

## **Dedication of the John Calvert Marker**

on the 205th Anniversary of his death  
and the 221st Anniversary of his arrival in America

with the approval of the  
Town of Cortlandville Board

and

## **Honoring the Memory of Those Buried**

at

**The South Cortland Cemetery  
Cortlandville  
Cortland County, New York  
1808 - 1932**

Including Veterans of  
The American Revolutionary War  
The Civil War

Jeffrey Guido, Town Historian  
Rev. Robert Harvey Calvert  
Initiator of this Event

**Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11 a.m.**

## **Thank You To the Following:**

Jeffrey D. Guido,  
Cortlandville Town Historian  
John Hoeschele,  
Historical Researcher &  
President of the Cortland Rural Cemetery  
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### **The Monument**

Scott Williams  
LaFayette, New York

The South Cortland Cemetery\*  
by John Hoeschele

"There is something beautiful, intriguing, and intrinsically valuable about an old rural cemetery and the South Cortland Cemetery is no exception.

"Surrounded by a stone wall, shaded by 15 stately maple trees, and speckled with just under 100 siltstone and limestone headstones dating from 1808 to 1932. This remnant of 19<sup>th</sup> century upstate New York is all the more intriguing because like many inactive cemeteries in Cortland County and elsewhere in the Northeast, only partially documented.

Despite its shortage of formal documentation the physical site has been relatively well maintained by the town of Cortlandville and a handful of civic-minded volunteers. According to New York State law, the town must care for abandoned cemeteries in its jurisdiction.

According to a passage describing this hamlet in a document prepared for the Cortlandville Sesquicentennial in 1979 South Cortland had nearly two dozen houses, two small houses of worship, a store, a post office and 161 inhabitants (according to French's 1860 gazetteer, page 252).

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The Calvert family is grateful to the Town Board of Cortlandville for permission to erect a new stone of the grave of John Calvert (1731-1808) The Founder of the Cortland Branch .

Veterans Buried at  
South Cortland Cemetery

Frances Wilcox Bradley  
CT Mil Revolutionary War

John Daboll  
died April 4, 1829, age 76  
Revolutionary War

George Marshall  
Revolutionary War  
War of 1812

Watsford McAllister  
died August 11, 1885  
Civil War

Robert Patterson  
died September 11, 1889, age 50  
Civil war  
Co. A 109<sup>th</sup>, Reg. NYSV

John Stanbo  
died May 24, 1844, age 85  
Revolutionary War

Francis Wilcox  
Revolutionary /war

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This list was prepared by John Hoeschele. He said that in recording this cemetery I have tried to capture /convey all discernable markers. (A handful of other markers and headstones exist, but they are unreadable or damaged). This transcription was recorded by hand and completed on October 1, 2009.

**Aldrich, Henry**, d. 1843, Dec 19; age: 5 mos, 24 days  
**Andreas (Andrews), ??**, d. 1831, Aug. 20, age: 42 yrs  
**Andreas (Andrews), Almond D**, d. 1828, Sep 4, age: 8 yrs, 10 mos  
**Bradley, Francis Wilcox**, d.

**Brand** \_\_, **Abraham**, d. 1885 (or 65), Jan 6, age: 64yr  
**Calvert, John**, d. 1808  
**Chapin, A. B.**, no dates  
**Chapin, Amaziah B.**, d. 1842, Apr 2, age: 5 yrs, 11 mos, 26 days  
**Chapin, Hamilton E.**, d. 1842, Mar 21, age: 10 mos, 21 days  
**Chapin, James**, d. 1856 (may be 76?)  
**Chapin, Jane C.**, d. 1864, May 1, age: 74 (or 14) yrs  
**Chapin, Lester**, d. 1837, Apr 17, age: 27 yrs  
**Cole, Arthur E (or G?)**, d. 1881, Sep 20  
**Cole, Elizabeth**, d. 1842, Jan 7, age: 38 yrs, 3 mos  
**Cole, Joanna**, d. 1825, Dec 31, age: 45 yrs 3 mos  
**Cummings, Betsy**, d. 1827, Mar 25, age: 2 yrs, 3 mos  
**Cummings, Erastus**, d. 1896, Aug 20  
**Cummings, Freeman**, d. 1844, Apr 12, age: 15 yrs  
**Cummings, Learned**, d. 1842, Nov 22, age: 57 yrs  
**Cummings, Lucena**, d. 1827, May 4, age: 10 mos  
**Cummings, Parmelia**, d. 1894  
**Daboll, Anstis**, d. 1845, Jun 9, age: 82 yrs  
**Daboll, John**, d. 1829, Apr 4, age: 76 yrs  
**Davis, Avis Ann**, d. 1849, Oct 14  
**Davis, Charles**, d. 1838, Nov 6, age: 17 years  
**Davis, Eliza**, b. 1798, Apr 21, d. 1866, Nov 12  
**Davis, Perry G.**, b. 1825, d. 1875  
**Davis, Sarah Ann**, b. 1840, d. 1890  
**Davis, William A**, d. 1865, Jul 9, age: 10 yrs, 6 mos  
**Ford, Lydia**, d. 1863, Jul 24, age: 71 yrs  
**Ford, Oliver**, d. 1839

