

Image: Original work of Lee Stroncek features a country church in an earlier century. Its outhouse has a shade tree.

**Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion 2013 is
scheduled for 12 –13 July 2013
at Whitney Theatre in Albany, Texas.**

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He is coming!

Cauble-Rotan Family Report

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There was a time when some things were held in special regard in this country and as a community we protected them. Cemeteries are such an example. In the rural area where I grew up in the 1940s and 1950s, cemeteries were off limits for target practice, for removing headstones, and for taking any items from graves. That is no longer the standard by which many of us live.

During the Texas Sesquicentennial in the 1980s my cousin **Gail Loving Barnes H23.10.1** and I attempted to place Daughters of the Republic of Texas markers at the graves of those ancestors who had been Citizens of the Republic of Texas, 1836-1846. We placed markers at several ancestral graves in McLennan County. When I returned to those graves last month, each markers had been removed by some disrespectful people. Prairie Grove Cemetery is so far removed from everyday life that one would have to be looking for it to stumble upon its location. Yet, the markers are gone.

It is true that those who look for the end of time in our near future point towards increased evil in the last days. And although we know about the high crime rate and general meanness of many, the apparent desecration of cemeteries has brought my attention to the fact that some in our society are just too evil to live with the others of us! As **J. D. Biggs E196** and I were discussing last month, we as a nation must return to the Christian values of earlier decades—the 1940s, 1950s, and even earlier.

—Julia Cauble Smith, Editor

President's Letter

Greetings Kin,

This is a special time of the year and I want to wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and hope you get to spend it with family and friends.

Please remember those who have lost loved ones and those who are dealing with health problems. It seems to be much harder on them this time of the year.

I have reserved the Whitney Theatre in Albany for next year's reunion. The date is July 12 and 13. We are still working on having something special for the children on Friday the 12th and we will keep you informed.

Have a Happy New Year.

God Bless,

James

*Image: Jim and Connie Baker
Wallner E22221*



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Christmas Memories

Christmas was a special time for us and mother's family would usually join us. Each year my dad would go into Stiles and cut down a cedar tree for our Christmas tree. It was eighteen miles and daddy would always put it off as long as he could. He would bring the tree home and put it in a bucket of dirt to hold it up. He also brought extra branches to wire on the tree to give it the right shape. Most of our decorations were homemade but we did have a few round balls. Mother crocheted and made some things to hang on the tree. My favorite decoration was a little woolly lamb and we had it for years before it finally came apart. I remember the tree was always aromatic and beautiful.

