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During the latter part of 14th and early part of the 15th centuries, many French Huguenots were expelled from their native land by the revocation of the Edict of the Nantes. Some went to England, and Ireland, then to America. There were three brothers named John, Alexander and Oliver Caldwell, who first went to England, then settled in Scotland. They purchased an old bishopric estate and the name "Caldwell" was given it by the English King.

Some descendants of these brothers went to Ireland with Oliver Cromwell (whose grandmother was a Caldwell), their names being Daniel, Joseph, John, Andrew and David. They settled in counties Antrim and Kent. When Cromwell was called to the protectship of England and the crown restored to Charles II, three of these brothers fled to America. Joseph died in Ireland, while Daniel continued there though some of his children later went to America and settled in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia.

William Caldwell and his wife Rebecca Walkup, came from County Antrim, Ireland to Pennsylvania and settled near his cousins who were living in that State in 1740. In 1749, he and his family moved to Charlotte County, Va., where William died, leaving his widow and ten children. The children were : John, William, David, James, Margaret, Martha, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Sarah. Later about 1760-65, the widow moved with her children to South Carolina, and settled in Ninety-Six District, through the influence of her son John, an eminent surveyor, who had been doing work in that part of South Carolina.

John Caldwell located much land in the district for the early settlers at a time when the country was not much more than wild brush.

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He settled near Mudlic Creek, above Little River. He married Margaret Davidson; later was killed by Tories, near the end of the Revolutionary War, in his own yard. He left no children. During the war, he was a Captain of militia, the first company of Rangers in the district. He was a member of the Provincial Congress, which met in Charleston in 1776. During the war, he was promoted to major.

William Thomas Caldwell, brother of Major John (above), first settled in Abbeville District, where his sister Martha was living as the wife of Patrick Calhoun (these were parents of the famous South Carolina statesman, John C. Calhoun). Later, he went to Newberry District and settled near his brothers on Little River. He, too, became a surveyor. He was a patriot in the Revolutionary War; joined his brother John's regiment of Rangers, served until he was captured and sent to St. Augustine, Florida prison for several months. After his release he came back home and joined the company of his brother James who was Captain of Infantry. He married Elizabeth Williams and had children: John (married Elizabeth _____ and then Abigail O'Neill), William, Williams, James (some of his children were Sarah, Cataline, Ferdinand), Patrick C. (he married Fannie Nance, daughter of Major Frederick Nance), Elizabeth Ann (she married Francis B. Higgins and had John C. and Elizabeth), Joseph (married Nancy _____).

Patrick Caldwell was a graduate of South Carolina College, studied law and practiced in Newberry. He served two terms as U. S. Congressman from this district.

James Caldwell, brother of Major John and William Thomas, as a Captain of Infantry in the Revolutionary War, was in the battle of Cowpens under General Pickens. During the battle, he was severely

wounded and left for dead on the battle field. After the battle, his brother, William Thomas, sought his body, and when he was found alive, the brother brought him into camp, dressed his wounds. He was incapacitated for further service in the war. After the war, he became one of the first members of the State Legislature; then he served one term as Sheriff of Newberry County, refusing to offer for re-election. He married Elizabeth Forrest and had children; James, William Thomas, (he married (1) Matilda Creswell and (2) Harriet McDowell) - - children by his first wife being James C. and William E.; George F. (married Edna _____ and had James, Charlotte, George R., Rebecca, and Amy), John H. left no family, David Robert, Samuel (married first to _____ and second to Rosannah Waters Cothran) and had children (by first wife) - - Samuel, Hugh, Leonard, Hamilton, Lenny, Nancy and (by second wife) - - Francis D., Anthony G., and Elizabeth A); Frances E. (she married Hugh Dixon); Rebecca W. (she married James Sprowles and had children; Frances, who became the wife of Wade S. Cothran, James C., Mary Ann who married J. L. Pearson, Charles W.); Polly (she married James Young). The son, James, became a lawyer and moved to Sumter, S. C. He married Elizabeth Miller and subsequently moved to Alabama, where he died, leaving five children. One of the children, James Miller Caldwell, became a prominent merchant at Charleston, S.C., where he married Annie Frezail, and they left many descendants.

One Robert Caldwell, probably a son of David or of Robert Caldwell, Sr., married Elizabeth Spence and had children: William, James, and Robin. William married Catherine Davenport and had William W., Elizabeth, Mattie, Nancy and Fannie. James married Jane Davenport,

and had Robert, Wilson, John A.; Robin married Miss Sloan and had William and Calvin.

John Caldwell, a descendant of Daniel who remained in Ireland, came to South Carolina about 1765-68. He first settled in the North section of Dutch Fork (in Newberry section) then in Ninety-Six District. He married Janet Helen Peden in Ireland and brought his wife and one or two infant children. His oldest son, Joseph, (died 1808) married Margaret Wilson and had James, Dan and Samuel and a minor son Joseph at time of his death and a daughter Rebecca, who afterwards married Robert Redd. His wife was the daughter of Francis and Sarah Wilson. A son, John married Rose Ann _____ and had children: William, Mary P., Margaret, James, Janett, Samuel, Archibald. A son, Daniel, married Janette McMaster and had children: James J. (he married Nancy McMorries, daughter of James McMorries); Eleanor (she married Archibald Fair and had James, Jane and Calphemia); Mary Ann; Margaret; Rosannah (she married James Brown). A son, James married Mary Wilson, daughter of "elder" James Wilson, and had children: Joseph, James P., Jane (she married William W. McMorries). There were two other sons, William and Robert and probably a son Samuel. Mary Ann probably married Andrew Russell.

The second son of the pioneer, John, was James who died about 1848. He married Eliza Wilson who died in 1842. She was a daughter of "Elder" James Wilson. Their children were James (he married Sarah B. Chapman); Joseph (he married first Margaret Wilson, and second Angelina Turnipseed). There were two children by Joseph's first wife, Thomas Wilson Caldwell and George Caldwell. There was a daughter by the second wife who married Joseph Hunter. Other children were: Thomas, John, Eliza and Jane.

There was another pioneer, named John Caldwell, who settled in Spartanburg District before the Revolutionary War. He came from Ireland with his wife Mary Young. He had a son William who married Margaret Crawford, and another son John. William and Margaret Crawford had children: John C., James, Patrick, William, Polly (she married John Miller), Jean, Kate, Elizabeth, Ann (she married _____ Anderson), Margaret (she married _____ Gaston), Eleanor (she married _____ Wright). John C. married California Coan and had children: Mary C. Andrew J., Sarah Ann, Amanda, Adolphus Leland. Jean married Robert McCorley.

Those who died in Abbeville County were: John Caldwell who died about 1795, leaving widow Elizabeth and children: William, James, David, Anne Rolfe, Isabel Pickens, Mary Black, Andrew and Jean. The last two named were 21 years old in 1795. The widow died in 1815.

Another John died about 1798, leaving widow Nancy and brothers and sisters, Charles, Henry, James and Joseph.

James Caldwell Sr., died in 1804 leaving a widow and children: John, David, Rebecca, Elizabeth Wilson, Mary Davis, James, William, Ezekiel, Thomas. (James was son of John - another James the son of David). Other legatees: James Caldwell Pickens, William Leslie and Elizabeth Harris Kerr.