**Ford, Oliver**, d. 1842, Nov \_\_  
**Ford, Revilo (?)**, d. 1829, Jul 27, age: 41 yrs  
**Ford, Zina**, d. 1862, Mar 11, age: 77 yrs (Zina is man's name)  
**Hard, Chester**, d. 1831, May 4, age: 2 yrs, 4 mos  
**Jarvas, Mary M.**, d. 1831 (or 37), Mar 4, age: 16 yrs, 5 mos  
**Marshall, Lydia**, d. 1870, Oct 28, age: 54  
**Marshall, Mary**, d. 1838, Nov 10, age: 16 yrs  
**Marshall, Wm (William) W**, d. 1867, Nov 22, age: 51 yrs (57?)  
**May, Electa (?) A. (?)**, d. 1841, Oct 7, age: 1 yr, 4 mos, 16 da  
**McAllister, David**, b. 1851, d. 1932  
**McAllister, Jane**, b. 1833, d. 1905  
**McAllister, Morgan**, d. 1870, Sep 6 (or 8), age: 24 yrs, 29 days  
**McAllister, Robert**, b. 1816, d. 1879  
**McAllister, Sarah M**, b. 1850, d. 1920  
**McAllister, Watsford**, d. 1885, Aug 2 (or 7), age: 44 yrs  
**McNish, J. Madison**, d. 1838, Jan 19  
**McNish, Nathan V.**, d. 1861, Oct. 11  
**Osborn, Lucy**, d. 1838, Nov 24, age: 24 yrs, 6 mos, 14 days  
**Paterson, Robert**, no dates  
**Pierce, George H.**, d. 1845, Nov 1, age: 1 yr  
**Roberts, Rachell**, d. 1836, Nov 28, age: 63  
**Slauson, (Slawson), Laura, Mrs**, d. 1833, Jul 29, age: 24 yrs, 8 mos, 12 da  
**Stanbro, Hanah H.**, d. 1845, Sep 18, age: 81 yrs  
**Stanbro, John**, d. 1844, May 24, age: 85 yrs  
**Walsworth, Daniel**, d. 1849, Sep 6, age: 59 yrs, 2 mos, 18 days  
**Walsworth, Percy**, d. 1837, Jul 28, age: 39 yrs, 4 mos, 12 days  
**Williams, Abbie**, d. 1893, May 14, age: 73 yrs  
**Williams, Isaac**, d. 1900, Jan 11, age: 70 yrs

Misc:

**N (?)**, **Isaac**, no dates  
**??**, **Benjamin**, d. 1844, May 18, age: 55 yrs  
**??**, **Lottie**, no dates  
**??**, **Matilda**, no dates  
**\_\_rooman, Dorothy**, b. 1784, Dec 1, d. 1866, Sep 28

In Memory of John Calvert, Founder  
Cortland Branch of the Calvert Family.  
Immigrated from Co. Armagh, Ireland  
in 1792 with six children. He settled in  
Town of Virgil in 1800 and died in 1808.

Today we honor our community heritage  
as we remember early settlers and Veterans of  
the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

We give thanks for those who have cared  
for the cemetery and researched its history. We  
hope that future generations will continue this  
work.

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O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

by

Leonard Bacon, 1833

Written for the Bicentenary of New Haven, CT

O God, beneath thy guiding hand  
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;  
And, when they trod the wintry strand,  
With prayer and psalm they worshiped  
Thee.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God  
Came with those exiles over the waves,  
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,  
The God thy trusted guards their  
graves.

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE REUNION BOOK**

We appreciate the good work of the Cortland County Historical Society in preserving the history of this county and its inhabitants as well as sharing these stories with the present generation..

Therefore we are pleased to ask them to preserve the history of our family as recorded in this volume.

The book contains the minutes of Calvert Reunions from 1901 to 1937 as well as the record of births, marriages and deaths of many family members.

For the most part they are the families of John Calvert, Jr. whose descendants remained in central New York State.