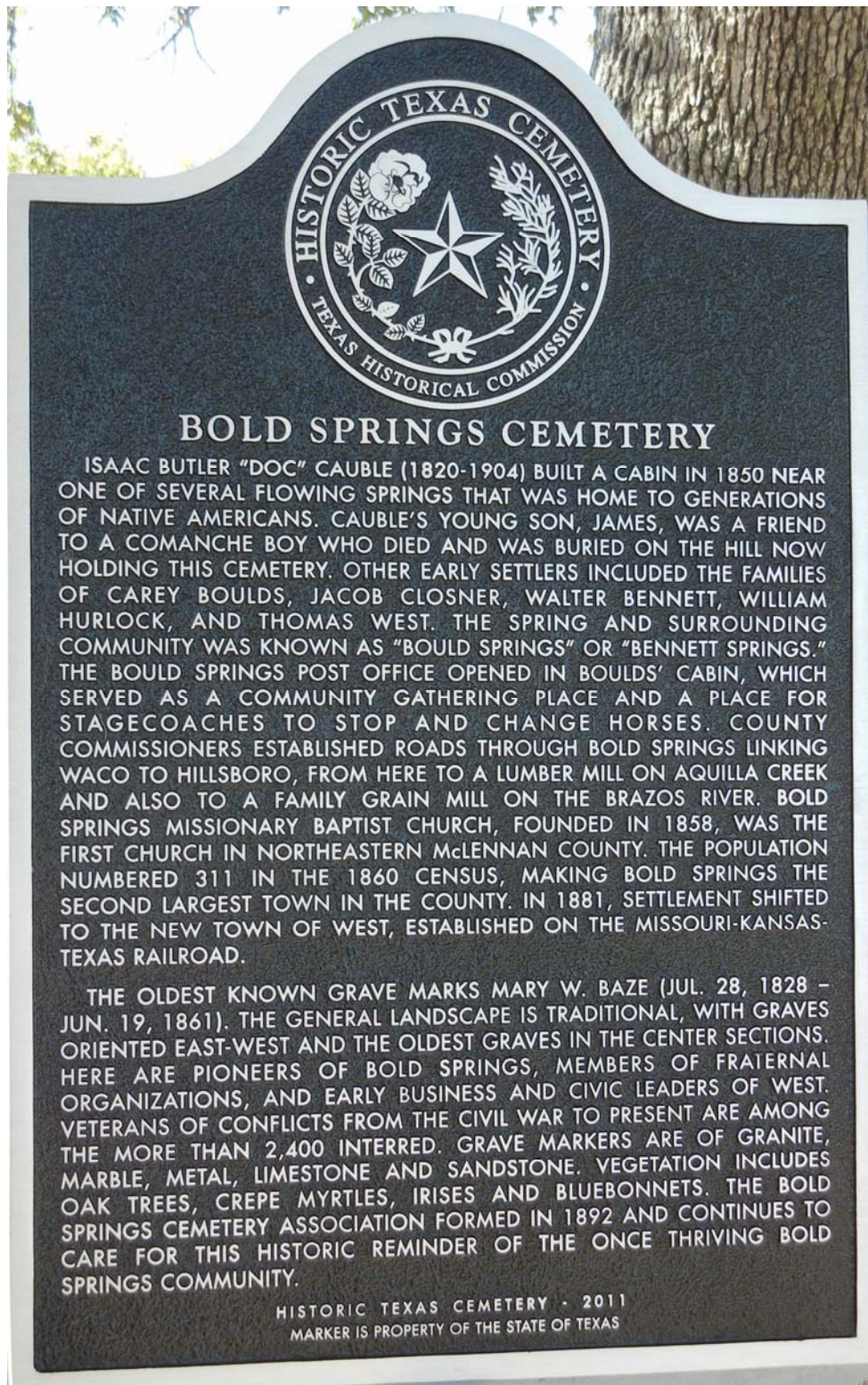


My mother always made a fruit cake for Christmas and put a lot of cherries on it. We also always had fire works. I remember one year we were at my parents' home and Larry was about 9 or 10 years old and he and Glenn were shooting fire works outside. They went to the kitchen to light a sparkler or something and the fire crackers Larry was holding accidentally caught fire. Of course he dropped the package and ran outside. When they started going off we went into the kitchen and the cherries that were on the fruit cake were rolling on the floor. I'm not sure how that happened, but it was funny.

—*Mildred Cauble Callihan E1.13.3*
as told to James S. Cauble E7223 in a recent interview

Editor's Note: Mildred grew up in Reagan County, Texas, where her father, **E. G. Cauble, Sr.** (21 August 1889 Hill County, Texas-23 March 1965 Reagan County, Texas; buried Stiles Cemetery, Reagan County, Texas), a son of **Sarah Jane Underwood** and **James Lafayette Cauble**, was a rancher. The years she refers to were those from the 1920s into the 1960s.

Cemetery Marker Remembers Doc Cauble



On 7 November 2012 at Bold Springs Cemetery, McLennan County, Texas, an official Texas Historical Marker was unveiled at a 10:30 A.M. dedication. County leaders and local clergy were speakers at the impressive ceremony that recognized the 151-year history of the burial ground.

Sponsored by Bold Springs Cemetery Association, the historical marker notes the early settlement at Bold Springs of **Isaac Butler [Doc] Cauble**, patriarch of our E branch of the Cauble family.

Mimi Montgomery Irvin E1.14.21, local historian, invited her Cauble family to the dedication. Those attending were **Georgia Montgomery WE1.14.2**, **J. D. Biggs E196**, **Ernestine and James Cauble E7223**, and **Al and Julia Cauble Smith H2353**.

Image: Al H. Smith

Bold Springs Cemetery Marking

Bold Spring Cemetery is located on Four Corners Road off Farm Road 1858 just past West Brethren Cemetery. It is west of the town of West in McLennan County, Texas. Bold Springs is a fairly large cemetery and an interesting one.

