

★ Tilden Henry Caudill married Rebecca Ann Caudill *Cousins*

John M. Caudill and Fannie Pennington

were Cousins

William B. Caudill and Elizabeth Boggs

BROTHERS

Henry C. Caudill and Elizabeth Short

Samuel Caudill and Sarah Maggard

Matthew Caudill and Sarah Webb

James Caudill Sr. and Mary Yarborough

Stephen Caudill and Mary ?



Fannie Pennington

Elijah Pennington and Sarah Elizabeth Caudill

William Pennington and Abigail Caudill

James Caudill and Sarah E. Caudill
(from Georgia)

SISTERS

James Caudill Jr. and Mary Adams

James Caudill Sr. and Mary Yarborough

Stephen Caudill and Mary ?



Tilden Henry Caudill

Tilden Henry Caudill is the son of John M. Caudill and Fannie Pennington. He was born September 15, 1876 and died August 27, 1958 in Morehead, Kentucky. Tilden married Rebecca Ann Caudill, the daughter of his first cousin. Rebecca is the daughter of William B. Caudill and Elizabeth Boggs. She was born January 21, 1880, and died December 5, 1957 in Morehead, Kentucky. Tilden and Rebecca are buried in the Brown Cemetery, Morehead, Kentucky. Tilden and Rebecca ran a country store on Rock Fork, off Cranston Road. They also ran the post office.

The children of Tilden and Rebecca Caudill:

1. Maude Mae Caudill married Herbert Tackett
2. Carrie Bell Caudill married William T. Anderson
3. Arlie Caudill married Hope Lyons
4. Nellie Virgie Caudill married Harold Compton
5. Fred Caudill married Christine McKinney
6. Claude Caudill married Mina Bates
7. Clyde Caudill married Onolda Ball
8. Clester Caudill married (1) Opal Williams (no children),
(2) Virginia Vencil
9. Bessie Caudill, died in infancy
10. Nina Caudill married John Gearheart
11. Ina Caudill, died in infancy
12. Tina Caudill married Robert Elmo Hall
13. Nelson Caudill married Katherine Jackson
14. Sabra Caudill married (1) Elmer Goble, (2) Sidney
Irby
15. Ruby Caudill married Forest Wells
16. Wilburn "Woody" Caudill married (1) Nadine Plank,
(2) Mazie Miniard Back

Nina, Ina, and Tina were triplets. Bessie and Ina died in infancy from spoiled baby formula.

Wilburn got his nickname "Woody" from his baby sister Ruby. She couldn't say Wilburn. The nickname Woody stayed with him for life.

In the late 1950's, just before their deaths, Tilden and Rebecca were the proud grandparents of 51 and the great grandparents of over 30.

Of the 16 children born to Tilden and Rebecca 7 had birthdays in January.

In 1951 the store on Rock Fork was sold at auction. In 1975 the building was destroyed by fire.

Most of Tilden and Rebecca's children stayed in the Morehead area raising their own families. It was not uncommon to ride a school bus with several of your cousins.

John M. Caudill

John M. Caudill is the son of Samuel Caudill and Sarah Maggard. He was born March 23, 1833 in Letcher County, Kentucky. John was married two times. His first wife, Jane Boggs, was his first cousin. Jane was the daughter of Abel Boggs and Rebecca Maggard (sister of Sarah Maggard, John's mother)

The children of John M. Caudill and Jane Boggs:

- 1. Samuel A. "Sammie" Caudill married Amanda S. Hall*
- 2. Henry B. Caudill married Christina Black*
- 3. Abel E. Caudill married #1 Nancy B. Nantz, #2 Lydia Jane Caudill (his first cousin)*

Jane Boggs Caudill died before John moved to Rowan County, and possibly is buried in Letcher County.

John's second wife was Fannie Pennington. They lived in Morgan County, Kentucky in a small community called Blairs Mills, which is now part of Rowan County. Fannie is the daughter of Elijah Pennington and Sarah Elizabeth Caudill. John and Fannie were distant cousins.

