

PROGENITORS OF CALDWELL FAMILY

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John Caldwell came from Scotland and settled a little North or Northwest of where Nazareth Church now stands. He owned and gave the land for the church. The first worship was in 1761, and the first church was built in 1765 (there has been three in all, two before the present one).

John Caldwell lived and died there. He did not die a natural death, being old and infirm he wanted to water the horse. They insisted on him not doing it but he did it anyway, and fell from the horse receiving injuries from which he died. His wife's maiden name was Mary Young. She survived him some time until Huey, her son's fifth child was born and named him John.

They had five children in all, William, Huey, John, Sam and Andrew, were the boys, and one girl who married a Coan in Revolutionary times.

Their nearest neighbor was said to be three miles away. The boys had to hide from the Tories. John was put on a horse and started to inform the neighbors that the Tories were in the country. The horse came back without him so they knew something had happened. His mother started with one of the boys to see what had become of him; the boy going through the woods and his mother keeping the road. They had gone about two miles, when she found him. The Tories had scalped him. She carried him home in her arms, a lad of fourteen years. He lingered until morning. They made a box and buried him at Nazareth*. Her husband slept in the laurel thicket when at home with the boys. She had a signal to give them when the Tories were about.

Andrew Caldwell married Rossannah Hughes. Had the following children, John Young Caldwell born, January 15, 1806; Mary Ann Caldwell, born January 28, 1809; Violet Minerva Caldwell, born August 3, 1812; Jane Caroline Caldwell, born August 11, 1815; Margaret Peden Caldwell, born March 12, 1818; Rosannah Caldwell, born April 22, 1820; Catherine Caldwell, born July 2, 1822, and William Caldwell, born May 20, 1824.

John Y. Caldwell married E. Jane Brown, born April 1, 1808, an orphan who lived with her uncle Peter Adams near Fountain Inn. He was teaching school at a place called Brown's meeting house when he met her. They had the following children, Rose Caldwell, who married John Wingo; Andrew Jackson, who married Isabelle Wilhelmina Simmons, John James, who married Martha Carver; Margaret Ann, who died when she was about twelve years of age** Kate, who married James Brown, Minerva, who married Robert A. Walden, and William S., who married Della Dodd.

Andrew Jackson married Isabelle Wilhelmina Simmons on December 18, 1879 and had the following children, Bernice Beatific, Ernestine Eulalie, infant born dead, Jessie Young, Mary Jane, John Calhoun, Elmer Jackson, Andrew Jerome, ~~Kenneth~~ Lois Wilhelmina, and Margaret Octavia.

*This lad, John Caldwell, was the first person buried at Nazareth Church according to records of my father (Andrew J. Caldwell).

** Margaret Ann was burned to death while playing in a field where her father was burning brush and grass(This was told me by my mother Isabelle W. Caldwell).

Andrew Jackson married Isabelle Wilhelmina Simmons on December 18, 1879 and had the following children, Bernice Beatific, born October 10, 1881; Ernestine Eulalie, born July 5, 1883; Infant, born August 9, 1895, Jessie Young, born October 31, 1886, Mary Jane, born June 23, 1889; John Calhoun, born April 18, 1891; Elmer Jackson, born August 20, 1893, Andrew Jerome, born August 22, 1895; Lois Wilhelmina, born January 18, 1898, Margaret Octavia, born April 26, 1901.

Bernice Caldwell and Everett Brown were married August 10, 1902, they had one child, Bernice Kate, born October 29, 1919. Their daughter Kate Married William B. Briggs on June 20, 1944 and they have the following children, Anita Caldwell Briggs, born December 6, 1946; William Blount Briggs, Jr., Born May 15, 1950, Robert Blake Briggs, born October 8, 1952,
Bernice Caldwell Brown husband Everett Brown died on June

Jessie Caldwell married Arthur Toomer on January 13, 1907 and they had one child, Bessie Caldwell Toomer, born March 21, 1908. Bessie Caldwell Toomer married Francis B. Mayes on June 12, 1929 and they have the following children Betty Ann Mayes born June 12, 1932 and Francis B. Mayes, Jr. (Topsy) born August 31, 1934 Jessie Caldwell Toomer's husband Arthur P. Toomer died on Feb. 20, 1925.

Mary Caldwell and Burrell Littlefield were married on January 4, 1910, they had one child, Robert Roy Littlefield, born June 16, 1911. Robert Roy Littlefield married Edna Culpepper on _____ and they have one son, Gerald Littlefield, born _____. Mary Caldwell Littlefield died on March 7, 1928 and her husband Burrell Littlefield died on _____.

John Calhoun Caldwell and Blanche Cashion were married on June 30, 1913, they had two children, Catherine Fullwood Caldwell, born July 18, 1923, and John Calhoun, Jr., born July 18, 1927. Catherine Fullwood Caldwell married Richard Ferguson on _____ and they have no children to date. John Calhoun Caldwell, Jr. married Shirley Owens on _____ and they have the following children, son David Ashley, born Aug. 21, 1953

Andrew J. Caldwell and Bertha A. Bishop were married on March 24, 1918, and they have one daughter, Mary Ruth Caldwell, born December 7, 1918. She married James Clarke on _____ and to date have no children.

Margaret O. Caldwell and Fred Lamar Kelly were married August 21, 1918, they had two children, Isabelle Wilhelmina, born October 15, 1919, and Carl Fred Kelly, born April 3, 1922. She was again married (after the death of her husband Fred Lamar Kelly on November 24, 1924) to Louis Joe Taylor and had one son Louis Joe, born December 16, 1932. Isabelle Wilhelmina Kelly married Arthur Watson Smith, Jr. on December 14, 1939 and they have two children, Arthur Watson Smith, III, born May 24, 1941 and Wilhelmina Margaret Smith, born October 29, 1944. Carl Fred Kelly married Lillie Elizabeth Satterfield on November 13, 1942. Carl Fred Kelly was reported missing in action on November 8, 1943 and declared dead on the 9th day of November the following year. He served with the 110 Bomber Squadron of the U. S. Navy 7th Fleet Wing in World War II and was stationed at Dunkswell, Devon England. Louis Joe Taylor married Ruby Mae Harmon on June 16, 1951 and they have one daughter Joan Elizabeth Taylor, born August 13, 1952.

The following deaths have occurred in the family, infant died August 9, 1885, Elmer Jackson Caldwell died October 15, 1895, Andrew Jackson Caldwell died September 11, 1904, Lois Wilhelmina Caldwell died May 23, 1906, Mary Caldwell Littlefield died March 7, 1928, Isabelle Wilhelmina Simmons Caldwell died October 18, 1941.

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