

CALKINS WORLD

Dedicated to the memory of our immigrant ancestors, Hugh & Ann Calkins, who braved the seas in 1640 to come to the New World, and to all their descendants.

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Calkins Family Association News

Mark Calkins has volunteered to be the new webmaster of the CFA! We want to thank Christopher Calkins, Jr. for his work in the past on this project. Chris continues to serve on the board of directors. Keep your eye on our website as it updates.

www.calkinsworld.org

Looking to be involved with the CFA?

Openings include:

Newsletter editor and staff writers

Historian, Librarian, and Special Projects (Lifetime certificates)

Sunshine News

Andy Calkins of Gloucester, MA renewed as a lifetime member in the CFA.

Marjorie Calkins Edwards, CFA secretary, welcomes a new granddaughter July 2019.

Miriam Calkins and Jake Meyer welcomed son Thadeus on April 14, 2019

Katharine Caulkins and Kyle Caulkins made the Quarter 4 Honor Roll at Saint Bernard School (July 2019) New London, CT

Pamela and Larry Culvere Calkins Jr., of Struthers, Ohio welcome a son born Jan. 29, 2019

->>Do you have an item of sunshine? A graduation, wedding, promotion, an achievement? Always looking for articles or queries. Send those to our editor. Next deadline November 1, 2019.



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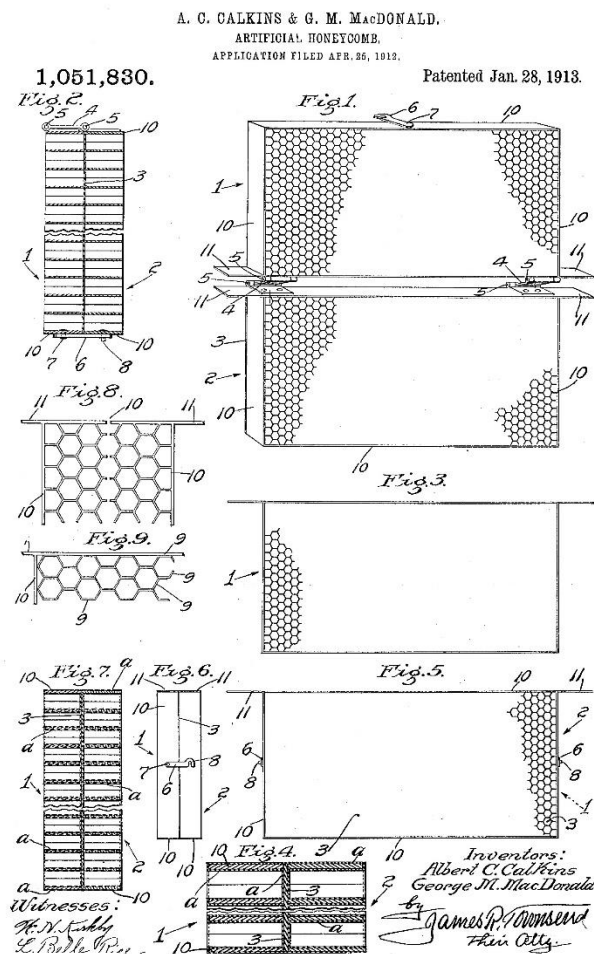
Artificial Honeycomb Patent

Albert Champlin Calkins from Altadena, CA filed a patent for an artificial honeycomb with George M. MacDonald on April 25, 1912. This honeycomb composed of 2 leaves with transverse cells that were open at both ends that could be closed. The leaves were hinged together to open and close. This allowed the leaves to be opened and the honey to be drained out. The old way was to cut the wax honeycombs to get the honey.

An assayer, among other jobs, Albert worked in the mineral mining industry. He and his wife Blanche Magee raised several children in the Los Angeles area which included Blanche, Alberta, Louis, and James.

Albert Champlin Calkins was born on 8 Nov 1868 in Illinois to James Wesley Calkins and Anne Jeanette Morey. Anne Morey was the daughter of Elizabeth Champlin and Benjamin Morey, thus the explanation of Albert's middle name. Albert died in Boulder City, NV on 27 April 1951.

