

Biography of Samuel Thomas Caylor (1839-1918)

Samuel Thomas Caylor is my paternal great-grandfather, born in Loudoun County, Virginia, on 2 January 1839. His parents were James Caylor and Mary Eleanor "Nellie" Maffatt, and he was the sixth of nine children, eight of whom lived to adulthood.

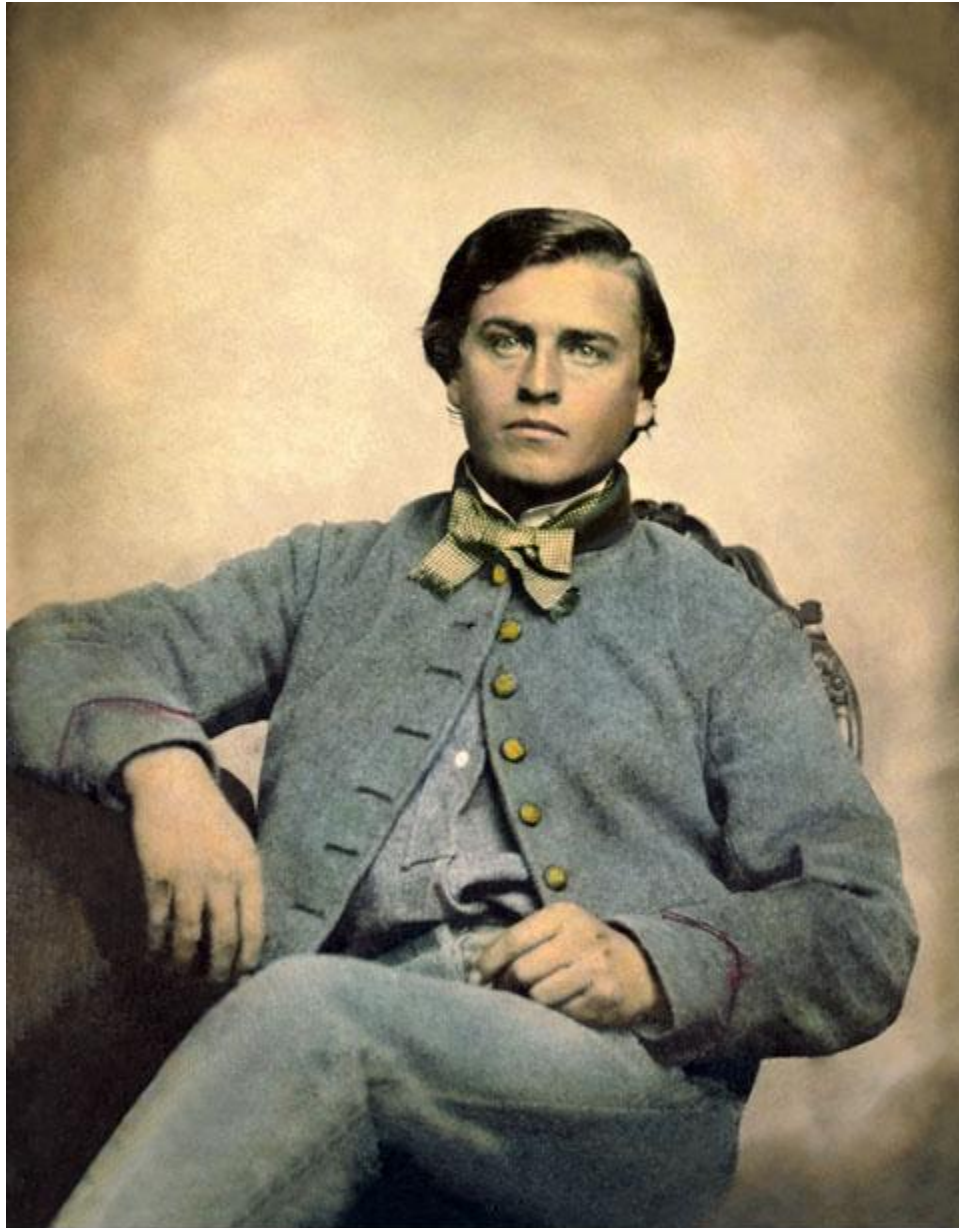
He first appeared in the 1850 federal census of Loudoun County, Virginia, in his mother's household, listed as Thos Kaler, age 10, and he had attended school in the past year. His mother also appeared in the 1850 federal slave schedule with one unnamed male enslaved person, aged 70. The three oldest children, not including Samuel, worked as farmers on the family farm; interestingly, his oldest sister (Mary Elizabeth) worked the farm with her two oldest brothers - everyone pitched in because their father had died three years earlier in 1847. Although the census did not indicate where the family lived, it was in the vicinity of Guilford Station, which is now named Sterling.

