Cauble House at Peach Tree Village, the ancestral home of all Peter Cauble descendants. *Image: James Sterling Cauble*

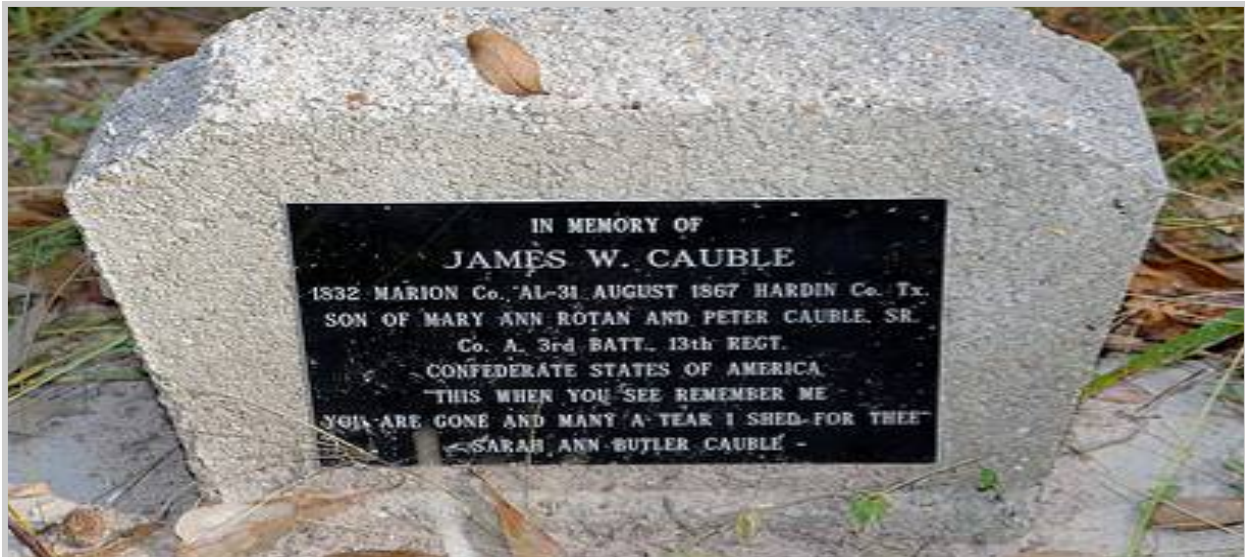


# Cauble-Burch Cemetery Images



The beautiful image above shows one of the four Citizen of the Republic of Texas markers in the Cauble-Burch Cemetery that were placed and dedicated by **Gail Loving Barnes H23.10.1** and **Julia Cauble Smith H2353** at the graves of **Peter Cauble (1786-1870)**, **Mary Ann Rotan Cauble (1794-1860)**, **Helen Elmira Cauble Burch (1819-1889)** and **Valentine Ignatius Burch (1813-1892)** during the Texas Sesquicentennial. The Burch markers were kindly installed for the dedication by the late **Woodrow W. Biggs E195**, the second president of Texas Cauble Family Association and one of the six co-founders of the family reunion.

*Image: Jim Wallner, taken from his family website*



The homemade headstone for **James W. Cauble**, son of **Mary Ann Rotan** and **Peter Cauble**, was placed in the Cauble-Burch Cemetery as a memorial in 2002. James died young leaving a grieving widow, **Sarah Ann Butler Cauble**, who wrote the words at the bottom of the plaque.

*Image: Jim Wallner, taken from his family website.*

# Young Descendants



**The Cauble-Rotan family is proud of its college students. We have an update below on some of them.**

**Colton Long** H236211, 2007 scholarship winner, maintains a 3.6 grade point average at Texas Tech University, belongs to the Ag Eco Club and the Block and Bridle Club, and attends Gateway Christian Church. He is on the junior livestock judging team and has judged contests at Express Ranches in Oklahoma and in Denver. Tech has an outstanding senior livestock judging team which placed first at the national championship. Colton has a part-time job with Dr. Mark Miller, where he assists in the professor's steer show program. Birthday: February 28.

**Nathan Colwell** H236121 is expecting good grades when they are released for the fall semester. He has a part-time job at a gun shop in Lubbock. This is his first semester away from home and he is learning to manage his time and make good decisions for himself. We are proud of you, Nathan. Birthday: March 8; email: Betr4it@aol.com

**Shawn Chick** H235311 is graduating from the flight program at Midland College early in December 2007 with all the ratings available and has already begun to work temporarily as a co-pilot on a company plane

based in Midland. He has been given an unusual opportunity to learn from an experienced company pilot as well as to travel to interesting places as company executives work or vacation. He will have a week in a Baja California resort city with this company plane later in December. He is one happy grandson as he awaits his call from Mesa Airlines in January 2008. Congratulations, Shawn! Email: FlyinAce7@yahoo.com

**Will Christmas** D6.10.233 is graduating New Mexico State University with an Agriculture Economics degree. He plans to come back to his family's ranch to work on projects with his father, Brad, until the fall of 2008 when he will return to the university and to his house in Las Cruces, which he bought earlier this year as an investment. At that time he will work on an advanced degree. Will is interested in oil and gas mineral leasing, agriculture lending agencies, and investing. He is an avid skier and will spend some time skiing with friends during the end-of-the-year holidays. Congratulations, Will!

**Readers, please send information about any other college students in our family.**

# Rotan Family Photographs



“Sometime after Dad died, Mom wrote down the names for me. On the top row, left to right, are **Rush, Ellis Geanks** (Dad), **Lon**, and **Jasper** (“Jack”). The bottom row, left to right, are **William Lee, Claud, Jerry Otis** (“Bud”), **Melvin, Guy**, and **Willie Dee [Rotan]**. I believe these names to be correct. Mom knew all of the Rotan Boys, except **Ed**, who is not in this photo. However I have been told by a granddaughter of Lon’s that the person Mom identified as Willie Dee is actually Lon.”