(Hugh-John-Samuel-Stephen-Amos-John Wesley-John Wesley-Albert Champlin Calkins)



Some weddings of 2018:

Mikki Kouneski & JD Caulkins, Sept 8, 2018,
Tilghman Island, MD
Clayton Caulkins & Haven Caulkins, July 13, 2018,
Saint Louis, MO
Ansley Caulkins & Kordel Burnett, June 24, 2018
Brandi Corkins & Evan Davis July 21, 2018
Hartland, MI
Lily Corkins & Peter Scheip April 21, 2018,
Sarasota, FL
Kelley McGurl & Matt Calkins, Sept 29, 2018
Dennis Port, MA
Agnes Calkins & William Long, May 5, 2018
Oxford, OH
Katie Calkins & Sean Burns, June 2, 2018, Stowe,
VT
Kendall Calkins & Joe Getley, Nov. 3, 2018,
Knoxville, TN
Scott Sanders & Nicole Calkins, Nov 17, 2018,
Beaufort, SC
Chadwick Calkins & Brent Waters, Sept 29, 2018,
Springfield, MO
Courtney Jeacoma & Jordan Calkins, Oct. 5, 2018
Victoria Batter & Michael Calkins, Sept. 29, 2018
Zachary Hastings & Celeste Calkins, Feb. 21, 2018
Skylar McCall & Matthew Corkins July 21, 2018
Jessica Clifford & Sam Corkins June 23, 2018,
Leawood, KS

The Mary Calkins School

By Nanette Armstrong

One day while searching Facebook, I stumbled upon the Mary Calkins School Inc. It is a private Christian school located in the Philippines. I contacted them, wondering who Mary Calkins is and how is she connected to the CFA. I thought Mary might have been a missionary. Turns out that this Mary is Mary Whiton Calkins, the famed psychologist, born March 30, 1863 in Hartford, CT, the daughter of P. Wolcott and Charlotte Whiton Calkins. Ms. Calkins was a pioneer in the field of psychology. Although it was never officially conferred, she is regarded as the first woman to get her doctoral degree in the field of psychology. She was the first woman president of the American Psychological Association (1905). Her biography evidently caught the eye of this school's founders.

When asked about the name I received this reply:

“Here in the Philippines, if you put up a school, you are free to choose whatever name you would like to have for as long as it doesn't have the same name as others. One of the owners of the school thought of her name as unique and also her biography is really inspiring, this is the reason why we have Mary Calkins School. And since Mary Calkins came from a close family-knit, we want our students to feel that they belong to a family whenever they enroll at our school. Here in the Philippines, most children are no longer close to their parents, maybe because of gadgets and other stuff. That's why we encourage them to open themselves to teachers, staff, and be close to their families as well.”

The school is now celebrating their 10-year anniversary. The school gives a well-rounded education with sports and music included amongst the usual academic selections beginning in pre-school on up. A large photo of Mary Whiton Calkins hangs in the front foyer of the school (see insert right). The students and sport team go by the moniker- “Calkies.” Isn't that fun! They are located at 647 Congbalay Street, Binakayan, Cavite, Philippines 4104

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Mary Calkins School



Go Calkies!



Hugh Calkins Lobit

An essay by Nanette Armstrong

Upon entering the ornate Memorial Rotunda at Woolsey Hall on the Yale University campus, your eyes are drawn upward to view the memorials to sons of Yale who lost their lives in American wars from the Revolution to the Vietnam War.

Ellen was at Woolsey, the primary auditorium at Yale University, to hear daughter Abigail sing in the glee club. As her eyes scanned the list one name jumped out. Wait! That can't be, and there it was—her brother's name-- Hugh Calkins. Yet upon closer look it was *Hugh Calkins Lobit* under the Vietnam list. She quickly snapped a photo and emailed it to her cousin Maggie in Ohio.