Among our direct and allied ancestors buried at Bold Springs Cemetery are **John Martin Cauble** (1812 TN-1879 Hill Co., TX), son of **Anne/Anny Basigner** (c1793-after 1850 Lincoln Co., TN) and **Frederick Cauble** (c1790 Rowan Co., NC-before 1840 Lincoln Co., TN). John Martin's sister-in-law **Mary Ann Rotan King RA** (1815 AL-5 Jan 1895 Hill Co., TX) and brother-in-law **Peter Johnson King MRA** (14 Apr 1815 AL-22 Dec 1897) have graves there. Others buried at Bold Springs are **Thomas Sylvester Cauble E31** (27 Oct 1872 McLennan Co., TX-25 May 1961 Nolan Co., TX); **Addie E. Smith Cauble** (22 Apr 1874 TX-6 Feb 1945 Dallas Co., TX); **Dock S. Cauble E34** (1879 McLennan Co., TX-1961 Hill Co., TX); and **Brice M. Cauble E36** (22 Oct 1883 Hill Co.,TX-5 Oct 1885 Hill Co., TX), all sons of **Thomas Fulton Cauble E3** (1 Sep 1846 Tyler Co., TX-11 February 1940; buried Bell Cemetery, Hill Co., TX) and his wife, **Mary Ann Matthews** (Oct 1852 TX-17 Apr 1933 Hill Co., TX; buried Bell Cemetery, Hill Co., TX), a daughter of **Hanna Caroline Ellis** and **Simeon Matthews**. Three infants born of Addie E. Smith and Thomas Sylvester Cauble in the 1890s are interred at Bold Springs.

Bold Springs Cemetery will be added to our list of ancestral graveyards that will receive monetary support from our family association in the coming years, with the approval of the Board of Directors. This burial ground is a worthy recipient.

Right: **Julia Cauble Smith** H2353, **Ernestine Cauble** ME7223, **Mimi Montgomery Irwin** E1.14.21, and **Georgia Montgomery** WE1.14.2 posed after the cemetery marking in McLennan County. Also in attendance but not pictured were family president **James Cauble** E7223 and **J. D. Biggs** E196. All pictured as well as James and J. D. are charter members of Texas Cauble Family Association.

Image: Al H. Smith MH2353



What Happened to Rufus Rotan?

I would never have known that **Rufus Rotan** (1834 maybe Marion County, Alabama-after 21 February 1853) existed if he had not been listed on the 1850 population schedule census of Tyler County, Texas, where his father and five siblings were listed in various households. His siblings were **Mary Ann Rotan King** (1815 Alabama-Mississippi border-5 January 1895 Hill County, Texas); **Robert Rotan** (1822 Alabama-after February 1887 Polk County, Texas); **John W. Rotan** (1826 Alabama-19 December 1858 Polk County, Texas); **Mariah Jane Rotan Cauble** (1830 Alabama-25 January 1882 Cherokee County, Texas); and, **Martha C. Rotan** (1836 Mississippi-5 January 1925 Travis County, Texas). Three other brothers, who were minors in 1850, surely lived in Tyler County, but they were not listed on the 1850 census. They were **William**

T. Rotan (1835 Alabama-17 December 1890 Confederate Home, Austin, Texas); **James M. Rotan** (March 1841 Mississippi-after 7 June 1900 Tyler County, Texas; and **George W. Rotan** (1843 Mississippi-unknown Texas). They lived later with **Mariah Jane Rotan** and **John Martin Cauble**.

Rufus had been born to **John A. Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-by October 1858 Tyler County, Texas) and his wife, who may have been **Sarah Robinson**. Some time in his childhood—between 1839 and 1846—Rufus migrated to Tyler County with his family. In 1850 Rufus was 16 years old, worked as a farmer, and lived in the household of James M. Willey.

The only later mention of Rufus was found on 21 February 1853 in Tyler County Court Minute Book A:113 when Rufus and Robert Rotan along with other men who lived in Precinct 30 were ordered by the Tyler Hill County court to work “the road leading from Woodville to Herman A. William’s, between the place where the Road leaves the Hardshell Road and W. Sansom’s old bridge” in that precinct. Their neighbors who were also assigned to the same duty were **D. Barclay, Edmund Frazer** and his slave **Cropper, J. W. Pool, A. A. McKee, Old Wm. Tipton** and his sons, **G. P. Kayhea, Isaac Peters, Wm. R. Brown, and A. Grayham.**



Rufus Rotan left no other record that has been found by family researchers. His name did not appear on the 1860 U. S. Census or as an effective during the Civil War, 1861-1865. He may have sought his fortune in the West or lost his life in accident. He may have been the *R. H. Roten* who went to McLennan County and married **Sarah Renfro**, but this has not been proven. Anyone with research on the life of Rufus Rotan should contact the editor or Rotan researcher Shirley Brook at sbrook101@embarqmail.com.