The children of John M. Caudill and Fannie Pennington:

- 1. James Nelson Caudill married Emma Caudill (cousin)*
- 2. Sarah Elizabeth Caudill married Jefferson D. Walker*
- 3. Rebecca Jane Caudill died young (measles)*
- 4. Jefferson Davis Caudill married Bessie Nickell (twin sister of James Leslie Nickell, g grandfather of Debbie W. Caudill)*
- 5. Melinda Caudill died young (measles)*
- 6. Tilden Henry Caudill married Rebecca Ann Caudill*

William B. "Big Bill" Caudill

William B. "Big Bill" Caudill is the son of Henry C. Caudill and Elizabeth Short. He was born January 23, 1858 in Letcher County, Kentucky, and died June 25, 1928 in Elliottsville, Kentucky. Bill married (1) Elizabeth Boggs (mother of all his children), and (2) Phena Myers Alfrey. William and Elizabeth are buried in the cemetery on Chester Lewis farm in Rowan County, Kentucky.

The children of William B. Caudill and Elizabeth Boggs:

1. Frank Caudill
2. Rebecca Ann Caudill married Tilden Henry Caudill
3. William Henry Caudill
4. Rosa Belle Caudill married Hollie Pleasant Harris
5. Nancy Ellen Caudill, died as infant
6. Jesse J. Caudill married Lula Lewis
7. Lula C. Caudill married James Lewis
8. Charles Cecil Caudill married (1) Gertrude Hamm, (2) Ida Quisenberry Cox
9. Mintie Caudill married Richard Wyatt
10. Sanford Caudill
11. Jefferson Davis Caudill married Rose Mae Armstrong
12. Martha Caudill married Richard Wyatt

Mintie and Richard Wyatt moved to Oregon soon after they were married. They had 5 children. Mintie died in 1926 and her sister Martha went to Oregon to help with their children and later married Richard in 1927.

Martha and Richard had 2 children.

Henry C. Caudill

Reverend Henry C. Caudill is the son of Samuel Caudill and Sarah Maggard. He was born December 9, 1828, and died January 7, 1882 in Rowan County, Kentucky. Henry married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Short in Letcher County, Kentucky. Henry was a Baptist minister.

The children of Henry C. Caudill and Elizabeth Short:

1. Sarah "Sallie" Caudill married Henry Gregory
2. David Caudill married Peldelda ?
3. John G. Caudill
4. Rebecca "Aunt Becky" Caudill married William Washington Williams
5. Rosannah "Anne" Caudill married Dr. ? Hunter
6. William B. "Big Bill" Caudill married (1) Elizabeth Boggs, (2) Phena Myers Alfrey
7. Jesse P. Caudill married Lula Goodin
8. Nancy Jane Caudill married Dr. ? Hunter
9. Margaret Caudill married Dr. Harve Porter
10. Daniel P. Caudill
11. James Stewart Caudill
12. Henry Franklin Caudill married Margaret Frances "Maggie" Cornett
13. Florence B. Caudill married ? Stacy
14. Susan "Susie" Caudill married William Porter
15. Sanford Caudill married Belle Parker

Samuel Caudill

Samuel Caudill is the son of Matthew Caudill and Sarah Webb. He was born September 24, 1804 in North Carolina, and died August 13, 1883 in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky. Samuel married Sarah Maggard in Perry County, Kentucky on March 31, 1825. About the time of the civil war Samuel and Sarah settled into Rowan County, Kentucky. Samuel and Sarah are both buried on the old farm near Morehead, Kentucky. A large number of Rowan County families can tie into the children of Samuel and Sarah Caudill.

The children of Samuel Caudill and Sarah Maggard:

- Brothers
1. Rebecca Caudill, she died young
 2. Henry C. Caudill married Elizabeth Short
 3. David Caudill married Rosanna Christian
 4. John M. Caudill married (1) Jane Boggs, (2) Fannie Pennington
 5. Mary A. Caudill married Ben Caudill (cousins)
 6. Margaret "Peggy" Caudill married Daniel P. Short
 7. Abner Caudill married Leah Short
 8. Susannah Caudill married Joseph Cornett
 9. Abel Caudill married Mary Ann Hall
 10. Samuel Caudill married Cynthia Hall
 11. James M. Caudill married Rebecca McClain
 12. Infant, stillborn
 13. Infant, stillborn

Elizabeth Short, wife of Henry C., Leah Short, wife of Abner, and Daniel P. Short, husband of Margaret are the children of Charles Anderson Short and Annie Mullins.

The marriage of Abner Caudill and Leah Short did not last long. He died fighting in the civil war. They had no children. Leah went on to marry Robert Paris Christian, another large family of Rowan County. Robert Paris Christian is also the brother of Rosanna Christian who married David Caudill, Abner's brother.