He next appeared in the 1860 federal census for Loudoun County, listed in his mother's household as Thos F Caylor, age 21 and engaged in farming - the family lived close to the Guilford Station post office. There was no listing for any of the family in the 1860 slave schedule.

With war starting in April 1861, Samuel at age 23 enlisted 6 April 1862 at the Orange County, Virginia, Court House where he received a bounty of \$50. His three older brothers also served in the military - two in the South and one in the North - and all survived the war.

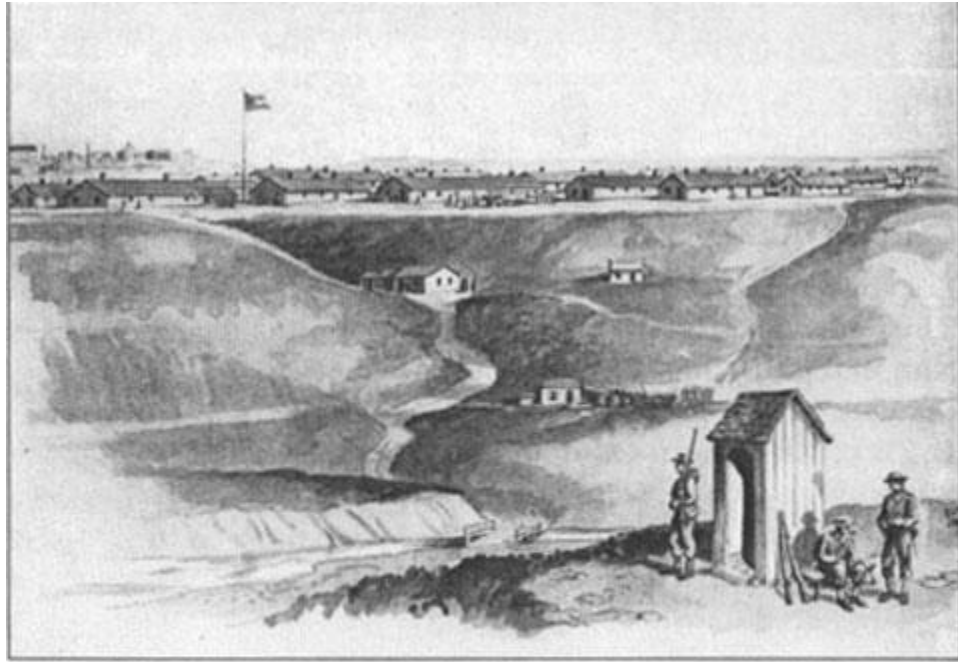
Samuel first served for about one year as a private in Capt Arthur L Rogers Battery, 38th Battalion (Loudoun Light Artillery). That unit was disbanded in Oct 1862 and Samuel then served in Capt Robert M Stribling's Battery A, 38th Battalion (Fauquier Artillery). These units were part of the Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Robert E Lee.

He was captured near the beginning of the Confederate siege of Suffolk, Virginia (11 April-4 May 1863) on the Nansemond River 19 April 1863 and was directly exchanged at Fort Monroe, Hampton, Virginia, 21 April 1863. On 14 June 1864 he was admitted to General Hospital #9, Richmond, Virginia - dispositioned to Chimborazo Hospital #32 where he was admitted on 15 June 1864, diagnosed with Camp Itch (today diagnosed as epidemic scabies). Samuel returned to duty 9 November 1864, but as of 25 April 1865 he was a POW of Company A, 38th Battery, Virginia Artillery. He surrendered at Edwards Ferry, Maryland, and gave his solemn oath of honor not to serve in the armies of the Confederate States or any military capacity against the US or render aid to enemies.



