

# Texas Cauble Report

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## John W. Cauble (1816-1868) Lived in Tyler and Hill Counties of Texas

John W. Cauble was born in White County, Tennessee, 12 February 1816 to **Mary Ann Rotan and Peter Cauble**. By 1815 his family had migrated to Alabama, where they lived until the early 1830s. During this time, Peter Cauble probably made several expeditions into Texas and moved his family there after 1833.

One Second Lieutenant John Cauble was shown on Militia List 17 of Texas soldiers in the 1830s, along with **D. B. Cauble, Valentine Burch,** and **Benjamin Green**. John W. Cauble was taxed in 1837 in Liberty County, Texas.

John W. married **Mary Evaliza Chaney** (1824-1907), daughter of **Rebecca** and **Christopher Chaney**. The first child of the couple, **Mary R.**, was born 23 November 1838. A third-class certificate for 640 acres was issued to John W. Cauble by Sabine County Board of Land Commissioners on 6 September 1839. John W. Cauble also signed the petition to divide Liberty County in 1840.

Other children born to John and Eliza while they lived in the Liberty-Tyler counties area were **Elvira B.** (1842), **John W., Jr.** (1844), **James K. Polk** (14 March 1846), **Napoleon B.** (29 September 1848), and **Rosanna B.** (29 December 1850). John W. served in Company B, Liberty County in the Mexican War in 1846. He was taxed in Tyler County from 1846 to 1852 and his family was listed on the 1850 census of Tyler County.



Some descendants of Mary Evaliza Chaney and John W. Cauble are shown above. The older woman is **Mary R. (Mollie)** and her daughter, **Allie Puckett**, is seated beside her. The young girl, **Ethel**, as well as the boy, **Lavode (Orn)**, and the young woman, **Lillie**, were children of Allie. Surnames for the younger generation are unclear.

Image: Reba Hughes Torres

Eliza and John W. moved to McLennan County, Texas, about 1852 and another daughter, **Jessie Lucinda**, was born there 1 April 1853. They were living in Hill County by 1854, where John W. bought a farm near Woodbury and raised livestock and grain. Four of his children were listed on the 1855 scholastic census of Hill County. During the Civil War, John W. served as Third Sergeant in Company G, Hill County, 1st Regt. Cavalry, 2nd. Brigade TST. He died 23 June 1868 at age 52 and was buried in the Old Woodbury Cemetery in Hill County, Texas.

— *Roy and Lue Mathis Hughes*

## A Burch Family Letter

St. Mary's April 8th 1872

Dear Cousin,

Yesterday I received a letter dated 31st January last, which I suppose come from some of my cousins in Texas. There is no name signed to it by the writer. I suppose cousin James Burch wrote it as the given names of all his brothers and sisters are mention but his. St Mary's Station, one mile from me has been my post office since 1860 and I seldom go to Lebanon or think of inquiring for letters there and that is the reason that I did not get your letter sooner. I have not got a letter from any of Uncle Samuel Burches family since 1861 though I have written often to cousins Valentine, James and William. The last letter I got except this was from Wm. who wrote me eleven or twelve years past that he and others were about to move 200 miles westward where some of his brothers & sisters had gone. Therefore I applied to the Bishop of Texas to inquire of all of his clergy for the heirs of Samuel Burch that I might inform them of their inheritance in the estate of our Uncle Raphiel Spink decd. I and my sister Matilda being the only children of our mother, received \$148.50 each making \$297.00 the amt. coming to our mother had she been living. So your father, if living or his children he and his wife being decd are entitled to the amt. we got, \$297.00. Say two hundred & ninety-seven dollars to be divided among them. This sum would have been much larger but Uncle R. willed one third of his estate to St. Rose Community of Dominic and his 13 negroes were emancipated by our government. I am not Uncle R's administrator, therefore I cannot send the money to any of you as you requested unless you send me some person here whom you choose a power of attorney to draw it of Raphial Thompsons hands, the Administrator. I will do all I can for you all, as the distance is to great for any of you to travel for so small a sum though we would rejoice to see any or all of you.

