

Cauble-Rotan Family Report

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The vintage postcard above reflects the social and economic culture of Hill County, Texas, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many people with the surnames of Cauble, Rotan, and their allied families lived in the area of Hill and McLennan counties during those years. John W. Cauble and his family left Tyler County for Hill County about 1852. His sister, Martha, and her husband, Benjamin Green, came into Hill County from Limestone County by 1853. Isaac Butler Cauble and his younger brother, Peter, Jr., brought their families from Tyler County to McLennan County in 1855. John Martin Cauble, a kinsman of unidentified relationship to Peter Cauble and his sons, and John Martin's wife, Mariah Jane Rotan [daughter of John A. Rotan], came to McLennan County from Tyler County in 1856. All were searching for better economic opportunities offered by cotton and stock farming on the unbroken land of these newly-settled counties. Many children and some grandchildren of the older generation of the Cauble-Rotan and allied families lived out their lives in the area, while most of the next generation moved into West Texas.

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Statement of Purpose

This genealogical quarterly is dedicated to documenting the lives of Peter Cauble, Sr. (1786 NC-1870 Tyler Co. TX), of his wife, Mary Ann Rotan (1794 SC-1860 Tyler Co. TX), and of their thousands of descendants; and, to reporting the news and genealogical research of Texas Cauble Family Association.

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President's Letter

Dear Kin,

I hope this finds you in good health and enjoying cooler weather. In July we had another fun reunion and I want to thank everyone who attended and helped make it a huge success. To the ones that were unable to attend, we missed you and hope you will be able to attend next year. Bill and I will again serve as host of the 2007 Reunion and plan on having it in early June at the Whitney Theater in Albany. This year's attendance was close to 100 with a number attending their first reunion. The auction was again the highlight of the reunion and we brought in over \$2,000 after expenses of which nearly \$600 was designated for the Captain Todd Christmas Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Brad and Becky Christmas's generous offer to match each dollar given to the fund, the scholarship is secured for next year. Several have made donations since the reunion and I am confident our generous family will continue to contribute and support this worthwhile endeavor. Thanks also to everyone that donated items to the auction.

In addition to our regular reunion next year we will have a Family Day during the year at Peach Tree Village to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Texas Cauble Family Association. Peach Tree Village is in East Texas and is where Peter Cauble and his wife, Mary Ann Rotan, and their family settled in the 1830s. Their home still stands and their family cemetery is nearby. Connie Wallner is working on the details and we will notify you as soon as they are finalized so you can make plans.

Thanks again to Jane Levý, Bill Hudson, and Rick Cauble for their work on the Scholarship Committee. Bill had asked to be replaced on the committee and I am happy to announce that Dan Cauble has agreed to serve in his place. Thomas Jones, this year's recipient, attended the reunion and was very appreciative of being selected. I think he is a fine representative of our family and will uphold the memory of Todd Christmas. I received a card from Thomas after the reunion addressed to The Cauble Family thanking us again for the "generous scholarship" and everyone that donated to the fund. He gave special thanks to the members of the selection committee. We wish Thomas the best in school this year.

All officers were reelected to another two-year term. Longtime Directors, Mildred Callahan and Jessie Pendergrass, asked to be replaced due to health concerns. Both had served as Directors for many years and we really appreciate all their support and help during that time. Bill Cauble was added to the Board as Director to fill one of the positions and the other position will be filled soon. Jessie has agreed to continue as coordinator of the Desert Contest. I think that may be the best job of all.

After returning home from the reunion we found that Mildred's husband, Ross, passed away on Friday of the reunion. Please continue to remember Mildred in your prayers. In addition to their financial support, both Mildred and Ross had attended nearly every reunion. He will be missed by all.

If you have not paid your dues for next year, please do so at this time. They are only \$10.00 per year per family and help pay for the newsletter, maintenance of the Peter Cauble House, and care of family cemeteries. You can send dues to Gwen Chick, 132 Westridge Trail, Weatherford, TX 76087.

I wish you good health. May God bless you.

James

Please note that this newsletter is posted on our family website and ready for download. You will find it at www.cauble-rotan.org



President James Sterling Cauble E7223 presided at the general meeting of the Cauble-Rotan Family Reunion in Albany, Texas, 22 July 2006.

