

CAUGHY FAMILY GENEALOGY

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(Pronounced “Ca-hee” in northern parts of Ireland, while southern dialects pronounce it “Caw-hee”; in America it’s “Caw-gee” or “Coy”)

1. **John CAUGHY**, born 1666, died Kircubbin, County Down, Northern Ireland, 17 May 1762; buried Ballyhalbert Graveyard (Old), Ballyhalbert, County Down, Northern Ireland; headstone reads: “Here lyeth the body of John Caughey, late of Roureagh, who departed this life May 17th 1762, aged 96 years. Likewise, his wife Janet Bodin who departed this life May the 21st 1762, aged 78 years. Also the remains of Edward Caughey of Ballylimp who departed this life March 19th 1794, aged 87 years (findagrave.com/memorial/202460470/john-caughey); married Janet Bodin, born 1684, died Kircubbin, County Down, Northern Ireland, 21 May 1762; buried with husband and son (findagrave.com/memorial/202460571/janet-caughey); at least two children.

Children of John Caughey and Janet Bodin:

- i. Edward Caughey, Sr., born 1707, died 19 March 1794; buried Ballyhalbert Graveyard (Old), Ballyhalbert, County Down, Northern Ireland, with his parents (findagrave.com/memorial/202460681/edward-caughey)
- ii. Alexander Caughey, born 1698, died Kircubbin, County Down, Northern Ireland, 25 December 1761; buried Ballyhalbert Graveyard (Old), Ballyhalbert, County Down, Northern Ireland; headstone reads: “Here lyeth the body of Alexander Caughey late of Kirkubin, who departed this life, December 25th 1761, aged 63 years” (findagrave.com/memorial/202221119/alexander-caughey); listed as a church warden in the nearby Balligan Church in 1737; married, name unknown; at least one child.

Child of Alexander Caughey and unknown:

- i. Samuel Caughey, born Craigaruskey, County Down, Northern Ireland, 1732; died Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, 11 March 1809, aged 77 years; buried Killinchy Church of Ireland Churchyard, Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland; headstone reads: “Erected by John and Hamilton Caughey of Ballydorn in memory of their mother Mary Caughey who departed this life 12th Sept 1785 aged 60 years. Also the remains of their father Samuel Caughey of Craigaruskey who departed this life 11th March 1809 aged 77 years. Also the remains of Agnes Caughey, daughter of the above John Caughey, who departed this life 22nd May 1815 aged 17 years. Also in memory of the said John Caughey who departed this life 6th May 1830 aged 70 years. Also Sarah Caughey, daughter of the said Hamilton Caughey, who departed this life 28th Feb 1835 aged 22 years. Also the remains of Margaret Caughey alias Patton, wife of said John

Caughey, who died 10th July 1837 aged 76 years” (findagrave.com/memorial/203338769/samuel-caughey); married Mary Hamilton, born 1725, died Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, 12 September 1785, aged 60 years; buried with her husband (findagrave.com/memorial/203338813/mary-caughey); at least three children.

Children of Samuel Caughey and Mary Hamilton:

- i. Hamilton Caughey, probably born in the 1750s, but dates of birth and death unknown; initially thought to have emigrated to Baltimore, but still fathering children in Ireland right through until 1813 (Ursula) and 1820 (James); he inherited land from his father in Craigaruskey, Killinchy, in 1809; married Alverta Patton; at least six children.

Children of Hamilton Caughey and Alverta Patton:

- 2. i. **Michael Caughey**, born 15 March 1790; died 15 June 1866; emigrated from Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, to Baltimore, Maryland, apparently sometime before his marriage, on 4 December 1816 (continued below).
- ii. Hamilton Caughey, Jr., born 1801, died 1868.
- iii. Patrick Caughey, born 1802, died 1887, age 85; emigrated from Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, to Baltimore, Maryland, but later returned to Ireland,
- iv. Sarah Caughey, born 1812 or 1813, died 28 February 1835, aged 22 years.
- v. Ursula Caughey, born 1813.
- vi. James Caughey, born 1820, died 1896.
- ii. John Caughey, born 1760, died Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, 8 May 1830, aged 70 years; buried with his parents (see above); married Margaret Patton, born 1761, died Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, 10 July 1837, aged 76 years; at least two children.