## **The Program**

Rev. Robert H. Calvert, presiding

**Welcome and Recognition of Officials:**  
Jeffrey D. Guido, Cortlandville Town Historian

**The poem by Leonard Bacon written in 1833**  
O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

**Scripture: and Prayer**

God is Our Refuge and Strength - Psalm 46: 1-3  
The Lord is your keeper - Psalm 121:5-8

**Conversation About the Cemetery**

We invite people present to share  
their interest in the cemetery

**Reading of the Veterans Names**

**Dedication of the John Calvert Monument**

**Presentation of the Calvert Annual Reunion Book,  
1901-1937, to the Cortland Co. Historical Society**

**Benediction (in unison)**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. We give thanks for this time of remembrance in this sacred place. May the Lord bless us on our way and keep us in our going out and our coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 46: 1-3

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the hear o the sea:

though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble  
with its tumult.

Psalm 121:5-8

The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade  
on your right hand.  
The sun shall not smite you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and for evermore.

Our heavenly Father in whom we live and move and have our being, through your spokes persons you have held before us the way, the truth and the life.

We confess that often we and our society have gone our way rather than your way.

We give thanks for those who bravely journeyed across the sea to establish homes in a woodland filled with wild beasts and none of the comforts they left behind.

We give thanks for those who have labored generation after generation to build a community where we their descendants could live and flourish.

We give thanks for those who struggled to establish education, religion, industry, businesses and culture in this fair land.

We give thanks for those who gave of themselves in the service of our country that we might live in freedom.

On this occasion we give thanks for all those buried here. and for those community leaders and individuals who have cared for this sacred place.

This we pray in the name of him who is the Light of the world and promises abundant life. Amen

## The Dedication

We dedicate this marker to the memory of John Calvert who brought his family to this county 213 years ago.

The six children who came with him soon had over fifty children and so the Cortland Calvert's continued to increase through eight or nine generations.

We hope that his marker will remind them of their immigrant roots and the struggles of their ancestors to settle this new land.

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John Calvert came to the Town of Virgil in 1800. He with the other settlers suffered great hardships and privations to convert the woods to productive farm land.

As we dedicate this marker we are reminded of others\* who came to The Town of Virgil that same year as John Calvert. Among them were James Wright, Seth Larabee, John Ellis, Moses Rice, Abial Brown and Moses Stevens.

\*Festival Gathering by Nathan Bouton

## Partners In Research

Robert Calvert has made many friends in the Cortland County historical community as he prepared the booklet *Melancthon William Calvert (1829-1894) and Mary Ann Lamont (1829-1900) Family Tree*; Mary Kimberly, McGraw Town Historian; Marsha Powell, Virgil Town Historian; Mindy Leisenring, Cortland County Historical Society and Mary Ann Kane and Shirley G. Heppell. . Also, John Hoeschele, South Cortland Cemetery Web Site and Jeffrey D. Guido, Cortlandville, Town Historian. Other partners include my wife Anne and children: Edith L. Calvert, Nancy Calvert Henggeler, and Charles E. Calvert who have been companions on countless research expeditions to cemeteries, museums, and libraries. All members of our family have contributed research material. Robert Calvert can be reached at 501 N. Bethlehem Pike - Unit 9A, Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania 19002.

## A Note from Robert H. Calvert

I first visited the South Cortland Cemetery with my father and years later my son and I visited this sacred place. A few years ago I learned from John Herschele that the John Calvert stone was badly weathered. It was then that I decided a new stone needed to be added at John Calvert's grave. I discussed my desire with Cortlandville Historian Jeffrey Guido who graciously took the matter to the Town Board. As a result we were granted permission to erect the new stone. With the help of Virginia Calvert the family was approached for funds.

On behalf of the Calvert family I want to express appreciation for all that town officials and volunteers have done to save this cemetery. I hope that our presence here today will draw the attention of the community to the cemetery and encourage descendants of those buried here to visit this place and research their family history. This place is a treasure of Cortland County.

Greetings from Dr. Peter Calvert  
Eastleigh, Hampshire, England

It is a great pleasure to be able to send greetings from a descendant of the Calverts of Co Armagh on the occasion of the dedication of this memorial. Back in the 1950s I had found among my grandfather's papers a mysterious letter from a John B. Calvert of New York, but was able to make nothing of it until the arrival of the internet. Then, and only then, I was able to identify the author as the chronicler of the Cortland Calverts, Rev. John Betts Calvert. In the 1914 edition of *Genealogy of The Calvert Family, Cortland, New York Branch*, he wrote: "The Calverts who migrated from Yorkshire to Armagh and later to America and the Lord Baltimore Calverts were presumably of the same stock. There is a tradition among the Calverts of Cortland, New York, that the families sustained friendly relationship and exchanged visits in the mother country. The Calverts now living in Armagh and Dublin are children of John Calvert, who died in Armagh, November 19, 1873, lineal descendants of the Calverts of Yorkshire." This John Calvert (1795-1873), grocer, of Armagh City, was my grandfather's grandfather.