—*Julia Cauble Smith*

Long Ago Letter

Copy of this 1870 letter to R. C. Wood from R. W. Roark of Gainesville, Georgia, was submitted by Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211, a descendant of the Wood family. It gives insight into the lives of mid-19th century Southerners. The R. W. Roark family lived near the Wood family in Hall County, Georgia, at one time. The letter comes from a typescript, "Wood Family Papers and Letters," edited by Marjorie Scott Ashley, 1998.

Gainesville Ga January 31st 1870

R. C. Wood

Dear old friend This leaves me in very good health, except my eyes I can now see my way but have been blind And I hope this will come safe to hand and find you and family well Yours of the 4th Inst. come safe to hand and I was truly glad to hear from you & c. I find old Georgia very near worn out and gone down. And the people that I once knew nearly all scattered gone and dead. I find old uncle **John Baker** & wife yet living their Children both dead **John Dorsey** & family are all hear yet except one Son (**Fletcher**) he is in Colorado Teratory Old Mr. **Boone** and family are in this country yet **George Lathem** is dead. the family are all hear except one daughter that is gone to Texas My brothers family are all hear his oldest son is speaking of starting to Colorado in a few days. You requested me to give you some account of Texas Johnson County where you brother [**Lorenzo Dow Wood**] is gone it is high roling hills and rich vallies of lands and the best of a stock section and the pasturage is sufficient to keep stock in good order the year round. And sufficient timber for all purposes that may be nesary The lands are excellent for corn wheat oats cotton and potatoes in short it is a good farming country healthy and well watered. →



Long Ago Letter, continued

the Indians have been troublesome in that section of Texas. it was in Johnson county that old uncle **Henry Parks** & wife was killed by the Indians and **William Parks** their son is now liveing in that County, as for the County I live in the lands are not quite so rich not quite so well watered and perhaps not quite so healthy, and better for cotton yet where I live is about one hundred miles southeast of Johnson County Also Sociaty is better where I live. And Should ever you go to Texas you will find the best beef you ever saw. the Texas beef is said to be the best beef in the world. The State of Texas is so large you may select nearly any climate you want from the warmest to almost perpetual snow. but Northwest Texas is the best portion of the State. should my eyes improve sufficient which I hope they will I shal return to Texas during next summer or fall. And I may see you upon my return. Then I hope to see the **Wood family** you came so near boasting about in your letter I had some rather you would not boast yet as I have never married and I learn your oldest Children are daughters and I do not know what effect it might have on me at this late hour My dear friend Wood my advice to you is to leave where you are and go to Texas and should we ever both get thar I will most assurdly go to see you & c. I could have written this letter myself but my doctor advise me not to write I hope to hear from you upon the receipt of this. for I must close for the present & c
yours most respectfully **R W Roark**

Mr. R. C. Wood

Alow me to introduce my-self to you as the writer of this letter for Mr.

Roark. Since he has come back to Georgia myself and him have spent considrable time together and have often spoke of you as we ware both schollars to your singing school at **Bakers Meetinghouse** in 1834, We have often spoke to each other how we would like to meet up with face to face & c. you will please give my respects to your family notwithstanding I am a entire Stranger to them. but for the acquaintance I have had with you & c. I am as ever yours respectfully & c.

G. W. Boone

Editor's note: Original spelling, grammar, and punctuation have been retained in this letter. Remember that such items were not important to frontiersmen in the 19th century and we can easily understand the writer's meaning without them.

Those Who Are Gone

Benny Lee Hearn H2321 (27 August 1923 Royston, Fisher County, Texas–19 November 2012 Desoto, Dallas County, Texas; buried Grove Hill Memorial Park, Dallas County, Texas) was born to **Maggie Lee Lightfoot** and **Rector Ernest Cauble H232**. After his parents divorced and his mother married **Horace Hearn** (26 July 1905-October 1968), Benny Lee Cauble took the surname *Hearn*. Benny was a captain in Dallas Fire Department, serving there thirty-seven years. About 1941, he married **Mildred V. Snapp** (1 August 1921 Fisher County, Texas-14 October 2003 Grande Prairie, Dallas-Tarrant counties, Texas; buried Grove Hill Memorial Park, Dallas County, Texas), a daughter of **Maggie M.** (about 1882 South Carolina-after 1930), and **George D. Snapp** (1880 Arkansas-before 1920 Texas). Mildred and Benny Lee Hearn became the parents of two children—**Lorraine Hearn Walker** and **Ben Lee Hearn**. Benny and Mildred were married sixty-two years before Mildred died. Benny Lee's half-siblings are **LaVonia Cauble Margala H2322** and **Dale R. Cauble H2323**.