Children of John Caughey and Margaret Patton:

- i. James Caughey, born 1796, died Killinchy, County Down, 1866; married Margaret McGee, dates unknown.

ii. Agnes Caughey, born 1798, died Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, 22 May 1815, aged 17 years; buried with her father and grandparents; no issue.

iii. Patrick Caughey, born 1770, Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland. In 1794 emigrated to Baltimore, Maryland where he established a successful grocery business, died 1862; married Elizabeth Dixon, born 1781, died 1826. 7 children, including Elizabeth Ann Caughy who later married John Hamilton Caughy, the son of Patrick's nephew Michael.

2. Michael CAUGHY, born 15 March 1790; died 15 June 1866; emigrated from Killinchy, County Down, Northern Ireland, to Baltimore, Maryland, apparently sometime before his marriage on 4 December 1816, to Dorcas Walker, born Baltimore, 16 July 1800, died Baltimore, 4 February 1878 (daughter of Henry Walker, born Baltimore, 25 May 1769, died 30 January 1799; and Hannah Wagner, married 6 August 1793, died 18 April 1820; and sister of Noah Walker, born Carroll County, Maryland, 23 January 1796, died Dumbarton, Baltimore County, Baltimore, 3 February 1874), Rev. Reese presiding; both buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore; at least four children.

Children of Michael Caughy and Dorcas Walker:

i. John Hamilton Caughy, born Baltimore, 1820; a clothier; married Elizabeth Ann Caughy (daughter of Patrick Caughey), probably born Baltimore, 1820, died Sunday, 2 December 1906 (following a short funeral service at her home, 1705 Baker Street, her body was taken to St. Gregory's Catholic Church, where a high mass was celebrated by Rev. P. J. Walsh; the pallbearers were Messrs. M. Clark, P. H. Caughy, M. McClusker, W. Kessling, H. Sorell, and J. Roeder; buried in St. Peter's Cemetery, Baltimore; see the *Baltimore Sun*, 6 December 1906); eight children.

Children of John Hamilton Caughy and Elizabeth Ann Caughy:

i. Sarah Walker Caughy, born Baltimore, January 1843; unmarried in 1920, living at home.

ii. Michael Patrick Caughy, born Baltimore, March 1845; died Baltimore, April 1917 (buried 2 April 1917); married 1871 to Mary Rosana Pendergast, born Baltimore, January 1855, died January 1929, daughter of Captain Charles Pendergast of Wexford, Ireland, a descendant of Sir Maurice de Prendergast who participated in the conquest of Ireland (i.e., a Flemish mercenary employed by the Normans to help control England and Wales; he later continued his military career in Ireland, eventually joining the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. He became prior of the order's house at Kilmainham and died there in 1205); a clerk for city government; both

buried at New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore, sect. H. lot 544, plots 1 and 2; at least one child.

Child of Michael Patrick Caughy and Mary Rosana Pendergast:

i. May Gertrude Pendergast Caughy, born Baltimore, April 1877; unmarried in 1900, living at home.

iii. Henry Caughy, born 1846.

iv. Dorcas (“Dora”) Rowena (Rowina or Roweina) Caughy, born Pennsylvania, 24 January 1847; christened Associate Reformed Church, Baltimore, 26 April 1847; married William C. West, born Maryland, 1847; five children.

Children of Dorcas Rowena Caughy and William West:

i. Laurence West

ii. Edith West, born 1877.

iii. William C. West, born 1878.

iv. Rowena (Roweina) West, born 1880.

v. George Page West, born 1882.

v. Alverta Caughy, born May 1850.

vi. Elizabeth Caughy, born about 1852.

vii. John Hamilton Caughy, born March 1852; married 1881, Laura Mittnacht, born May 1851; three children.