Maggie is the treasurer for the Calkins Family Association. Sharing this fun find, Maggie dashed the image off to me. Questions flooded my mind. Who is this man? The name Calkins must be important enough to him for it to be on a memorial inscribed on the walls at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut. I just had to find out who he was and how does he have the name Calkins?

I headed right to the website for The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, known as 'The Wall' located in Washington, D.C. Hugh Calkins Lobit's name was not there. Why not when the plaque at Yale has him listed as a casualty of that war? Had I found a mistake?

The Vietnam Veterans Wall has several groups that keep records and statistics, so a second google search popped up a list of American Embassy Diplomats KIA (killed in action) during the conflict. Hugh C. Lobit's name was on that list.

Hugh Lobit worked for the government and was in Vietnam on government business when he was shot and killed. His name is not on The Wall-the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial- since he wasn't in the military. He was a civilian on assignment working for the U.S. government.

Mr. Lobit's name is on another plaque, this one located at the American Foreign Service Department. It reads "Hugh C. Lobit was born in Texas in 1933. He served with USAID. On February 9, 1968, he was shot and killed by a sniper while escorting a U.S. news correspondent."

Hugh's assignment was not a cushy one. "In the delta city of Chau Phu, the Viet Cong pushed half a dozen American nurses into the bathroom and locked them in for the 36 hours as they held the houses. But in a nearby province, New Life hamlet specialist Hugh Lobit, a big, rangy Texan in his mid-30s, was gunned down in his favourite pacified village."

And another news write up: "Hugh Lobit, AID (Agency for International Development) provincial representative, was killed in Vietnam early in February. Mr. Lobit entered the Foreign Service in 1958 and served at Mexico City and San Jose before transferring to AID in 1966. He is survived by his wife and daughter who were living at Bangkok during his tour in Saigon."

(Lobit cont.) Now I know Hugh was from Texas and graduated from Yale, class of 1958, and served his country as an American diplomat. He was in the Foreign Service. The mission of a U.S. diplomat in the Foreign Service is to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad. Hugh didn't seem to have had much peace.

In genealogy research, every clue is valuable and can lead to another. Hugh Lobit was married and had a daughter at the time of his death. A little digging revealed that Hugh C. Lobit was married to June C. Christensen and they had a daughter named Lavinia Anne Lobit, born on 7 Aug. 1957, in Harris Co. Texas. Young Lavinia was just 10 years old when her father was killed. Lavinia grew up, finished 4 years of college, and married Lawrence "Norman" Herr on 19 May 1979 in Alexandria, VA. Lavinia lived in Austin, TX and died there on 22 Dec. 2002.

Back to my original question about Hugh-- where does the Calkins name come in? As a genealogist, the first thought is that Hugh's mother was a Calkins. Searching for a Lobit married to a Calkins came up empty. So I switched gears. What if Hugh Lobit was born Hugh Calkins? That is a good assumption since the Calkins name is mentioned in so many documents that mention Lobit. I searched for that and hit pay dirt.

Going with the information that Hugh Calkins Lobit was born in Texas in 1933, I looked for a Hugh Calkins in the 1940 U.S. census records and found one living in Los Angeles, CA. Hugh Calkins, age 7, was listed in the 1940 census living with his grandparents John Knight Calkins, age 83 with wife Anna Baxter, age 72, and their son, Ruskin Robert Calkins, 45, a travelling salesman selling refrigerators. Ruskin was divorced. This fits! According to the census, this Hugh was born in 1933 in Texas. At first glance you'd had thought Ruskin was his father. You'd have been wrong.

A bit of back door research on Ruskin found a record of a wife named Jane Maria Claiborne. They married 15 Oct. 1921 and divorced 20 Aug 1930. The divorce records one child, named George born 1926. Jane is not Hugh's mother as they had divorced 3 years before Hugh's birth.