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I can easily transmit the money to you if you send me a power of attorney rightly drawn up. It will be required that you send an authenticated account of the number of the children you father had, their name and ages, how many have died, if any, have they left heirs & the names of the husbands of your sisters & e.

It might be best for all you heirs to join in one power of attorney and get a lawyer to write it who understands the laws concerning inheritance & the duty of administrator.

I know nothing of Lewis Wilmoth you mentioned but I will inquirer & deliver him your message, if I can find him. I suppose he is your cousin, Mother knew her. Is you mother living? How glad I would be to see her. There are very few of your relations and acquaintances now living. I know not one nearer related to you than my self. I am in my seventieth year and enjoying good health for my age except spells of inplanntary rheumatism at times. I have had the sad misfortune to loose two wives but now have my third wife. I have only 2 children living. Sons 11 & 13 years old going to school in St. Maryes College 3/4 of a mil from me conducted by a religious & lerned community of Resorectionests. Your Uncle Francis Spink, his wife, all his brothers, & sisters and his 2 oldest daughts are all dead, his other daughter and 3 sons are maried and become fathers.

I receive letters from them frequently in which they mention that our cousins, Uncle Alexious Burches children are well. Your Uncle Ignaeious Spinks's children are all dead except Henry, he is and has been a widowyer about 5 years & living in Louisville.

I know not when I heard of any of your Mothers relations. I will make inquiry & inform you in my next what I learn about them.

Kentucky has become very open and scarce of timber much coal is used for fuel, the freed men of colour hire to the farmers to till the land, are behaving much better than was expected of them.

Railroads are becoming numerous in Ky. A branch of the Louisville & Nashville R. R. runs through my land.

Our wheat and fruit crops have become very uncertain. I will write you more particulars in my next. Write me soon and direct to St. Mary's Station Marion County Ky. and sign you name at the end. Our love please present to your mother if living, and the same for yourself and your brothers & sisters.

Your affectionate Cousin James T. Mudd

[Letter submitted by Sarah A. Cannon]

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# Cauble Family Documents

*Taken from Tyler County, Texas District Clerk's Office, Box C, Loose Papers:*

James D. Cash vs. Obadiah Hulet

Issued 27 Sept A D 1847

The State of Texas	}	To the Sheriff of said
County of Tyler	}	County Greeting

You are hereby commanded to Summons John A Rotan Peter Cauble Senr and Aaron Green to be and personally appear before the Honorable the District Court to be holden within and for said county at the Court House thereof in the town of Woodville on the Second Monday in October next A D 1847 and attend from day to day and from term to term until discharged from further attendance on Said Court. then and there to give evidence in behalf of James D Cash in a certain Suit now pending in Said Court wherein James D Cash is plaintiff and Obadiah Hulett is Defendant

Herein fail not and make due returns according to Law

Given under my hand this

the 27th Sept 1847

Geo. W Van Vleck

C.D.C.T.C.

*Taken from Tyler County, Texas District Court Minutes, Vol. B, pages 301-302, Cause 194, dated 12 May 1853:*

The State	}	Indictment for assault with intent to Kill James Sterling
vs	}	
James Cauble	}	

This day came the state by her attorney A M Branch and thereupon came James Cauble Butler D Cauble and J L Mosely who in open court acknowledged themselves severally indebted to the state in the sum of one Thousand Dollars each to be levied respectively of their goods and chattels lands and tenement To be void upon condition Nevertheless that the said James Cauble make his personal appearance before the Judge of the District Court of Tyler County now in session then and there to remain from day to day and from term to term to answer the state upon a charge in an indictment for assualt with intent to Kill James Sterling and that he depart not hence without leave of the Court.