—Glen Rotan, descendant of William T. Rotan and John A. Rotan  
*Image: Glen Rotan*

**William Lee Rotan** was the son of **William T. Rotan** (1835 MS-after 21 Dec 1882), who married **Clotelia B. McGee** (1844 LA-16 May 1878 McLennan Co., TX; buried Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas) on 2 February 1865. The latest date that I have found William T. Rotan, the Civil War veteran, was the date he gave his deposition in the probate of his sister, **Mariah Jane Rotan** (1830 AL-25 Jan 1882 Cherokee Co., TX) who married **John Martin Cauble** on 12 February 1847 in Tyler County, Texas. William T.’s daughter, **Annie**, was Mariah Jane Rotan Cauble’s heir.

I have had several inquiries from Rotan researchers lately. All listed below are interested in the Rotan family:

- **Shirley Brooks:** sbrook101@earthlink.net
- **Shirley Erickson:** sane1@alltel.net
- **Frances Griffin:** 2920 W. Chicago Ave., Nederland, TX 77627; no email
- **Nancy and Van Keller:** vankess@socket.net
- **Gloria Leslie:** gleslie@dc.rr.com
- **Glen Rotan:** glen@familygen.org
- **Judy Womack,** 2710 Fifty-Ninth Street, Lubbock, TX 79413

Good luck in your research and let me know what you find.

**Julia Cauble Smith, Editor**



# Family News

*The following recipe was baked by **Pat Cauble MH1331** for the dessert contest at the Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion in June 2007. It was one of the three prize winners. It is published here for those who may want to bake this delightful cake.*

## **Pina Colada Cake**

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 can coconut milk
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 large container whipped topping
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (I use more than a cup]
- 1 can drained crushed pineapple (reserving the liquid)
- 1 cup shredded coconut (I use more)

### **Preparation:**

Bake cake according to directions in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. While cake is baking, mix the coconut milk and condensed milk together well. When cake is done take a wooden spoon and poke holes through the cake. Pour the coconut and condensed milk mixture in the holes on the top of the cake. Spread the crushed pineapple on top of the cake and some of the liquid. Let cake cool and then mix the coconut and whipped topping together and spread on top of cake. Sprinkle with nuts. Refrigerate until very cold before serving.

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## **2008 Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion**

will recognize and honor both

the **Lewis family D6**, hosted by **Rusty and Dana Lewis**

and **Brad and Becky Christmas**,

as well as the **Caldwell C7** family, hosted by **Sylvia Caldwell Rankin**,

13-14 June 2008 at Whitney Theatre, Albany, Texas

There will be a crowd and you will need to make reservations early!

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Thanks for helping.



# Prayers



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

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

*U. S. Army:* **Thomas Aquinas Bayer II** MD249211 [Major]\*

**Mary Margaret Loughlin Bayer** D249211 [Major]

**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

*U. S. Marines:* **James Leonard Saint** E151112

**Kenneth J. Windsor** of C7.12. family

*U. S. Navy:* **Michael Douglas Hunt** E146121 on a nuclear submarine.

\*Major Thomas Bayer has been awarded the Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Cross for service in Iraq.

## Good Health

**Tommy Caldwell**, kin of the C7 family, is dealing with a brain tumor.

**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 for good health.

**Jessica Ellen Hibbs** H51421 who was born with a life-threatening, debilitating illness; she has lived with it since 1984.

## New Descendant

**Kara Elizabeth Baxter** E751314 was born to **Roxanne and Stephen Baxter** E75131

on 23 May 2007. Welcome to our family, Kara.

# Those Who Are Gone



The painting of calm and peace, "Not Bad for Wet," is the original work of Charles H. Pabst of Scottsdale, AZ.

**E194**        **Leatha Lorie Biggs** (24 September 1912 Hagerman, Chaves County, New Mexico-18 November 2007 Oceanside, California; buried Grandview Cemetery, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas), a daughter of **Tennie G. Cauble** and **Jesse D. Biggs**, grew up at Oglesby, Coryell County, Texas. She attended a college in Waco, Texas, and married **Richard Pampell Osborne** (25 October 1908-20 January 1982; buried Grandview Cemetery, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas) of Crawford, Texas, on 07 October 1933. They lived on Galveston Bay at LaPorte, Texas, for forty-eight years, where Richard was Tax Assessor-Collector of LaPorte Independent School District and Leatha owned a beauty shop. Together they raised a family of three children—**Richard Osborne**, **Linda Osborne Brennan** (1945-1996), and **Sue Osborne Winans**. Leatha was a charter member of Texas Cauble Family Association and attended the first Cauble family reunion at Biggs Ranch, Crawford, Texas, on 27-30 May 1988. After her husband died, Leatha lived in Oceanside, California, near two of her children. Leatha is survived by her two living children, her brother, **J. D. Biggs**, and three grandchildren—**Dee Osborne**, **Stuart Osborne**, and **Shannon Winans**.

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## Invitation From James and the Cauble Family

2008 Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion

will recognize and honor both

the **Lewis family D6,**

hosted by **Rusty and Dana Lewis**

and **Brad and Becky Christmas,**

as well as

the **Caldwell C7** family,

hosted by **Sylvia Caldwell Rankin**

13-14 June 2008 at Whitney Theatre, Albany, Texas

All Cauble-Rotan descendants are encouraged to come ready for a fun time with visiting, good food, and an entertaining auction with VP **Dan Chick** as auctioneer.



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