Children of John Hamilton Caughy and Laura Mittnacht:

i. John Marshall Caughy, born Baltimore, July 1883.

ii. Mamie Virginia Caughy, born Baltimore, February 1882.

iii. Lyal Elizabeth Caughy, born Baltimore, April 1885.

viii. Alice Caughy, born July 1861, unmarried in 1910 and 1930.

ii. Samuel Hamilton Caughy Sr., born 1819, died 29 November 1893, listed as “merchant” in the 1880 Maryland census, married Alice A. Pendergast, born Havre de Grace, Maryland, 1827, died Baltimore, 18 March 1903, daughter of Captain Charles Michael Pendergast (born 1791, died 1867) and Ellen O’Brien;

sister of Mary Pendergast who married Michael Caughy (mother of Rev. Walker S. Caughy, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Washington, and widow of Mr. Samuel Hamilton Caughy, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, 222 West Madison street, of diseases incident to old age; she was born at Havre de Grace, Maryland, 75 years ago, and was a daughter of the late Capt. Charles Pendergast; beside Father Caughy she leaves two other sons, Mr. Charles M. Caughy, American Consul at Messina, Italy, and Mr. Frank J. Caughy, of this city; she also leaves two daughters, the Misses Vertie and Addie Caughy; the funeral will take place this morning at the Cathedral, where a mass of requiem will be celebrated by Father Caughy, son of the deceased; interment will be in Bonnie Brae [New Cathedral] Cemetery; see the *Baltimore Sun*, 20 March 1903, p. 7); in 1880 the household employed four servants (see 1880 Maryland census); nine children.

Children of Samuel Hamilton Caughy Sr. and Alice A. Pendergast:

- i. Kate Caughy, died, infant
- ii. Ellen Caughy, died, infant
- iii. Charles Michael Caughy, born Baltimore, 5 June 1850, died Richmond, Virginia, 27 August 1913; obituary published in the *Baltimore Star*, 27 August 1913 (slightly edited, with some corrections):

“Former Baltimorean Expires at His Home after a Long Illness. Charles M. Caughy, who for a score of years (1893–1913) had been connected with the United States Consular service (appointed by President Cleveland), and who was a native of this city, died today at his home, 219 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia. He had been in ill health for a number of years, but last December fell and broke a hip bone, this together with his other ailments, caused him intense suffering and finally brought on the end, which came at 6:55 o'clock this morning after seven long months of illness. Expressions of regret were heard on all sides in this city today when the news of his death arrived here. The funeral will take place in Richmond and burial will be in the Higgins family lot in that city [no Caughy gravestone evident in Higgins plot at Mt. Calvary cemetery as of 2005].

Mr. Caughy opened his eyes to this world on June 4, 1850, and was the son of the late Samuel Hamilton Caughy and Alice A. Pendergast of Baltimore. He was a journalist and literary man of brilliant attainments, and was in touch with many players, authors, and artists. Genial, clever, bright, witty, gifted, and accomplished in many ways, Mr. Caughy was a man generally beloved. He spoke several languages, and had translated a number of works of use to the government. Mr. Caughy was associated with the late George A. Gardener in the publication of *Every Saturday*, a weekly journal devoted to literature, art, and dramatic affairs. In 1893 he

was appointed United States consul in Messina, Sicily by President Cleveland, where he remained for 14 years. After that he was transferred to Malaga, where he remained two years, and from there was transferred to Milan, where he was located at the time of his recent serious illness. Mr. Caughy, with his family, left Messina just before the great earthquake, when the American Consul and his wife lost their lives and the consulate was destroyed. During Mr. Caughy's term as American consul to Messina, Malaga, and Milan he upheld the dignity of his office in a manner to elicit very complimentary comments from the American authorities. With Mrs. Caughy he entertained visiting officials, and made a favorable impression with the excellent system by which the office was conducted. He was a tactful diplomat on all occasions, but at the same time gave sympathetic attention to the troubles of the poor who frequently came to him for advice and care, and often sacrificed himself in order to render assistance to those who came to him in his official capacity. He aided the distressed, visited the sick and afflicted and distributed charity in every place where needed. Nothing was left undone to make his record an enviable one in personal and private matters, as well as in the strict rendition of the duties of the position. Mr. Caughy was fortunate in gaining many friends among the nobility and royalty, but at the same time valued highly the friendship of people of the humbler walks of life. He was the true American representative, ready at all times to answer questions and give information, and his favorite motto was, "We are never too old to learn." Mr. Caughy, with his family, left Milan the day after Christmas, 1912, a very sick man, and a week after reaching America, in an effort to walk across his room, fell heavily, breaking a hip bone. Owing to the shock in his weakened condition from the advanced stages of diabetes and Bright's disease, he had been critically ill ever since. Throughout his sickness he had an earnest desire to become strong enough to visit Baltimore and see again his many friends here. Mr. Caughy came under the head of the merit system and had he lived would have been promoted much higher with considerable increase in salary. The best years of his life were given in consular work. Six years ago he went to London to consult noted specialists on diabetes, who told him the doctors of Sicily were starving him, the treatment had been too severe and sudden, and he never recovered entirely from the effects. The London physicians put him on a diet, which he followed until his death.