Calkins Family in America allowed me to connect John Knight Calkins to Hugh & Ann, our immigrants. This John is the son of Asa K. Calkins and wife Mary Ann Knight. They were both Quakers, residing the final years of their life in Ruskin, Georgia. Ruskin? That name is now familiar. Now we know where Ruskin Calkins' name inspiration came from.

Searching now for a Hugh Calkins born in 1933 in Texas I searched the Texas Birth Index and found a baby born on February 11, 1933 to Percy A. Calkins and Beulah Mae Ingram. Percy, not Ruskin. Checking the 1930 census I found Percy Calkins living with his parents, John and Anna. So Ruskin is Uncle Ruskin to our Hugh, and brother to Percy. What happened to Hugh's parents Beulah and Percy? According to the census, young Hugh has been living with his grandparents for the past 5 years.

(Lobit cont.) Percy Calkins was a long- time bachelor in his 30's when he married Beulah Ingram on July 31, 1930. He was born 6 April 1895 in Casper, WY. He was an educated man, having graduated from Washington & Lee University. Percy was a travelling salesman working for an auto parts company when he married. Their son, Hugh, was born on 11 Feb 1933 at St. Joseph's Infirmary in Houston, TX. The next record I found was from findagrave with a photo of Beulah's headstone dated February 11, 1933. Why is that date familiar? Oh no. Beulah, age 36, died the very same day that her son was born.

The Texas Department of Vital Statistics had a second birth certificate for Hugh Calkins filed with Harris County, TX on 20 Dec. 1948. It was signed by Mrs. Elva Calkins Lobit. Here's the LOBIT! This document was amending Hugh's birth certificate. His original birth certificate didn't state a name, just Calkins. Hugh was now officially named Hugh Ingram Calkins, son of Percy A. Calkins and Beulah Mae Ingram, thanks to Elva. He was 15.

Who is Elva Calkins Lobit? Maybe Aunt Elva, or did Percy remarry?

(Stay tuned!--to be continued in the November issue of Calkins World)

Fun Facts:

Surnames (last names) weren't used until about the 11th Century in Europe. There are 4 basic ways people got their last name: 1. occupation (ex: Baker or Smith); 2. place names or geography (ex: Hill or Rivers); 3. nicknames or looks (Brown or Little); 4. Patronymic--father's name (such as McDougal meaning "son of Doug").

Going back eight generations, most people will have 256 ancestors.

Immigrants' names were not changed at Ellis Island upon entering the United States. If a surname was changed from its original spelling, it was your ancestor who changed it, shortened it, dropped a few letters, or translated it into English. As we Calkins know, the same family line can have a variety of spellings.

With a DNA test, you and your siblings can have differing amounts of certain ethnicities, even if you're full siblings. You get half of your genes from each parent, but siblings don't get the same half. Genetics is random. If you and your brother are partly Spanish, you could be twenty percent while your brother could be forty-five percent (or vice versa).

About 35 million Americans are related to one or more of the 102 pilgrims who sailed to America on the Mayflower in 1620. That's 10% of the U.S. population!

Anthropologists claim that everyone is a 40th cousin.

Any two people can find at least one common ancestor who has lived since 800 A.D.

U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt by blood or marriage, had ties to 11 other past presidents.