[Researchers: Dee Cauble Bitner, Roy and Lue Hughes, Julia Cauble Smith,  
Tyler County, TX, 17 Jul 1992]

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# Rotan Family Research

Rotan family research from Barnwell District, SC deed records as worked by Michael A. Ports, 754 McHenry Street, Baltimore MD 21230:

1. 9 Apr 1798, Isaiah Wroten to Cageby Dowling, both of Orangeburgh District, 10 lbs sterling 142 acres on waters of Little Saltcatchers. signed. Rebacah Wrothon relinquished dower by mark. (Bk. A, p. 271; rec. 2 Nov 1802)
2. 16 Aug 1804, William Wroten to Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church \$1 5-acre lot part of tract granted to J. Dodd but conveyed to sd. Wroten. signed. no dower. (Bk. B, p.256; rec. 28 Oct 1805)
3. 2 Feb 1806, John Roden to John Rice 40 lbs 100 acres granted to John Roden between lands of Jesse McCondon & Richard Waynes. signed by mark. Charity Roden rel. dower by mark. (Bk. B, p.406; rec. 21 Feb 1806)
4. 2 Jan 1801, William Roten to John Travis 10 lbs sterling 100 acres on Burgess Creek. signed. no dower. (Bk. C, p. 401; rec. 22 Mar 1808)
5. 18 Apr 1795, Henry Roten to Cannon s/o John Travis 70 lbs sterling 100 acre plantation on Lemmony Swamp, part of larger tract granted to Wroten 4 Sep 1786. signed. no dower. (Bk. C, p. 404; rec. 22 Mar 1808)
6. 8 Mar 1808, William Baxley & James Wroton to Sarah Williams \$30 100 acres part of tract granted to Charity Creel on Little Saltcatchers. J. W. signed by mark. no dower. (Bk. D, p. 457; rec. 17 Oct 1809)
7. 16 Apr 1805, Hennery Wroten to William Guess \$75 180 acres north side of north head of Lemmons Swamp. signed. no dower. (Bk. D, p. 533; rec. 19 Mar 1810)
8. 3 Feb 1806, Charles Hickman to Isaiah Wroten 50 lbs 150 acres granted to Hickman on waters Lemmoncee Swamp. signed by mark. Teviba Hickman rel. dower by mark. (Bk. B, p.389; rec. 3 Mar 1806)
9. 10 Oct 1810, William Rotan to William Rice 37 lbs 6 sh 8 d 285 acres, part of 620 acre original grant to Mary Dodd (4 acres excepted for use of Methodist Meeting House as long as they continue preaching). signed. no dower. (Bk. E, p. 257; rec. 4 Feb 1811)
10. 1 Feb 1813, sheriff Francis Trotti to David Felder, planter, mentions suit against Levin & Nehemiah Wroten. sold property to Nehemiah Wroten at public auction \$23 100 acres granted to Reuben Taylor and conveyed to sd Wroten where he now lives. Survey Bk. 5, p. 398, 12 Apr 1798. (Bk. H, p. 207; rec. 1 Aug 1814)
11. 2 Mar 1812, sheriff Andrew Nimmons to Thomas Hickman, planter, mentions above suit. \$40 100 acres granted to William Wroton in 17\_\_ illegible conveyed to Elijah Coats thence to said Levin Wroten. (Bk. I, p.429; rec. 5 Aug 1816)

Michael A. Ports found the following marriage record in Roger Mills Co., OK Marriage Records 1:50, 14 February 1897: **James W. Cauble**, 28, born Texas, and Miss **Emma Parish**, 19, born Texas. He was the first child of **Mary A. [Molly] Cassin and Napoleon B. Cauble** C5.

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## Prayer

All who are ill, especially **Ross Callihan** ME1.133, **E. G. Cauble** E1.131, **J. C. Cauble** H242, **Melba Cauble Neel** E149, **Willard Neel** ME149, Richard Cauble E513, who is recovering from heart surgery, and **Al H. Smith** MH2353, who is recovering from vascular surgery; for all who serve in the military, especially **James Allen Chick** H2353 and **Wanda Cox Chick** MH23532.

## Family Photographs



Above: The family of **Helena Olivia Ziegenfuss** and **James Andrew Cauble** H23 poses in front of their rural home in Fisher County, Texas, with a pony and a hound dog about 1912. The children are [from left] **Rex**, **Burnes**, **Leona**, **Lois** [in front of Leona], **Frank**, **Helen** [in mother's arms], and **Addie** in front of her father. The photograph was sent to the editor in the 1960s by Rex Cauble H232.

