

April 26th, 1916.

A.J.Caldwell's travels through life.

In October 1856 goes to Miss. Panola County and returns home in the late spring of 1857. Sick lives with Mrs. Rosy Smith. In 1858 lives with Mrs. Eliza Dodd and in 1859 until in the fall then goes the 2nd. time to Miss. Panola County, lived with William Todd 1859 and 1860 until fall came home and volunteered in A.H. Dean's company it being company "E" 2nd. South Carolina calvary. In that serves until about the 25th. of April 1865. I was furloughed about that time near a church some eight miles this side of Chester, S.C., and returned home and made a crop on John Steven's place. In 1866 owned the Jack Willis place and made a crop on it, it being in three miles of Spartanburg, S.C. and on the Mills Gap road. In 1867 goes to Miss. the 3rd. time and returns the same fall or early spring, works and builds part of Cap't. T.B. Martin's house. Ceils J. Gill Lane drums house in 1868, and frames and encloses J.W. Wingo's house in 1869.

Goes to Miss. the 4th. time in the fall, and works in shop for Boils & Harris two years and six months or about that. Goes to Cal. in 1872 and works in Analine and Los Angeles about six months, returns to San Francisco and finds employment at Redwood City 28 miles form City. Stays there about two years and six months. Leaves there for home the 4th. day of Feb. 1875. Gins cotton at Gaffney, S.C. the Fall of 1875. Ceils Dr. J.B.O. Landrum's house in the spring of 1876, and makes a cotton crop at fathers, also works on house of Randolph Turner the same year. Buys J. Williams saw mill in 1877 and saws near John Lowes that year, and gins cotton in the fall. Saws in spring of 1878 at same place and moves to R.A. Waldens about planting time. Remains there until fall and moves back to old stand and gins that fall in same place. Saws spring of 1879 at old stand and gins cotton in fall. Married I.W. Simmons December the 18th. 1879 and moved to Doegg place near Inman, S.C. Builds and clears land it all being wood land. Remained there until 1892, in time that I remained there I served on board of County Commissioners 1889 and 1890. Superintended the building of the new court house in 1891. Spring of 1892 moved to the Thomas Prince place where I now remain trying to farm. I make about five hundred bushels of corn and five bales of cotton per year. First year I had a renter. Written this the 26th. day of March 1896.

Signed,

A.J.Caldwell.

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### The Caldwell Family.

Among the oldest of the present familiar family names in Spartanburg County is the Caldwell family, nearly all of whom descended from John and Mary Caldwell who emigrated from North Ireland to the present territory of Spartanburg County about 1766 or '67, and formed a part of the early Scotch-Irish settlement on the Tygers.

John Caldwell secured the King's grant to a tract of land within a mile of Nazareth Church. His wife's maiden name was Mary Young. When they came to America they had one son, William, who was born near Belfast in 1760.

William served in the Revolutionary war, first as scout and then as a private soldier. Fought in the battles of Blackstocks and Cowpens. On Feb. 20th, 1792, he married Margaret, the oldest daughter of Patrick Crawford, who was killed by mistake in the war by Thomas Moore.

William Caldwell was thirty two when he married and his wife was about fifteen. They had eleven children, seven girls and four boys, John C. and James were magistrates, James moved to South Pacolet near Gowensville. Patrick Crawford Caldwell, one of the four sons was a blacksmith, the other son was William Harvey Caldwell.

The girls names were Polly Miller, Jane McCarley, Katie Young Hadden, Elizabeth Hadden, Ann Anderson, Margaret Gaston, and Eleanor Wright. With the exception of Ann Anderson, burial place unknown, and Elizabeth Hadden, buried at Woodruff, the entire Caldwell family are buried at Nazareth.

John Caldwell, brother of William was killed by the Tories in 1780. On the tombstone of William Caldwell are these lines placed there at his own request.

"Remember me as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, so you must be,  
Prepare for death, and follow me."

The above is taken from Landrum's History of Spartanburg County.