The founder of the Cortland Calverts, John Calvert, born about 1731, came to the United States from Co Armagh, Ireland, about 1792, with six children: John, Alexander, Robert, Margaret, Nathaniel and William. Only John and Nathaniel are known to have living descendants in the male line. After his death in 1808, which this memorial stone commemorates, another son, Thomas, the eldest, joined the family in New York State but later migrated to Illinois. "He stated in his naturalization [in 1831] that he was born in Tonnemorrough, Down, Ireland and that was about 1767." This was the townland known today as Tannaghmore, Co Down [parish of Loughinisland, barony of Kinelarty], which directly adjoins Tannaghmore, Co Armagh [parish of Mullaghbrack, barony of Oneilland West]. Both are now part of Lurgan, Co Armagh, and it is doubtless from that area that John Calvert came.

## Greetings Continued

**Peter Calvert**, Eastleigh, Hampshire, England.

all article is available from Robert H. Calvert .

**Don C. Stone**, 4539Scarlet Dr., Colorado Springs, Co 80920

"Dear Bob, I appreciate the effort you have put into getting a second gravestone for John Calvert, Sr. If I still lived on the east coast, I might well be attending." Don

"Greetings to Calvert descendants and relatives from Don Stone and other descendants of William Calvert, son of the immigrant John Calvert. William married Sarah Clark, daughter of Samuel Clark and Sarah McClung of Cayuga , Co. NY. (So far as I have been able to trace them, the ancestors of Samuel Clark ere Scots-Irish who came to Massachusetts in the 1700s, while Sarah McClung ancestors were Scots-Irish who came to Pennsylvania in the 1700s.)

William and Sarah Calvert moved from Cortland Co., NY to Crawford Co, PA. he had eight children, of who the second was my great-great-grandfather, Samuel Calvert, b. 18apri 815, d. 6 Feb, 1904. Samuel Calvert was a charter member of the Jamestown (PA) United Presbyterian church and was elected an elder when the congregation was organized on 28 Oct. 1853. He served over 50 years in the role (until his death).

**Frank M. Malaone**, 423 Mansfield Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910 has sent his greetings. He has been researching the McKee family (Margaret Calvert McKee wife of Thomas McKee).

**William Fitts**, 49 Pond Lane, Utica, NY 13501 has sent greetings. He has researched the Calvert, Story, McNish lines.

**Don Allen** , 7409 Miller Fall Road, Derwood, MD 20855 is from the Natthaniel Calvert line. He has shared pictures of the South Cortland Cemetery and the John Calvert grave.

We have no contact with current members of the three families of the Calvert immigrants: Robert, Alexander and Thomas. 9



## The Family of John Calvert, Founder

John Calvert arrived in New York City in 1792 from County Armagh, Providence of Ulster, Ireland with six of his children. Unfortunately there is no record of his wife. For a time he and his family lived in Saratoga County, New York before settling in the Town of Virgil ( then Onondaga County, New York) in 1800. He died in 1808 and was buried in the South Cortland Cemetery. It is believed that his was the first interment.

The record of the family has been partially preserved in The Calvert Reunion Book. It contains the earliest records that we have of family members in addition the minutes of annual reunions from 1901 to 1937. Since that time additional material has been published as follows: *The Genealogy of the Calvert Family: Cortland, New York Branch* by Dr. John Betts Calvert, 1914 and updated by Charles Crossman Calvert in 1960. Also: *The Family Tree of Melancthon William Calvert, 1829-1894 and Mary Ann Lamont, 1829-1900* by Robert Harvey Calvert, 2012.

The six children who came with John Calvert were:

Robert Calvert (b.1769) \*

m. Margaret Linton and settled in Livingston Co., NY

John Calvert (b. 1775)

m. Isabella Story and settled in Cortland Co., NY

Margaret Calvert (b. 1776)

m. Thomas McKee and settled in Cortland Co., NY

Nathaniel Calvert (1781)

m. Betsy E. Gamble and settled in Crawford Co., PA

William Calvert (b. 1782)

m. Sarah Clark and settled in Crawford co., PA

Alexander Calvert (b. 1786)

m. Martha Patty and settled in Cayuga co., NY

Thomas Calvert (b. 1766) a sixth son came at a later date

m. Sarah Smith and settled in Kane Co, IL

\*For source of dates see: The Children of the Calvert Immigrants, below.