Image by Rick Cauble E5142



Elizabeth Cauble

Elizabeth Cauble (about 1811 White County, Tennessee-before 25 February 1870 when Peter Cauble signed his will) was a daughter of **Mary Ann Rotan** (1794 South Carolina-1860 Tyler County, Texas) and **Peter Cauble** (1786 North Carolina-1870 Tyler County, Texas). She probably married in Alabama. Her husband's surname was **Osborn/Osburn**. There is no proof that she came to Texas, although one James Osborn lived in Tyler County on 19 February 1850. It is not known whether Elizabeth had children.



From Public Records

- The Peter Cauble Will, Tyler County, Texas Book D:885-886, signed 25 February 1870 in Tyler County, Texas, gives this daughter's name as Elizabeth Osborn:

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.

- On 21 July 1826 Zachariah Osborn of Marion County, Alabama, bought land in Section 11, Township 13, Range 15 West, Huntsville, Alabama Land Office, Book 400.
- On 1830 U. S. Census, Marion County, Alabama, the households of Peter Cooble, Robert Hughes (2), John Rotan, Jabas Fitzgearald, James Osborn, James Garnet, Alexander Wats, and Thomas Wats were recorded.

- On 30 August 1833 Peter Cauble of Marion County, Alabama, received land in Section 14, Township 13 South, Range 15 West, Huntsville, Alabama Land Office, Book 400. His close township neighbors were or became James Osburn, Robert Hughes, Eli Waites, Jabez Fitzgerald, Zachariah Osborn, and John A. Rotan.

- On 02 Feb 1837 James Osburn of Blount Co. Alabama, bought land in Section 15, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, Huntsville, Alabama Land Office, Book 400.
- On 28 November 1840 James Osburn/Osborn located land in Section 23, Township 4, Range 13 West, west of Caney Creek, which was the boundary line between land ceded by the Cherokee and the Chickasaw to the federal government in 1816 and the Chickasaw lands that were not ceded until 1832. [Natchez Trace Traveler 7:4 (Nov 1987), 124-127]

- On the 1840 Texas Poll List no Osborn/Osborne/Osbern was listed.
- Jan 1841 John W. B. Osburn received land in Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 15 West, Huntsville, Alabama Meridian [Marion County, Alabama], Certificate No. 16712.

- On 19 February 1850 Tyler County court issued the following:

Ordered by the Court that John W. Cauble, be and he is hereby appointed overseer of the road leading from Belt's Ferry to D. R. Smith's, from the East side of Russell's Creek bottom to Daniel R. Smith's, and hand to work on said road are as follows, Monroe Lang, Richard Hardy, John G. Trim, Joseph Green, ___Walker, Wm. C. Autrey, D. B. Cauble, Robt. Rotan, James Osborn, Robt. T. Rucker, James Cauble, Peter Cauble hands, James Barnes, 2 hands, Saml. Barnes. [Tyler County Court Minutes Book A: 37-38]

This James Osborn lived among the close-knit Cauble-Rotan-Green community. He may or may not have been related to any of the families who lived on Russell Creek or along Belt Ferry Road.

- The federal census was taken in Tyler County, Texas, in November of 1850. No listing was found on that census for James Osborn.



This board is part of a series and is the creative work of Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211, our webmaster.

The Scholarship

Presenting the Check



From left: **Clarence Yarter** MH291, **Lyric Jones** H29114, **Rosie Jones** H29113, **Ruby Yarter** H291, **Thomas J. Jones** H29112, President **James Sterling Cauble** E7223, **Becky Christmas** MD6.10.32, and **Brad Christmas** D6.10.32. Thomas J. Jones, grateful winner of the 2006 Captain Todd Christmas Memorial Scholarship Fund, attended the reunion with his proud grandparents, Clarence and Ruby Yarter, and his sisters. Becky and Brad Christmas, parents of Todd Christmas, generously provided matching funds for the scholarship money raised at this year's auction.

Image: Rick Cauble E5142



Visiting With Kin

Rick Cauble E5142, left, and **Bill Hudson** ME255 discuss family history in front of the family boards display at the reunion.