## About When Peter Cauble Came To Texas

On 22 November 1869 Peter Cauble, a white man of Pct. No. 3, Tyler Co., Texas, born North Carolina, registered to vote at the end of Reconstruction. He stated that he had lived thirty years in the precinct, thirty years in the county, and thirty years in the state. Now we know!

[Texas Voter Registration of 1867-1879, Tyler Co. TX, p. 500, voter #525] *jcs research*

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## Cauble Family Recipes

One of the three prize-winning desserts at the Texas Cauble Reunion was the Pineapple Pecan Cake, which was baked by Wanda Cauble Byler H1221. *Delicieux!*

### *Pineapple Pecan Cake*

Mix together 2 cups flour, 1-1/3 cups sugar, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 eggs, 1 cup chopped nuts, and one 15-oz. can crushed pineapple with juice. Pour batter into 9" x 11" prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes.

### *Cream Cheese Frosting*

Mix together one-half sack powdered sugar [or as much as needed to thicken mixture], one-quarter cup margarine, 1 large package cream cheese, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Frost the cake and refrigerate.

## Letters to the Editor

9 September 1992

Dear Julia,

It has been exciting to gather the new information on the Hughes line. It really seems to be falling into place now.

I want to mention that it was Michael Ports who obtained the old letter [Barclay letter, published in the 30 July or 3:2 issue]. He was nice enough to send a copy to me. Maybe someday we will trace the original letter.

Mary R.'s (Mollie's) story is a long one. I am working on it whenever I can. Mollie was living with her daughter, Allie Puckett, who married first a man named Bandy, second Jack Cadjeau, third a man named Irvin. Mollie's pension application is dated 11 Aug 1899, Tarrant County. She should be listed on the 1900 census of Tarrant County in the household of Allie (who was probably Irvin by 1900), unless she died before the 1900 census.

In the picture, "Orn" is shown and my father wrote his name on the picture. Mother later told me his name was LaVode. I know Ethel was an Irvin, but I am not sure of Lillie's last name. Also, I am not sure if the young boy was Allie's son or grandson. Since they lived in Fort Worth, this information can surely be obtained.

I have found listed on the Consolidated Index To Compiled Service Records of Civil War Veterans the name of John W. Cauble. This is probably Mollie's brother John W. Cauble, Jr., who was killed in the war. I have not yet written for the papers.

Sincerely,  
Reba Hughes Torres

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## Letters to the Editor

24 Jul 1992

Dear Julia,

We found the probate proceedings for Caleb Hughes, Mary R. Cauble's father-in-law. Mary R. was shown with the heirs in a deed conveying part of Caleb's property in Tyler Co. She was a resident of Bosque Co. in 1872 and Patrick A. Hughes was her agent. Thomas Henry Hughes, her husband, did not sign with the other heirs. According to Hughes tradition, he and Mary divorced and he went to KS with some of the children. I need to check in Bosque County for divorce papers, guardianship papers, and powers of attorney from Mary R. to her brother-in-law, Patrick. We have been unable to find Mary or Henry on the 1870 census.

Love,

Lue and Roy Hughes

Oct 1992

Dear Julia,

The following I received from the notes of Anice Cauble, 16714 Bonnie Sean, Spring TX 77379:

- \* There are Caubles in a cemetery at Cleburne, Texas, who are our relatives.
- \* James Monroe Cauble (her grandfather) had a cousin named Jim Polk Cauble. James Monroe was one-quarter Cherokee. James Monroe's father was Pete Cauble.
- \* Pete Cauble owned a ranch up at Putnam and just up and left and gave it away. He was on the go all the time and would not stay anywhere. He made his money trading.
- \* My (Anice's) dad's mother, Arrena Malinda, was a Hardin. She came from Missouri. Dad's cousin was John Wesley Hardin.
- \* All my (Anice's) brothers and sisters were born in Wichita Falls except me and James Vernon. I (Anice) was born in Sweetwater, Texas, and James Vernon was born at Stamford.