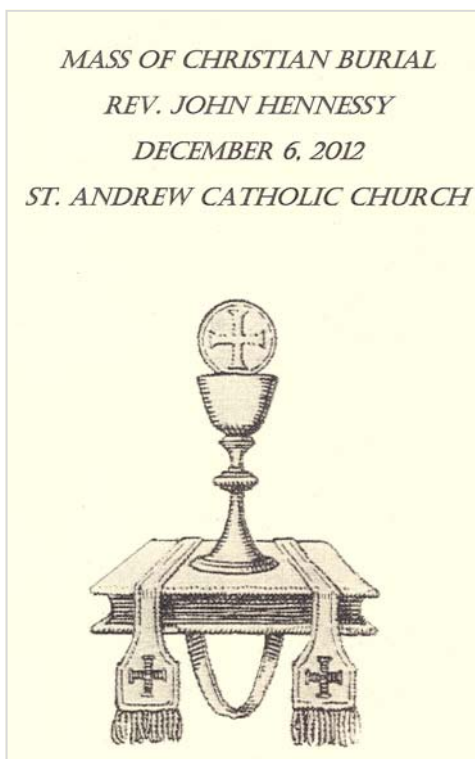
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Image of Fr. John: Obituary

John Anthony Hennessy, Jr. D6361 (28 November 1951 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas-2 December 2012 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; buried Mount Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas) was born to **Mary Emma Lewis** and **John Anthony Hennessy, Sr.** He attended St. Andrew Catholic School and Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth. His later education included Holy Trinity Seminary and North American College in Vatican City. John was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Fort Worth on 29 July 1978 and served several parishes there as well as parochial vicar of St. John the Apostle Parish in North Richland Hills. Father John was chaplain to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Arlington and to the Sisters of St. Mary at Our Lady of Victory. In early life, he became an Eagle Scout and later served as chaplain to Boy Scouts of the area. He was a Knight of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. Father John was a well-loved and greatly appreciated priest who offered help to all around him who had need.

Fr. John is survived by his mother and two brothers—**Joseph Patrick Hennessy D6362** and **Paul Edward Hennessy D6363**.



Our American Military Heroes



Image: Al H. Smith

John Martin Cauble (3 Sep 1812 Rowan County, NC-28 May 1879 Hill County, TX; buried Bold Spring Cemetery, McLennan County, TX) was born to **Anne/Anny Basinger** (c1793-after 1850) and **Frederick Cauble** (c1790 Rowan County, NC-before 1840 Lincoln County, TN), who migrated to Lincoln County, Tennessee, from North Carolina. At sometime between 1832 and 1835, he married probably in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the daughter of **James Frost** who became the mother of his daughters, **Samantha A. Cauble** (about 1836 TN-unknown) and **Sarah Cauble** (about 1838 TN-after 7 July 1870), according to the will of **James Frost**. Sometime between 1840 and 1846, and before John Martin Cauble came to Texas, his wife died in Tennessee.

Although he was new to Texas, Cauble served from 22 June until 2 October 1846 as a corporal in Company B, Liberty County, Texas, during the Mexican War. After his military service, he apparently settled in Tyler County, Texas, near the **Peter Cauble** family. He married **Mariah Jane Rotan**, daughter of **John A. Rotan** and a kinsman of **Mary Ann Rotan Cauble**. After 1850 the couple moved to Hill County, Texas, and lived out their lives there.

Remembering Those Currently Serving in Our Nation's Military

U. S. Army: **Thomas Aquinas Bayer II** MD249211; **Mary Loughlin Bayer** D249211

Paul Hill MH231213; **Scott Atwood** H231211; **Trenton H. Yarter** H29122

Tanner Green, allied kin of H2353 family will be heading back to Afghanistan in 2013

Jacey Shack E722215; **Jonathan Batte** H132113S, West Point

U. S. Marines: **Brent Cauble** E723312

U. S. Navy: **Brandi Baize** E72222S; **Michael Douglas Hunt** E146121

Prayers for Those Who Have Had Surgery, Accident, or Illness

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Our Nation in Crisis and in need of our prayers

Family News



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Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211, our webmaster, and her staff manage our family website. Access it at <http://cauble-rotan.org>. Family researchers will find much of our genealogical research posted there. Many thanks to our talented and generous cousin, Sylvia.

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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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