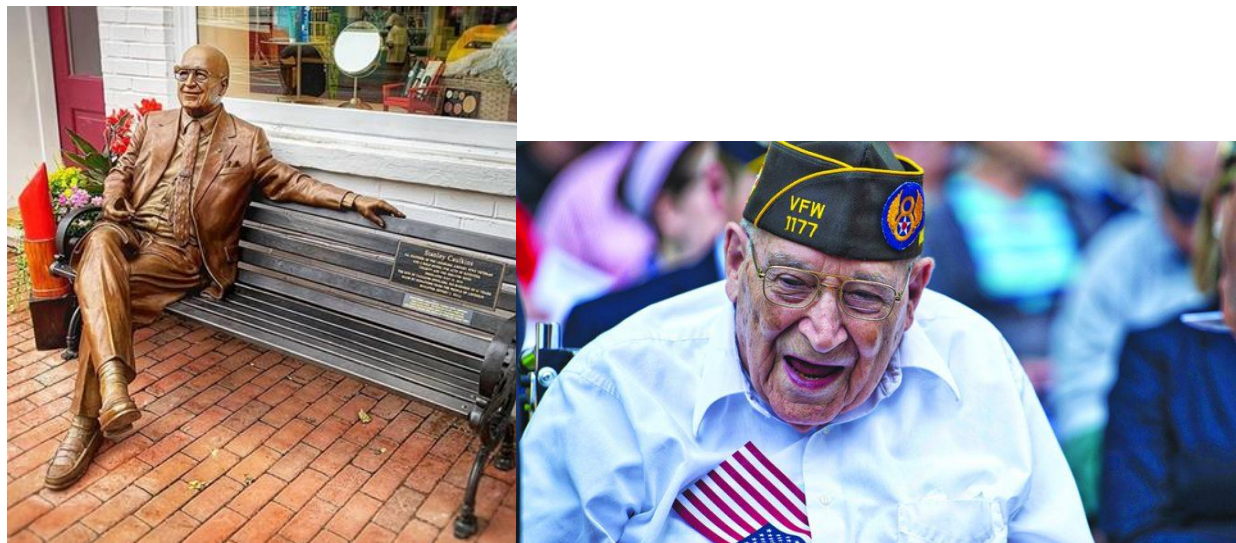
Stanley Caulkins of Leesburg, Virginia

The town of Leesburg, VA erected a bronze sculpture of local businessman, Stanley Caulkins. His likeness appears sitting on a bench with several symbols of his life's work -- a pocket watch, a miniature airplane and the emblems of the VFW and Rotary Club. The sculpture invites you to sit on the bench and "talk" with Stanley. He played football in high school and then joined the Air Force. After serving as a radio operator aboard a B-17 during World War II, the GI bill helped Caulkins learn the watchmaking trade. Stanley was the owner of Caulkins Jewelers. He was extremely active in the community having served on the Town Council and was so instrumental in getting the town an airport that the terminal building was named after him.

Stanley Field Caulkins, 92, (6 Oct 1925 to 12 Jan 2018), is the son of Rev. Charles W. Caulkins and Eunice Field. Charles, a Baptist minister, was a U.S. Army veteran of WWI, awarded 3 Purple Hearts for wounds and a Silver Star for heroism. Charles' father, Rev. Herbert Caulkins, was also a Baptist minister.

In an interview, Stanley was asked what advice he'd give to people. His reply: "Love this country. God bless America. Take pride in it; be part in it. Be one of the guys up front. Take an interest in your town."

[Hugh—David—Jonathan—Thomas—Samuel—Thomas Caulkins & Phoebe Strickland—Thomas Strickland Caulkins—Jonathan Caulkins—Rev. Herbert Lincoln Caulkins—Rev. Charles Whitney Caulkins—Stanley Field Caulkins]



Stanley Field Caulkins, Leesburg, VA

Correction: In the winter 2019 edition, we did not mention that Russell Caulkins served in Company C of the 316th Engineers during World War II.

Calkins Family Association

Founded 1993

Our Association's Mission

To promote, collect and preserve genealogical and historical research related to persons and families bearing the name Calkins or one of its variations, and to descendants of such families, and to make available the results of such activities to the membership and to other interested parties and organizations.

New Membership and Dues

Lifetime membership - \$150, or

Annual membership - \$20.00 for the first year. \$10 per year after that. Due January 1st, late after April 1st. One of the benefits of joining the Calkins Family Association (CFA) is receiving the Calkins World.

Send checks payable (U.S. funds ONLY) to Calkins Family Association. Mail to treasurer, Margaret Calkins, or use PayPal at CalkinsWorld@aol.com

Members are encouraged to support and participate in all the various activities of the CFA, including a reunion every three years at various location all over the U.S.A. Reunion 2021 is in Denver, CO.

Non-tax deductible donations are always appreciated. We are a 501 (c) (7) organization.

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