On January 20, 1880, Mr. Caughy married Miss Mary Alice Higgins (died 7 February 1926), daughter of the late John M. Higgins (born 25 February 1832, County Sligo, Ireland, died 20 July 1906, Richmond, Virginia) and Kate C. Dempsey (born 10 March 1836, Cashell, County Tipperary, Ireland, died 22 August 1892, Richmond, Virginia). The ceremony was performed in the Richmond Cathedral by Archbishop Keane, and was the first nuptial mass at which he officiated after his consecration to the dignity of archbishop. Besides the widow, Mr. Caughy is survived by two

children. The son, Clinton Norbert Caughy, is connected with the theatrical firm of Liebler & Co., of New York, and is stage manager of the Children's Theater, that city. The daughter, Miss Mary Kathleen Caughy, made her debut in Washington society last season, and is considered a very beautiful and brilliant young woman. He also leaves a brother (Frank) of the well-known real estate firm of Caughy, Hearn & Carter, this city, and two sisters (Mrs. Oliver Carroll Zell and Miss Adelaide Caughy)."

Children of Charles Michael Caughy and Mary Alice Higgins:

- i. Clinton Norbert Caughy (stage name Clinton Hamilton), born 10 January 1881, died 11 January 1916, in Buffalo, while touring with a play called "The Deep Purple"; connected with the theatrical firm of Liebler & Co. of New York, and was stage manager of the Children's Theater, New York ("I do remember my mother telling me that as a teenager an earthquake so traumatized him while they were living in the American consulate in Messina that he was struck mute for 10 years"; Norbert Caughy Edwards, personal communication, 1 October 2010).
- ii. Mary Kathleen Ailsa Caughy, born 11 October 1890, died 17 March 1970, married Tuesday, 20 January 1914, in Richmond, Virginia, Landon Beirne Edwards, born 13 January 1887, died 13 May 1952; six children.

Children of Mary Kathleen Ailsa Caughy and Landon Beirne Edwards:

- i. John Woodbury Edwards, born 31 December 1914, died 16 March 2001; married 15 October 1943, Adeline Kraft, born 4 June 1917, died 18 November 2004; one child.

Child of John Woodbury Edwards and Adeline Kraft:

- i. Pamela K. Edwards
- ii. Landon Beirne Edwards Jr., born 12 March 1916, died 17 June 1988; married 14 April 1941, Catherine Overmann, born 16 August 1918, died 13 April 1994; six children.

Children of Landon Beirne Edwards Jr. and Catherine Overmann:

- i. Landon Beirne Edwards III
- ii. Mary Josephine Edwards, married Jaffe
- iii. Thomas Joseph Edwards
- iv. Walter Timothy Edwards
- v. Valerie Catherine Edwards, married Littleton
- vi. Jamie Ailsa Edwards

iii. Charles Clinton Edwards, born 28 June 1918, died May 1995; married Eunice Morense, born 31 July 1921, 13 March 1980; two children.

Children of Charles Clinton Edwards and Eunice Morense:

- i. Nancy Lynn Edwards, married Siford
- ii. Charles Clinton Edwards Jr.

iv. Alfred Caughy Edwards, born 20 April 1922, died February 1998; first marriage 27 October 1944, Erma Kathleen Martin, no issue; second marriage 1 November 1952, Marjorie Coleman, seven children.

Children of Alfred Caughy Edwards and Marjorie Coleman:

- i. Cheryl Edwards
- ii. Stephen Edwards
- iii. Donna Edwards
- iv. John Edwards
- v. C. Kerry Edwards
- vi. Nancy Edwards
- vii. Robert Edwards

- v. Nancy Rucker Edwards, born 16 January 1926, died 6 June 1956, married 3 September 1949, Marbury Mitchell Hutchison, died 8 May 2009, two children.