Samuel Thomas Caylor
Civil War, circa 1866
Digital restoration completed 2004

Note on Chimborazo prison: It was located at the east end of Richmond, off Broad Street; operated from October 1861 to April 1865; 76,000 patients treated; made up of 150 single-story buildings, each one 100' x 30'.



Chimborazo: Wartime lithograph. (Photo courtesy of the Library of Virginia)

Rebecca Barbour Calcutt, *Richmond's Wartime Hospitals* (Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2005), 152.

The first record of Samuel purchasing or selling land in Loudoun County was on 1 November 1867, when he was single, aged 28 and just two and one-half years back from the war. He bought two tracts of land from Mary E Blincoc, Elizabeth H Blincoc and Martha F Blincoc (wife and children of Henry C Blincoc) for \$350. One tract was about 38 acres and the second, a woodlot, about 17 acres - both lots were received by Henry C Blincoc at his father's death in 1852. The lots were located in the Guilford (now Sterling) area. Although there is no record of Henry's death, he was deceased by 1867 and his wife and children would have needed funds, so the land had to be sold. Samuel likely lived on land adjacent to the Blincoc property because his mother Eleanor bought the lot devised to Sanford Fling and his wife Sarah Blincoc Fling in September 1854.

Samuel apparently had no intention of building or living on the land because on 23 May 1868 he sold to James W Caylor, his brother, for \$600 the two lots he purchased from Mary Blincoc just six months earlier, these lots being part of the estate of Joseph Blincoc, deceased in 1852. James had been living in Jay County, Indiana, up until about 1868, by which time he returned to Loudoun County, so this may have been an example of Samuel helping James.

There are no other deed records in Loudoun County for Samuel so we're not positive how he acquired a home. A reasonable assumption is that he acquired some land as a result of his mother's death in 1862 and that land was adjacent to the Blincoc property.

On 14 January 1869, in Loudoun County, he married Laura Virginia Edwards, daughter of Joseph Edwards and Mary Dove Edwards.

Samuel Thomas Caylor and Laura Virginia Edwards,
marriage certificate (14 Jan 1869), Virginia Division
of Vital Records, Richmond, Virginia.

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

DATE OF MARRIAGE: JANUARY 14, 1869

PLACE OF MARRIAGE: LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

	<u>HUSBAND</u>	<u>WIFE</u>
NAME:	SAML. THOS. CAYLOR	LAURA V. EDWARDS
RACE:	WHITE	WHITE
AGE:	29	18
SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED:	SINGLE	SINGLE
BIRTHPLACE:	LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA	LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA
RESIDENCE:	LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA	LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA
PARENTS:	JAS. and ELEANOR	JOS. and MARY
OCCUPATION:	FARMER	
CEREMONY PERFORMED BY:	J. H. WOLFF	
REPORTED BY:	CHAS. P. JANNEY	
CLERK OF:	CIRCUIT COURT, LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA	
PAGE:	148	LINE: 13
DATE RECORD FILED:	NOT STATED	

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DATE ISSUED 12-29-99

Deborah Little-Bowser
Deborah Little-Bowser, State Registrar

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Samuel and Laura appeared in the 1870 federal census for Loudoun County and they were enumerated on 14 August. The census listing was Thomas Caylor (31), Laura (20), Mary Edwards (46), Joseph Edwards (17), William Saunders (20), and Frank Johnson (14), residing in the eastern district, near the Daysville post office, where Thomas was a farmer. Mary Edwards was Mary Dove Edwards, Laura's mother; Joseph Edwards was Laura's brother and

he worked on the family farm. Both Saunders and Johnson were workers on the family farm. The community of Daysville no longer exists but was located about two miles northeast of Guilford Station (renamed Sterling in 1887), near Sugarland Run creek, and on the north side of today's Route 7.