## The Children of the Calvert Immigrants unless otherwise noted the information is taken from *The Calvert Reunion Book*

**Robert Calvert** (d. 1855 ae 86)

married Margaret Linton( d.1863 ae 89) 1<sup>iii</sup>

Children as listed in his will, dated April 1, 1854,  
York, Livingston Co, NY::

Margaret Calvert

Asenath Calvert (m. Daniel Walker)

Eliza Calvert (m. Walter Gray)

Nancy Calvert (m. William H Garven)

Isabel Calvert (m. James Truesdale)

Mary Ann Calvert (m. Herman Coan)

William Calvert (m. Eliza Grosvenor)

Joseph Calvert (m. Sarah Strout)

John Calvert, deceased by 1854

(note: according to court records Margaret, Mary  
and infant David were all under 21 years and  
required a guardian, Sept 5, 1855)

**John Calvert** (1775-1846) married Isabella Story (1788-1859)

Children:

Margaret Calvert (m. John Bennie)

John Calvert (m. Samantha Goodel)

William Calvert (m. Sarah Ann McFadden)

Thomas Calvert

Nancy Jane Calvert

James Alexander Calvert

(m. Oliver Adeline Betts)

James Alexander Calvert (m. Emily Haviland)

Martha E. Calvert (m. Walstein Bird Sturtevant)

Martha E. Calvert Sturtevant (m. Hiram McGraw)

Wilson R. Calvert (m. Betsy Wilcox)

Sarah Calvert (m. Devillow K. Pike)

Elnathan Calvert (m. Catherine Lamont)

Esther Calvert (m. Phillip McEachron)

Melancthon William Calvert

(m. Mary Ann Lamont)

## The Children of the Calvert Immigrants, page 2

Margaret Calvert (1776-1833)

married Thomas McKee (1785-1844)

Children:

John C. McKee (m. Jeanette Stewart)

Issue:

Thomas McKee (m. Mary Grondy)

John Calvert McKee (m. Anna Cox)

Alexander McKee – twin

Margaret McKee – twin

Elizabeth McKee

Anne McKee (m. George Cotanch)

Jeanette McKee -twin

(m. John Samberson) - twin

Mahala McKee – twin

(m. Edward Carpenter)

James McKee

Henry McKee (m. Retta Lamont)

Andrew McKee

Nathaniel Calvert (d.1848 ae 67) 2

married Betsy E. Ganble

(Names of the children are taken from Nathaniel's will,

dated May11, 1848)

Children:

Mary Anne Calvert (m. William Mossman)

Nancy Calvert (m. Thomas McAllester)

James Calvert

Margaret Calvert (m. Allen Mossman)

Martha Calvert (m. James Mossman)

William Calvert

Joseph Calvert (m. Mary Andrews\*)

\*History of Mercer Co, PA, 1888

John Calvert, deceased

Elizabeth Calvert, deceased

## The Children of Calvert Immigrants, page 3

William Calvert (1782/83 – 1851)

married Sarah Clark (1785-1876) 3

Children:

William Calvert – never married

Sally Calvert – never married

Nancy Calvert (m. John C. Calvert)

Samuel Calvert (m. Samuel Cochran Porter)

Alexander Calvert (1786-1826)

married Martha Patty (1781-1854) 4

Children:

Margaret Calvert

John Calvert

Robert Calvert (m Jane Rassmussen)

Thomas Calvert, infant died

Nancy Calvert (m. George Tilford)

Fanny Calvert (m. Peter McEachron)

James A. Calvert (m. Amanda Close)

William M. Calvert (m. Amanda Y. Leghorn)

Thomas Calvert (1766 – 1843)

married Sarah Smith (1772-1848) 5

Children:

Margaret Calvert (m. Amos Tefft)

Eleanor Calvert (m. David Hunter)

Mary Ann Calvert (m. Samuel Hunter)

John S. Calvert

(m. Margaretta Angelina McCauley)

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- ii 1 – United Presbyterian Cemetery, Caledonia, NY  
2- Rocky Glen Cemetery, Adamsville, Crawford Co, PA  
3- From the records of Don C. Stone and Norman R. Porter  
4 - Form the records of Cora Isabelle Frost Whitney  
5-( Birth dates from Boston Transcript 12/1926, death dates from Channing Street Cemetery, Elgin, IL. The family names are listed in the will of Thomas Calvert, August 14, 1841) 10