Children of Nancy Rucker Edwards and Marbury Mitchell Hutchison:

i. Catherine Hutchison

ii. Suzanne Hutchison

- vi. Norbert (“Burt”) Caughy Edwards, born 11 January 1928, an actor living in New York City, alive as of June 2011, never married.

iv. Revered Noah Walker Caughy, born 1856, died 1910, age 54; pastor of St. Stephen’s Catholic Church, Washington, D.C.

v. Samuel Hamilton Caughy Jr., born 1858, died 19 September 1883; listed in 1880 Maryland census as “clerk in store”; “On the morning of the 19th instant, at Lexington, the residence of his father, S. Hamilton, Jr., son of S. Hamilton and Alice A. Caughy, in the 25th year of his age. The funeral will take place this (Friday) morning, at ten o’clock from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mosher and Division streets, where a Solemn High Mass of Requiem will be sung for the repose of his soul. Carriages will be in waiting at the church. Relatives and friends are invited to attend” (*Baltimore Sun*, September 21, 1883, page 2).

vi. Alice Caughy, born, 1860, died, infant.

vii. Francis (Frank) James Caughy, born 1862, listed in 1880 Maryland census as “clerk in store,” but later a partner in the “well-known” real estate firm of Caughy, Hearn & Carter, Baltimore.

viii. Adelaide (Adie or Addie) Caughy, born 1864, died 8 January 1949, at Bon Secure Hospital, funeral by H. W. Mears and Son, 805 North Calvert Street, on Tuesday, January 11, at 9:30 A.M.; requiem Mass at St. Ignatius Church, Calvert and Madison streets, at 10 A.M.; interment, New Cathedral Cemetery (*Baltimore Sun*, 11 January 1949, p 21), a spinster.

ix. Mary Alverta (Vertie) Caughy, second wife of Oliver Carroll Zell, born 2 January 1866, died 27 December 1944 (see **Zell Family Genealogy**).

iii. Noah Walker Caughy, born 1 November 1824, died Baltimore, 2 September 1891; married in Baltimore, 14 November 1852, Mary Jane Tormey, born Frederick, Maryland, 1829, died Baltimore, 1890, listed in the Daughters of the American

Revolution Lineage Book; daughter of Patrick Tormey (born Athleague, Roscommon, Ireland, 17 April 1796; married Frederick, Maryland, 23 May 1825; died Baltimore, 12 July 1852) and Jane Jamison (born Frederick, Maryland, 1798, died Baltimore, 24 July 1876) daughter of Leonard Jamison (born about 1761?, Charles County, Maryland; married about 1781?) and Mary Smith (born 1764, died 1834); six children, three sons, and three Daughters of the American Revolution.

Children of Noah Walker Caughy and Mary Jane Tormey:

- i. Katharine (“Kate”) Norena Caughy, born Maryland, 25 November 1853, died 23 December 1935; married Henry (Harry) Shirk Zell (**see Zell Family Genealogy**).
- ii. Allie (Alice?) Caughy, born Baltimore, ca. 1855, granddaughter of Patrick Tormey and Jane Jamison (born 1797, died 1776), his wife; great granddaughter of Leonard Jamison and Mary Smith (born 1764, died 1834), his wife; great great granddaughter of Leonard Smith (born St. Mary’s County, Maryland; died Frederick County, Maryland, 1734; one of the Committee of Observation of Frederick County, Maryland, 1775) and Elizabeth Neale (died 1820), his wife; married Charles S. Grindall, M.D.
- iii. Leonard T. Caughy, born Maryland, about 1858
- iv. Charles Caughy, born Maryland, about 1864
- v. Grace Marie Caughy, born January 1864, died 11 May 1912, age 48, first wife of Oliver Carroll Zell, born 1865, died 1940 (**see Zell Family Genealogy**).
- vi. John Harold (“Harry”) Caughy, born Maryland, 1867 or 1868, married Bertha Adams, born 1870, died 1930; two children.

Children of John Harold Caughy and Bertha Adams:

- i. Harold Adams Caughy, born 1893, died 1968; married Gladys Heilge, born Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 1893.
 - ii. Eleanor F. Caughy, born Pennsylvania, 28 January 1896, died October 1985; married Claus Henry Schultze.
- iv. Alverta Caughy, born 1826; married Charles Moore, born about 1825; four children.

Children of Alverta Caughy and Charles Moore

- i. Dorcas Moore

ii. Mary Bell Moore, married E. S. Bevansmoore

iii. Alverta Moore

iv. Elizabeth Caughy Moore, married William Albert Thompson