The 1870s saw a significant increase in Samuel's family with four children born between 1870 and 1877: Thomas Vinton on 25 September 1870, Harvey Edwards on 15 March 1872, James Laurence on 4 Mar 1874 and Maria Mount on 13 Sep 1877. The first three children were born in Loudoun County, most likely in the Daysville-Guilford Station area and Maria was born in Fairfax County in the Dranesville district, which abutted the Loudoun County line.

Sometime in 1874, after March, Samuel and his family moved from the area of Guilford Station in Loudoun County to Dranesville district in Fairfax County. I have found no land records that show Samuel selling property in Loudoun during this time (these records are digitized and on-line at familysearch.org). Also, I have not yet been able to examine the undigitized land records of Fairfax County (housed at the Historic Records Center in Fairfax) to see if Samuel recorded a land purchase. However, in a 1904 application for a disability pension Samuel declared that he had lived on Colvin Run for 30 years, placing him not far from today's Route 7 about 9 miles from Guilford Station in Loudoun. Samuel's home was likely near Hunters Mill Road, just south of Route 7, because the Caylor family is buried in the old Brown's Chapel cemetery on Hunters Mill.

Samuel and Laura appeared in the 1880 federal census for Fairfax County and were enumerated on 22 June 1880. The entry was Samuel Caylar (41), Laura V (wife - 30), Thomas V (son - 10), Harvy E (son - 8), James L (son - 6), and Maria M (dau - 2), residing in the Dranesville district where Samuel was a laborer. Samuel's three sons were all attending school.



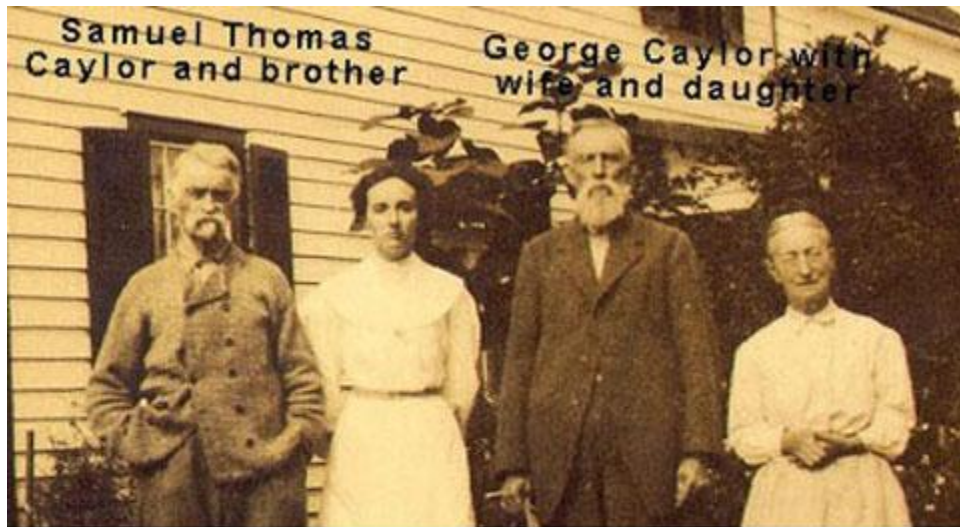
This image was provided by Deborah Mitchell Taylor about 2003 and she claimed the person on the left was George Franklin Caylor and on the right was Samuel Thomas Caylor. This is definitely Samuel Thomas Caylor, probably about 1890 based on apparent age and other images of him circa 1910-1918. In 1890 Samuel would have been 51. The person on the left could not be George Franklin Caylor (Samuel's nephew), who was born in 1886. Most likely he is one of Samuel sons, who were born in the early 1870s - unfortunately, I have no images of his sons. Note that their clothes appear to be identical.

Both Samuel and Laura appeared in the 1900 federal census and were enumerated 8 June 1900. The entry was Samuel T Caylor (61), Laura V (wif - 49), Harvey E (son - 28), James L (son - 26), and Maria M (dau - 22), residing in the Dranesville district where Samuel was a farmer who owned his farm free of mortgage. The census enumerator marked that Samuel and Laura had been married for 31 years and that all four of their children were alive in 1900.