Image: Al H. Smith MH2353

The Auction

Thanks to the auctioneer and the models!



Vice-President **Dan Chick** H23531, a CPA and stock broker in Fort Worth, entertained as the reunion auctioneer. The proceeds from the 2006 auction went towards the scholarship fund, named in memory of U. S. Army Captain **Todd Tyler Christmas** D6.10.321 (1978-2004) and is designed to give recognition and some monetary support to young college-student descendants. Thanks goes to those who contributed auction items as well as those who bid on and bought them. Thanks also to our talented auctioneer and the handsome apron models pictured below!

Left: Auctioneer **Dan Chick** H23531 tried to coax attendees into higher bids at the family auction to benefit the Captain Todd Tyler Christmas Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Image by Al H. Smith MH2353



Left: Everyone's favorite cousin and family caterer, **Bill Cauble** E7221, models an apron that came up for auction to the delight of the crowd. Bill is a widely-known chuck wagon cook and cookbook author. [See *Texas Highways*, Oct 2006, page 54.]

Image: Al H. Smith MH2353

Right: **Larry J. Cauble** E72223 kindly takes his turn as an apron model in answer to a challenge.

Image: Rick Cauble E5142



The Seventy-Year-Old Quilt



Pictured with the beautiful 70-year-old Depression quilt are **Tomi Cauble Hudson** E255 and her first cousin, twice removed, **Connie Baker Wallner** E22221. The quilt was a gift of love from Tomi to Connie, a great-granddaughter of the long-ago maker, **Maggie Frances Cauble Ivy** E22.

*Image: Phyllis Hudson
Hance E2551*

Aunt Mag and the Depression Quilt

During the hard economic times of the 1930s, our family members survived by helping one another as often as they could. Sometime in 1936 or 1937, a 66-year-old widow, **Maggie Frances Cauble Ivy** E22 (12 Apr 1870 McLennan Co. TX-1947 Norman, OK), came to visit and lend a helping hand to her niece, **Dovie Irene Cauble** E252, and Dovie's husband, **Burret Alexander Harry**, who were expecting their fourth child in the spring. In addition to helping with the family's household chores, Aunt Mag made a masterpiece quilt for the Harry family.

The Harry's baby daughter was born on 1 April 1937. Aunt Mag suggested to the young parents that her own married surname would be a good middle name for the little girl, who became **Montez Ivy Harry** E2524. After the baby was a few weeks old, Aunt Mag returned home, leaving her good work behind—including the quilt—to be remembered fondly by the grateful family. Because the quilt was beautiful, new, and cherished for its maker, Dovie wanted to keep it safely stored away. And, she did for the remainder of her life—undisturbed and never used.

Dovie left this life—including the perfectly-preserved vintage quilt—recently. Her daughter gave the treasured quilt to Dovie's younger sister, **Tomi Cauble Hudson** E255. Tomi, thinking of both past and future, presented the quilt with love and appreciation to Aunt Mag's great-granddaughter, **Connie Baker Wallner** E22221, at this reunion. Those who saw the presentation witnessed the love and appreciation family members give one another in life and even in death. We hope to give as much to future generations, Aunt Mag.

Some of Those Who Attended



After the auction, about half of the reunion attendees posed on the stairs at Whitney Theatre for a group photograph. Next year, the group image will be made before the lunch line opens, assuring that more kin will be in the picture. No one knows where the children lost their shoes!

Image supplied by Rick Cauble E5142, seated on the floor; photographer may have been Gwen Chick MH23531

Saving Family Money

It is the plan of Texas Cauble Family Association to continue distributing the family newsletter by email. This method saves several hundred dollars each year. That money—used at one time to print and mail newsletters—can help those family members in need through our Barn-Raising Fund or help maintain family cemeteries and the Historic Peter Cauble House.

The current policy is to send the email copy to anyone with online service. We can arrange to send a print copy by post office mail to those who pay dues and request such service. Most descendants who do not have email service of their own do have a close relative or friend who will not mind printing a copy of the newsletter for them. Please help us gather as many email addresses of descendants as we can to save the cost of post office mailings.