Love,

Dee Cauble Bitner

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## Letters to the Editor

5 September 1992

Dear Julia,

I am curious about Isaac *Butler* Cauble. Knowing that many times a mother's or grandmother's maiden name is used in naming a child, I wonder if there was a Butler family in the Cauble line. Valentine and Helen Elmira Cauble Burch had a daughter named Martha Jane, born in 1844. She married a Butler, who was killed in the Civil War. They had one child. Martha Jane later married Edward Gardiner and went to Louisiana. Reportedly, she had 22 children. I realize that this is a shot in the dark, but I have learned to check all possibilities.

I notice that Sarah E. Green was the daughter of Mary West Littlepage and Aaron Green. The name Littlepage shows up in my husband's mother's family in connection with Priscilla Littlepage and Annie Littlepage who married into the Sims and Golden families. I am seeking information on both of these families.

Sincerely,

Sarah [Salliel Cannon

25 October 1992

Dear Julia,

I still have had no luck in determining what happened to either Elizabeth Fitzgerald or Sarah Garnet. I have searched the deed, marriage, and probate records with no results. Apparently, both died in Collin Co., TX prior to the 1850 census. The only sources that I have not yet checked are the tax records. I did find that Letters of Administration were granted to Susanna Rotan as administratrix of the estate of Richard M. Rotan, deceased in the October Term 1833 (Chicot County AR Court Records, Vol. A, 1830-1835, p. 112). Deed Books A and B cover the period 1823 to 1837; no Rotans appear in the indices. Neither Richard's estate nor his widow's appear in the deed indices for any year prior to 1900. I have exhausted the extant records from Chicot County.

On 6 Aug 1838 Garrett Fitzgerald obtained a grant of land located in Sec. 19, T 10 South, R 13 W (Cert. 9802). He and his brother, John, were listed as heads of families in the 1816 census of Madison Co., MS Terr. (now AL). Another brother, Jabez Fitzgerald, obtained a grant for 159.60 acres, NE 1/4, Sec. 35, T 6 S,

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R 11 W, Franklin Co., AL 6 Nov 1818, which he assigned to William Sugg in 1831. Also, Jabez obtained a grant for NW 1/4, Sec. 35 which he assigned to Sugg in 1830. SW 1/4, Sec. 35 was granted to James T. Garnet in 1818. I suspect that our Peter Cauble lived either on or near this land in Franklin Co., AL. Neither our Peter nor any other Cauble was granted any land in MS Terr. But, the dates fairly well agree with what we already knew about the migrations. They left White Co., TN by 1818 and arrived in TX in the early 1830s.

The will of William Roden was signed 26 Oct 1811 and entered for probate 10 Apr 1813 (Barnwell Dist., SC Probate Records, Bundle 20, Package 5, Book 5, p. 327). The will mentions his wife, MARY, and 7 children, but names only William, John, and Simeon. The widow, Mary, served as executrix. The will provided for the support of the widow and devised his 185-acre tract to the three sons. But, I could find no record of the brothers selling the tract. No other documents concerning the administration of the estate were recorded.

On 8 Jan 1817 Patience, widow of Jacob Johns deceased, John Johns, Isaac Johns, William Johns, Levy Johns, Cornelius Johns, George Johns, Jeremiah Johns, Mary Roden, Sarah Pillum, John McKinney, and Elizabeth Walker, heirs of said deceased, sold to Frederick Schuberd for \$600 two tracts, one of 300 acres granted to Andrew Devany in great fork of Saltcatchers on Cross Swamp and 346 acres granted to deceased (Barnwell Deeds, Book L, p. 268). *This looks like our line.*

From the book entitled *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois*, I found that John Rattan was born in 1747 and married Mary Green. He died 11 Oct 1821 and was buried in Vaughn Cemetery at Wood River, Madison Co., IL. He served as a private in Captain Robert Porter's Company, N C Troops from Tyson County from 18 Nov 1777 to 30 Dec 1777. The search should shift to western NC prior to the Revolution. Many people left that area immediately after the War and settled in SC or northern GA.

The first record found in Barnwell District was the land warrant for Levin Roten for 100 acres surveyed 17 Sep 1784 (Plat Book 1, p. 160). Unfortunately, the Barnwell District deed records are rather imperfectly indexed. No record at all for grantees and only most of the grantors.

Sincerely yours,  
Michael A. Ports

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