Laura Edwards Caylor moved to Washington, DC, in February of 1903, living at 1853 9th Street NW when she died 12 October 1905. Samuel was still in Virginia and it appears that they were separated - no divorce record has been found.

He applied for a disability pension 4 Oct 1904, claiming paralysis of the throat as a result of his service during the war. He noted that he was 65, a resident of Loudoun County all his life and that he had lived at his residence on Colvin Run for 30 years. He had been a farmer for 40 years but could not pursue his occupation because of his illness on 25 Apr 1904, but he also noted that his health had been impaired since the war. One of the witnesses to the document was John N Iden, a comrade of Samuel's who resided in the Colvin Run area. The doctor's statement said, in part, "The applicant was paralyzed in the throat Apr 25, 1904, since the stroke his speech has been affected and his general health much impaired...." His application was approved 22 Mar 1905

Samuel was living with his daughter and son-in-law in Fairfax County, Providence district, at the time of the federal census on 4 May 1910. The census entry was: Elmer C Stoy (28), May M (wife - 30), Elmer D (son - 5), Virginia (daughter - 3), Robert L (son - 8/12), and Thomas Caylor (father-in-law - 71). Samuel was aged 71, widowed, had no listed occupation, was able to read and write, and was noted as a survivor of the Confederate Army.



From left: Samuel Thomas Caylor, Mary Eleanor Caylor, George Henry Caylor, Annie (Sexton) Caylor (resembles Irene Ryan who played "Grannie" on Beverly Hillbillies), c. 1910.



Samuel Thomas Caylor
Front porch of Elm Street home of daughter Maria Stoy in McLean
1909-1918

Samuel lived with his daughter Maria for some time around the 1910 census. He was there to "keep an eye on the boys" while Maria worked - this according to Virginia Stoy Arnold as told to her daughter, Ann Arnold Hennings.

He died 4 March 1918 at 7:25pm, in the Broad Run district of Loudoun County - he was aged 79.. His death certificate stated his residence was Sterling, Virginia. It's not known when he returned to Loudoun, sometime after 1910, nor where he resided - none of Samuel's children lived in Loudoun. He was under the care of Dr Claudius P Hutchinson of Arcola from 18 February 1918 to 4 March 1918, and the cause of death was paralysis (hemiplegia), complicated by arteriosclerosis. His son, Thomas V Caylor, living at 1841 14th Street, Washington, DC, was the informant for the certificate. He was buried 7 March 1918 at Brown's Chapel Cemetery.

Form No. 12. **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Board of Health

File No.—For State Registrar Only
7028

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Loudoun Co Va
Magisterial District of Broad Run District
or
Inc. Town of _____
City of _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME instead of street and number)

Registration District No. 531 Registered No. 10
(To be inserted by Registrar) (For use of Local Registrar)

2 FULL NAME Samuel Thos Caylor Residence Sterling Va
In City _____ Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Days _____

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE Widowed
MARRIED
WIDOWED
OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 2 - 1839 1 _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 79 yrs 2 months 2 day If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min. ?

8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Loudoun Co

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER James Caylor
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) _____
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) _____

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Thos Caylor
(Address) 1841-14 St Wash DC

15 Filed Mar 5 1918 M D Phillips
(Date received by Registrar) LOCAL REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF BIRTH March 4th, 1918
(Name of month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb 18th, 1918, to March 4, 1918, that I last saw him alive on March 4, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:25 pm. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Paralysis (Hemiplegia)

(Duration) few days yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____
Contributory Arteriosclerosis
(SECONDARY) (Duration) yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____
(Signed) Claudius P Hutchinson M. D.
March 4 1918 (Address) Arcola Va

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE. (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or recent Residents.)
At place of death yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____ In the State yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual Residence _____

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Brown's Chapel Va DATE OF BURIAL Mar 7th, 1918
20 UNDERTAKER J. E. Radson ADDRESS Hemlock Va

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK (WRITING FLUID)—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See Instructions on back of certificate.

Ancestry.com, "Virginia Department of Health," database and digital image, Ancestry.com
(<http://collections.ancestry.com/search/VA/DOH> : accessed 19 Sep 2015), Samuel Thos Caylor

Robert Stoy
1 September 2021