Young Descendants



From left: Kaylee Chick H235323, Jordan Chick H235312, and Rocky Chick H235322, granddaughters of Al H. and Julia Cauble Smith H2353, are ready for the lawn party. Send an image of your grandchildren for the next issue.

Image: Al H. Smith MH2353



Left: Caitlin Collen Wimberley H236112 and her older sister, Krislyn Nell Wimberley H236111, enjoy a laugh in a beautiful garden on Easter 2006. They are the granddaughters of Tommy and Revis Cauble Leonard H23611.

Image: Tommy Leonard MH23611

Family News



Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211
Image: Al H. Smith

Cauble-Rotan Family Website

Sylvia Caldwell Rankin C76211, who creates and maintains websites professionally, kindly volunteers as the family webmaster. As a family association, we are grateful for her expertise and willingness to give of her time to our research and information efforts.

Visit our website: www.cauble-rotan.org.
Sylvia can be reached at sylvia@studiosr.com.

Barn-Raising Committee Wants To Help

If you are aware of a descendant who needs encouragement or of one celebrating an accomplishment, the Barn-Raising Committee wants to know. The committee is chaired by **Roy Hughes C14232** and includes **Regenia R. McIntyre H2342**, **Don Cauble E1.12.6**, **Dan Chick H23531**, and **Phyllis Hudson Hance E2551**. Phyllis serves as greeting card maker and mails her beautiful handmade cards to family members.

Her email address is phance@sw.rr.com.



Phyllis Hudson Hance E2551
Image by Peggy Cauble Cox E7231



Revis Cauble Leonard H23611
File image

Your Help Is Needed For Family Scrapbooks

Revis Cauble Leonard H23611 is Scrapbooks Chairman for Texas Cauble Family Association. She is working on a military scrapbook that was first displayed at this summer's reunion. It is devoted to those descendants who have served in the military—in peace and in war from the War of 1812, when Peter Cauble's militia unit was called into service, to the present. Send photographs and information about descendants

in the military to revisn@hotmail.com.

Those Who Are Gone

ME1.13.3 **Ross Jackson Callihan** (06 December 1919 Big Spring, Howard County, Texas-21 July 2006 Big Spring, Howard County, TX; buried Trinity Memorial Park, Howard County, TX) was a son of **Sallie Ann Hogue** (1891-1980 Howard County, TX; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Howard County, TX) and **Samuel Allison Callihan** (1886-1961 Howard County, TX; buried Mount Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring, Howard County, TX). As a child, Ross attended **Cauble School** in Howard County and as a young man he served in China, Burma, and India during World War II. When he returned home after military service, Ross married **Mildred Myrle Cauble E1.13.3**, daughter of **Julia Mary Jane Anderson** and **Euclid Gideon Cauble, Sr.**, on 08 July 1945 in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. They had four children—**Ross Terrell** [who preceded his father in death], **Lawrence**, **Alton**, and **Sherri**.

In the 1960s the Callihans built a home on twenty acres in the Ratliff Addition of Big Spring and lived out their life together there. Ross retired from a 35-year career with the telephone company. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church, a Bible scholar, a Sunday School teacher, and a community volunteer. Ross and Mildred were founding members and frequent supporters and attendees of the Cauble-Rotan family reunions.

