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Dear Mr Beach

It was total delight to speak with you last night. Some 3 months ago I began to concentrate on my Caldwell ancestors who lived and died before they moved to Illinois where the records were so easy to get by mail. I cannot tell you how excited I was to hear that you have a treasure trove of Caldwell information.

My Caldwell blood is a gift of my paternal grandmother. She was born Emma Aurelia Caldwell, the 8th child of Mary Ann Peterson and Thomas Jefferson Caldwell Sr.

Thomas is the first child of Barzilla Guymon and Matthew Caldwell and was born 17 July 1844 in Iowa.

Matthew is the second son of Nancy Hood and Curtis Caldwell born in Jefferson Co., Illinois - 11 June 1822. Curtis and Nancy were living in St Louis Co., Missouri when they both died in 1846.

To this point my documentation is quite complete but I am working on the family where Curtis was the child. I am certain that his father was Matthew Caldwell who was born in South Carolina. Place and Date of this birth are unknown. My Grandmother was quite sure that Matthew's first wife was Betty or Elizabeth Atchison. I have both an intention to marry and a marriage date for his second wife. He married Nancy White in Warren Co., Kentucky - 13 Nov 1801. The first will filed for him in Gasconade Co., Mo. (Feb. 1827) gives full use of his property to his beloved wife Nancy and is signed Matthew W Caldwell. The second will was filed in April 1837 and is signed simply Matthew Caldwell. The executor was William Laughlin who had proceeded Nancy in death and another man was appointed.

I believe Curtis was born in South Carolina - 21 Feb. 1786 to Elizabeth or Betty Atchison and Matthew W. Caldwell. Family legend is that he was the second child and the first son. While the 1790 census does not prove that fact is consistent with the story. I will send a family sheet with my best information. I have been working on this sheet only a few months and I know there will be a number of changes. I also know the spelling during this period was creative. I have seen several spelling for these names and expect to find more. I am told the father of Matthew W. was Curtis Caldwell and he is the man who appears in the 1790 census next to Matt. He may be the Curtis who died in Abbyville S.C. in 1784. 1758 has been given as a probable birth year for Matthew W. Betty is possibly the daughter of Mary Atichison found as a widowed head-of-household in Fairfield Co., in the 1790 Census.

Thank you again for your kind telephone call and the exciting information you were able to tell me. I hope this is enough information to tie my family into the records you find. I am hoping you will find something worth sending me. Thank you again and again.

or Matthew H Caldwell					
HUSBAND Mathew (Occupation			
Born (758)Place					
Chr.					
Marr. (1283) Place S. C.					
Died Place					
Bur. 8Feb 1827Place will recorded Gasconade Co., Missouri					
Father Curtis Caldwell Mother Sarah Fondren					
Other Wives Nancy White - 13 Nov 1801 Warven Co., Kentucky					
WIFE Elizabeth Atichisen (Betty) - William Jardan Second -					
Born (1760) Place					
Chr. Place					
Died (1800-0) Place Warren Co., Kentucky					
Bur. Place					
Father John Atichisen. Mother Mary					
Other Husbands					
Children	Sex	When Born	Where Born	Marriage Date & Place	
	CON	When Died	Where Died	To Whom	
Barah Sally	F	(1284)		John Mc Williams	
² Curtis	M	21 Feb_1786_	St Louis Co., Missouri	Mary N. Hickman	
3 Mary Polly	F	(1288)		Jehn Couch	
4 John L	M	26-Oct-1790	Me Craken Co., Ky	a 15 Aug 1815 Myra Morgan.	
5 Henry	M	(1292)			
* Christine	F		1839 Warren Co., K.	Thomas GowserT	
7saac	M	(1796)	Warren Co, K	46 aug 1818 Nancy Lawrence	
8	1	8 Mar 1298	Warren Co. K		
Matthew H	M	28 Dec 1842	Gonzoles, Gonzoles ConTexas	; Martha	
9 George H	M	(1800)	Warren Der, K		
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11					
12					
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14					
15					
				Other Marriage	