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Dear Tom:

I received your genealogy and spent the weekend reviewing the Caldwell data. I found the manuscript of the four parts extremely interesting and well done.

I do believe that some corrections should be made regarding the Caldwells of Mill Creek, particularly on pages 167-175. In volume one of my history of Newberry County I cited original sources regarding the Caldwell brothers and I believe it would be advantageous for you to read that book.

For example on page 167, you state that John Caldwell was the first Clerk of Court for Ninety Six District. My sources state that the first clerk was James Pritchard in 1772 and that John Caldwell was deputy clerk of court in 1773. John Caldwell was the second member of the first Grand Jury at Ninety Six, the foreman being Patrick Calhoun.

He not only was a member of the First Provincial Congress but I think also of the Second. He was a member of the House of Representatives both under the Constitution of 1776 and also of the first House of Representatives under the Constitution of 1778.

All references to John are as "Major" Caldwell until he accepted a captaincy in the Regiment of Rangers commanded by Colonel William Thomson. He was of course Deputy Surveyor General for South Carolina and rightly regarded as one of the upcountry's leading men. He was on the Grand Jury List of 1779 for the Middle Division Between Broad and Saluda Rivers.

M 54 → His brother, William Thomas, inherited John's property. He was elected to the State Senate in 1803 to serve the unexpired term of Levi Casey upon the latter's election to Congress. The records show that he did not serve a second term, being succeeded in the Senate by John Hampton. He had been a Captain in the Revolution and was a British prisoner at St. Augustine before he escaped. You have pointed out that he, with Joseph Wright, ran

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the transverse lines of the District and located the central point for the courthouse and that he, with Philemon Waters, laid off the Public Square in Newberry. Rosemont Cemetery in Newberry was established in 1863 and many bodies, including those of William T. and his wife Elizabeth Ann Williams, and of James Caldwell and his wife Elizabeth Forrest, were removed from their original graves and reinterred in Rosemont. (Two volumes of Newberry County Cemeteries have been published and are available from the Newberry County Historical Society.)

William Thomas Caldwell's son John Caldwell was in the first class to enter South Carolina College, the entire class coming from the Mount Bethel Academy in Newberry District. He married, first, Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of U.S. Senator John Hunter and, second, Abigail O'Neill, daughter of Hugh and Anne Kelly O'Neill and sister of Chief Justice John Belton O'Neill.

William Thomas Caldwell's son Patrick Calhoun Caldwell married Frances E. Nance, daughter of Major Frederick Nance and Elizabeth Rutherford Nance. They are all buried in the Nance Family Graveyard in the City of Newberry. He was extremely popular in Newberry and served as a member of Congress, as State Senator, and as a Representative.

The third son of William and Rebecca Caldwell, James, was also a Captain in the Revolution. He bore a facial scar inflicted by a British trooper at Cowpens. He was elected Sheriff of Newberry District and served from 1807 to 1811. He was a very popular man and was elected as a member of the House of Representatives from the Little River District in 1782.

I believe that the names of Elizabeth Caldwell Higgins's children were John C. Higgins, a Lieutenant in Company L, the Palmetto Regiment, in the Mexican War; Dr. Calvin C. Higgins (1823-1876) who served in the Confederate Army and who married Martha Simpson Griffin (1827-1858); and S. Burt Higgins killed at Cold Harbor on June 27, 1862, at the age of twenty-three. The last two boys are buried at Rosemont.

was never named one of the names of the Newberry County Court, 1785-1791.