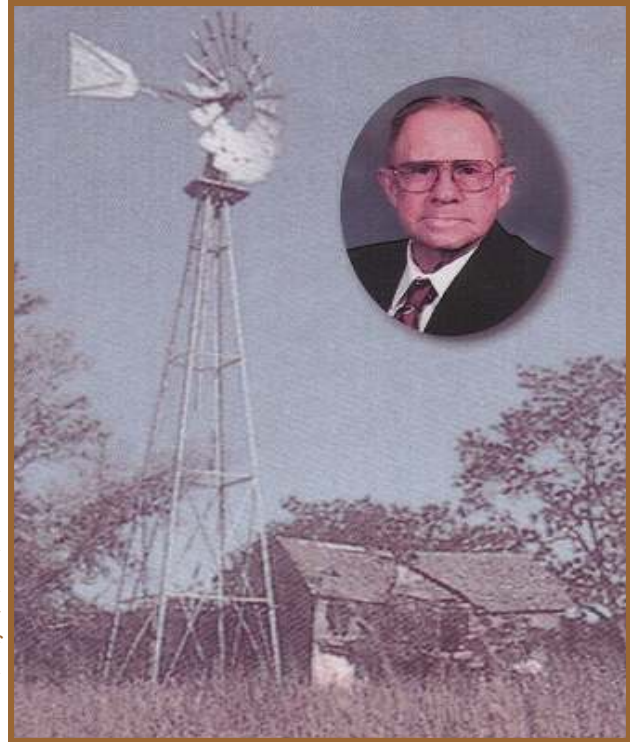


Image: Ross J. Callihan Funeral Program

[Ross J. Callihan obituary, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, 25 July 2006; *Big Spring Herald*, July 1995; Writer's observation; *History of Howard County, 1882-1982* (Big Spring, Howard County Historical Commission, 1982), 217]

D6232 **Mary Katherine Leeton Fowler** (06 December 1946 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas-28 July 2006 Midland County, Texas; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas), a daughter of **Mary Eunice [Peggy] Lewis D623** and **James Robert Leeton, Sr.**, married **Michael Judson Fowler** on 27 December 1969. They had three children—**Andrea Courtney** [who preceded her mother in death], **Melissa Anne**, and **James**

Michael Fowler. Mary Katherine Leeton graduated Magna Cum Laude at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas. She was a schoolteacher for twenty-five years. At the time of her accidental death in an automobile, she was a special education teacher at Ross Elementary School in Odessa, Texas, and lived in Midland, Texas. Kathy was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

[Delores Lewis Springs, "Lewis Family Group Sheets (undocumented)," supplied 07 April 1995 by Springs; Lucy Elizabeth Leeton Link obituary, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, 16 December 1998; Jim Leeton, Sr. obituary, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, 08 September 2003; Kathy Leeton Fowler obituary, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, 30 July 2006]

Those Who Are Gone

C14.10.1 **Mary Luella Hughes** (08 October 1922 Jefferson County, Arkansas-14 September 2006 Little Rock, Arkansas; buried Center Campground Cemetery, Sheridan, Grant County, Arkansas), a daughter of **Emma Mae Harris** and **William Norris Hughes C14.10**, married **Walter Hansford Davis, Jr.** (17 March 1919 Sheridan, Grant County, Arkansas-25 January 2000 Grant County, Arkansas), son of **Edna Mae Smithwick** and **Walter Hansford Davis, Sr.** Mary Luella Hughes and Walter Hansford Davis, Jr., became the parents of nine children—**Dale, Roy, Vonna Sue, Rex, James, Emma Jean, Jerry, Terry,** and **Mary Susan**. They had forty-five grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Walter Hansford Davis, Jr., served in the U. S. Army during World War II, 1943-11 December 1945 in Africa, Italy, and the Philippines. Mary Luella was a bookkeeper before retirement. The Davises lived their life together in Jefferson and Grant counties of Arkansas and were Baptists.

[Reba Hughes Torres to Editor, email, 22 Sep 2006; Emma Harris Hughes, "Trunk and Branches, Our Family Tree," typescript, copy in Writer's files supplied 21 February 1998 by Vivian Hughes; Mary Luella Hughes Davis to Writer, Chart, 24 February 1998, Sheridan Arkansas; Walter Davis entry, 431-26-9847, issued in Arkansas before 1951, Social Security Death Index, online at Ancestry.com, accessed 19 February 2001]

Remembering in Our Hearts and Prayers

Family members who serve in the military:

U. S. Air Force: **Stephen Baxter E75131;**

Roxanne Baxter ME75131

U. S. Army: **Carol R. [Trey] Caldwell C762121;**

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

Tony Stock HA51311

U. S. Marines: **James Leonard Saint E151112; John D.
Connell HA51431S; Kenneth J. Windsor of C7.12. family**

U. S. Navy: **Erin Bell H232212;**

James Andrew Tanner H127111



Left: **Erin Bell H232212** serves in the United States Navy.

Image submitted by LaVonia Cauble Margala H2322