Henry C. Caudill and Elizabeth Short are the grandparents of Rebecca Caudill, the wife of Tilden Henry Caudill.

John M. Caudill, brother of Henry C., and Fannie Pennington are the parents of Tilden Henry Caudill.

Just look in the Morehead phone book and you can probably link every family surname with the Caudill family in one way or the other.

Each of the children of Samuel and Sarah Caudill had very large families of their own. These families remained in Rowan County building the history of Morehead. Many businessmen, banker, doctors, educators, lawyers, postmasters, sheriffs, jailers, judges, craftsmen, and farmers came from this large family.

Matthew Caudill

Matthew Caudill is the son of James Caudill Sr. and Mary Yarborough. He was born about 1772 in Virginia and died before 1850 in Letcher County, Kentucky. He married Sarah Webb (date unknown). Matthew is listed in the 1810 Floyd County, Kentucky census, but in the 1850 census Sarah is listed living near her son Abel.

The children of Matthew Caudill and Sarah Webb:

1. Stephen Caudill married (1) Sarah Yonts, (2) Elizabeth Casebolt
2. Abner Caudill married Ellender "Nelly" Johnson
3. Jane "Jenny" Caudill married Thomas Caudill (her first cousin)
4. Mary Caudill married Richard Collier
5. Samuel Caudill married Sarah Maggard
6. Rachel Caudill married Peter Crace
7. Richard Isom Caudill married Nancy Phillips
8. Matthew Caudill Jr. married Terry Caudill (his cousin)
9. Sarah Caudill married William "Bucky" Tackett
10. Elizabeth Caudill married Sylvester Hampton
11. Abel Caudill married Mary "Polly" Crace
12. Susannah Caudill married Joseph Hampton

James Caudill Sr.

James Caudill Sr. is the son of Stephen and Mary Caudill. He was born around 1718, place of birth unknown. James married Mary Yarborough. It is not known where James and Mary married or died. It is believed that they are probably buried in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

By the early 1800's the sons of James and Mary had moved to Kentucky. In the 1810 Floyd County, Kentucky census, James Jr. and Matthew had moved to Letcher County that was then part of Floyd County, Kentucky.

The children of James Caudill Sr. and Mary Yarborough:

- 1. James Caudill Jr. married Mary Adams, fought in Revolutionary War*
- 2. Stephen Caudill married (1) Jane DeHart, (2) Sarah Adams, sister to Mary Adams. Fought in Revolutionary War.*
- 3. Thomas Aaron Caudill married Mary "Polly" ?*
- 4. Matthew Caudill married Sarah Webb*
- 5. Abner Caudill married Jane Adams*

James Jr. and Stephen fought in the battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

Fannie Pennington, wife of John M. Caudill ties into James Caudill Jr. and Mary Adams line. Their daughter Abigail Caudill married William Pennington, and they are the parents of Elijah Pennington, Fannie's father. Their other daughter Sarah Elizabeth Caudill marries

James Caudill from Georgia (nothing more is known about his family line) and their daughter Sarah Elizabeth Caudill, marries Elijah Pennington and is the mother of Fannie Pennington.

The 20th century writer from Letcher County, Kentucky, Harry M. Caudill ties into Stephen Caudill, son of James Caudill Jr. and Mary Adams.

Stephen Caudill

Stephen Caudill is considered to be the progenitor of our family tree. It is not known when or where he was born, or if he was the first generation, second or third in America. It is speculated that he is of Scottish origin.

His wife's name was Mary (maiden name unknown). They are listed on deeds in Virginia. Stephen would sign his name with a "S" and Mary would use a "H". The "H" could have been for her maiden name, but is unknown. The following families of Hardin, Harrison, Hammonds, and Hardaways were living in the same parish as Stephen Caudill and Mary. Mary could have belonged to one of these families.

The Caudill name was spelled many different ways. Caudle, Cordell, Cordill, Cordle, Cadle, and Cawdle were just a few variations of the spelling. It is thought to be a derivative of the old English surname "Caldwell". It is also thought to be of Spanish origin with the movement of Spain into Scotland, from the name "Caudillo" which means leader. Basically the story goes that Caudillo's were members of the Spanish Armada, with some of the damaged ships cast upon the coast of Scotland. Some of the shipwrecked Caudillo's settled inland.

The only children of Stephen and Mary Caudill are:

- 1. Sampson Caudill, who is listed on some deeds, but nothing more is known.*
- 2. James Caudill Sr.*